

Canada West Online  
Mission Conference  
September 9 - 12, 2021



Community of Christ

# How Can We Keep from Singing?



“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord.”

Psalm 96:11-13a

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# PEACE

# Meet our Guest Minister

## Art Smith



**Arthur Smith** is an apostle in Community of Christ, serving as a member of the Council of Twelve and the World Church Leadership Council.

Art is responsible for supporting the mission and identity of Community of Christ in the apostolic fields that include the Caribbean, Mexico/Texas and Canadian mission centres, as well as the First People Congregation.

Art is a native of Gatineau, Quebec, speaks English, French, Spanish and Portuguese, and enjoys intercultural relationships almost as much as he enjoys spending time with his family, especially his wife Laura and two children Eliza and Tiona.

Art now resides with his family in Independence, Missouri, the location of the international headquarters of Community of Christ.



# Conference Schedule

Thursday, September 9

BC (Pacific Daylight Time-PDT)

AB/SK (Mountain Daylight Time-MDT)

MB (Central Daylight Time-CDT)

<p>6:00 p.m. BC 7:00 p.m. AB/SK 8:00 p.m. MB</p>	<p>Logon, Troubleshooting and Informal Visiting</p>
<p>6:30 p.m. BC 7:30 p.m. AB/SK 8:30 p.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Coffee and Conversation ‘How Can We Keep From Singing?’</b> Hosted by Debra Donohue - Creating Connection Director, CWM</p> <p>Kick off Mission Conference 2021 with a positive and uplifting Coffee and Conversation session.</p> <p>We’ll ask the question “What are you so excited about right now that you can’t help but sing it to the world?”</p> <p>Join us for an hour or so as we share in a sacred space, the things each of us are moved by, pumped up about, excited about, send us over the moon, and yes, we can’t keep from singing about them!</p>

Friday, September 10

BC (Pacific Daylight Time-PDT)

AB/SK (Mountain Daylight Time-MDT)

MB (Central Daylight Time-CDT)

<p>5:00 p.m. BC 6:00 p.m. AB/SK 7:00 p.m. MB</p>	<p>Logon, Troubleshooting and Informal Visiting</p>
<p>5:30 p.m. BC 6:30 p.m. AB/SK 7:30 p.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Community Dinner</b> Hosted by Shannon McAdam</p> <p>Remember what it is like to walk in the door at mission conference and see a familiar face, say hello, and find out what’s new? Or what about how it feels to walk up to the coffee table and 10 minutes later realize you just made a new friend? And isn’t there something magical about sitting down to eat with a random assortment of people?</p> <p>Our Friday evening gathering is a chance to virtually experience these kinds of moments together as a community. Join us while you eat your dinner or dessert and come prepared to listen and to share.</p>

# Conference Schedule

6:45 p.m. BC 7:45 p.m. AB/SK 8:45 p.m. MB	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Hosted by Steve Thompson, Mission Centre President</p>
7:15 p.m. BC 8:15 p.m. AB/SK 9:15 p.m. MB	<p>Art Smith on All Voices: Discerning Across Canada</p> <p>Art will provide an update on our Canada wide discernment project for Community of Christ and on the developing Testimony Tapestry.</p>

## Saturday, September 11

BC (Pacific Daylight Time-PDT)  
AB/SK (Mountain Daylight Time-MDT)  
MB (Central Daylight Time-CDT)

8:30 a.m. BC 9:30 a.m. AB/SK 10:30 a.m. MB	Logon, Troubleshooting and Informal Visiting
9:00 a.m. BC 10:00 a.m. AB/SK 11:00 a.m. MB	Opening Worship/Meditation
9:30 a.m. BC 10:30 a.m. AB/SK 11:30 a.m. MB	<p>Pre-Legislative Session</p> <p><u><a href="#">*Please refer to the Business Meeting Materials folder to view the documents for this session*</a></u></p> <p>Hosted by Steve Thompson, Mission Centre President</p> <p>Poll Everywhere testing</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Review of Business Meeting Agenda (presentations, Q&amp;A)</li> <li>-Introductions of the new Mission Centre Presidency Team</li> <li>-We Remember, honoring members who have died in the last year</li> <li>-We Celebrate, celebrating accomplishments of our members</li> </ul>
11:00 a.m. BC Noon AB/SK 1:00 p.m. MB	Lunch Break

# Conference Schedule

<p>12:30 p.m. BC 1:30 p.m. AB/SK 2:30 p.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Business Meeting</b></p> <p><u><a href="#">*Please refer to the Business Meeting Materials folder to view the documents for this session*</a></u></p> <p><b>Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Minutes of 2020 Mission Conference</li> <li>-Election/Appointment of Officers</li> <li>-World Church Appointments</li> <li>-Consideration of Priesthood Calls</li> <li>-Financial Reports</li> <li>-Canada West Mission Staff Reports</li> </ul>
<p>3:00 p.m. BC 4:00 p.m. AB/SK 5:00 p.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Adjourn for the day</b></p>

## Sunday, September 12

BC (Pacific Daylight Time-PDT)

AB/SK (Mountain Daylight Time-MDT)

MB (Central Daylight Time-CDT)

<p>8:30 a.m. BC 9:30 a.m. AB/SK 10:30 a.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Logon, Troubleshooting and Informal Visiting</b></p>
<p>9:00 a.m. BC 10:00 a.m. AB/SK 11:00 a.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Ordination Service for Kathy McAdam and Katherine Goheen</b></p> <p>Join us for the Ordination Service to High Priest Evangelist of Kathy McAdam (Chilliwack congregation) and to High Priest of Kat Goheen (Vancouver congregation)</p> <p><b>Presiding Chris Phelps, Co-Pastor Vancouver Congregation</b></p>
<p>10:00 a.m. BC 11:00 a.m. AB/SK Noon MB</p>	<p><b>Communion and Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>Theme: "How Can We Keep from Singing?"</b></p> <p><b>Guest Speaker: Apostle Art Smith</b></p> <p><b>Presiding Steve Thompson, Mission Centre President</b></p>
<p>11:15 a.m. BC 12:15 p.m. AB/SK 1:15 p.m. MB</p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>

# Conference Schedule

12:30 p.m. BC 1:30 p.m. AB/SK 2:30 p.m. MB	<p>Mission Centre Updates from Steve Thompson, Dar Shepherdson and John Glaser</p> <p>Three of the Mission Centre's key leaders will briefly present their plans and expectations for the coming year. Audience questions will be taken as time permits.</p>
1:45 p.m. BC 2:45 p.m. AB/SK 3:45 p.m. MB	<p>Satsang: Singing into Silence with Doug and Vickie MacArthur</p> <p>Special Guest: Edith Wallace</p> <p>Singer, songwriter, storyteller Edith Wallace, loves sharing her experiences of life and living. Her commitment is to sing of ordinary things, everyday moments, find light amongst shadow, bring light to shadow, and give through song and story, love and joyful expression. She has been about her business since she was a teenager, and as the decades have moved along their linear lines, she has travelled and toured, performing for, and with many lovely souls. Life is beautiful. She is so happy to share with everyone, this evening.</p> <p>Satsang is another word for sacred community. Singing is an universal language that speaks to our hearts. Join Doug and Vickie as they lead familiar songs from Community of Christ, complimented by sacred songs from other spiritual traditions that point us to the Oneness beyond words.</p>

**“O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”**

**Psalm 95:1,2**

# Welcome to the Conference

**Welcome to the 2021 Canada West Mission Conference! “How can we keep from singing?”**

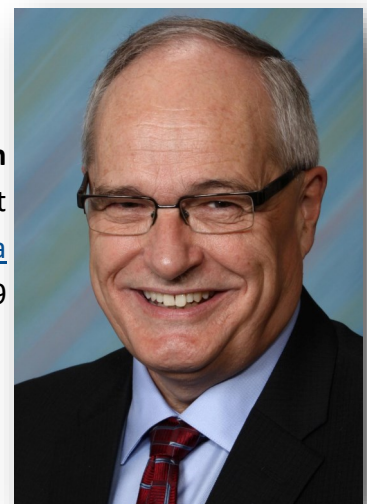
A year ago our theme was “Unprecedented.” We were already six months into the pandemic. Everything we were doing we felt we were doing for the first time. And we all hoped and anticipated that we would be “back to normal” before the new year or early into it. Of course, that did not happen.

Here we are at the eighteen month point (more or less) and there seems to be the proverbial “light at the end of the tunnel.” Some days that light is getting closer, some days it seems it is still getting a bit further away. But we again have hope that “normal” is just around the corner – or maybe the next corner. And we still do not know exactly what our “new normal” is going to look like in many of our life situations.

Although many (most?) of us have enjoyed the online “virtual” worship and fellowship and learning opportunities we have experienced in the last year and a half, we have certainly missed shaking hands, sharing hugs, generally seeing each other in person – and singing! Singing for worship. Singing for fun. Hearing singing live and in person. Singing loud and long with favourite hymns in worship and lively songs at campfires. This weekend we are celebrating to the theme, “How Can We Keep from Singing?” We hope that this weekend, in our various locations – whether in our homes or in our church buildings – we will be able to lift our voices in praise and in celebration and in worship. Even as I write this in mid-August we are not guaranteed that everyone in all jurisdictions will be able to do this given possible local restrictions. But let us at least anticipate. Let us at least believe it will be possible soon!

Let us not just ask, but enthusiastically affirm: “How can we keep from singing!” May we feel the blessings of the spirit of God with us in all that we do this weekend. May we particularly feel that spirit as we share in music and singing – whether under some remaining restrictions or in full-on, un-masked, un-distanced, congregational celebration. Come on! Let’s sing!

**Stephen Thompson**  
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# Pre-Legislative Meeting Agenda

**Saturday September 11, 2021**  
**Held Via Zoom**  
**9:30 a.m. BC / 10:30 a.m. AB/SK 11:30 a.m. MB**  
**Pre-Legislative Discussion of Major Agenda Items**

## **1. Review Agenda of Business Meeting**

## **2. MCP Appointment Letter**

- A. More than one appointment
- B. Mission Centre President Team

## **3. MCFO Appointment Letter**

Standard letter appointing Dar Shepherdson as MCFO

## **4. Presentation and Discussion of Budget Information**

- A. 2020 Audit Letter
- B. 2021 Proposed Budget

## **5. Proposed consolidation of Reserve Funds**

See “whereas-es” and “Resolveds”

## **6. We Remember**

Honoring members who have died in the last year

## **7. We Celebrate**

Celebrating members who have had: Birthdays of 90 or better, wedding anniversaries of 60 or better, recent graduations (high school, college/university)

## **8. Review Congregational Reports**

## **9. Review Mission Centre Program Reports**

# Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Canada West Mission Centre  
Annual Business Meeting Agenda  
Held via Zoom  
Saturday, September 11, 2021  
12:30 p.m. BC / 1:30 p.m. AB/SK 2:30 p.m. MB

## AGENDA

### 1. Call the Conference to Order

A. Opening Prayer:

### 2. Greetings to the Conference

- A. Apostle Art Smith
- B. Bishop of Canada Dar Shepherdson
- C. President of Seventy John Glaser

### 3. Introduction to Voting System

- A. Introduction/Training on Voting System and Processes
- B. Practice Vote(s)

### 4. Conference Organization

- A. Parliamentary Guide, [page 15](#) (*information only; no motion required*)
- B. Motion to approve Credentials Committee Report (with amendments if necessary), [page 16](#).  
*Resolved:* That the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted as circulated (or – as amended).
- C. Motion to approve Conference Officers  
*Resolved,*
  - I. That the **Mission President** preside over this Conference and be authorized to complete the Conference organization.
  - II. That **Lisa Neudorf** be Secretary of the Conference.
  - III. That **Michael Mitchell** be Parliamentarian for the Conference.Submitted by Mission President

### 5. Agenda of Canada West Mission Business Meeting, September 11, 2021

*Resolved,* That the Agenda for the Canada West Mission Business Meeting for September 11, 2021, be approved as circulated (or – as amended).

## 6. Minutes of Canada West Mission Business Meeting, September 12, 2020 [see pages 20-23.](#)

*Resolved*, That the Minutes of the Canada West Mission Business Meeting of September 12, 2020, be approved as circulated (or – as amended/corrected).

## 7. Mission Centre Organization

### A. Mission Centre President Team, [see page 13.](#)

*Resolved*, That **Gwynneth J.A. Beer**, **Katherine Goheen**, and **Shannon McAdam** be sustained as Co-Presidents of the Canada West Mission Centre, and collectively form the Canada West Mission Centre President Team, effective 1 November 2021.

Submitted by First Presidency

### B. Mission Financial Officer, [see page 14.](#)

*Resolved*, That **Darwood Shepherdson** be sustained as Canada West Mission Centre Financial Officer.

Submitted by First Presidency

### C. Mission Appointments,

*Resolved*,

I. That **Linda Klughart** be sustained as Mission Recorder.

II. That **Sandra Rodriguez** be sustained as Privacy Officer.

Submitted by Mission President

### D. Mission Advisory Council

NOTE: Given the change in the mission centre leadership that is underway, the new Mission Centre President Team will have the opportunity to nominate new members to a new Council. The membership of a new Advisory Council can be approved by a future mission centre conference.

## 8. Consideration of Priesthood Calls

Each call will be presented to the conference by Apostle Art Smith, followed by a response from each candidate, followed by an opportunity for statements of support from members of the conference.

A. That the call of **Katherine Goheen** (Vancouver Congregation) to the office of High Priest be supported by the Canada West Mission Conference.

B. That the call of **Kathy McAdam** (Chilliwack Congregation) to the office of High Priest-Evangelist be supported by the Canada West Mission Conference.

## 9. Presentation of Canadian Church Corporation 2021 Budget, [see pages 25-26.](#)

Presented for information only to show the usage of “World Wide Mission Tithes” offerings from Canadians. No motion required

## 10. Consideration of Mission Centre Financial Information

- A. Consideration of Internal Audit Report for 2020, [see pages 27-29](#)  
*Resolved:* That the Internal Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2020, be received for information.
- B. Consideration of 2022 Proposed Budget and 2021 Budget Management, [see pages 30-33](#)  
*Resolved:* That the Canada West Mission Centre Budget for 2022 and Budget Management for 2021 be approved as presented. (or – as amended).

## 11. Consolidation of Reserve Funds into General Operating Funds

**Whereas**, the Canada West Mission Centre currently has approximately \$179,000 in reserves for specific purposes, and,  
**Whereas**, these reserves are seldom tapped for expenditures, and,  
**Whereas**, the original purposes for establishing these reserves are no longer relevant or operationally beneficial to the mission centre budgeting processes and spending decisions, therefore,  
**Be it Resolved**, that the current restricted reserves identified as the Wainwright Youth Fund, the Saskatchewan Fund, the Evangelism Fund, and the Mission Fund, be discontinued as of December 31, 2021, and  
**Be it Further Resolved**, that the total balances of the funds as of the end date be consolidated with the rest of the unrestricted operating funds of the Canada West Mission Centre to be invested as appropriate by the Mission Centre Financial Officer, and to be budgeted for mission centre operating purposes as approved by the annual mission centre conference.

## 12. Acknowledgement of Reports to the Conference:

- A. Mission Centre President – [see pages 34-35](#)  
B. Administrative Assistant to the Mission Centre President – [see page 36](#)  
C. Mission Centre Financial Officer – [see page 37](#)  
D. Creating Connection Director – [see pages 38-39](#)  
E. Camping and Retreat Specialist – [see pages 41-42](#)  
F. Canadian Peace and Justice Committee – [see page 43](#)  
G. Mission Centre Historian – [see pages 44-46](#)  
H. Samish Island Campground – [see page 47](#)  
I. Hills of Peace Campground – [see page 48](#)

## 13. Other Business

## 14. Adjournment

Closing Prayer:

# Letter to sustain Mission Centre President Team



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

September 1, 2021

To the Canada West Mission Center

Dear Saints:

As you gather for your mission center conference and engage in the business and mission you are called to, the Presidency is pleased to recommend for your consideration Katherine Goheen, Gwyneth J A Beer and Shannon McAdam to serve as your Mission Center President Team. To serve in this leadership position is both a blessing and challenge as these leaders seek to support your congregations to fully live into the mission of the church. Through your support, you join with this team of leaders to be a living expression of the church wherever you are found.

Today, the Presidency wants to express our profound appreciation for this group of disciples who offer their service and ministry to serve as the Mission Center President Team. As they extend their support for you and the mission center, we now ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Katherine, Gwyneth, and Shannon to serve as the appointed Mission Center President Team. May you hold each of these individuals in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

cc: Art Smith, Apostle

KSM/les

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, MO 64050 USA

# Letter to sustain Mission Financial Officer



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

September 11, 2021

To the Canada West Mission Center

Dear Saints:

It is with joy that the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric offer our support and recommendation for Darwood Shepherdson to serve as your Mission Center Financial Officer. The financial officer upholds the principles of generosity and whole-life stewardship that help each of us respond to the mission of the church in meaningful and authentic ways. We are deeply grateful for those who offer their skills and ministry in this essential position as a partner with the Mission Center President.

Today, we ask for your support for Dar to serve as the appointed Mission Center Financial Officer. May you hold Dar in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

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cc: Art Smith, Apostle

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# Parliamentary Guide

## Meeting Procedures At A Glance

- A main motion must be moved, seconded, and stated by the Chair before it can be discussed.
- If you approve the motion as it is, vote for it. If you disapprove the motion, in total, vote against it.
- If you approve the idea of the motion but want to change it, move to amend it by adding, deleting, or substituting.
- If you want competent advice to help you to make your decision, move to refer the motion to an appropriate person or committee with instructions to report back.
- If you feel that a person or committee can handle it better than the assembly, move to refer the motion with power to act.
- If the pending matter should be set aside temporarily because something more urgent has come up, move that it be laid on the table.
- If you want time to think the motion over, move that consideration be postponed to a certain time.
- If you think that further discussion is unnecessary, move to close debate.
- If you do not agree with a decision by the Chair, appeal the decision to the assembly.
- If you think that a matter introduced is not germane to the matter at hand, a question of order may be raised.
- If you think that too much time is being consumed by speakers, you can move a time limit on such speeches.
- If a motion has several parts and you wish to vote differently on these parts, move to divide the motion.

# Report of the Credentials Committee (List of Delegates to the 2021 Conference)

## **Calgary Congregation**

**(137 members)**

**4 of 9**

Doug Hayden  
Shirley Smith  
Isabelle Williams  
Parker Johnson

## **Chilliwack Congregation**

**(49 members)**

**3 of 3**

Vern Dean  
Kathy McAdam

Loralei Dean

### **Alternates**

Janine McCully  
Shonnet Allen

## **Edmonton Congregation**

**(278 members)**

**9 of 18**

Ryan Levitt  
Susan Levitt  
Marian Thompson  
Linda Allen  
Deborah Greibrok  
Michael Bock  
Bonnie Bock  
Cheryl Donnachie  
Carl Lindemann

## **Lethbridge Congregation**

**(32 members)**

**2 of 2**

Doug MacArthur  
Nancy Panting

## **Prince Albert Congregation**

**(17 members)**

**2 of 2**

Mike Mitchell  
Marlene Mitchell

## **Regina Congregation**

**(100 members)**

**4 of 7**

Dan Esch  
Denise Esch  
Gregg Lester  
Colleen Sawyer

## **Ribstone Congregation**

**(93 members)**

**4 of 6**

Darleene Skinner  
Wayne Skinner  
Leila Goheen  
Emelia Goheen

## **Saskatoon Congregation**

**(80 members)**

**5 of 5**

Jeanny Jakobsen  
Brenda Senga  
Corleen McLean  
Jae Senga  
Daryl Males

### **Alternates**

Gloria Stanton

## **Senlac Congregation**

**(17 members)**

**2 of 2**

Becky Middleton  
Doug Middleton

## **Vancouver Congregation**

**(143 members)**

**8 of 10**

Chris Phelps  
Kat Goheen  
Debra Donohue  
Rod Downing  
Brian Gibson  
Dan Beer  
Shannon McAdam  
Rosilyn Coulson

## **Victoria Congregation**

**(105 members)**

**4 of 7**

Carl Bolger  
Shirley Bolger  
John Canty  
Kelly Duff

## **Winnipeg Congregation**

**(62 members)**

**2 of 4**

Stan Freer  
Tom Cancilla

## **Non-Resident BC**

Sandra Hunter

## **Non-Resident AB**

Dorothy Ungstad

**Total: 49 of 75 = 65%**



# Delegate Selection Process

Using the Ministerial Information System (Shelby), the number of CWM delegates was calculated according to congregation book membership as of June 1, 2021. The formula is one delegate per fifteen members with a minimum of two delegates in any congregation.

Congregations select delegates by nomination and election at a congregation business meeting. Pastors may also be authorized to select or appoint delegates in a manner appropriate to circumstances. Pastors provide a list of their congregation's delegates to the Mission Centre President.

Pastors may submit additional names of persons to serve as delegates in the fourteen days before the business meeting. These names will be presented to the business meeting and will be accepted by a vote of the business meeting as amendments to the "Report of the Credentials Committee."

Similarly, persons whose names need to be withdrawn as delegates for any reason may be dealt with by a letter from the Pastor and substitutes may be named. These changes will also be dealt with as amendments to the "Report of the Credentials Committee."

Non-resident members may be represented in a business meeting in a similar ratio from each province. Delegates may be appointed by the Mission Centre President at least 2 weeks prior to the business meeting. Non-resident members can "volunteer" to serve as delegates with notice to the Mission Centre President no later than two weeks prior to the business meeting.

CWM Staff who are available to serve as delegates must be elected by their congregation or appointed by their pastor. Staff are not ex-officio delegates.

The report naming delegates is presented to the conference by the "Credentials Committee," which consists of the Mission Centre President and the Administrative Assistant for the Mission Centre.

# Tech Tips

## Online Conference Planning – Technical Guidance

### Zoom (Video Conferencing Software)

- **Technical Requirements**

Please visit the [Zoom System Requirements page](#) to view full specs on recommended Internet speeds, hardware, sound, etc.

- **Training Resources**

Zoom has produced high-quality training resources to help you familiarize yourself with the platform if you are new to it. Please [click here](#) to view a full playlist of topics on YouTube that will be of interest to you as you get started.

- **Conference Etiquette**

1. Be mindful of disruptive sounds nearby as you address the conference. Find a quiet, well-lit space for you to join the conference. This will ensure delegates can clearly see and understand you.
2. Each user should only join on one device (unless using phone audio with video) to avoid a loud echo sound.
3. All users should be muted except the Chair and the individual addressing the conference. This is to ensure delegates can clearly see and understand the individual addressing the conference.
4. If a delegate wishes to address the conference, they should be instructed to indicate so by making it known in the chat box or by using the “raise hand” feature which will alert a moderator of their intention to address the conference.
5. If Internet speed is an issue, it is recommended that a user do one of two things to preserve the quality of the call:

- a) Turn off their camera (this will ensure their audio can continue without disruption)

- b) Join the video conference via Zoom and opting to dial-in for audio.

The delegate will then dial in using their telephone, enter the meeting ID number as well as their participant ID. This will marry their video feed with the audio from their phone. With the audio signal now being carried through their telephone, the user’s Internet will only need to transmit video, thus preserving the quality of their video feed.

# Tech Tips

- **Accessibility**

While Zoom does support dial-in options for those who wish to just join by audio only, this reduces overall interactivity for those doing so. As such, we recommend all delegates join via computer/smartphone/device to ensure a similar and equitable experience for all.

As opposed to an in-person conference where someone could simply raise their hand to address the conference, an e-Conference will require more time and patience to ensure people who would like to speak or share in the chat box have enough time to do so.

## **Polling**

Proven success has been found using the [PollEverywhere](#) platform. This is a paid service that allows meeting chairs to securely poll delegates in real time, easily make changes/amendments to motions. Also, results can be displayed immediately.

Delegates can participate in the following ways:

- ⇒Download the PollEv app (Android/iOS)
- ⇒Using any browser on any device connected to the Internet
- ⇒Via SMS (text message)

- **Training**

**PollEverywhere** has produced high quality training resources that will help you familiarize yourself with the platform.

[Click here](#) for a full list of video resources.

# Minutes of 2020 Business Meeting



Community of Christ

## Canada West Mission Conference Business Meeting

### Electronic Conference

Saturday, September 12, 2020  
1 pm PDT, 2 pm MDT, 3 pm CDT

**Meeting Chair: Mission Centre President Steve Thompson**

**Attendees: 76 (with 59 delegates).**

#### 1. Call the Conference to Order

Opening Prayer: Seventy Shirley Smith

#### 2. Greetings to the Conference

- a. Apostle Art Smith
- b. Bishop of Canada Dar Shepherdson
- c. President of Seventy John Glaser

#### 3. Introduction to Voting System

- a. Introduction/Training on Voting System and Processes
- b. Practice Vote(s)

#### 4. Conference Organization

- a. Parliamentary Guide, **page 19** (information only; no motion required)
- b. Motion to approve Credentials Committee Report (with amendments if necessary), **page 17**.

**Resolved:** That the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted as amended, shown below:

Calgary: Add Shirley Smith, Caitlin d’Esterre, Jahnelle Geddes

Chilliwack: No changes

Edmonton: No changes

Lethbridge: No changes

Meadow Ridge: No changes

Prince Albert: No changes

Regina: No changes

Ribstone: Bev Cargill, Jack Cargill (not in attendance)

Saskatoon: Add Brenda Senga, Amanda Senga, Gloria Stanton

Senlac: Doug Middleton (not in attendance)

Vancouver: No changes

Victoria: Kelly Duff (not in attendance)

Winnipeg: Tom Cancilla (not in attendance)

Non-Resident: No changes

**Moved:** Nancy Panting (Lethbridge), Seconded. Carried.

Items 4.c, 5, and 6 were considered together.

All items: Moved: Gloria Stanton (Saskatoon), Seconded. Carried

c. Motion to approve Conference Officers

**Resolved,**

- i. That the **Mission President** preside over this Conference and be authorized to complete the Conference organization.
- ii. That **Lisa Neudorf** be Secretary of the Conference.
- iii. That **Michael Mitchell** be Parliamentarian for the Conference.  
Submitted by Mission President.

**5. Motion to approve agenda of Canada West Mission Business Meeting, September 12, 2020**

No changes or additions.

**Resolved,** That the Agenda for the Canada West Mission Business Meeting for September 12, 2020, be approved as circulated.

**6. Motion to approve Minutes of August 31, 2019, Mission Conference, see pages 22-25.**

No corrections or amendments.

**Resolved,** That the Minutes of the Canada West Mission Business Meeting of August 31, 2019, be approved as circulated.

**Moved to accept items 4, 5 and 6:** Gloria Stanton (Saskatoon). Seconded. Carried.

**7. Mission Centre Organization**

Chair handed over to Apostle Art Smith.

a. Mission President, **see page 15.**

**Resolved,** That **Stephen Thompson** be sustained as Mission President.  
*Submitted by First Presidency*

**Moved:** Linda Klughart (Prince Albert). Seconded. Carried

b. Mission Financial Officer, **see page 16.**

**Resolved,** That Darwood Shepherdson be sustained as Mission Financial Officer. *Submitted by First Presidency*

**Moved:** Gary McDonald (Meadow Ridge). Seconded. Carried.

Chair returned to Steve Thompson.

c. Mission Appointments,

**Resolved,**

- i. That **Linda Klughart** be sustained as Mission Recorder.
- ii. That **Anita Bates** be sustained as Mission Historian.
- iii. That **Sandra Rodriguez** be sustained as Privacy Officer.  
Submitted by Mission President

d. Mission Advisory Council

**Resolved:** That the following persons be re-appointed to the Canada West Mission Advisory Council for the next year:

Carl Bolger (Victoria)  
Shannon MacAdam (Vancouver)  
Caitlin D’Esterre (Calgary)  
Corleen McLean (Saskatoon)  
Denise Esch (Regina)  
Stan Freer (Winnipeg)

**Moved to accept items 7c and 7d:** John Canty (Victoria). Seconded. Passed.

**8. Presentation of Canadian Church Corporation 2020 Budget, see page 26**

Presented for information only to show the usage of “World Wide Mission Tithes” offerings from Canadians. No motion required.

**9. Consideration of Mission Centre Financial Information**

a. Consideration of Internal Audit Report for 2019, **see pages 27-30**

**Resolved:** That the Internal Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2019, *be received for information.*

**Moved:** Kat Goheen (Vancouver). Seconded. Carried.

b. Consideration of 2020 Budget Revision, **see pages 31-33**

**Resolved:** That the Canada West Mission Centre Budget for 2020 revision be approved as presented.

**Moved:** Gary McDonald (Meadow Ridge) Seconded. Carried.

c. Consideration of 2021 Proposed Budget, **see pages 31-33**

**Resolved:** That the Canada West Mission Centre Budget for 2021 be approved as presented.

**Moved:** John Nepomuceno (Victoria) Seconded. Carried.

**10. Acknowledgement of Reports to the Conference:**

a. Mission Centre President – **see pages 34-35**

b. Administrative Assistant to the Mission Centre President – **see page 36**

c. Mission Centre Financial Officer – **see page 37**

d. Creating Connection Director – **see pages 38-40**

e. Church Mission and Young Adult Ministries Specialist – **see pages 41-43**

f. Camping and Retreat Specialist – **see page 44**

g. Online Reunion – **see page 45**

h. Mission Centre Recorder – **see page 46**

i. Canadian Peace and Justice Committee – **see pages 47-48**

j. Mission Centre Historian – **see pages 49-50**

- k. Samish Island Campground – see page 51
  - l. Hills of Peace Campground – see page 52
11. **Other Business**  
No other business.
  12. **Announcement of Location of 2021 Canada West Mission Conference**  
Chilliwack BC, September 3 – 5, 2021
  13. **Adjournment**
  14. **Closing Prayer:** Kat Goheen (Vancouver)

**“... I will lift up my voice to thee; I will cry to thee, my God,  
the rock of my righteousness.”**  
**“Behold, my voice shall forever ascend to thee, my rock and  
my everlasting God. Amen.”**

**2 Nephi 3:65, 66**

# Mission Centre President Team Bios

## Katherine Goheen

Kat Goheen has been active in the Community of Christ her whole life. She was first ordained as a deacon at age 16 in her hometown of Independence, MO. After meeting her husband, Jon, at Graceland University, Kat moved to Vancouver, BC, serving in ministry ever since, including the role of pastor. She has two degrees from Vancouver School of Theology in biblical studies and has served on the Graceland University Seminary Board and the Theology Formation Team. Kat has completed the Spiritual Formation and Companionship Program and is now a spiritual director trained in the Pacific Jubilee Program, serving as a Companion to the current cohort. She shares her love of music and laughter with her husband and two wonderful daughters. Kat looks forward to providing ministry in her new role of High Priest and she anticipates sharing in the Mission Centre President Team with Shannon and Gwyn.



## Gwyneth Beer

Gwyneth J A Beer comes from a family heritage rich in this church. Gwyn was baptised in Cultus Lake BC at the age of 8. Samish Island has been her campground since she was 3 years old but she also had the privilege of going to Hills of Peace, an aptly named place. Gwen's home congregation is Chilliwack where she serves in the Office of Elder, as branch CFO, mentored by Fred Robbins and plans the chapel décor with Lorelei Dean. Gwen looks forward to serving on the Mission Center President Team with Kat and Shannon.



## Shannon McAdam

Shannon brings a passion for listening and for creating spaces where people can share from their souls, because she believes there is deep wisdom in everyone. Shannon has a Master of Divinity degree from Vancouver School of Theology and is an Elder. Shannon lives on the unceded lands of the Kwikwetlem people, in Port Coquitlam, BC with her husband Matthew Graham (he/him). Shannon loves both sitting in generous silence and facilitating an effective meeting. In her professional life, Shannon works in business technology. Shannon is looking forward to meeting more people across Canada West, and discerning together the future for Community of Christ here. She is especially excited to be working with Kat and Gwyn.





# Presentation of Canadian Church Corporation 2021 Budget

Worldwide Mission Budget Funded by Canada

Extracted from World Church Budget

NOTE: Only lines relevant to Canada shown

<b>Community of Christ</b>			
<b>Worldwide Mission Budget, funded by Canada</b>			
<b>Operating Budget to Actual for March 31, 2021</b>			
	CANADIAN DOLLARS		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	% BUDGET
<b>Income/Expense Summary</b>			
Total Income	1,268,333	242,466	19%
WMT - Use Where Needed Most	720,000	131,657	18%
WMT - Abolish Poverty/End suffering	66,667	10,712	16%
Other Income	481,667	100,097	21%
Total Expense	1,268,333	245,645	19%
Net Income/(Loss)	-	(3,179)	
<b>Income/Expense Details by Functional Area</b>			
<b>FIELD MINISTRIES</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)			
WMT not including Canada			
WMT Canada Only	140,884	25,762	18%
Field Designated Gifts			
Field Other Income			
Total Field Ministries Income	140,884	25,762	18%
<b>Expense</b>			
Multination Mission Fields (including C12)	140,884	32,386	23%
West, South & East Africa Mission Field	-		
Caribbean & Mexico-Texas Field (See Canada below)	140,884	8,444	
Central-South America Mission Field	-		
Eurasia Mission Field	-		
Pacifikasia Mission Field	-	20,044	
Central & West Africa & South Central Asia Mission Fields	-	3,898	
Multination Field Support			
Total Field Ministries Expense	140,884	32,386	
Field Ministries Net Income/(Loss)	-	(6,625)	
<b>CANADIAN MISSION</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Canadian Mission Endowment	110,000	27,500	25%
WMT Canada Only	85,929	15,713	18%
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)	-	11,970	
Accounting & Investing Fees	186,667	14,377	8%
Total Canadian Mission Income	382,596	69,560	18%
<b>Expense</b>			
Canada Mission Field	111,646	21,017	19%
Office Support in Canada	236,951	29,905	13%
Vehicles for Canada	34,000	8,707	26%
Rounding			
Total Canadian Mission Expense	382,596	59,629	16%
Canadian Mission Net Income/(Loss)	-	9,931	
<b>DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)			
WMT not including Canada			
WMT Canada Only	100,000	18,286	18%
Total Discipleship Formation Income	100,000	18,286	18%
<b>Expense</b>			
Discipleship and Priesthood	-	-	
Spiritual Formation and Blessing Ministries	-	-	
Leadership Development and Seminary	100,000	-	0%
Total Discipleship Formation Expense	100,000	-	0%
Discipleship Formation Net Income/(Loss)	-	18,286	

NOTES

Dominican Republic

Philippines  
India

earning 0.4% versus 3%

payments in Jul/Oct/Dec

Worldwide Mission Budget Funded by Canada

Extracted from World Church Budget

NOTE: Only lines relevant to Canada shown

<b>Community of Christ</b>			
<b>Worldwide Mission Budget, funded by Canada</b>			
<b>Operating Budget to Actual for March 31, 2021</b>			
	CANADIAN DOLLARS		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	% BUDGET
<b>ABOLISH POVERTY-END SUFFERING (AP / ES)</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)			
Abolish Poverty-End Suffering not incl Canada			
Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Canada only	66,667	10,712	16%
WMT not including Canada			
AP / ES Designated Gifts			
AP / ES Other Income			
<b>Total Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Income</b>	<b>66,667</b>	<b>10,712</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Systemic Change	-	5,528	
Chattanooga	-		
International Leadership Development	-		
Multination MCFOs	-	5,528	
World Hunger Grants	-		
Direct Aid - Oblation	66,667	7,331	11%
<b>Total Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Expense</b>	<b>66,667</b>	<b>12,859</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Net Income/ (Loss)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,147)</b>	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)			
WMT not including Canada	-		
WMT Canada Only	393,187	71,897	18%
Canadian Communication Endowment	94,000	23,500	25%
<b>Total Communications Income</b>	<b>487,187</b>	<b>95,397</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Communications	93,750	23,500	25%
Translations	393,436	94,521	24%
<b>Total Communications Expense</b>	<b>487,186</b>	<b>118,021</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Communications Net Income/ (Loss)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(22,624)</b>	
<b>TEMPLE COMPLEX</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)			
WMT not including Canada			
WMT Canada Only			
Canadian Temple Endowment	91,000	22,750	25%
Rental Income			
<b>Total Temple Complex Income</b>	<b>91,000</b>	<b>22,750</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Facilities	91,000	22,750	25%
<b>Total Temple Complex Expense</b>	<b>91,000</b>	<b>22,750</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Temple Complex Net Income/ (Loss)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,268,333</b>	<b>242,466</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,268,333</b>	<b>245,645</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Net Income/ (Loss)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,179)</b>	

NOTES

Philippines MCFO

Canadian support: \$3390

# 2020 Internal Audit Report

## Community of Christ

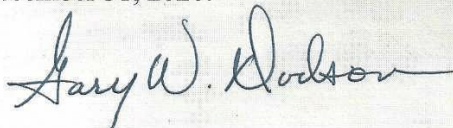
### INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Mission Center Presidency and Conference  
**Canada West Mission Centre**  
Community of Christ

The financial records of Canada West Mission Centre for the year ended December 31, 2020 have been reviewed applying certain procedures, as described below. The purpose of which is to assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the internal control and in identifying any areas in which the accounting functions might not have captured all of the significant financial data. Additionally, these procedures are intended to meet the audit function required by the Presiding Bishopric's policies. This report is intended solely for the use of members of Canada West Mission Centre and the International Church Presiding Bishopric and it should not be distributed to anyone who is not associated through these bodies.

Among the procedures conducted were the following: 1) Verification of all cash and investment balances, 2) Review of all asset, liability and equity accounts as recorded in the general ledger, 3) Test of transactions through the year pertaining to cash receipts, disbursements and journal entries including examination of paid invoices for appropriate documentation.

In all material respects, receipts and disbursements have been recorded and administered in accordance with appropriate accounting practices and approved budgets. The accompanying statements present fairly the financial position, the results of its operations and changes in fund balances of Canada West Mission Centre for the year ended December 31, 2020.



Gary W. Dodson  
Internal Audit  
June 29, 2021

**CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at December 31, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Cash and Investments		
CIBC	\$ 81,296.93	\$ 89,095.79
Wood Gundy	184,700.36	180,186.58
CI Investments	<u>55,482.66</u>	<u>55,462.26</u>
	\$ 321,479.95	\$ 324,744.63
Accounts Receivable		
Hills of Peace	1,478.00	50.00
GST Refund	<u>-</u>	<u>15,560.47</u>
	1,478.00	15,610.47
Fixed Assets		
Vehicles	22,925.02	22,925.02
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(22,925.02)</u>	<u>(20,285.03)</u>
	-	2,639.99
	<u>\$ 322,957.95</u>	<u>\$ 342,995.09</u>
<b><u>Liabilities and Net Worth</u></b>		
Accounts Payable		
Samish Island	\$ 8,390.39	\$ 16,434.79
Hills of Peace	<u>5,508.29</u>	<u>1,992.13</u>
	\$ 13,898.68	\$ 18,426.92
Net Assets		
Operating Fund	130,414.39	153,972.04
Mission Initiatives	-	(1,441.47)
Youth Ministries	33,649.17	27,041.89
Evangelism Ministry	71,188.86	71,188.86
Missional Ministries	19,749.46	19,749.46
Saskatchewan Area Fund	<u>54,057.39</u>	<u>54,057.39</u>
	309,059.27	324,568.17
	<u>\$ 322,957.95</u>	<u>\$ 342,995.09</u>

**CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2020**

**Income**

Congregational Support		\$ 132,119.04	
Contributions		62,653.41	
Mission Program Registrations		6,626.85	
Earnings on Investments		4,465.63	\$ 205,864.93

**Expense**

Programs			
Mission Administration	\$ 64,522.93		
Shared Mission Program	79,888.82		
Shared Canada Revitalization	30,280.60		
Mission Programs	9,242.72	183,935.07	
Administration			
Rentals	2,270.44		
Insurance	3,502.33		
Computer Software	1,622.45		
Bank Charges	208.50		
Depreciation Expense	2,639.99		
Contract Services	9,327.37	19,571.08	203,506.15

Net Income			2,358.78
Operating Fund Balance January 1			153,972.04
Prior Years Adjustment-Writeoff of GST Tax			(15,560.47)
Transfer to Mission Initiatives			(10,355.96)
Operating Fund Balance December 31			\$ 130,414.39

# Proposed 2022 Budget and 2021 Budget Management

## **We share a Mission and a Purpose**

Consistent with the Mission 2021 budget and our 2021-22 Business Plan we continue to work collaboratively and collectively to provide opportunities to gather, share and grow.

In 2020 and continuing in 2021 we have had the prolonged impact of the COVID19 Pandemic on our activities and operations. Much of the activities switched to online but in-person meetings and activities did not occur. This meant that much of our budget activity was also affected.

To provide a full year of support we propose a 2022 budget of \$384,000 as follows (with comparatives to 2021 approved budgets).

- Mission operations \$60,000 (\$50,000 in 2021)
- Mission initiatives \$74,000 (\$74,000 in 2021)
- Canadian strategies project \$24,000 (\$24,000 in 2021)
- Revitalization \$16,000 (\$16,000 in 2021)
- programs/activities/events \$210,000 (\$170,000 in 2021)
- subsidies for youth camping \$31,000 (\$31,000 in 2021)
- Total 2022 draft budget of \$384,000 (\$334,000 in 2021)

Further, we propose underwriting this sustainable budget with the following funding for a total of \$384,000.

- support for operations \$164,000 (\$224,000 in 2021)
  - \$115,000 from congregational support (\$100,000 in 2021)
  - \$65,000 from general contributions from Individuals (\$54,000 in 2021)
  - \$10,000 from investment returns (\$10,000 in 2021)
- registration fees for programs/activities/events \$139,000 (\$139,000 in 2021),  
and
- a reserve transfer of \$55,000 (\$31,000 in 2021)
- Total 2022 budget funding \$384,000 (\$334,000 in 2021)

A copy of the full 2022 draft budget is on page three of this document.

As we continue to manage our assets and resources of investments, camps, and people we estimate we will have \$509,000 in savings or investments at the start of 2022 comprised of unrestricted reserves of approximately \$330,000 and

restricted reserves for youth, evangelism, and mission of approximately \$179,000. We recommend consolidating these restricted funds with the unrestricted funds so the Mission Conference can determine any future allocations going forward with all \$509,000 in funds available as unrestricted.

We have 2 camp boards (Samish and Hills of Peace), 12 congregations and 4 mission staff (1 paid , 1 contract and 2 volunteer), and we have a restricted minimum balance of \$228,000 under the World Church minimum balance policy. We are proposing each Campground Board receive annual CWM support of \$50,000 in 2022.

Our current financial management philosophy and principles are as follows.

- we contribute corporately and we make donations individually,
- we support and subsidize only youth who cannot pay,
- we create innovative and flexible arrangements to meet changing needs as in COVID19 and virtual gatherings,
- we work with limited resources, and we manage our funds to keep our program and administrative costs minimal, and
- we leverage technology to bridge distances and minimize costs

Our shared goal remains to be sustainable as a Mission. In 2022 and going forward we propose the following.

- we need to annually balance our budget,
- we need to reduce reliance on reserves to minimal support,
- we need to increase congregation support in 2022 and potentially more in the future,
- we need to increase individual contributions to be able to continue programs which both meet needs and cover cost
- we need to continue to price registration fees for programs, activities, and events to cover the costs, and
- we need to seek alternative funding – likely in the form of grants or alternate revenues.

Therefore, we recommend approval for a 2022 Mission budget of \$384,000. We also recommend consolidation of restricted funds with the unrestricted funds, so we have future planning flexibility.

Attached Schedule is part of this draft budget presentation.

Canada West Mission							
FY 2022 Draft Budget							
	Approved	Draft	FY2022				
	FY2021	FY2022	FY2021				
	Budget	Budget	Change	Description of Changes			
<b>Income</b>							
40100 Congregational Support	\$ 100,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 15,000	Increased Congregation Support			
40200 Contributions	54,000	65,000	11,000	Increased Individual Contributions			
40300 Earnings on Investments	10,000	10,000	-				
40400 Registration Fees for Programs/Activities/Events	139,000	139,000	-				
40500 Reserve Transfer	31,000	55,000	24,000	Increased Reserve Transfer for Campgrounds			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 334,000</b>	<b>\$ 384,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>50000 Mission Operations</b>							
50210 Ministerial Expenses	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,250	New Ministerial Model			
50250 Contract Services	20,000	30,000	10,000	Contract Support Model			
50310 Pastoral	1,000	-	(1,000)	Not Required			
50510 Personnel Development	1,000	1,000	-				
50610 Postage and shipping	1,000	750	(250)	Reduced Activity			
50620 Photocopying/Printing	2,500	3,000	500	Increased Costs			
50630 Telephone	2,500	1,500	(1,000)	Reduced Activity			
50640 Office Supplies	500	1,000	500	Increased Costs			
50710 Internet	2,000	1,500	(500)	Reduced Activity			
50720 Computer Software	5,000	5,000	-				
50730 Bank Charges	250	250	-				
50740 Newsletter	2,500	2,500	-				
50810 Other	500	1,000	500	Increased Contingency			
50910 Office Rent	3,000	1,500	(1,500)	Reduced Costs			
50920 Insurance	2,000	3,500	1,500	Increased Costs			
50950 GST	2,500	2,500	-				
<b>Total 50000 Mission Operations</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 60,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>				
51000 Mission Initiatives	74,000	74,000	-				
52000 Canadian Strategies Project	24,000	24,000	-				
53000 Revitalization	16,000	16,000	-				
54000 Subsidies for Youth Camping	31,000	31,000	-				
60000 Program, Activities and Events Expenditures	170,000	210,000	40,000	Increased Campground Support			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 334,000</b>	<b>\$ 384,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>				



Attached Schedule is part of this draft budget presentation.

	Approved FY2020 BUDGET	Approved FY2021 BUDGET	Draft FY2022 BUDGET
<b>Programs, Activities and Events Expenditures</b>			
Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Young Adult Retreat	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
BC Women's Retreat	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Prairies Women's Retreat	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
BC Men's Retreat	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Prairies Men's Ministries	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
Youth Ministries	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
CWM Events	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
CWM Conference	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
SPEC/IYF	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500
Young Adult Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Winter Retreat	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
HOP- Junior Camp	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,700
HOP - Junior High	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200
HOP - Senior High	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
HOP - Adult Reunion	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900
HOP - Family Reunion	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
Other - HOP (Cooks, golf carts, misc.)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Samish - Junior Camp - "Mungai"	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Samish - Junior High Camp - "Kluane"/"Chimacum"	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Samish - Senior High Camp - "Kimtah"	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Samish - Family Reunion	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000
Samish - Fine Arts	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Samish - Other Camps - Friends & Family	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,100
Nurturing Spirit Retreat	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Nurturing Silence Retreat	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200
Day of Nuturing Spirit	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Encounter World Religions - Vancouver & Calgary	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
GST on Program Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Events and Activities Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 170,000</b>	<b>\$ 170,000</b>	<b>\$ 210,000</b>

Activity in FY2020 and FY2021 are not comparable for FY2022 due to COVID19 Closures.

# Mission Centre President Annual Report

Greetings to the 2021 Canada West Mission Conference.

I am going to avoid my tradition of thanking each individual staff person and volunteer by name for their contributions to the work of the mission centre. Each of them have provided their own reports for this program and I commend them to you. I thank each of them for their significant efforts to maintain our programs and services in the face of the constraints on our normal activities due to the COVID19 pandemic.

I also commend the reports from each of the congregations. They represent the place where “the tire hits the road” of local church initiatives. Each one has done the best they can this past year, also while contending with pandemic restrictions. Well done!

There are a few individuals who have not directly written reports this year, but who I believe need to be recognized by the conference. The few lines that will follow each person’s name are admittedly insufficient to describe their work and contributions.

**Parker Johnson:** Parker completed a five-year contractual assignment with the mission centre in March 2021. He was assigned as a Youth and Young Adult Specialist to the Calgary congregation. His local efforts and success in Calgary were accompanied by contributions to the success of various youth and young adult activities at the mission centre level. He was active with the Pastor and other leaders in the Calgary congregation’s efforts to define and ultimately obtain a new physical church home. In the last couple of years of his assignment, Parker also accepted a coordinating role for communications for the church across Canada. He contributed to the online presence of the Canadian mission centres and congregations through a completely re-designed website as well as initiating and leading social media involvement. Please join me in thanking Parker for his ministry, leadership, creativity, and many contributions to the Canada West Mission Centre and the Calgary Congregation in the last five years.

**Gary McDonald:** There is no report from the Meadow Ridge Congregation this year because earlier this year they completed the sale of their property and wound down the operations of the congregation. Gary accepted appointment as Pastor of the congregation two years ago with the specific objective of leading the members through this very difficult phase of their congregational life. Gary and Helene were warmly welcomed by the congregation and, by all accounts, it was a mutually enjoyable experience, despite achieving the objective of the congregation no longer being active. Thank you to Gary for taking on this important leadership task and performing it with skill and good humour. I also wish to thank all the former members and past leaders of the Meadow Ridge Congregation for their nearly 40 years of service to the community. A closing service was held online in February which attracted participation and attendance from people touched by the congregation across Canada West Mission as well as many from across Canada and south of the U.S. border. Well done!

**Anita Bates:** Anita has been our Mission Centre Historian for the last eleven years. Anita took her responsibility very seriously and did her best to have Historians formally appointed in all congregations. She established a positive and mutually respectful relationship with the Office of the Church Historian and the Church Archivist. Unfortunately, Anita has been suffering from poor health over the past year or so and determined she needed to resign from this responsibility this year. Her last report to the Church Archivist was nearly 40 pages in length. It was complete and comprehensive in its coverage of the Canada West Mission Centre activities in 2020. Recognizing her health constraints, I relieved Anita of writing one more report for this conference and asked Lisa Neudorf to pull some significant details from Anita’s 40-page report.

That is what is provided for you. I need to share this brief anecdote that is a true credit to Anita. In response to Anita's last report, Rachel Killebrew, the Church Archivist, wrote: "Thank you so much for getting this wonderful and detailed report to our archives. You always do such a beautiful job. The CWM produces some of the best and most consistent reports that come in each year. You are a true blessing to our future generations." The Canada West Mission Centre thanks Anita for her years of dedicated service as our Historian.

COVID19 Advisors: In early 2021 it became evident it might be possible for congregations to begin thinking about opening to in-person services again. It was suggested local medical persons with COVID experience be recruited to help advise Pastors and congregations in planning for re-opening. Since we had different situations in each province I felt we needed someone in each jurisdiction to provide good locally-oriented advice. I would like to thank Erica Phelps (MD) and Susan Vawter (RN) for providing their perspective for BC Pastors. Caitlin Ball (RN) in Alberta and Danielle Lang (RN) in Saskatchewan provided good advice for Pastors in their provinces. Thank you for your willing assistance.

I would like to go on, but I have written enough. Please read the reports of the rest of the staff and volunteers of the Canada West Mission Centre, and then thank them for their service.

I wish to leave you with some words from President Steve Veazey from his recent video presentation to the church: "God is not waiting for a return to normal! God calls us to discern the potential in the unexpected and to do something wonderful with it!" My prayer is we may remember and accept this challenge as we create whatever our "new normal" will be in our congregations and in our mission centre.

Grace and Peace,

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# Administrative Assistant to the MCP

2020 was an unprecedented year, full of changes, turmoil, adaptation, and opportunities to build resilience and virtual community. It was a year of learning in as many ways as possible and, it was also my first year as part of the organizing committee and communications team for Mission Conference. No need to mention that due to a world health situation, this event had to be adapted into an online version which, in many ways, was challenging but also rewarding and again, unprecedented!

Among the activities I performed for the Canada West Mission Centre 2020 Online Conference are the following:

- Design of an interactive, digital and printable program for the conference to be shared with members and friends through CWM website and newsletter
- Compilation of staff reports, congregational reports and other materials to be included as part of the program
- Video editing for the In Memoriam and Good News presentations to be featured in the Business meeting
- Content writing, promotion and call to action through the CWM newsletter and CWM social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) to increase engagement and encourage participation
- Design of visual graphics to be included in the promotion campaign and to be shared through social media channels and CWM website

I would like to mention in addition to my regular activities as administrative assistant to Steve Thompson and communications coordinator for the Canada West Mission Centre, I have recently collaborated on translating content for the Beyond the Walls services into Spanish which has increased my experience and connection with the people of Community of Christ.

Lastly, I will conclude with a personal invitation to [sign up for our newsletter](#) (if you haven't already done so) and stay in the loop about upcoming events, news & updates and more information about what's happening in your Canada West Mission Centre! [Click here to visit the CWM Website.](#)

I look forward to future Mission Conferences when we can finally gather in person, share food, talk and get to know each other better. I feel hopeful to see the light at the end of this tunnel just to realize how resilient we've become and I'm curious to witness our gradual return to some sort of normality in our lives.

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# Mission Centre Financial Officer Report 2021

## We Share a Mission and a Purpose

2021 has been a challenging year for all of us, many of our “normal” day-to-day activities have continued to be impacted by re-occurring public health restrictions put in place to try and slow down the virus spread. I, like many of you thought when the pandemic was identified in 2020 it would soon be brought under control and in a couple of months we would be back to our regular routines and jobs.

Now 18 months later, our provinces, cities, and communities are still trying to cope with the rising rates of infection by new Covid variants and the dreadful impact it is having on the lives of individuals and families, as well as our economies and freedoms.

Our congregations have suffered the loss of meeting face-to-face to worship, and the loss of momentum for many missional activities being offered as invitation and support in our local communities. However, out of this disruption new ways of coming together to visit and worship have emerged. While we were missing the handshakes and hugs when we met – others who were isolated, or unable to be with us in our church buildings now found a way to be with us and were able to share in meaningful worship.

The Mission Centre under Sam and Steve’s leadership this past year has kept the mission and work of the Church moving forward. With the use of technology many members and friends from all over Canada were able to gather together to visit and worship in way we had not thought possible. The continued generosity of dedicated members allowed the Mission Centre to keep working and be prepared financially for the time when all the programs, retreats, reunions, and conferences could again be held in face to face gatherings.

As I continue to transition into the role of your Mission Centre Financial Officer I will look for opportunities to help congregations find hope and purpose in their existence, to recognize the value found in of all their assets that can and will support missional activities with prudent fiscal management and in sustainable ways.

In the past few years I have met and enjoyed the company of many of you at conferences and other events, and have recognized the unique bond of love shared with each other whenever you gather together. It is my wish as the pandemic restrictions are eased and it becomes safe to travel again I will be able to come and visit with each of your congregations and meet as many of you as possible and to share stories of our families, our hopes, and what has brought us to this place.

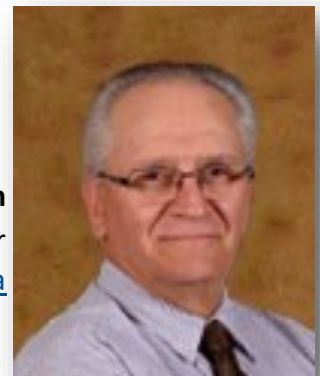
I want to thank Sam for his continued support and for his work on your behalf to implement processes which have brought stability and sustainability to the MC, and for Steve as he has shared with me the strengths and uniqueness of each congregation in Canada West.

I look forward to working with your leadership team in 2022, may each of you stay healthy and find joy and purpose in faithfulness to Christ’s Mission which is our Mission.

**Dar Shepherdson**

Mission Centre Finance Officer

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# Creating Connection Director Report

As you'll recall from my Mission Conference 2020 report, I moved all my Creating Connection events online because of the pandemic. Since that report, I'm happy to share our attendance has increased in every group and attracted people from across Canada and the US and occasionally from England, France, Serbia, China, Japan, Africa, Australia and more.

**Coffee and Meaningful Conversation Online** Every Thursday from 10:30 – 12:00 pm. In this group we are all given the opportunity to share our thoughts on the topic without interruption, given time to think and form thoughts. For those of us listening, it's our opportunity to practice active listening. Our sole job is to listen and understand, without having the burden of planning a response or question. Since June of 2020 we have had an average of 11 RSVPs per meetup, 7 attendees, 2 first timers and an average of 6 per meetup are not Community of Christ members.

**An Afternoon of Nurturing Spirit Online** Every Wednesday from 3-4:30 pm. In these 90-minute sessions I bring in guests to speak about a wide variety of modalities and topics. Our format:

- Welcome and Introduction of Creating Connection and our mission
- 5-minute welcoming meditation
- Guest speaker presentation or talk followed by Questions & Answers
- Next week's guest shares an overview of their upcoming session
- I share upcoming events in the Creating Connection program
- 5-minute closing meditation

In May and June of 2021, I ran a 6-week mentoring program with two of our Afternoon of Nurturing Spirit guests who have now become co-hosts with me. We have another member of the team, who was a guest and now contributes meditations once a month. Since June of 2020 we have had an average of 19 RSVPs per meetup, 15 attendees, 3 first timers and 13 were not Community of Christ members.

**Satsang: Singing into Silence Online** Monthly on Saturday. In this group my role is to oversee the monthly events, manage tech, promote, edit, and post the information. Doug and Vickie MacArthur (Lethbridge), play various instruments, lead songs and chants, and book special musical guests. We sing along at home while muted. Since November of 2020 we have had an average of 38 RSVPs per Satsang, 26 attendees, 5 first timers and of the 26 attendees 19 were not Community of Christ members.

**Book Club Online** Third Monday of every second month. This is a casual discussion of books from a wide range of genres. Kelly Duff - Victoria, leads with thought provoking questions about the characters, the story, it's meaning and our interpretations. My role is to assist Kelly and be a mentor. Since October of 2020 we have had an average of 6 RSVPs per Book Club, 4 attendees, 2 first timers and of the 4 attendees 2 were not Community of Christ members.

**ESL Coffee and Conversation in-person** Every Saturday from 10-11:30am. Our newest group started in July and is led by Nevena Golijan. This is our first event that is in-person since the pandemic hit. Nevena guides the conversation for those wanting to practice their English conversation skills. My role is to advertise the meetup, mentor, and offer assistance.

## Nurturing Spirit Weekend Retreats

'Making Friends with Silence: A Day of Nurturing Spirit' Online Oct 24, 2020. 22 RSVP's 19 attended, 5 first timers  
'Rest, Rise, and Renew: Practices for Living a Resilient Life'. Online Feb 26-28, 2021. 39 registrations, 18 first timers

**Facilitator Workshop Victoria August 14, 2021.** This report was due before the workshop took place. The workshop will include background on Creating Connection and our mission, explanation of our advertising platform 'meetup', how to be a good facilitator, a hands-on practice facilitating our own topics, sharing our meaningful stories, and Q&A time.

**Would you like to learn more about becoming a facilitator** and learn how to host your own meetup? The most important thing is to choose a topic or activity that you are passionate about. Call or email me 1-877-411-2632 ext. 4 or [Debra@CreatingConnection.ca](mailto:Debra@CreatingConnection.ca) for more information or to request a workshop in your area.

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Creating Connection Director Canada West

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## Coming up in Creating Connection!

- September 15<sup>th</sup>** [An Afternoon of Nurturing Spirit "Discovering the Struggles of Back to School"](#) with Linda Clement, parenting coach and author. This session is all about the issues uncovered by the process of Back to School – from anxiety over starting in a new school and school phobia (which is a rational fear) to comparing other kids' stuff, handling the shuffling of friendships, and changes in expectations (new teachers, new schools or higher grades, larger groups in the room.)
- September 16<sup>th</sup>** [Coffee & Meaningful Conversation.](#) This week's topic is "Do You Believe in Karma? Why?" Karma is a concept deeply believed by some, entertained by others, and derided by still others. Regardless, everyone has an opinion, and that opinion **deeply influences how that person acts.**
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>** [An Afternoon of Nurturing Spirit Vickie MacArthur.](#)  
The Sabbath of Rest: Practices to Renew and Inspire Our Souls. *"Sabbath is about rest, about laying down our burdens, about unhooking from the compulsions of our to do list."* Mirabai Starr  
The Covid-19 pandemic has been an invitation to slow down, to reflect, then move into creative solutions for ourselves and our world. Sadly, not all of us have taken the time to listen before leaping back into the busy activity of our lives. In this experiential session, you'll learn simple practices of integrating "the Sabbath of rest" into your daily life, to renew your body, calm your mind, and inspire the creative urge of your soul.

# Coming up in Creating Connection!

- September 23<sup>rd</sup>** [Coffee & Meaningful Conversation](#). This week's topic is "Do you Live More in the Moment, or Planning for the Future?" There are different schools of thought about the best way to think about the time you have. Do you plan for the future or make every moment count? Where do you and your partner fall on this debate?
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>** [Satsang: Singing into Silence Hosted by Doug and Vickie MacArthur with special guest tba](#)  
Doug and Vickie will share simple songs and chants from various spiritual traditions you can sing in your own space, from the silence of "Om" to a joyful "Alleluia". Clap your hands with lively rhythms and the beat of a drum, and let soulful melodies guide you into the silence that connects our hearts as one united voice. Together we will create a vibration of peace to fill the world. We welcome all voices, all cultures, and all traditions.
- October 18<sup>th</sup>** [Book Club "The Mists of Avalon"](#)  
The magical saga of the women behind King Arthur's throne. In Marion Zimmer Bradley's masterpiece, we see the tumult and adventures of Camelot's court through the eyes of the women who bolstered the king's rise and schemed for his fall. From their childhoods through the ultimate fulfillment of their destinies, we follow these women and the diverse cast of characters that surrounds
- October 22-24** [Nurturing Silence Retreat: The Zen of Rest](#)  
"If you're silent, you can hear the forest breathe, the holy hush of the tree's limb." Felicia Morrell Take time out to relax, slow down and savor life exactly as it is. Rest your body, quiet your mind, and listen to those sparks of inspiration that arise when you take time to nurture a quiet listening presence. In this Zen style retreat, you'll have time to let silence seep into the depths of your being, learning core practices to help sustain awareness while sitting, moving, walking, eating, working, resting, or whatever you're doing. Guided in practices that cultivate inner silence, while in your own space for a full weekend, you'll emerge feeling revitalized with new insights and practices to take into your everyday life.

Creating Connection currently has new groups in the planning stages that will share with you once they are up and running! **Would you like to learn more about becoming a facilitator** and learn how to host your own meetup? The most important thing is to choose a topic that you are passionate about. Contact Debra Donohue at [Debra@CreatingConnection.ca](mailto:Debra@CreatingConnection.ca) or call 1-877-411-2632 ext 4.



*Click above to visit the Creating Connection Events page*



# Camping and Retreat Specialist Report

As I write this report, vaccinations are well underway, mask mandates are being removed and I continue looking forward to the day we return to in person gathering. What a year it has been! In my opinion, we provided some great programming and opportunities for connection this year but it would be fair to say we have become Zoom weary. One of the blessings of Zoom is it allowed us to expand our borders and we enjoyed participation from members across Canada West but also Canada West and the US.

In January, we started “Sunday school” online using church materials. From the beginning of January until early May, we gathered weekly and enjoyed the leadership of Kathy McAdam, Corleen McLean and Ryan Levitt. The classes found success and we plan to offer them again after Thanksgiving.

In late January we held a two part retreat exploring “Exploring the Post-Pandemic Church” with Carman and Joan Thompson. The first day of the retreat we brainstormed and dialogued what a post-pandemic congregation might look like and day two focused on how to get there. This thought provoking event enjoyed participation from members in Canada West, Canada East and a few in the US.

We kicked off Winter Retreat the weekend of March 5-7 with the movie “The Greatest Showman”. The campers enjoyed movie treats which had been delivered to their door and we had a great time together. My personal highlight was the youth literally talking throughout the entire movie posting messages in the chat about their favourite scenes, songs and heroes in the movie. The movie was a great starting point for “Something New” discussions led by our guest minister Bryan Tidwell.

The annual prairie’s Women’s Retreat was held on March 22 with Susan Oxley. Our theme was “Faith in a Cup Which Overflows” and Susan led us through discussions about Gratitude and the Art of Receiving, Hope and the Art of Living and Love and the Art of Connecting.

On June 12, the Spiritual Retreat took place where Don Compier led us through sessions about “The Grace of the Dark Night of the Soul” and we enjoyed a good and enriching day together.

In July we provided a “Taste of Hills of Peace” with Apostle Janné Grover. We opened our reunion on July 11 with a Communion service. The following four days, our small group enjoyed morning discussions with Janné and each evening a different session including a climate change discussion led by Dean and Susi Wight and a World Accord update from David Barth. Our group was small but our time together was rich.

At the end of July we held an online “Taste of Samish” Reunion with guest ministry by Apostle Janné Grover. This three and a half day event offered joyful intergenerational worships and contemplative offerings and classes, along with lively gatherings for youth and teens. We were happy to explore “Toward the Peaceful One” with Janné, Climate Action with Rod Downing, yoga nidra with Vickie MacArthur, and the enneagram with Lanette Vawter and Kat Goheen. Sean Langdon kicked off our teen gatherings, and we had youth and teen leaders participating from all over BC. We kept the flavour of canteen going, and Dan Beer with the campfire and Alexis Beer with the talent show raised the bar with creative technological moments and wonderful presence. While we can’t wait to be physically together down at Samish, we had a wonderful time!

Finally, in July we started “Hang Out” which was appropriately renamed “Holy Hang Out” by our Victoria kids. Holy Hang Out was a weekly gathering for Junior High and Senior High youth. Before we began planning our summer events, we surveyed families and youth to determine the level of interest. The youth expressed they were tired of meeting online and we were uncertain what the response would be. We were pleased to have ten youth log on to simply hang out, play some games and participate in a scavenger hunt and share in meaningful discussion. We had a great time together and it has brought me great pleasure to watch our youth from across Canada West get to know each other and become friends across the miles. This would not have been possible without Zoom. The youth have asked for monthly online movie night and more details will follow in the fall.

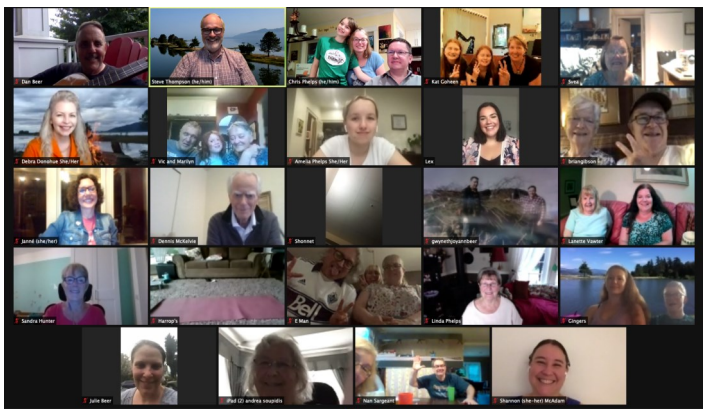
I would like to extend my thanks to Caitlin d’Esterre (Calgary), Deb Mason (Edmonton), Marsha Kilotis (Edmonton) Amanda Senga (Saskatoon), Brenda Senga (Saskatoon) and Kat Goheen (Vancouver) for their gift of time, organizational talents and ministry as (co-) directors of our programming this year.

A year ago, I ended my report indicating I will be looking for opportunities for us to continue providing Blessings of Community to one another and was hopeful we would gather in person in 2021. This hope continues and I am filled with anticipation of seeing each you in person at events filled with joy, hope, love and peace.

**Lisa Neudorf (aka General Lili)**  
 Camping and Retreat Specialist  
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**Photo: A Taste of Hills of Peace / July 15, 2021**  
 Missing: Denise Esch, Jeanny Jakobsen



**Photo: A Taste of Samish Island / July 31, 2021**

# Canadian Peace / Justice Committee

## June 2021 Report

The Committee was formed in April, 2007, primarily to support local congregations in our attempts to be “. . . dedicated to the pursuit of peace.” Activities were again hampered because: (a) the Chair’s time was spent on the Climate Change subcommittee; and (b) we feel we have hit the limit of available volunteer time for subcommittees.

### **I. ACTIONS THIS YEAR.**

**A. Created a Climate Change Crisis Subcommittee.** Our primary efforts have been to create and feed into The North American Climate Justice Team. Originally intended to create an October 2020 Colloquy, the team had to pivot and now has an ongoing webinar series which includes world-class scientists and others with a deep and wide background on key topics.

**B. Create Social Media Resources.** We have created a Facebook Page and will continue to experiment with its possibilities. Thanks, Sariah and Betty! We also want to create podcasts and webcasts, to expand our reach.

**C. Maintained Our Current Projects and Our Peace / Justice Website.** While not an emphasis this year we have continued support for such endeavours as:

a. **Indigenous Relations:** We have some key resources, thanks to the address by Barb Oldale at the CWM 2017 Mission Conference and Tracy Smith. This is only a start – contact us if interested in helping with reconciliation. It has been updated due to the recent discovery of unmarked graves at residential schools.

b. **Resources to Develop Healthy Relations with our Muslim Community:** This is centered on a hopeful, nonviolent strategy of trying to strengthen the reasonable voices within our own community, within the Muslim community and among society in general. It includes the opportunity for congregations to engage with their local Muslim community and has been updated due to recent events.

c. **Buying Fair Trade** coffee where possible, which supports the “Abolish Poverty” initiative.

d. **Expanding the church’s Canadian Peace / Justice website.** This is still fairly skeletal. If you see an unfilled area where you would like to help - we would love to hear from you!

### **Phase II - Subcommittees.**

In 2014 we transitioned to the second phase – creating **subcommittees** - to raise up and provide resources for those Canadian-specific issues which call us via recent inspired counsel to courageously challenge and help transform societal trends which diminish God’s creation. Further topics include:

Mental Health & Eliminating Stigma

Human Trafficking close to your Church;

Justice: Restorative not Punitive;

Eco. Concerns: Water, GMOs, etc.

Foreign Aid, no strings attached; etc;

Child Poverty; . . .Others?

Inter-religious Relations;

**Note:** We have recognized this phase has stretched our ability to tap into the available volunteer capacity of our Field and thus each year we will focus simply on one or two topics.

### **II. NEXT YEAR And LONGER TERM.**

We remain focused on implementing robust **subcommittees**, as listed above, **but we need help**. If you are interested in being part of this exciting endeavour, please contact one of the committee members.

In appreciation and support,

**The Canadian Peace / Justice Committee**

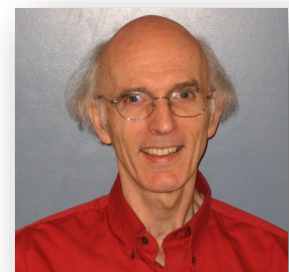
**Anna Jean Bradley** - Canada East / **Bryce Taylor** - Canada East

**Sariah Middleton** - Canada East / **Steve Northey** - Canada East

**Betty Williams** - Canada West / **Don McLeod** - Canada West

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# Historian's Annual Report

September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

Historian: Anita R. Bates

## Mission Centre Leadership and Staff

Canadian Apostle	Art Smith
Bishop of Canada	Dar Shepherdson
President of Seventy	John Glaser
Mission President	Stephen Thompson
Mission Financial Officer	Dar Shepherdson/ Sam Smalldon
Administrative Assistant	Sandra Rodriguez
Creating Connection Director	Debra Donohue
Camping and Retreat Specialist	Lisa Neudorf
Church Mission and Young Adult Ministries <i>(contract complete on March 31, 2021)</i>	Parker Johnson
Mission Historian	Anita R. Bates
Mission Recorder	Linda Klughart

## Congregation Pastors

Calgary, AB	Doug Hayden
Chilliwack, BC	Shonnet Allen/Bob Riley
Edmonton, AB	Mike Bock
Lethbridge, AB	Doug MacArthur
Meadow Ridge, BC	Gary McDonald
Prince Albert, SK	Linda Klughart/Mike Mitchell
Regina, SK	Dan Esch
Ribstone, AB	Darlene Skinner/Leila Goheen
Saskatoon, SK	Jae Senga
Senlac, SK	Becky Middleton
Vancouver, BC	Kat Goheen/Chris Phelps
Victoria, BC	John Canty
Winnipeg, MB	Stan Freer

## Membership (April 23, 2021)

Total Membership	2,337
Non Resident	658
General	539
Life Events (Year Ending December 31, 2020)	
Baby Blessings	0
Baptisms/Confirmation	2
Marriages	1
Deaths	16
Ordinations	0
Withdrawals	3

## Canada West Mission events and programming (all programming held online)

September 10-13, 2020	<b>Canada West Mission Conference "Unprecedented"</b> Guest Ministers: Joey Williams and Apostle Art Smith Attendance (business meeting only): 76 attendees (59 delegates)
October 24, 2020	<b>Nurturing Spirit Retreat "Making Friends with Silence"</b> Attendance: 19
January 16 and 30, 2021	<b>"Exploring the Post-Pandemic Church"</b> Guest ministers: Joan Thompson and Carman Thompson Attendance: 31

February 26-28, 2021	<p><b>Nurturing Spirit Retreat</b>  <b>'Rest, Rise, and Renew: Practices for Living a Resilient Life'</b>  Attendance: 39</p>
March 5-7, 2021	<p><b>Winter Retreat "Something New"</b>  Guest minister: Bryan Tidwell  Directors: Caitlin d'Esterre, Deb Mason, Marsha Kilotis  Attendance: 7 (Junior High and Senior High youth)</p>
March 20-21, 2021	<p><b>Women's Retreat "Faith in a Cup Which Overflows"</b>  Guest minister: Susan Oxley  Director: Amanda Senga  Attendance: 29</p>
June 12, 2021	<p><b>Spiritual Retreat "The Grace of the Dark Night of the Soul"</b>  Guest minister: Don Compier  Director: Brenda Senga  Attendance: 20</p>
July 11-15, 2021	<p><b>Hills of Peace online reunion "Let Peace Dwell Here"</b>  Guest minister: Apostle Janné Grover  Climate Change presentation (July 12): Dean &amp; Susi Wight  World Accord presentation (July 13): David Barth  Average Attendance: 13</p>
July 20, 27 August 3 and 10, 2021	<p><b>Holy Hang Out</b> for Junior High and Senior High youth  Directors: Caitlin d'Esterre, Deb Mason and Marsha Kilotis  Average Attendance: 10</p>
July 29 – August 1, 2021	<p><b>Samish online reunion "Toward the Peaceful One"</b>  Guest ministers: Apostle Janné Grover, Apostle Art Smith, Vickie MacArthur  Director: Kat Goheen  Average Attendance: 13 (morning sessions) and 28 (evening sessions)</p>
<b>Ongoing programming</b>	
Weekly on Thursday	<p><b>Creating Connection: Coffee and Meaningful Conversation</b>  Attendees are given the opportunity to share thoughts on a specific topic without interruption and for those listening, it is an opportunity to practice active listening.  Average attendance: 7 attendees with 6 non-Community of Christ members.</p>
Weekly on Wednesday	<p><b>Creating Connection: An Afternoon of Nurturing Spirit</b>  Each week a guest speaker provides a presentation on a wide variety of modalities and topics followed by a question and answer period with attendees.  Average attendance: 15 attendees with 13 non-Community of Christ members</p>
Weekly on Tuesday and Thursday	<p><b>Virtual Visiting</b> hosted Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings  Led by Steve Thompson; Group began March 2020  Average attendance: Mar to Dec 2020: 17 (Tuesdays) and 13 (Thursdays);  Jan to June 2021: 15 (Tuesdays) and 11 (Thursdays)</p>

Every second month on  
Monday

**Creating Connection: Book Club Online**

Kelly Duff (Victoria BC) leads this casual discussion of books from a wide range of genres with thought provoking questions about the characters, the story, it's meaning and our interpretations.

Group began October 2020

Average attendance: 4 attendees with 2 non-Community of Christ members.

Monthly on Saturday

**Satsang "Singing into Silence"**

Doug and Vickie MacArthur (Lethbridge AB) host monthly meditation and ministry of music.

Group began November 2020

Average attendance: 26

Weekly on Sunday

**Community of Christ Lesson Series**

"Sunday school" lessons held weekly

Instructors: Kathy McAdam (Chilliwack BC), Corleen McLean (Saskatoon SK) and Ryan Levitt (Edmonton AB)

Group met January to May 2021. Will resume after Thanksgiving 2021.

Average attendance: 16

NOTE: This report is a compilation of key statistics and information summarized from a much longer report originally prepared by Anita Bates. Anita retired earlier in the year as our Mission Historian due to personal health reasons. This compilation was extracted by Lisa Neudorf, with some assistance from Debra Donohue and Steve Thompson.

**"How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."**

**Isaiah 52:7**

# Samish Island Campground Report

In 1958, as a nine year old, I was well aware that the church in the Northwest would be selling their beloved campground property on Silver Lake in Snohomish County and developing a new campground at Samish Island, far away from our home in Tacoma, Washington. Now, 63 years later when I assumed the president's role, I thought I knew most everything about the camp. Truth is, I've learned much more about its past, what is today, and how we are on a journey together into the future of the camp.

Since your last report from my predecessor Jim Fish, there probably has been very little physical change to the campgrounds which would meet the eye. Dangerous and diseased trees along the dining hall driveway have been removed, cut, split and stacked as firewood, and a large fir tree was removed across from the east caretaker's residence. Close examination will show there are about 400 seedling trees planted throughout the grounds but most noticeably along Scott Road. There is also a new commercial grade clothes washer in the dining hall for cleaning the kitchen linens. Otherwise, the camp looks much the same as it did when it was closed for the pandemic in March, 2020.

What isn't so obvious to the eye are the concerted efforts made by our camp and food service managers to reduce or eliminate utility expenses and stifle the outflow of our cash accounts. Sadly, since March, 2020 to date, we have transferred almost \$186,000 USD to our operating accounts to pay utilities, salaries, insurance and provide for general maintenance. The good news is we have received income from our Taylor shellfish agreement, the US Government small business loans and grants, offerings from individuals and congregations and the wonderful "Through the Eyes of Samish" virtual fundraising event. That single talent event netted nearly \$62,500 USD for camp operations. Many thanks to Julie and Alexis Beer and the many talented, generous and dedicated people who organized and produced that wonderful program. It certainly brought out the best in so many people who love and are concerned about supporting and enjoying the Samish Island camp. My thanks to everyone who worked on the event and those who generously donated money, time and talents to that cause.

Our current Development fund stands at \$245,000 of which \$78,300 are designated funds for specific capital projects. Our operations balance is \$3,500.

Volunteer work on the campground has been minimal due to the restrictions of social distancing and cautions taken by people who would usually be on the grounds and volunteer. The closure of the US-Canada border has prohibited the travel to the camp by our willing and hard working Canadian Saints who would otherwise be coming to the camp to lend their skills and talents to the many tasks which await us. This should all change soon as many travel and gathering restrictions have been lifted and travel should become much easier. Just in July, the World Church has given permission for the camp to reopen (with some health and gathering restrictions) and there was a one day work session held on Saturday, July 24th. There is an Inter-generational Retreat for the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center to be held July 29-August 1st. Other events are being scheduled by the church and other groups who are friends of the church and have been users of the camp for many years past. We welcome these other groups and their fees certainly supplement our income stream and strengthen our financial position.

In our near future, we plan to continue to be good stewards of the land and buildings. We are also doing what we can to maintain and repair our machinery and power equipment so as to extend their lives and make it available for quality work by our paid staff as well as by volunteers so their time can be maximized when they go to camp to work on projects and tasks.

Projects on our near future "RADAR" are the replacement of the deteriorating dining hall doors, remodeling the rustic cabins and the construction of a shop and storage building for tractors, tools and equipment as well as an indoor workshop.

Most importantly, as we look ahead, we will continue to strive to make Samish Island camp a place where people meet and interact with God as well as develop and restore relationships with family, friends and fellow disciples of Christ. Life can be practiced there in a spirit of wholesome living and community under the influence of the beauty of God's creation and constant love. I look forward to doing my best to provide leadership and continuing to serving you, the camp staff and all who enjoy the camping experience at Samish Island.

Respectively,

**Bill Campbell**

President, Samish Island Campground Association

# Hills of Peace Campground Committee Report

Greetings to the Mission Conference,

First off, I would like to say a massive "Thank You" for all the donations we have received this year. This includes those who make regular donations each year or monthly. This spring we declared "June is Hills of Peace Month" and invited special donations from individuals and congregations. A total of \$42,000 was received from that initiative, plus another amount committed by a congregation but awaiting congregational approval in September. I cannot express the gratitude that I, as well as my fellow board members feel towards your acts of generosity.

Once again, I want to acknowledge the rest of the board members in their continued efforts to meet online and conduct business as usual. This has been very out of the ordinary for us as we have not had a meeting at the actual grounds in about two years now.

We were unable to have our usual summer camp activities again this year due to the widespread pandemic, however, I am very hopeful next year will be a turning point and we can all return to a summer full of fun activities at Hills of Peace. We have finally completed the renovations on our outdated "Craft Shack/Classroom building", and I am looking forward to utilizing this space next year. We installed new windows and doors all around, tore down the old deck and installed new steps, installed new flooring throughout and repainted the interior walls. I must say, I am beyond impressed with how this project has turned out and it will bring much needed life back into the camp. We have also renovated a couple more cabins on site, with new roofing, siding, windows, and doors. It will be quite a new experience even for the long-time campers at Hills of Peace when we do return.

There are always a few issues at camp caused by weather or trees falling. This year there was a burst pipe in one of the houses but our diligent caretaker, Courtney Znak, had the situation under control and was able to quickly get the proper companies out to aid in the cleanup process. Courtney has done an amazing job at ensuring our grounds are well taken care of and has been a huge help in the completion of the Craft Shack project as well. Courtney, thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to these grounds, I know we all appreciate it. None of what goes on at camp would be possible without you, both in our on-season and off-season.

I am very much looking forward to next year when we can all (hopefully) get together again and enjoy Hills of Peace in person. In the meantime, thank you for all your continued support and generosity; it does not go unnoticed. Please remember to take care of each other, be safe, and have a wonderful year. See you soon.

**Jesse Levitt, Chair**

Hills of Peace Campground Board of Directors



**Photos: Craft Shack/Classroom Building (before and after)**



# Calgary Congregation Report 2021

While most of the past year has seen our congregation hunkered down like the rest of the world, we have been fortunate that the timing of the pandemic has coincided with the preparation of our new meeting space. The new home for the Calgary Congregation is an inner-city commercial space inside a 2-story office building.

After considerable research and discussion with our congregation, the Architect designed a beautiful, inviting 1200 ft.<sup>2</sup> space that will comfortably host the types of activities and gatherings we anticipate. The new property includes dedicated parking during our weekly services, shared washrooms, flexible space with individual chairs, a movable glass wall to break out into right-sized spaces in our great room, as well as state of the art electronic equipment for broadcasting and connecting through the internet. Special attention was given to acoustics and ambience to create a quiet, peaceful space. Input from the congregation was received throughout the process from the full spectrum of generations. With the 'condo' model of space, virtually all of the normal maintenance responsibilities will be handled by the property manager, and we look forward to being able to just show up and have our beautiful space ready for us.

No more shoveling snow or cutting grass, worrying about plumbing leaks, or roof repairs. As Pastor, the most exciting part about where we have landed is the younger generation in our congregation has been a driving force in the decisions and design of our new home and is taking ownership of who we are and where we're going as a congregation. We look forward to all our global church family visiting us and seeing what a model like this looks like in a new context.

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**Photos:**  
New church building, inside and outside views.

# Chilliwack Congregation Report 2020-2021

In some ways there seems little to report. When I looked at the calendar we had many things happen before the pandemic and a lot which changed due to the pandemic.

Just before conference we welcomed Lorelei and Vern Dean to our congregation. Kathy and Gary McAdam arrived in May of 2020 and our branch looks forward to the September arrival of Rick and Pat James. We also mourn the passing of Nola Degraw, and Kevin McCully this past year.

In January 2020 the branch officers who were elected in November planned for activities for the coming year. Little did we know! Our usual events continued and some special ones were planned and executed. We had several members attend Nurturing Spirit Retreat at Samish Island and right after in March everything was cancelled due to Covid 19.

We cancelled everything as per the directives of World Church. We cocooned in our homes, and made phone calls to see how people were doing and talked about how we could meet. A newsletter went out with how to connect to online services in Toronto and Edmonton. Some of our congregation attended the Vancouver worship service and slowly we started to connect in new ways. Zoom was soon the way to attend service and events. The Chilliwack congregation is an older group with several members who do not use computers so we had to connect with them in some of the more old fashioned ways. An Ice Cream meet up was planned and has continued outside of the church approximately every two weeks. We have had many members and friends out to this socially distanced and masked event. Craft night began again online and we continue to fellowship in this way. Vancouver invited all to join Listening for the Soul and meet up groups began.

Thanks to Janine, Keith and Fred who organized and executed an outdoor garage sale. Funds were raised for World Accord, Samish Island and Chilliwack Supportive Housing. Thanks to all who participated and made this event a success.

With the forest fires in BC, Chilliwack has become an emergency evacuation registration location. After some discussion on what we could do to help we have offered our parking lot and the lot at the back of the church for people to park their trailers for a safe place to stay. We are notified when someone is sent to our location and ensure is someone is there to provide welcome and see what other assistance we can offer.

I think we are now all hoping this fall we will be able to get back in our building for services. We remain hopeful and look for ways to connect and gather and for ways to share God's peace and love in these difficult times. We are slowly trying to return to in building services while listening to the wishes of our members but watching what is happening with Covid and the fourth wave.

Blessings to you all as we navigate these extraordinary times and the new ways it has taught to join together and the unique ways we have learned to worship and be a positive influence in our communities.

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# Edmonton Congregation Report 2021

The Edmonton Congregation has remained closed for in-person Sunday worship for the past year. We have continued having weekly Zoom meetings which regularly have 15 to 20 in attendance.

Zoom has offered a great opportunity for those who were not able to attend church regularly pre-COVID-19 (due to distance or illness) to connect with the congregation. A “Cookie Event” where each member of the congregation was delivered a cookie and tea/hot chocolate was held in the spring and was a great success. This included an invitation to call a friend while they enjoyed their treat.

We have also been able to continue offering our ministry as an Edmonton Food Bank depot throughout the pandemic. Unfortunately, nearly half of the local depots were forced to close for safety reasons during the pandemic. We were able to put protocols in place that ensured both the safety of the food bank clients and our volunteers. In recognition of this dedication and continual service, the Edmonton Community of Christ, and other food bank depots that remained open during the pandemic, were presented with the 2021 Edmonton Food Bank Janet Hughes Award. We are grateful to all the volunteers who have provided this much needed service to the Edmonton Community.

Throughout the pandemic many members of the congregation have become regular participants in the Toronto Centre Place, Beyond the Walls worship services. This online service has been much appreciated and loved. It seems there has been a plethora of online resources available, and many of our membership have participated in and/or utilized those resources. These have included the “Exploring a Post-Pandemic Church” workshop and the Harmony “Building an Inclusive Church” presentation, along with CWM Bible Study and weekly Zoom gatherings, and Hills of Peace and Samish Island Reunions. We have been blessed by having these, and other, online resources available to us.

With activities at our church building limited, the past year has been a good opportunity to complete some much-needed rejuvenation of our physical space. The old paving stone front sidewalk was replaced with a new concrete sidewalk. As well, both the interior sanctuary and exterior stucco of the building were given fresh coats of paint.

Our plans at this time are to return to in-person services at the church in the fall. Over the summer we will be having some outdoor gatherings to fellowship together such as an ice cream social and old-fashioned birthday party. We look forward with hope to our post-pandemic congregational life.

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# Regina Congregation Report 2021

“You’re on mute”. It’s possible we said that more than “Amen” during the past year. It’s amazing what you will try when you only have one option. Last summer the Regina Branch met in the parking lot for a few weeks. Masked, distanced, sanitized, outdoors. We had a few people join us remotely as we celebrated as part of our community. That was my first dream realized – outdoor services. When we went inside in the fall we had no idea for how long but we followed all the rules and were blessed with Gregg Lester’s technical skills and the congregation’s willingness to ZOOM our services. Like many congregations by offering the option to join remotely we gained a few remote attendees and even a couple of physical ones. No hymns, no offering, no hugging, yet we survived and adapted. After a brief return to the building in September the Covid resurgence forced us back to our homes. We hosted a virtual Mourning Star service one December evening which was very moving and helped us focus on our blessings and the importance of loved ones no longer with us.

Over the next few months we changed our streaming service which allowed us to easily open up our worship. We also shifted away from the traditional preaching service and invited congregational participation. We have a main speaker, but they compose several questions which are e-mailed out in advance so when we gather, we hear from our church community. Our hymns are courtesy of YouTube (remember to put yourself on mute).

As the months have unfolded we have expanded our community to include other provinces and other cities. It’s been nice to meet new people and to provide an opportunity for worship, however, we are also really looking forward to being together and hopefully we will have met in person on September 5. Who knows what happens next but we are blessed with resiliency and a sense of adventure. It’s certainly been an unprecedented year, but we have endured, thanks to our faith and our diverse community.

Good luck and be safe.

**Dan Esch**

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# Ribstone Congregation Report 2021

The constraints of the pandemic rules no longer hinder our worship services in Ribstone. We've taken down the signage, the ribbons marking where to sit in the pews have been removed, and we are now able to sing heartily without masks. Hugs can happen. Our greeter, Kathy Watson, is back at our door, welcoming attendees as they arrive but, over the last year, it was not always this way.

After weeks of building preparation, starting in October 2020, the Ribstone congregation reconvened in-person worship and held services most weeks between October and July (the time of writing this update), except when we were shut down for COVID case numbers in our area for six weeks (and the weeks we were off for Christmas and bad weather). Over the past 10 months, we were very blessed to meet 29 times in our beautiful facility. As mentioned above, though restricted for many of those weeks by provincial and denominational rules in regards to contact, congregational singing, and participation, we gathered nonetheless.

Due to COVID, we did not have a lot of our regular activities or special services. The Vesper Service, our annual picnic, Trunk 'n' Treat, our Annual Truck Pull, Vacation Bible School, the Palm Sunday Parade (though we did have a "parade" by waving palm branches in our seats), in-person Election of Officers/Volunteers, our Fall Supper (*which is our only annual fundraiser*), youth group meetings, women's department meetings, advisory council meetings and more were all held differently or suspended. We were not able to collect or give any of the following: Mitten Tree, White Gifts, Men's and Women's Shelters, Food Bank, Wedding Showers, Baby Showers, Food Trays for Seniors/Shut-ins/Lodges/School Staff. We collected a special offering in December for Loonies for Literacy for World Accord. We also had a special collection during a Sunday service in the spring of 2021 for School Supplies/uniforms for Honduras where we were able to give \$3455.30 (includes Change 4 Change from throughout the time we were able to have worships, as well as donations).

During the times we were unable to meet in person, Pastors Darleene and Leila emailed out a little uplifting newsletter each week. Regardless if we were in-person or at-home worshipping, we continued our monthly newsletters. Tara Schaffer kept us all connected by creating and distributing our congregational phone book and birthday list.

Our yard and memorial garden were kept lovely by Wendy Belik, Doug and Marilyn Pawsey, and Kathy and Wayne Watson for us to enjoy on Sundays as well as the many people who travel past our church each day or stop in to spend time in our garden.

Various individuals in our congregation took part in mission center and world church events/programs over the past year. Josie Buck and Darleene Skinner were regulars on the weekly visits with Steve Thompson. This summer Emelia Goheen and Kelby Smith are attending CWM Hang Out. Emelia attended Graceland University Virtual Summer Camp (aka this year's online SPEC), which she thoroughly enjoyed and had fun taking a number of elective classes, as well as participating in the nightly worships.

Our congregation gives awards to students at a local school. One (*a citizenship award*) is a memorial award that we give in honour and memory of one of our beloved youth. This year it was awarded to one of our members, Landon Olson, which made it more special for all of us. Our other awards are Peace Awards and one of our Sunday school/youth group kids won the award for her grade (Nikki Jo Cioanca).

The majority of services have been planned by Pastor Darleene, who also preached at them. We have been blessed with other speakers, as well (Doug and Becky Middleton, the team who have been to Honduras, and Pastor Leila). Pam Mogg organized and led Advent Openings. Though our past year was not a regular one for our 113-year-old congregation, we were grateful to be the only congregation in Canada West Mission Center to be open for much of the time since the last CWM conference.

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**Photo:**

**On Father's Day, the congregation was asked to bring a photo of their father or a father figure in their life, from which a display of fathers was made**



# Saskatoon Congregation Report 2021

Greetings from Saskatoon!

The Saskatoon Congregation has not gathered in person much since early in the pandemic but this has not stopped us from being a part of things! Here are a few examples:

Some of the congregation participated in the online CWM Adult Lessons which ran January through May.

A handful of our congregation participated in the online Virtual Visiting Fellowship Meetings .

There were a few from our congregation able to attend Brenda Senga's ordination to High Priest/Evangelist on February 6 in person (physically distanced and masked, limited by public health measures), and others attended the service online.

Many in our congregation have been attending and participating in online worship with Beyond the Walls and other providers. Jeanny Jakobsen has been singing with the Beyond the Walls choir (along with her mom, Marilyn Smith and aunt, Isabelle Williams – both from Alberta).

A number of Saskatoon women participated in the online Women's Retreat "Faith in a Cup Which Overflows" on March 20 and 21.

Members of our congregation participated in the online All Voices Canada Conference on May 4, and in the online Spiritual Retreat "The Grace of the Dark Night of the Soul" on June 12.

Amy Bueckert continues to send birthday and anniversary cards out on behalf of the congregation to those who are celebrating, and we have found new ways to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and special occasions. We had some random acts of kindness happen in the form of outdoor birthday serenades and care packages. Also, a small gathering was held to celebrate Charles and Sylvia Lester's 66th Wedding Anniversary on October 8, 2020 (physically distanced and masked, limited by public health measures).

The congregation would like to thank Brenda Senga for her dedication to seeing that the church building was cared for while we were unable to meet in person (in the brutal Saskatchewan winter, you need to check on things frequently!)

We are having an outdoor evening worship on August 8th, and we are so looking forward to that!

Blessings to all as we continue to navigate our way through the pandemic.

**Corleen McLean**

# Senlac Congregation Report 2021

Senlac Congregation resumed in house services on June 6, 2021.

We have had attendance anywhere from 2-12 people and were pleased to have two guests from out of the area join us one Sunday as they were camped at the nearby regional park.

We have been wearing masks indoors, seating socially distanced in family groups and have hand sanitizer available. Even though these recommendations are a little awkward we could sing, share and simply be together. Very fulfilling!

As of July 11, all restrictions in Saskatchewan were lifted and masking and social distancing are no longer required. Individuals have proceeded how ever they are comfortable. It truly is uplifting to worship together in God's house.

So far this year we have officiated at 3 funerals and one wedding.

We had an impromptu outdoor picnic earlier in July when families were visiting. Wonderful visit.

We have been privileged to have Ryan Levitt as a guest speaker and Susan and Ryan lead us in the message a couple of times as they have been visiting in the area.

We feel blessed to serve in the community and return to "normal" activities-whatever "normal" is as life keeps us changing!

However, God leads, we will do our best to follow His direction for us in the Senlac Community.

Our love to all of you and wish you well as we transition to new and exciting times in our communities of Christ.

**Becky Middleton**

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**Photo:**  
Senlac congregation

# Vancouver Congregation Report 2021

The Vancouver congregation has been completely online in the past year and has learned its life extends far beyond the Lower Mainland. We have been blessed to consistently worship with friends from up north, back east, down in the States and are blessed with the richness of voices this brings. We have continued spiritual development through our Listening for the Soul gatherings including a six-week book study over Lent. We will return to the church building to worship in September after setting up a framework for a healthy hybrid model which will continue to welcome those who are afar or unable to come in person.

We have not had renters or rental income until last month and we have continued the maintenance of the building including a sizable renovation to keep water out of the walls of the church. Many thanks go to our facility manager, Vic Suddaby, who has coordinated many volunteers from our congregation and our user groups to repair drywall, paint, sand, and clean.

Our congregation hosted the “Taste of Samish” Reunion in late July, utilizing the skills we’ve learned in online worship and creating an atmosphere of joy, connection, and growth. Many of our members were involved in offering events for youth, teens, contemplatives, and everyone.

We made a congregational donation to Samish Island Campground this summer and are beautifying our church grounds with pollinator gardens. This will support pollinators in our neighbourhood and spread awareness of our Enduring Principle: Sacredness of Creation, thanks to initiative from one of our new members. We are pursuing our mission and ideals while using wisdom in responding to the ongoing Covid concern.

May the love of God reach you exactly where you are!

**Kat Goheen and Chris Phelps**

Pastors



**Photo:**  
Vancouver  
Easter Church Choir 2021



# Victoria Congregation Report 2020-2021

The Pandemic has continued to have an impact on our activities. Our experiments and ventures with holding Zoom meetings over the summer of 2020 met with a degree of success. We have continued to meet via Zoom twice a month since establishing these Zoom meetings. Through this avenue we have been able to maintain regular contact and interaction with and between most members of the Victoria Congregation. At this time, most of the congregation wishes to proceed with extreme caution with respect to gathering in person.

At Christmas, Daniel (our very talented musician) created a special video of Christmas music and shared the you-tube video link with members of the congregation. He also produced videos for other special occasions (including Mother's Day and Canada Day) through out 2021. These have been appreciated by those in the congregation – and by some outside the congregation – who have viewed them. Thank You Daniel!

Though we have not been able to gather in person to mark or celebrate significant events, some have been mentioned and noted during our Zoom session. Sadly Donna Garside passed away at the end of April. Though Donna had not been active for many years, she had deep and lasting connections with many from the congregation and will be missed.

Through out the spring and summer we have been able to celebrate a number of happy achievements. Sydney and Frankie (Dana Donahue's daughters) both achieved their black belt in Tae kwon do. We also marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jim and Elaine Watson (in July), the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Carl and Shirley Bolger and the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Pat and Joe Bouley (in August). My apologies to those whose events have been omitted!

Since virtually all members are fully vaccinated and our local case counts are very low, we have begun planning and taking care of necessary tasks to ready the church for the restart of in person gatherings this fall. Naturally, the nature of the services and activities will be determined by continuing to follow the advice of our Provincial Health Officer.

Our first informal in-person gathering was a picnic for those interested in facilitating creating connections groups – held in mid August. We thank Debra Donohue for organizing and facilitating this event!

Within our plans for the re-start we are working at increasing our on-site technical resources so we will be able to host Zoom sessions from the church. This is so those who are not yet comfortable with meeting in person (or those who cannot join with us on a given week) will be able to be a part of the congregation via Zoom.

We are optimistic the next twelve months will allow us to return to activities which will more closely approximate what we were able to do prior to the onset of the Covid pandemic.

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# 2022 Events Calendar

Date(s)	Event	Location
February 5	Mission Centre E-Conference	Online
February 18-21	Winter Youth Retreat	TBD
March 4-6	Nurturing Spirit Retreat	Samish Island
March 18-20	Women's Retreat (Prairies)	Drumheller
April 23-25	Nurturing Justice Retreat	Samish Island
TBD	Samish Island Campground Work Week	Samish Island
May 13-15	Camp Opening Weekend #1	Hills of Peace
May 27-29	Camp Opening Weekend #2	Hills of Peace
June 3-5	Nurturing Friends & Family Weekend	Samish Island
June 3-5	Spiritual Retreat	Hills of Peace
June 9-11	Online World Conference	Online
July 9-14	HOP Family Camp	Hills of Peace
July 23-30	Spectacular	Graceland University
July 24-30	Camp Atsaken (12-14 years)	Samish Island
July 30-August 6	Samish Family Reunion	Samish Island
August 2-6	Junior Camp	Hills of Peace
August 7-12	Junior High / Senior High Camps	Hills of Peace
August 7-12	Camp Kimtah (15-18 years)	Samish Island
August 14-18	Camp Mungai (8-11 years)	Samish Island
August 20-25	Adult Reunion	Samish Island
September 2-4	Canada West Mission Conference	TBA
September 16-18	Men's Retreat	Hills of Peace
Postponed to 2023	Women's Retreat (BC)	Chilliwack
October 21-23	Nurturing Silence Retreat	Samish Island

**CWM events are planned in anticipation of in-person programming. All events are subject to change dependent upon government protocols and changes related to COVID-19.**

**For current information about CWM programming, please refer to the [CWM events calendar](#). Programming information for youth camps and non-CWM events at Samish Island can be found at the [GPNW camping website](#).**

Join us for e-Conference on *February 5, 2022*  
and  
for Mission Conference on *September 2-4, 2022*



**“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.”**

**Psalm 98:4**