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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday Morning

10:00 am - Gathering/Social Time, ZOOM Housekeeping
10:15 am - Pre-Conference Housekeeping
10:30 am - 1st Global Village Session (break-out rooms)
11:00 am - 2nd Global Village Session (break-out rooms)
11:30 am - 3rd Global Village Session (break-out rooms)

Saturday Afternoon

12:00 pm - Social Visiting/Lunch Break
12:30 pm - Pre-Conference Break Time
12:45 pm - Return From Break
12:50 pm - Conference Proceedings
- President's Welcome
- Meditation Moment
- Sacrament of Ordination
- Polling Review/Tech Check
- Business Meeting Begins

Saturday Evening

7:00 pm - All-Ages Family Campfire

Sunday Afternoon

12:00 pm - Beyond The Walls Conference Worship Service with John Glaser

October 16, 2021

Mission Centre President Report

As Mission Centre President, I want to share my voice and vision of the future of Community of Christ in Canada East.

D&C 162/3 selections

"Again you are reminded that this community was divinely called into being. The spirit of the Restoration is not locked in one moment in time, but is instead the call to every generation... to let the Spirit breathe.... Do not yearn for times that are past... build a foundation for what is yet to be. As a prophetic people you are called to discern the Divine will for your own time and in the places where you serve. You live in a world with new challenges that will require new forms of ministry.... It is not the form but the divine presence which gives life. Be respectful of tradition and sensitive to one another, but do not be unduly bound by interpretations and procedures that no longer fit the needs of a worldwide church.... From the earliest days you have been given a sacred principle that declares the inestimable worth of all persons... you hold precious lives in your hands... in their welfare resides your welfare.... It is for divine purpose that you have been given the struggles as well as the joys of diversity.... The richness of cultures, the poetry of language and the breadth of human experience permit the gospel to be seen with new eyes and grasped with freshness of spirit.... You are called to create pathways to be relationally and culturally incarnate.... Do not be defined by the things that separate you but by the things that unite you.... May we journey into the future trusting one another, confident that the One who called the church into being continues to guide it forward toward fulfillment of divine purposes."

Community of Christ is NOT on its own the future of spirituality. We are a partner/companion with others to discern and participate in a preferred future.

Our 43 CEM congregations (3rd largest MC in NA) almost all face dwindling numbers, aging demographics and financial constraints. We have community relevance challenges in the locale of our actual buildings vs. the communities where we commute from. We are vulnerable in our traditional forms.

In the midst of our institutional church vulnerability as we currently exist—in form, in place and traditions—there is ongoing metamorphosis that promises hope for our future. Metamorphosis though, as we see from the dramatic caterpillar to butterfly transformation, is not just tweaking, fine-tuning, or adjusting what is, into that which we will become. The change is into a new, almost unrecognizable organism—from slithering body to winged angel.

The ingredients are all around us for transition. Perhaps our greatest challenge of all is discernment, but through unfamiliar lenses. We are pre-conditioned from our cultural roots and heritage traditions to loyalty towards our existing institutional religious worldview. Discernment is about us becoming vulnerable—akin to our camp song; “Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.” By this open, willing stance, we can expect to be awakened and our eyes opened to that which we never expected, never envisioned before. The world around is rich in the lives of Others to nurture our transition once we become aware they are there like God given manna from heaven. We need to allow the Spirit to breathe.

We have been counselled by prophetic words to honour the worth of all others, to affirm diversity in all its forms, to discover our own welfare as a people/church in the welfare and well-being of the other. We are called to follow Jesus the Peaceful One; to live out the compassionate mission and message of unconditional love which he proclaimed. Yet, with revered tribal identity we subtly protect our distinctives as ultimate truths and diminish those of other faiths and spiritual expressions.

Peacemakers are bridge builders between the differences that distinguish us one from another. As we guard our faith, the message that is communicated and felt by others is that their personal and community worth, their cultural birthright, their faith and spiritual identity, are unequal and less valued. Jesus the Peaceful One came to foster unity across our diversity; to nurture unconditional love with an outcome of peaceful co-existence that embodies the blessings of sacred community for all.

In this light of discerning our spiritual and community interconnectedness with all Others and encouraging metamorphosis with all, our CEM 3/3rds Strategy ventures into the following spaces in our neighbourhoods to reach across the walls that separate us and cooperatively form sacred community.

ONE – Affirm our CofC congregations with pastoral caring, with spiritual formation, with awareness of our common faith and mission with others, and then to shape community along with our neighbours.

TWO – Creating Connection with our neighbours by inviting all to safe, familiar spaces for kindred relations and meaningful conversation. We each enter into the life story of the other and discover there is collective hope for our mutual transformed future. Creating Connection is an entry point into diversity where we journey with new companions, perhaps into existing congregational settings, or into missional endeavours for the common good of all, or into New Expressions that reflect diversity that is too new to fit within a traditional Community of Christ congregation.

THREE – New Expressions of diverse, relevant, spirituality and practices emerge from without our own faith community amidst Others who themselves spring from different traditions. We

all link by a common desire to join together to blend our unique and sacred identities, sacraments, and gifts in community. Thereby we create welcoming New Expression communities that carry within them traits of Community of Christ identity along with the equally valued offerings of other authentic diverse faith and spiritual realities.

So, here we are discerning; affirming our own journey along with that of others. Our welfare is found in communion with diverse others. Our vulnerability will be strengthened in mutual kinship—that will bless our local communities, provide financial stability, and attract the large numbers of seekers, church refugees and Interfaith peacemakers into our collective movement.

My voice and vision upholds the legacy of Community of Christ congregations—albeit we are now most likely representative of the caterpillar stage of our human spiritual journey. The fragile state of our congregations comes with a “best before” date for each congregation when their window of opportunity to have the capacity of people, finances, time, and energy to change the tide will have passed and choices for their future disappear. We have not retained our own past 2/3 generations who find our most relevant connection point is the experience of camps and reunions.

The new model of Creating Connection reaches new people whose hearts are singing, “Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.”—those who are seekers, church refugees and inter-faith peacemakers looking for a diverse community to intermingle their own meaning and expressions of faith with a welcoming movement of joy, hope, love and peace. It is through their eyes and mutual fellowship that inviting relevance emerges in our midst and our “best before” dates become open-ended as new participants, new generosity and new age groups find belonging and voice in our transformed Community of Christ movement.

For me, our CEM future must include pastoral affirmations, camping programs, diversity bridges, intentional connections across our neighbourhoods, reframing of traditional forms, mutuality with other faith expressions and compassionate mission.

“May we journey into the future trusting one another, confident that the One who called the church into being continues to guide it forward toward fulfillment of divine purposes.”

With meaning,

Kerry Richards

I acknowledge that I live on land which is the traditional & treaty territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, including the Mississauga. The land is covered by the Ajetance Purchase (1818).

PROVISIONS FOR PROVIDING ONLINE CONFERENCES

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many adjustments to the functions of Community of Christ entities (i.e. congregations, mission centers, etc.). One of those functions is conducting conferences/business meetings when members are not able to attend public gatherings.

Background

Many organizations have utilized electronic meeting formats to conduct their business. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (11th edition), the Community of Christ parliamentary authority, states that, “Except as authorized in the bylaws, the business of an organization or board can be validly transacted only at a regular or properly called meeting—that is defined as a single official gathering in one room or area (pages 81-82)—of the assembly of its members at which a quorum is present.” (On page 97.) Community of Christ bylaws do not contain such a provision. However, they do allow for certain administrators to “recommend procedure” for conducting business and “do such other things as will best protect the interests of the church.” (Articles V and VI). In the spirit of these provisions of the bylaws, the First Presidency is authorizing mission centers and congregations to utilize electronic meetings to conduct business.

There are some general principles that need consideration when holding an electronic meeting. These include:

- Providing “simultaneous aural communication” for each participant.
- To the fullest extent possible, all provisions of electronic meetings should provide equal participation and fairness for each participant.
- Ensure that the electronic platform used provides sufficient connections so that all who want to participate can do so. The platform needs to allow for connections from a variety of devices (i.e. computers, phones—smart or landline, and tablets.)

It is important that careful consideration be given to the specific needs and contexts of the mission center or congregation. Guidelines developed for electronic meetings at a mission center or congregation need to be reviewed and approved by the next-higher administrative officer.

Mission center officers should consider holding **special conferences** as defined by Community of Christ Bylaws and described in the *Church Administrator's Handbook*. Using the option of special conferences allows for shorter online meetings that address specific essential business items. Other items of business shall be deemed out of order and deferred until the mission center can meet in person.

Conference Preparation

- Providing discussion forums for questions and perspectives prior to the conference can make for a much more efficient meeting. Pre-conference sessions contribute to the church’s efforts to build consensus and promote common consent.

- Mission center presidents should send notice to all congregations with the date and time of the conference.

It is highly recommended that an online conference be used to manage essential business and that other items of business be deferred until the mission center can meet in person. Essential business items include:

- a. Sustaining and electing essential officers (normally president and financial officer and their counselors)
- b. Approving mission center budgets
- c. Approving priesthood calls for seventy, high priest, bishop, evangelist

Legislative Guidelines for Mission Center Conferences

1. Zoom is the recommended platform for annual business meetings. Information for connecting should be provided to all members attending the conference. Anyone having difficulty connecting may connect with the conference technical support to seek assistance.
2. The person responsible for registration shall determine who is a voting member of the conference, admit those members into the meeting service, and report a list of voting members to establish the presence of a quorum.
3. Members shall identify themselves as required to connect to the meeting and maintain meeting access throughout the meeting whenever present. Members shall sign out if leaving the meeting before adjournment.
4. Each member is responsible for their meeting connection. No action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
5. The host shall mute all participants to avoid echo and other potential difficulties. When a person needs to speak, they will unmute themselves. (If a participant is on a phone that does not have the mute feature, they can press *6 to unmute and mute themselves.)
6. The chair may disconnect or mute a member's connection if it is causing interference with the meeting. The chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.
7. A time limit for speaking for or against a resolution should be established for the conference. This is especially important if the allotted time for the conference is reduced. When appropriate, the chair should follow the rule of alternates.
8. When attempting to obtain the floor to state a point of order, requesting to speak out of order, or other needs such as objecting, a participant shall unmute themselves and state their name and the reason for seeking the floor (i.e. "Bill Jones, point of order," "Susan Smith, point of personal privilege").

9. To seek recognition by the chair, a member shall _____ (options might be to unmute and speak out, raise hand on screen, use reaction icons on Zoom). If a participant wishes to second a motion, they may unmute themselves and simply state “second.”
10. Amendments and main motions proposed during the meeting shall be typed and sent to the secretary and chair whenever possible. The screen sharing function on Zoom can be used. When an amendment is moved it should be audibly restated by the Chair.
11. To streamline a voting process, the chair can use a practice of unanimous consent by first asking if anyone objects to the approval of a motion. If there are no objections, the motion shall be adopted. Otherwise, each person connected through a device shall express their vote.
12. The voting and polling features in Poll Everywhere count only one vote per connected device, therefore each voting member requires their own unique device to cast a vote.
13. If a participant leaves the meeting, it shall be assumed that they chose to do so, and the meeting shall continue. The meeting does not stop simply because the person left.
14. Because of the possibility that the chair might lose their electronic connection, it is important to designate a designee to serve as the chair pro tem. This person shall assume the chair and the meeting shall continue. Similarly, someone should be made a co-host in case the host, whether that is the chair or someone else, loses their connection.

Reporting/Recording Conferences

Making a record of the conference is essential to ensure that all decisions made by the conference are carried out appropriately.

1. A conference secretary should record the minutes of the conference. As with all minutes, only action taken by the conference is recorded. Actual comments and speeches of the debate are not recorded in the official minutes.
2. Using Zoom makes it possible to record video and audio. It is recommended that the conference use this procedure and keep the digital recording with the official minutes.

Bylaws For The Canada East Mission (CEM) Conference

Derived from the 2002 Bylaws of the Community of Christ [referenced as (Article.Section)] and previous Conference actions.

Article 1. The Function of the CEM Conference is to:

- A. Sustain the President, Financial Officer, Executive Staff, other Officers, and Appointees assigned to the Mission; (I.4; VI.3; VI.5)
- B. Consider legislation of concern to the area as a whole and which is in harmony with, and subject to, World Conference action and subject to the advice of the World Conference officers concerned; (VI.5)
- C. Sustain a Mission Centre council established according to World Church guidelines; (VI.4)
- D. Approve the budget; (VI.5)
- E. Elect delegates to the World Conference; (IV.1)
- F. Consider recommendations for submission to the World Conference; (VI.5)
- G. Hear reports from Mission and World Church officers, committees, commissions, and boards, or like bodies, on matters pertaining to the Mission's programme, and consider any recommendations;
- H. Authorize and provide for by-laws and officers of corporations, associations, foundations, etc., which may be formed from time to time to support the Mission's programme.

Article 2. Conference Organization

- A. The CEM President presides, except that another member of the Mission staff may be chosen to preside, at the request or absence of the President; (VI.8)
- B. The Conference shall be structured on a delegate basis, with additional ex-officio members; (VI.5)
- C. Conferences should be held annually, and special conferences may be called more often; (IV.1; IV.4; VI.5)
- D. Legislation for consideration by the annual conference is to be forwarded to the Mission office and is to be post-marked no later than 21 days before such conference.
- E. A list of delegates and alternates from each congregation is to be supplied to the Mission office at least two weeks before the annual conference.
- F. A list of delegates unable to attend must be given to the Conference Credentials Committee not less than one hour prior to the opening of the first business session.

Article 3. Conference Membership

- A. The conference shall have Delegates from the following:
 1. congregations, from each's membership list;
 2. non-resident membership; and
 3. the category list called General.
- B. Delegates shall be selected on the ratio of one for each fifteen members, except that fractions shall be rounded up to the next integral Delegate number.
- C. A quorum for the conference is twenty-five of the Delegates.
- D. A number of Alternates may be selected equal to the relevant number of Delegates.
- E. The following individuals from the CEM have ex-officio status at conference: All High priests, All Seventies, Mission Commission and Committee Chairpersons, the Conference Secretary, the Conference Parliamentarian, Congregation Pastors, Mission Executives, and assigned Appointees.
- F. Members of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric shall have voice and vote when present.
- G. The term of office for Delegates and Alternates is about one year, from the start of the annual meeting for which they were selected until the start of the next annual conference, or until their replacements are selected within that interval.

Article 4. Parliamentary Rules of Order

- A. The parliamentary authority for the conference will be the current edition of *ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED*, where the rules are not in conflict with the church's Bylaws or any special or standing rules of order adopted by the conference from time to time. (VIII)
- B. Votes are calculated on those Conference members present, qualified to vote, and voting.

Article 5: Amendments

Amendments may be made herein at any annual conference by a simple majority vote, provided that the full text of such proposed amendment has been published in the notice of call of the conference; failing which, such amendment shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

Guide to Good Dialogue

- Suspend the urge to decide "right now"
- Listen carefully for points of agreement
- Speak respectfully, using care in your language
- Speak for yourself. Offer your perspective concisely
- Respect confidentiality
- "More" perspectives are better than "few"
- Expect a better outcome than if you had not had the dialogue; trust the process
- Turn cell phones and pagers off or put them on silent

Parliament Quick Reference

- 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 toto, 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 the previous question.
- 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.

Business Meeting Agenda 1:00 – 3:30

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Guided Meditation
4. Ordination of Johan Koeslag to Evangelist
5. Technology Check (for registered ex-officios and delegates)
6. Call Assembly to Order
7. Gratitude, Remembrances, Overview, Reports, Recognition, 2022 Conference
8. Apostle Art Smith – World Church Greetings, All Voices
9. President of Seventy John Glaser – Greetings, Recognition
10. High Priest David Lloyd - Presentation
11. Hymn Video “Everyday God”
12. Invocation
13. Mission President’s Remarks “Encircled in Joyful Celebration”
14. Conference Organization
 - a. Special Conference Procedures and Parliamentary Guide
 - b. Motion to approve Credentials Committee Report
 - c. One motion to approve the following slate of Officers
 - i. Arland Wicksey be Secretary for the Conference
 - ii. DARRELL KENNEDY be Parliamentarian for the Conference
 - iii. HEATHER HUFFMAN be sustained as Mission Recorder
 - iv. JOHN HAMER be sustained as Mission Historian
15. Motion to approve the 2020 CEM Conference Minutes
16. Motion to sustain the Mission Centre President KERRY RICHARDS
17. Motion to sustain the Mission Centre Financial Officer DAR SHEPHERDSON
18. Motion to sustain
 - i. Counsellors to the Mission President & Mission Financial Officer
 1. High Priest BRYCE TAYLOR
 - ii. Counselor to the Mission Financial Officer be sustained
 1. Bishop DAVID SNELL
19. Motions to approve a Priesthood Call
20. Motions to approve Canada East Mission 2020 Financial Audit, appointment of Auditors for 2021 and the 2022 budget
21. Disciples Generous Response
22. CCS # 170 "In the Crossroads of the Moment"
23. Benediction
24. Declare Special Conference Adjourned

Resolutions for the 2021 CEM Special Conference

1. *Resolved*, That the CREDENTIALS REPORT be approved - see *Pages 14-18*
Submitted by Credentials Committee

2. *Motion to approve the slate of MC / Conference officers as follows*
Resolved, ARLAND WICKSEY be Secretary for the Conference.
Resolved, That DARREL KENNEDY be Parliamentarian of the Conference
Resolved, That HEATHER HUFFMAN be sustained as Mission Recorder
Resolved, That JOHN HAMER be sustained as Mission Historian.
Submitted by Mission President

3. *Resolved*, That the minutes of the October 24, 2020 CEM Conference be approved
- see *Pages 19-24*
Submitted by Mission President

4. *Resolved*, That the Mission President, KERRY RICHARDS be sustained in his respective Appointment - see *Page 25*
Submitted by First Presidency

5. *Resolved*, That the Mission Financial Officer, DAR SHEPHERDSON be sustained in his respective appointment - see *Page 26*
Submitted by First Presidency

6. *Motion to approve Counsellors of Mission Centre officers*
Resolved, That the following be sustained as counselor to the Mission President:
 High Priest BRYCE TAYLOR

 That the following be sustained as counselor to the Mission Financial Officer:
 High Priest/Bishop DAVID SNELL
Submitted by Mission President

7. *Resolved*, That in response to the direction of the Holy Spirit and with the approval of appropriate administrative officers, the following priesthood calls be approved:
 - a. JOHN NICHOLS, Stratford Congregation, be ordained to the office of Evangelist

8. *Resolved*, That the AUDITOR'S REPORT on the Canada East Mission operating account and various funds for 2020 be approved – *Pages 31-41*
Submitted by Mission Financial Officer

9. *Resolved*, That RLB, LLP, be appointed as auditors for 2022.
Submitted by Mission Financial Officer

10. *Resolved*, That the MISSION BUDGET for 2021 be approved - see *Pages 42-43*
Submitted by Mission Financial Officer

CEM Special Conference Delegate 2021 Credentials Report

Using MIS (Ministerial Information System) April 23, 2021, the number of CEM delegates were calculated according to the total congregational membership.

Congregation	Total Members	# of Delegates	Delegate Name
Amherstburg	83	6	-
Awakening Spirituality	12	1	Susan Scott
Barrie	109	8	Catherine Manson Janet Poirier
Bellville/Kingston	73	5	-
Blenheim	41	3	-
Brydges St.	83	6	Pat Pallister Hank Bates Susan Trimble Len Fluhrer Rick Badger
Cambridge	37	3	Verlyn Rowett Bill Ashwell Jr Chris Ritchie
Chatham	150	10	Doug Lethbridge
Corinth	75	5	Kim Sheppard
Grand Valley	86	6	Deb Whitworth Jan Koeslag Bill Arnold Diane Franks
Guelph	83	6	Pat Lewis Jennifer Rowe John Rowe
Hamilton	88	6	-
Kanata	28	2	Jamie Kelley Duane Kelly
Kitchener	129	9	Lorna Webster Linda Snell

Congregation	Total Members	# of Delegates	Delegate Name
LaSalle Road	118	9	Lorrie Mootrey Barry White Patricia White Rebecca Pearson Fran Burdett Barb Burdett
Living Water	63	5	-
Lowbanks	43	3	Bob Graham Pat Jacobi
Monetville	76	6	Gary Whitworth
Montreal	71	5	-
New Liskeard	69	5	Clair Shepherdson Frances Shepherdson Kent Fielder
Niagara Falls	44	3	Wendy Robson
North Bay	36	3	Karen Hewitt Joel McCooeye Mary Mitchell
Ottawa	77	6	Barb Kernohan Neil Hagerman Lew Shepherdson Wanda White Jean McClarchertey Joy Green
Owen Sound	60	4	Kathy Atkinson
Port Elgin	57	4	Lorne Currie Colleen Mercer Jan Storms
Proton	74	5	Ron Dow Wayne McLean
Providence Bay	44	3	-
Reaching Out	155	11	Shannon Dailey

Congregation	Total Members	# of Delegates	Delegate Name
Sarnia	76	6	Terry MacGregor Elsie Burley
Sault Ste. Marie	60	4	Sandra Houston Ed Robb Mary Welton
Scarborough	110	8	Scott Baker Cathy Baker Peter Williams
Sharing Love in Mission	19	2	Anthony Smith
St. Thomas	98	7	Don Milard Glenda Millard
Stratford	192	13	Carol Smith Robert Smith
The Gathering Place+	155	11	-
Thunder Bay	19	2	-
Toronto	69	5	Roger Dodson Melanie Leitch Evan Sharley Vickie Thatcher Leandro Palacios
Wabash	214	15	Jacomina Malott Jenn Pedersen Doug Tinline Lori Tinline David Maynard Darryl Hannigan
Wiarton	40	3	-
Willow	105	7	Elainie- Kerr Morgan John Morgan

Congregation	Total Members	# of Delegates	Delegate Name
Windsor	136	10	Susan Abbey Jon Abbey Sarah Glassford Daryl McDonald
Woodfield	110	8	Carol Rowbottom Scott Scherer Steve Northey Tom Wright
CEM Non-Residents	193	13	-
CEM General	1685	113	Tara Nichols
Total:	5345	375	

CEM Mission Ex-Officio Delegates

(2004 By-Law Article 3E) 10/19/21

Arthur Smith	Field Apostle		Dwight Fryer	Monetville	P/HP
Kerry Richards	Mission President	HP	Heather Fryer	Monetville	HP/EV
Dar Shepherdson	MCFO / Bishop of Canada	HP/B	Albert Cineus	Montreal	P/S
Arland Wicksey	Conference Secretary		Kent Fielder	New Liskeard	P
Darrel Kennedy	Parliamentarian	Elder	Clair Shepherdson	New Liskeard	HP/EV
			Rex Smith	Niagara Falls	P
Robert Wismer	Amherstburg	P/HP	Shirley Stoner	Niagara Falls	HP
Donald Jones	Amherstburg	HP	Linda Hewitt	North Bay	P
Darwin Wismer	Amherstburg	HP/EV	Donald Arrowsmith	North Bay	HP/EV
Tina Heathers	Awakening Spirituality	P	Doug Bolger	North Bay	HP
Mary Jean Belrose	Awakening Spirituality	S	Barb Kernohan	Ottawa	S
Melissa Roach	Barrie	P	Darrel Kennedy	Ottawa	P
James Poirier	Barrie	HP/B	Pam Mooney	Ottawa	HP
Troy Roach	Barrie	S	Lew Shepherdson	Ottawa	HP/B
Jack McCurdy	Belleville/Kingston	P	Marten Ternan	Ottawa	HP/EV
Roy Young	Belleville/Kingston	HP	Martha Tettenborn	Owen Sound	P
Wende Badde	Blenheim	P	Kevin Mercer	Port Elgin	P
Jeff Shannon	Brydges St.	P	Darrell Belrose	Port Elgin	HP/EV
Paul Fitzgeorge	Brydges St.	HP	Larry Buchanan	Port Elgin	S
Ron Grigsby	Cambridge	P	Wayne McLean	Proton	P
Howard Clifford	Canada East General	HP	Dawn Dawson	Providence Bay	P
David Rock	Canada East General	HP/EV	Vivian Beeching	Reaching Out	P/HP/B
Ken Barrows	Canada East Non-Res	HP	Kenneth Avery	Reaching Out	HP/EV
Audrey Cosway	Canada East Non-Res.	HP	Rod McLean	Reaching Out	HP/EV
Robert Hodgson	Canada East Non-Res.	HP/B	Pat MacGregor	Sarnia	P
Tim Stanlick	Canada East Non-Res.	HP	Bill Reid	Sarnia	HP/EV
Dorothy Lethbridge	Chatham	P	David Wood	Sarnia	HP
John Scherer	Chatham	HP	Kerry Richards	Sault Ste Marie	P/HP
Cheryl Brooks	Corinth	P	Linda Armstrong	Scarborough	P/HP/B
Delbert Franks	Grand Valley	P	Donald Millard	St. Thomas	P
Grant Bennington	Grand Valley	HP	Don Robb	Sharing Love in Mission	P/HP/B
Roy Hillis	Grand Valley	HP/EV	Mary Robb	Sharing Love in Mission	HP/EV
Johan Koeslag	Grand Valley	HP/EV	Nancy Brookshaw	Stratford	P
Ann Mitchell	Grand Valley	HP	Carole Heathers	Stratford	HP/EV
John Rowe	Guelph	P	Bill Leney	Stratford	HP/EV
Frank Silverthorn	Guelph	HP/B	John Nichols	Stratford	HP
Marion Smith	Guelph	HP	Meredes Zelaya de Pena	The Gathering Place+	P
Carlton Bartlett	Hamilton	P	Dolores McCormack	The Gathering Place+	HP/EV
Dianne Galbraith	Kanata	P	Bryce Taylor	The Gathering Place+	HP
Larry Galbraith	Kanata	HP/EV	Alfredo Zelaya-Martinez	The Gathering Place+	S
Jeremy Smith	Kitchener	P	Cecil Smith	Thunder Bay	P
John Black	Kitchener	HP/EV	John Hamer	Toronto	P
Ruth Black	Kitchener	HP/EV	Roger Dodson	Toronto	HP
James Brown	Kitchener	HP	Jacolina Malott	Wabash	P
Doug Robinson	Kitchener	S	Dorothy Burdette	Wiarton	P
David Snell	Kitchener	HP/B	Alma Leeder	Wiarton	HP/EV
Carman Thompson	Kitchener	HP/EV	Larry Porter	Wiarton	HP
Joan Thompson	Kitchener	HP	Linda Porter	Wiarton	HP/EV
Vonda Den Boer	LaSalle	P	John Morgan	Willow	P/S
Wayne Freer	LaSalle	HP	Elaine Kerr-Morgan	Willow	HP/EV
Carol Manley	LaSalle	HP/EV	Twyla Glassford	Windsor	P/HP
Beverley Moor	Living Water	HP/EV	Carson Imeson	Windsor	HP/EV
Grace Moor	Living Water	HP/EV	Henry Plancke	Windsor	HP
Debi Weaver	Lowbanks	P	Ron Rowbottom	Woodfield	P/HP
Marilyn Graham	Lowbanks	HP	Melissa Freer	Camping Ministry Chair	

P – Pastor

HP – High Priest

S – Seventy

HP/EV- High Priest/Evangelist

HP/B – High Priest/Bishop

Business Meeting
Special Conference of Canada East Mission
October 24, 2020, (1:35 – 5:11 pm)
Minutes

- 1:35 Shone Carson led the participants in a Guided Meditation.
- 1:50 Kerry Richards welcomed the assembly and explained the unusual way that we are experiencing Conference this year.
 Kerry read the Land Acknowledgement, honouring, with gratitude, the Indigenous lands that we occupy during this business meeting.
 Kerry expressed thankfulness for our Secret Guests, for the assistance of our Technology people, and for Shone Carson and her guided meditation.
 It was recognized that it has been 7 months since CEM chose to discontinue physical meetings.
- 1:55 A technology check was done by Troy Roach, for the Ex-Officio, and Delegates.
- 2:10 Kerry Richards brought the Conference up to date on the situation with Art Smith's family, in particular Laura's Mom, Barbara Robinson. Carman Thompson led the Conference in prayer for this situation.
- 2:27 Kerry acknowledged the Pastors, and Financial Officers of the congregations, and those members of the Congregational Leadership Teams.
- 2:29 Kerry honoured all those who have been lost this last year.
 He also acknowledged the many celebrations that have been experienced.
- 2:30 He also recognized CEM office staff, Missional Projects Staff, Disciples serving everywhere, (Priesthood engaged in their ministerial calls, Campground Boards, and Affiliate Partners.)
- 2:31 Kerry then brought attention to "What's Up" in CEM, and encouraged the reading of the reports from each committee, including the videos attached.
 Kerry celebrated the evolution of new Congregations in 2019-2020.
 Sharing Love In Mission (SLIM) in Chatham
 Gathering Place
 Reaching Out
 Awakening Spirituality
 Kerry is overjoyed to see the start of each of these "New Expressions".
- 2:35 The participants then joined in the singing of CCS #350, We are a Family of Faith
 The Invocation was brought by John Glaser, President of Seventy

1. Announcements and Call assembly to order

2:39 Kerry officially called the Assembly to order, (a quorum being present.)

Kerry introduced those taking part in the proceedings today.

Pat Lewis, Conference Secretary

Darrel Kennedy, Conference Parliamentarian

John Glaser, President of Seventy, Guest Ministry

Kerry specially acknowledged Apostle Art Smith, who is a very supportive part of the Canada East Mission Centre.

a. World Church Greetings to Conference

2:41 John Glaser brought greetings to the Conference from the First Presidency, and the other Presidents of Seventy.

b. CEM President's Remarks

2:44 Kerry Richards spoke of the Conference Theme, "Disciples and Seekers Blessing Sacred Community", the focus of inclusivity, new expressions, with a spectrum of faith diversity. Two videos were viewed.

Theme Video: Disciples and Seekers

Video: from Awakening Spirituality Congregation

2. Conference Organization

a. Bylaws for the CEM Conference and Parliamentary Guide

2:55 Kerry reviewed the agenda, and brought to attention the denotation of "Special Conference", and the specific Bylaws for the Special Conference.

2:58 Melissa Freer reviewed the Credentials report.

There were 57 Ex-Officio, 97 Delegates, and an unknown number of Guests and Observers.

3:02 Kerry Richards took the chair again.

b. Motion to approve Credentials Committee Report

Resolved, That the CREDENTIALS REPORT be approved.

Moved by Catherine Manson, Barrie

Carried

CEM 20-269

c. Motion to approve Secretary, Parliamentarian, Mission Recorder, and Mission Historian

Resolved, That PAT LEWIS be Secretary for the Conference.

That DARREL KENNEDY be Parliamentarian of the Conference.

That HEATHER HUFFMAN be sustained as Mission Recorder.

That JOHN HAMER be sustained as Mission Historian.

Moved by Lorrie Mootrey, LaSalle Road

Carried

CEM 20-2704. *Approval of CEM Conference Minutes*

a. 2019 CEM Conference Minutes

Resolved, That the minutes of the October 19, 2019 CEM Conference be approved

Moved by John Nichols, Stratford

Carried

CEM 20-271

b. There was no business arising from the minutes

5. *Business**World Church Appointments*

3:15 President of Seventy, John Glaser, assumed the chair.

a. Motion to sustain Mission President

Resolved, That the Mission President, KERRY RICHARDS be sustained in his respective appointment

John Glaser read a letter from President K. Scott Murphy, supporting this appointment.

Moved by Daryl McDonald, Windsor

Carried

CEM 20-272

b. Motion to sustain Mission Financial Officer

Resolved, That the Mission Financial Officer, DAR SHEPHERDSON be sustained in his respective appointment.

John Glaser read a letter from Presidents K Scott Murphy, and Stassi Cramm, supporting this appointment.

Moved by Ron Dow, Proton

Carried

CEM 20-273

Kerry Richards resumed the chair.

Kerry thanked John Glaser.

6. *CEM Appointments*

Upon a request to split the motion by Ron Grigsby, Cambridge, the motion was split into voting on Counsellors to the CEM President and on voting on Counsellor to the Mission Financial Officer.

a. Motion to sustain counselor(s) to the Mission President and the Mission Financial Officer

Resolved, That the following be sustained as counselors to the Mission President:

High Priest Bryce Taylor

Elder Cathy Baker

High Priest Kenneth Barrows

Moved by Scott Baker, Scarborough
Carried

CEM-20-274

Resolved, That the following be sustained as counselor to the Mission Financial Officer:

High Priest/Bishop David Snell.

Moved by Scott Baker, Scarborough
Carried

CEM 20-275

b. Presentation of Calls for Ordinands

1. *Resolved*, That in response to the direction of the Holy Spirit and with the approval of appropriate administrative officers, the following priesthood calls be approved:

a. (Recommended from the 8th Quorum of Seventy) Cathy Baker, Scarborough Congregation, be ordained to the office of Seventy

Moved by Roger Dodson, Toronto

Support of this call was spoken by John Glaser, Kerry Richards, and others.
Cathy responded.

Carried

CEM 20-276

b. Johan Koeslag, Grand Valley Congregation, be ordained to the offices of High Priest,Evangelist

Moved by Daryl McDonald, Windsor

Support of this call was spoken by Kerry Richards, and others.
Johan responded.

Carried

CEM 20-277

c. Ron Rowbottom, London Congregation, be ordained to the office of High Priest

Moved by John Nichols, Stratford

Support of this call was spoken by Kerry Richards, and others.

Ron responded.

Carried

CEM 20-278

7 a. Presentation of CEM Financial Reports

- 4:04 Dar Shepherdson assumed the chair. Dar spoke thank you to the Office staff, and Heather Huffman, in particular.

Resolved, That the AUDITOR'S REPORT on the Canada East Mission operating account and various funds for 2019 be approved

Moved by Dave Snell, Kitchener

Carried

CEM 20-279

Resolved, That RLB (Robinson Lott and Brohman), LLP, be appointed as auditors for 2020

Moved by Lorrie Mootrey, LaSalle Road

(RLB rotate their own auditing staff every 2 years, to give “new eyes” in reviewing the CEM accounts and funds.)

Carried

CEM 20-280

Resolved, That the MISSION BUDGET for 2021 (including assessments) be approved

Moved by David Snell, Kitchener

Gary Whitworth presented the following (incidental motion):

Whereas the Church is a worldwide charitable organization

And whereas the Church’s Enduring principals lead us to our mission

And whereas the principal of Grace and Generosity states “we generously share our witness, resources, ministry and sacraments according to our true capacities.”

And whereas the principal of Sacredness of Creation states “we join with God as stewards of care and hope for all creation”

And whereas the principal of Worth of All Persons states “we join with Jesus Christ in bringing good news to the poor, sick, captive and oppressed.”

And whereas the principal of Responsible Choices states “we are called to make responsible choices within the circumstances of our lives that contribute to the purposes of God.”

And whereas CEM respect our Country, the best country in the world, and respect our Government. the Country is in a pandemic situation and is under severe financial stress. The Church as a charitable organization that does not pay land taxes, that receives most of its HST back and receives matching grants to different items

Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Church should not accept funding from the Canadian Government for employee pay and return all funding received for those purposes

Submitted by Gary Whitworth

Moved by Gary Whitworth, Monetville, seconded by John Morgan, Willow

Bryce Taylor, The Gathering Place+ brought the following motion to the floor.

Resolved, that the motion submitted by Gary Whitworth be referred from this Conference to the Canadian Board of Community of Christ.

Seconded by Ken Barrows, Non-Resident

David Snell, Kitchener, called the question.

Resolved, that the debate on the motion to refer be closed.

Carried

Referral Motion

Carried

Original motion of 2021 Budget

Carried

CEM 20-281

c. Disciples' Generous Response

Dar appreciates those who are continuing to support the Canadian Church \$2100. already collected at registration time to go towards CEM Conference expenses. Dar asked for a blessing on each one taking part today, and our families.

Kerry resumed the chair, and thanked Dar.

Benediction

Darrell Belrose presented the benediction for this Conference meeting.

11. Kerry Richards invited all to attend the closing service tomorrow, and declared Conference Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Lewis, Guelph



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

October 23, 2021

To the Canada East Mission Center

Greetings in the name of Christ. I hope as you share together as part of this mission center conference that you will be blessed as you fellowship, worship, and engage in the business of the conference in the spirit of loving community.

Today, the Presidency is pleased to recommend for your consideration Kerry Richards to serve as your Mission Center President. We are grateful for Kerry's willingness to serve in this essential leadership and ministry position that supports your congregations and your missional call.

We now ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Kerry to serve as the appointed Mission Center President. May you continue to hold Kerry in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

cc: Art Smith, Apostle

KSM/kat



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Today, the Presidency and Presiding Bishopric are pleased to recommend for your consideration Darwood Shepherdson to serve as your Mission Center Financial Officer. We are grateful for Darwood's willingness to serve in this essential position in partnership with the Mission Center President to uphold and support your congregations in generosity and whole-life stewardship, which are important principles in living the mission of Christ.

We now ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Darwood to serve as the appointed Mission Center Financial Officer. May you continue to hold Darwood in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

Stassi D. Cramm

cc: Art Smith, Apostle
Steve Graffeo, Presiding Bishop

KSM/kat

October 16, 2021

Mission Centre Financial Officer Report

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 that when the pandemic was identified in 2020 that 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 in worship, and the loss of momentum for many missional activities that were 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 Leadership with help from many dedicated members 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 ways 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 fulfil 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 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 that is shared with each other whenever you gather together. It is my wish that as the pandemic restrictions are eased and it

becomes safe to travel again that I can 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 Melissa, Heather, and El-Se for their continued support and for their work on your behalf to implement processes that have brought stability and sustainability to the MC, and for Kerry as he has shared with me in guiding our congregations through these trying times.

I look forward to working with your congregational leadership teams 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 Financial Officer
dar@communityofchrist.ca



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June 25, 2021

Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre
355 Elmira Road North, Unit #129
Guelph, Ontario
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Dear Board of Directors of Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre for the year ended December 31, 2020. As part of our work, we reviewed the accounting procedures and systems of internal control in the principal areas of financial activity within the organization. We report to you that, within the scope of our examinations, the systems of internal control are adequate to support the fairness of presentation and that we did not come across any material weaknesses.

However, we do stress that this observation is not the result of a specific examination of the organization's system of internal control and, therefore, must be taken in the context that it is meant, namely review of internal control systems to allow us to voice our opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

During the course of our audit of the organization for the year ended December 31, 2020, we may have identified matters which might have been of interest to management but tended to be minor or more of a housekeeping nature. During the audit, we would have met with Dar Shepherson and communicated these minor items, if applicable. There were no significant items that we felt should be addressed formally and brought to the attention of the board of directors.

This communication is prepared solely for the information of management and is not intended for any other party and, as such, we accept no responsibility to a third party who uses this communication.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the excellent co-operation and assistance we received throughout the course of our work and, in particular, the assistance and co-operation received from Heather Huffman.

If you have any questions or concerns, we will certainly be pleased to discuss these with you further, at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RLB LLP". The "R" is large and stylized, followed by "LB" and "LLP" in a smaller, more standard font.

M. D. P. Short, MBA, CPA, CA, C. Dir, is responsible for the engagement and its performance, and for the report that is issued on behalf of RLB LLP, and who, where required, has the appropriate authority, from a professional, legal or regulatory body.

**COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of: Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and the statements of changes in reserve funds, operations and changes in unrestricted net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre as at December 31, 2020 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Community of Christ - Canada East Mission Centre in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Guelph, Ontario
June 25, 2021

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 91,736	\$ 104,562
Accounts receivable	9,168	21,764
Government wage subsidy receivable	5,252	0
Prepaid expenses	500	500
Government remittances recoverable	<u>3,831</u>	<u>2,890</u>
	<u>110,487</u>	<u>129,716</u>
INVESTMENTS (note 4)	<u>1,839,450</u>	<u>1,504,849</u>
CAPITAL		
Equipment	10,488	10,488
Less: Accumulated amortization	<u>(10,488)</u>	<u>(10,488)</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 1,949,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,634,565</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,271	\$ 1,068
Government remittances payable	<u>0</u>	<u>4,193</u>
	<u>1,271</u>	<u>5,261</u>
DEFERRED REVENUE	<u>1,000</u>	<u>7,273</u>
	<u>2,271</u>	<u>12,534</u>
NET ASSETS		
RESERVE FUNDS		
Internally restricted reserve funds	1,493,082	1,225,625
Externally restricted reserve funds	<u>40,586</u>	<u>42,952</u>
	<u>1,533,668</u>	<u>1,268,577</u>
UNRESTRICTED	<u>413,998</u>	<u>353,454</u>
	<u>1,947,666</u>	<u>1,622,031</u>
	<u>\$ 1,949,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,634,565</u>

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2019	Revenue	Expenses	Transfers	Investment Income	2020
INTERNAL RESTRICTED						
Camping (Reunion) ministry	\$ 78,256	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 78,256
Youth camping/ministries	151,409	0	0	0	10,254	161,663
Leadership development	3,128	610	44	0	0	3,694
Growth and expansion	1,045,487	90,023	51,691	(52,655)	72,151	1,103,315
Encounter World Religions	(52,655)	241,422	95,268	52,655	0	146,154
Revitalization	0	7,368	7,368	0	0	0
	<u>1,225,625</u>	<u>339,423</u>	<u>154,371</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>82,405</u>	<u>1,493,082</u>
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED						
Gary Vanzant memorial fund	42,952	0	4,000	0	1,634	40,586
	<u>\$ 1,268,577</u>	<u>\$ 339,423</u>	<u>\$ 158,371</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 84,039</u>	<u>\$ 1,533,668</u>

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Congregational quotas	\$ 115,536	\$ 114,829
Investment income	30,119	43,283
Government wage subsidy	27,435	0
Shared Service Support	450	0
	<u>173,540</u>	<u>158,112</u>
EXPENSES		
Office salaries and benefits	68,421	29,843
Building operating expenses	32,640	30,720
Professional fees	10,168	10,194
Equipment repairs and maintenance	993	525
Regional activities - net	774	1,772
	<u>112,996</u>	<u>73,054</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES for the year	60,544	85,058
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>353,454</u>	<u>268,396</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 413,998	\$ 353,454

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2020	2019
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess for the year - unrestricted fund	\$ 60,544	\$ 85,058
Excess for the year - reserve funds	265,091	399,006
Items not requiring an outlay of cash		
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>(113,521)</u>	<u>(88,662)</u>
	<u>212,114</u>	<u>395,402</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	12,596	(17,487)
Government remittances receivable	(941)	71
Prepaid expenses	0	(500)
Accounts payable	203	(1,550)
Government remittances payable	(4,193)	4,193
Government wage subsidy receivable	(5,252)	0
Deferred revenue	<u>(6,273)</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>(3,860)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>
	<u>208,254</u>	<u>387,402</u>
CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investments	<u>(221,080)</u>	<u>(380,671)</u>
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH		
	(12,826)	6,731
CASH, beginning of year	<u>104,562</u>	<u>97,831</u>
CASH, end of year	<u>\$ 91,736</u>	<u>\$ 104,562</u>

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the organization is to proclaim Jesus Christ and to promote communities of Joy, Hope, Love and Peace within the Canada East Mission Centre and through its connection with World Church into the world. The Mission is a not for profit organization and a registered charity and, accordingly, is exempt from income tax.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The organization's accounting policies are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions with fund accounting. The unrestricted general fund accounts for the organization's development and administrative activities. Externally and internally restricted funds have been set aside for designated purposes.

(b) **REVENUE RECOGNITION**

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Designated contributions, which are either internally or externally designated, are recognized as revenue of the designated reserve fund in the year received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Interest income and other revenue is recognized when earned.

Government wage subsidy revenue is recognized in the period the related expense occurs, once eligibility has been determined.

(c) **CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized on a straight-line basis over four years.

(d) **IMPAIRMENT OF LONG LIVED ASSETS**

Long lived assets are tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying value exceeds the total undiscounted cash flows expected from their use and eventual disposition. The amount of the impairment loss is determined as the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair value.

(e) **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant estimates used within these financial statements include useful lives of capital assets, government wage subsidies and the valuation of accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - CANADA EAST MISSION CENTRE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(f) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Measurement of financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments, consisting of fixed income and equity portfolios, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the appropriate fund to which the investment belongs.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. If an impairment has occurred, the carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortized cost is reduced to the greater of the discounted future cash flows expected or the proceeds that could be realized from the sale of the financial asset. The amount of the write-down is recognized as an expense in the appropriate fund to which the investment belongs. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized as revenue in the appropriate fund where the investment belongs.

Transaction costs

The organization recognizes its transaction costs as an expense in the appropriate fund where the investment belongs in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, credit, currency, liquidity, or other price risks arising from the financial instruments.

The extent of the organization's exposure to these risks did not change in 2020 compared to the previous period.

The organization does not have a significant exposure to any individual customer or counterpart.

4. INVESTMENTS

Investments, recorded at fair value, consist of various fixed income, mutual funds and equity portfolios. Investment balances related to each fund are as follows:

	2020	2019
Operating	\$ 572,689	\$ 542,570
Church Expansion	1,051,714	754,964
Youth Fund	174,670	164,510
Gary Vanzant Memorial	<u>40,377</u>	<u>42,805</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,839,450</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,849</u>

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5. TRANSFERS

During the year, the organization made the following interfund transactions:

No amounts were transferred to the unrestricted operating fund from the internally restricted congregational and encounter world religion reserve funds. All other interfund transfers were allocations among internally restricted funds, as disclosed on the statement of changes in reserve funds, in order to consolidate and align internally restricted funds with their specific purposes.

6. UNCERTAINTY RELATED TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

During the year and subsequent to year end, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) significantly impacted the economy in Canada and globally. Although the disruption from the virus is expected to be temporary, given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, the duration of business disruption and the related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. This may impact the timing and amounts realized on the organization's assets and its future ability to deliver all services.

Canada East Mission Centre Financial Summary

	2022 BUDGET		2021 BUDGET to ACTUAL			2020 ACTUAL	
	BUDGET		ACTUAL Sep 30/21	% BUDGET			ACTUAL
	BUDGET						
CEM Income							
MC Operating Dept							
Operating Congregational Quotas	100,000	120,000	95,088				115,536
Campground Quota	50,000	60,000	47,544				57,768
Shared Service Support	1,000	0	675				0
CEM Operating Investment Income	26,000	16,700	24,197				30,119
MC Operating Misc	0	0	0				455
MC Events Dept	0	0	2,735	0%			0
Contributions (e-camping)	0	0	2,735				0
Kids Camp	0	0	0				0
Jr. High	0	0	0				0
SPEC	0	0	0				0
Sr. High	0	0	0				0
Thanksgiving	0	0	0				0
Loaves and Fishes Reunion	0	0	0				0
Healing and Freeing Reunion	0	0	0				0
Noronto Reunion	0	0	0				0
Women's Retreat Prov. Pt.	0	0	0				0
Retiree's Retreat	0	0	0				0
Women's Retreat Zontario	0	0	0				0
Leadership Development Dept	5,500	2,250	263	12%			610
Marriage Ministry	500	500	0				0
Leadership Contributions	500	500	0				0
Temple School / e-Learning	500	500	53				203
MEADS	4,000	500	210				390
Priesthood Retreat	0	0	0				0
Leadership Misc	0	250	0				18
Encounter World Religions Dept	0	63,250	51,476	81%			266,642
Discovery Week / Program	0	25,000	20,680				25,258
Fee for Service	0	26,000	27,708				20,263
EWR Contributions	0	2,100	3,058				168,358
Jurisdictional Support	0	10,000	0				52,655
Advertising and Promotion	0	150	30				108
Youth Activitives Dept	8,000	5,500	10,814	197%			10,254
Youth Contributions	500	500	0				0
CEM Youth Investment Income	7,500	5,000	10,814				10,254
Growth and Expansion Dept	171,000	144,600	137,302	95%			153,177
CEM Growth Contibutions	120,000	115,000	108,048				78,471
Church Expansion Investment Income	45,000	23,600	28,721				72,151
CEM Conference	6,000	6,000	533				2,555
Growth Misc	0	0	0				0
TOTAL Income	361,500	412,300	370,095	90%			634,561

Canada East Mission Centre Financial Summary

	2022 BUDGET		2021 BUDGET to ACTUAL			2020 ACTUAL	
	BUDGET		BUDGET	ACTUAL Sep 30/21	% BUDGET	ACTUAL	
CEM Expense							
MC Operating Dept							
Disbursed Campground Quota	60,000	60,000	43,174			57,768	
Shared Office Expense	32,640	32,640	24,480			32,640	
Equipment	2,500	2,500	1,842			993	
Audit & Legal	12,000	12,000	8,991			8,835	
Insurance	1,360	1,460	1,467			1,333	
Office Staff Compensation	68,800	68,750	51,567			68,421	
Recovered Compensation Costs	0	0	-18,779			-27,435	
Memberships	1,500	1,500	770			586	
MC Operating Misc	1,000	2,000	0			68	
Bank Charges	200	100	91			126	
MC Events Dept	0	0	533		0%	0	
Various Event Programming/Supplies	0	0	533			0	
Kids Camp	0	0	0			0	
Jr. High	0	0	0			0	
SPEC	0	0	0			0	
Sr. High	0	0	0			0	
Thanksgiving	0	0	0			0	
Loaves and Fishes Reunion	0	0	0			0	
Healing and Freeing Reunion	0	0	0			0	
Noronto Reunion	0	0	0			0	
Women's Retreat Prov. Pt.	0	0	0			0	
Retiree's Retreat	0	0	0			0	
Women's Retreat Zontario	0	0	0			0	
Leadership Development Dept	10,500	7,500	0		0%	45	
Facility Use/Meals/Guest Ministry, etc.	1,000	1,000	0			0	
Supplies	250	250	0			0	
Travel	250	250	0			0	
MEADS	4,000	500	0			45	
Leadership/Skill's Retreat	5,000	5,000	0			0	
Priesthood Retreat	0	0	0			0	
Leadership Misc	0	500	0			0	
Encounter World Religions Dept	0	105,250	65,790		63%	67,833	
Discovery Week / Program	0	12,000	0			1,116	
Advertising and Promotion	0	0	15,796			0	
Travel	0	1,000	784			872	
Field Staff Compensation	0	85,700	64,572			85,677	
Recovered Compensation Costs	0	0	-18,779			-27,435	
Field Staff - MR	0	5,550	2,621			3,896	
Staff & Volunteer	0	1,000	0			0	
EWR Misc	0	0	796			3,707	
Youth Activitives Dept	2,000	2,000	0		0%	0	
FAY Support	2,000	2,000	0			0	
Growth and Expansion Dept	169,000	116,600	28,411		24%	95,349	
Growth Programming	10,000	5,000	1,322			2,627	
CEM Conference	5,000	5,000	0			532	
Travel (Bishops)	1,000	1,000	0			0	
Field Staff Compensation	77,000	81,100	31,437			40,976	
Recovered Compensation Costs	0	0	-6,056			-8,847	
Lifeguard Program	23,000	23,000	0			3,479	
Camping Ministry Team	1,000	1,000	0			2,051	
Donation to EWR	50,000	0	0			52,655	
Growth Misc	2,000	500	1,707			1,876	
Total Expense	361,500	412,300	208,335		51%	306,561	
TOTAL Mission Centre Income	361,500	412,300	370,095		90%	634,561	
TOTAL Mission Centre Expense	361,500	412,300	208,335		51%	306,561	
NET Gain \ Loss	0	0	161,759			327,999	

Canada Mission Centre Investments
CEM Operating
CEM Youth Fund
Church Expansion Development
Gary Vanzant
TOTAL

10/20/2021

Sep 30/21	Dec 31/20
646,886	572,689
185,404	174,670
1,105,064	1,051,714
37,431	40,377
1,974,785	1,839,450

Canada East Mission Centre Congregational and Campground Assessments for 2022

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	2020	2019	2018	3 Year Average		2022	2021	Difference	2022 Congregational	2022 Campground	2022 Total
Amherstburg	\$41,983	\$43,876	\$48,689	\$44,849	5.57%	\$5,574	\$7,040	\$ (1,466)	5,574.00	2,787.00	8,361.00
Barrie	\$7,648	\$8,448	\$4,850	\$6,982	0.87%	\$868	\$875	\$ (7)	868.00	434.00	1,302.00
Belleville	\$7,710	\$9,715	\$9,815	\$9,080	1.13%	\$1,128	\$1,662	\$ (534)	1,128.00	564.00	1,692.00
Blenheim	\$3,312	\$19,684	\$23,787	\$15,594	1.94%	\$1,938	\$2,825	\$ (887)	1,938.00	969.00	2,907.00
Brydges	\$27,137	\$24,058	\$32,819	\$28,005	3.48%	\$3,480	\$3,983	\$ (503)	3,480.00	1,740.00	5,220.00
Cambridge	\$11,905	\$12,265	\$10,011	\$11,394	1.42%	\$1,416	\$1,534	\$ (118)	1,416.00	708.00	2,124.00
Chatham	\$13,109	\$14,145	\$12,111	\$13,122	1.63%	\$1,631	\$1,844	\$ (213)	1,631.00	815.50	2,446.50
Corinth	\$20,133	\$20,144	\$24,929	\$21,735	2.70%	\$2,701	\$3,120	\$ (419)	2,701.00	1,350.50	4,051.50
Gathering Place	\$14,311	\$14,906	\$15,822	\$15,013	1.87%	\$1,866	\$2,387	\$ (521)	1,866.00	933.00	2,799.00
Grand Valley	\$19,460	\$21,035	\$24,255	\$21,583	2.68%	\$2,682	\$3,221	\$ (539)	2,682.00	1,341.00	4,023.00
Guelph	\$21,786	\$31,295	\$35,888	\$29,656	3.69%	\$3,685	\$4,844	\$ (1,159)	3,685.00	1,842.50	5,527.50
Hamilton	\$552	\$6,144	\$6,254	\$4,317	0.54%	\$536	\$1,093	\$ (557)	536.00	268.00	804.00
Kanata	\$6,204	\$7,572	\$6,649	\$6,808	0.85%	\$846	\$920	\$ (74)	846.00	423.00	1,269.00
Kitchener	\$38,173	\$41,689	\$41,623	\$40,495	5.03%	\$5,032	\$5,945	\$ (913)	5,032.00	2,516.00	7,548.00
LaSalle Road	\$20,585	\$15,785	\$39,684	\$25,351	3.15%	\$3,150	\$4,158	\$ (1,008)	3,150.00	1,575.00	4,725.00
Living Water	\$1,390	\$7,885	\$7,699	\$5,658	0.70%	\$703	\$1,161	\$ (458)	703.00	351.50	1,054.50
Lowbanks	\$12,089	\$14,547	\$12,116	\$12,917	1.61%	\$1,605	\$1,927	\$ (322)	1,605.00	802.50	2,407.50
Monetville	\$18,233	\$25,317	\$19,539	\$21,030	2.61%	\$2,613	\$2,949	\$ (336)	2,613.00	1,306.50	3,919.50
Montreal	\$42,082	\$39,150	\$40,657	\$40,630	5.05%	\$5,044	\$4,977	\$ 67	5,044.00	2,522.00	7,566.00
New Liskeard	\$11,632	\$15,995	\$18,108	\$15,245	1.89%	\$1,895	\$2,291	\$ (396)	1,895.00	947.50	2,842.50
Niagara Falls	\$1,226	\$3,082	\$2,889	\$2,399	0.30%	\$298	\$463	\$ (165)	298.00	149.00	447.00
North Bay	\$15,385	\$13,910	\$11,390	\$13,562	1.69%	\$1,685	\$1,759	\$ (74)	1,685.00	842.50	2,527.50
Ottawa	\$23,098	\$23,063	\$27,383	\$24,515	3.05%	\$3,046	\$3,561	\$ (515)	3,046.00	1,523.00	4,569.00
Owen Sound	\$11,975	\$14,505	\$12,478	\$12,986	1.61%	\$1,614	\$1,875	\$ (261)	1,614.00	807.00	2,421.00
Port Elgin	\$13,270	\$13,932	\$13,731	\$13,644	1.70%	\$1,696	\$1,953	\$ (257)	1,696.00	848.00	2,544.00
Proton	\$9,800	\$8,555	\$10,778	\$9,711	1.21%	\$1,207	\$1,486	\$ (279)	1,207.00	603.50	1,810.50
Prov. Bay	\$11,001	\$14,768	\$15,041	\$13,603	1.69%	\$1,691	\$2,031	\$ (340)	1,691.00	845.50	2,536.50
Reaching Out	\$16,950	\$14,906	\$15,822	\$15,893	1.98%	\$1,975	\$2,387	\$ (412)	1,975.00	987.50	2,962.50
Sarnia	\$35,833	\$29,666	\$25,022	\$30,174	3.75%	\$3,750	\$4,134	\$ (384)	3,750.00	1,875.00	5,625.00
Sault Ste Marie	\$17,115	\$23,036	\$24,248	\$21,466	2.67%	\$2,668	\$3,613	\$ (945)	2,668.00	1,334.00	4,002.00
Scarborough	\$32,339	\$25,534	\$25,817	\$27,897	3.47%	\$3,467	\$3,744	\$ (277)	3,467.00	1,733.50	5,200.50
SLIM	\$5,950	\$0	\$0	\$1,983	0.25%	\$250	\$250	\$ -	250.00	125.00	375.00
St. Thomas	\$24,703	\$25,094	\$29,957	\$26,585	3.30%	\$3,304	\$4,306	\$ (1,002)	3,304.00	1,652.00	4,956.00
Stratford	\$35,167	\$42,434	\$43,987	\$40,529	5.04%	\$5,037	\$6,400	\$ (1,363)	5,037.00	2,518.50	7,555.50
Thunder Bay	\$6,445	\$7,735	\$7,285	\$7,155	0.89%	\$889	\$1,053	\$ (164)	889.00	444.50	1,333.50
Toronto	\$23,272	\$17,165	\$18,855	\$19,764	2.46%	\$2,456	\$2,564	\$ (108)	2,456.00	1,228.00	3,684.00
Wabash	\$33,463	\$39,936	\$34,982	\$36,127	4.49%	\$4,490	\$5,379	\$ (889)	4,490.00	2,245.00	6,735.00
Wiarton	\$22,960	\$23,069	\$16,830	\$20,953	2.60%	\$2,604	\$3,069	\$ (465)	2,604.00	1,302.00	3,906.00
Willow	\$6,964	\$8,394	\$12,010	\$9,123	1.13%	\$1,134	\$1,440	\$ (306)	1,134.00	567.00	1,701.00
Windsor	\$36,810	\$32,058	\$36,959	\$35,276	4.38%	\$4,384	\$4,852	\$ (468)	4,384.00	2,192.00	6,576.00
Woodfield	\$21,169	\$41,655	\$32,815	\$31,880	3.96%	\$3,962	\$4,925	\$ (963)	3,962.00	1,981.00	5,943.00
CEM Reserves											
Total	\$744,329	\$816,153	\$853,583	\$804,688		\$100,000	\$120,000	-\$20,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000

CEM(11-113) Motion Approved in 2011 for Congregational and Campground Assessments

Resolved, That a formula be approved which would set congregational assessments as a percentage of its annual received income, as reported to the government of Canada, and averaged over the previous three year period; and

Resolved, That bequests from estates of deceased individuals and large “one-time” donations of \$10,000 or more be excluded from calculations of such averages provided that immediate notification is given to the Mission Centre officers upon receipt of such a gift; and

Resolved, That a minimum assessment of \$375 be assigned to each congregation; and

Resolved, That the Mission Centre officers be authorized to spend as a Contingency Fund up to ten per cent of the balance of the combined Operating Reserves and the Ontario Congregational Reserves and report back to the next CEM Conference; and

10/20/2021

Resolved, That this resolution supersede resolution CEM06-50