

Canada West  
Mission Conference  
September 22 - 24, 2023



Community of Christ

# “Courage to Act”



*“Courageously walking WITH Christ means we are being formed daily by the Spirit, mind, and light of Christ. It means we are seeing what Christ sees, going where Christ goes, giving as Christ gives, and acting as Christ acts.”*

Steve Veazey



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# PEACE

# Conference Schedule

## Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

1pm BC	<b>Pre-Legislative Session &amp; Discussion (90 minutes)</b> Online Only – We will discuss the business meeting agenda and have time for questions and discussion.
2pm AB/SK	
3pm MB	

## Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

6pm BC	<b>Pre-Legislative Session &amp; Discussion (90 minutes)</b> Online Only – We will discuss the business meeting agenda and have time for questions and discussion. This will be a repeat of the Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> session.
7pm AB/SK	
8pm MB	

## Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Evening	<b>In-person activities at conference sites:</b> Edmonton – Debra Donohue Calgary – Kat Goheen Regina – Shannon McAdam Chilliwack – Gwyn Beer
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## Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:30am BC 10:30am AB/SK 11:30am MB	<b>Guided Prayer &amp; Meditation for our Mission Centre (25 minutes)</b>
10am BC 11am AB/SK Noon MB	<b>Gathering Worship (25 minutes)</b> We Remember and We Celebrate slideshows.
10:30am BC 11:30am AB/SK 12:30pm MB	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>
10:45am BC 11:45am AB/SK 12:45pm MB	<b>Poll Everywhere Orientation (15 minutes)</b>

# Conference Schedule

## Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

11am BC Noon AB/SK 1pm MB	<b>Financial Updates and Financial Q&amp;A (60 minutes)</b>
Noon BC 1pm AB/SK 2pm MB	<b>Lunch Break (90 minutes)</b>
1:30pm BC 2:30pm AB/SK 3:30pm MB	<b>Updates from Canada Church (30 minutes)</b> <b>Report from World Conference (30 minutes)</b>
2:30pm BC 3:30pm AB/SK 4:30pm MB	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>
2:45pm BC 3:45pm AB/SK 4:45pm MB	<b>Business Meeting (90 minutes)</b>
4:15pm BC 5:15pm AB/SK 6:15pm MB	<b>Dinner Break (105 minutes)</b>
6pm BC 7pm AB/SK 8pm MB	<b>Campfire (60 minutes)</b> We Remember and We Celebrate slideshows. Songs and Skits.

## Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

9:30am BC 10:30am AB/SK 11:30am MB	<b>Guided Prayer &amp; Meditation for our Mission Centre (25 minutes)</b>
10am BC 11am AB/SK Noon MB	<b>Communion Service for All Congregations in Canada West (90 minutes)</b>
11:30am BC 12:30pm AB/SK 1:30pm MB	<b>Lunch</b>

# Welcome to the Conference

Welcome to conference! We are so glad you are joining us. Whether virtually or in-person, we hope you will feel connected to all of your siblings in Christ across western Canada.

God's vision for the future of Community of Christ in Canada includes you. We look forward to hearing your questions and your hopes. We would like you to leave this year's conference with a sense of purpose and a feeling that you are part of something larger than yourself and larger than your own congregation. May these feelings carry you throughout the year, giving you the discernment to see what matters most and the courage to act on it.

*“The challenges and opportunities are momentous.  
Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears,  
insecurities, and competing loyalties?  
Or will you move forward in the light of your  
divinely instilled call and vision?”*

**D&C 164:9e**

**Yours in Christ,  
Gwyn, Kat and Shannon**  
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# Business Meeting Agenda

Canada West Mission Centre  
Annual Business Meeting Agenda  
Held via Zoom and In-person  
Saturday, September 23, 2023  
2:45pm BC/ 3:45pm AB & SK/ 4:45pm MB

## 1. Call to Order

- a. Opening Prayer

## 2. Greetings to the Conference

## 3. Voting System Test

## 4. Conference Organization

- a. Motion to approve Conference Officers  
*Resolved,*
  - i. That Shannon McAdam, Mission Centre co-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.

## 5. Approval of Agenda

*Resolved,* That the Agenda for the Canada West Mission Business Meeting for September 23, 2023, be approved as presented (or, as amended).

## 6. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting on January 21, 2023. See pages [12-13](#)

*Resolved,* That the Minutes of the Canada West Mission Business Meeting of January 21, 2023, be approved as circulated (or, as amended/corrected).

## 7. Mission Centre Organization

- a. Mission Centre President Team, see [page 8](#).  
*Resolved,* That **Gwyneth J.A. Beer, Katherine Goheen, Rebecca Middleton, and Shannon McAdam** be sustained as Co-Presidents of the Canada West Mission Centre, and collectively form the Canada West Mission Centre President Team.  
Submitted by First Presidency
- b. Mission Financial Officer, see [page 9](#).  
*Resolved,* That **Darwood Shepherdson** be sustained as Canada West Mission Centre Financial Officer.  
Submitted by First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric
- c. Mission Appointments,  
*Resolved,*
  - I. That **Robert Riley** be sustained as Mission Recorder.
  - II. That **Sandra Rodriguez** be sustained as Privacy Officer.
  - III. That **Stephen Thompson** be sustained as Mission Historian.Submitted by Mission Centre President Team

## 8. Financials and Budget

- a. Consideration of internal audit report for 2021 and 2022, [see pages 14-16](#).  
*Resolved*, That the internal audit report for the years ending December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2022 be received for information.
- b. Consideration of 2024 Proposed Budget, [see pages 17-19](#).  
*Resolved*, That the Canada West Mission Centre Budget for 2024 be approved as presented (or, as amended).

## 9. Acknowledgement of Reports to the Conference

- A. Mission Centre President Team – [see page 20](#)
- B. Administrative Assistant – [see pages 21-22](#)
- C. Creating Connection Director – [see page 23](#)
- D. Recorder – [see page 24](#)
- E. Historian – [see pages 25-26](#)
- F. Seventies – [see page 27](#)
- G. Canadian Peace and Justice Committee – [see page 28](#)
- H. Samish Island Campground – [see pages 29-34](#)
- I. Hills of Peace Campground – **to be shared at a later date**

## 10. Other Business

## 11. Adjournment

*“Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you cannot practice any of the other virtues consistently.”*

**Maya Angelou**

# Letter to sustain Mission Centre President Team



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

August 28, 2023

To the Canada West Mission Center

As you gather in the spirit of loving community as an expression of Community of Christ, I hope your time together is meaningful and spiritually uplifting. May your time of sharing in fellowship, worship and the business of the mission center offer you opportunities to share and hear the stories of how mission is alive in the church wherever the people are present. Let this be a time of celebration and gratitude for what God is up to in your midst.

As part of the business of the mission center, the First Presidency is pleased to recommend for your consideration Shannon McAdam, Katherine Goheen, Gwyneth J. A. Beer and Becky Middleton to serve as your Mission Center President Team. The role of mission center president team is essential to assist congregations in living the mission Community of Christ has been called to. We are grateful for Shannon, Katherine, Gwyneth and Becky's willingness to serve in this essential leadership and ministry position.

The Mission Center Team will be chaired by Shannon McAdam.

We ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Shannon, Katherine, Gwyneth and Becky to serve as the appointed Mission Center President Team. May you continue to hold each of them in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,  
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

cc: Art Smith, Apostle

KSM/les

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# Letter to sustain Mission Financial Officer



Community of Christ

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August 28, 2023

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As you gather in the spirit of loving community as an expression of Community of Christ, I hope your time together is meaningful and spiritually uplifting. May your time of sharing in fellowship, worship and the business of the mission center offer you opportunities to share and hear the stories of how mission is alive in the church wherever the people are present. Let this be a time of celebration and gratitude for what God is up to in your midst.

As part of the business of the mission center, the Presidency and Presiding Bishopric are pleased to recommend for your consideration Darwood Shepherdson to serve as your Mission Center Financial Officer. The mission center financial officer in partnership with the mission center president provides the financial leadership necessary to live the mission of the church. We are grateful for Darwood's willingness to serve in this essential position to uphold and support your congregations in generosity and whole-life stewardship, which are important principles in living the mission of Christ.

We 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

Ronald D. Harmon Jr.

cc: Art Smith, Apostle  
Willem F. van Klinken, Presiding Bishopric  
Carla Long, Presiding Bishopric

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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.

# 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.

- **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.

# Minutes of 2023 Special Online Conference

## Business Meeting

Canada West Mission Centre  
2023 Online Mission Conference Business Meeting  
Saturday, January 21, 2023  
9am BC/ 10am AB & SK/ 11am MB

**Meeting Chair: Shannon McAdam**  
**Attendees: 33 delegates**

9am/10am/11am **Memories of World Conference**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. Call to order: Shannon McAdam (10:33am)
2. Opening Prayer: Gwyneth Beer
3. Motion to Approve Conference Officers

*Resolved,*

- a. That **Shannon McAdam**, Mission Centre co-president, preside over this conference and be authorized to complete the Conference organisation.
- b. That **Lisa Neudorf** be Secretary of the Conference.
- c. That **Michael Mitchell** be Parliamentarian for the Conference.

**Moved: Roslyn Coulson-Teng (Vancouver); Shonnet Allen (Chilliwack). Carried.**

4. Approval of Agenda of Canada West Mission Business Meeting, January 21, 2023  
*Resolved*, that the Agenda for the Canada West Mission Business Meeting for January 21, 2023, be approved as circulated.

**Moved: Gloria Stanton (Saskatoon); Steve Thompson (Edmonton). Carried.**

5. Approval of minutes from our last meeting September 10, 2022. (pp 3-6).  
*Resolved*, that the minutes of the Sept 10 Mission Centre Conference Business Meeting be approved as written (or amended).

**Motion to accept minutes: Rick James (Chilliwack); Shirley Smith (Calgary). Approved.**

6. Approval of Community of Christ World Conference 2023 Delegates and Alternates (p 2)  
*Resolved*, that the list of delegates as attached be approved to represent Canada West Mission Centre at Community of Christ World Conference 2023,  
*and Resolved*, that the Canada West Mission Centre President Team be authorized to add delegates to the list should persons present themselves before the deadline for delegate submission.

**Moved: Nancy Panting; Roslyn Coulson.**

**No other delegates added. Carried.**

Shannon advised the deadline to add delegates is February 20, 2023. Elected delegates can proceed to register for World Conference. CWM will reimburse registration fees for delegates.

7. Report: All Voices Canada Project

John Hamer update re All Voices Canada Project

8. Adjournment (11:10am)

Closing Prayer: Katherine Goheen

*“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;  
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen”*

**Winston Churchill**

# 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 years ending December 31, 2021 and 2022 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 years ending December 31, 2021 and 2022.

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David Snell  
Internal Audit  
June 14, 2023

# Community of Christ

**CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE**  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020

	2022		2021		2020	
<b><u>Assets</u></b>						
Cash and Investments						
CIBC	\$ 98,284.05		\$ 164,518.82		\$ 81,296.93	
Wood Gundy	374,827.23		393,136.03		184,700.36	
CI Investments	52,646.36	\$ 525,757.64	57,938.40	\$ 615,593.25	55,482.66	\$ 321,479.95
Accounts Receivable						
HOP/Community of Christ Canada	-		7,150.00		1,478.00	
Samish Campground	21,607.67	21,607.67	-	7,150.00	-	1,478.00
Fixed Assets						
Vehicles	-		-		22,925.02	
Accumulated Depreciation	-	-	-	-	(22,925.02)	-
		<b>\$ 547,365.31</b>		<b>\$ 622,743.25</b>		<b>\$ 322,957.95</b>
<b><u>Liabilities and Net Worth</u></b>						
Accounts Payable						
Samish Island	\$ 8,690.50		\$ 62,147.29		\$ 8,390.39	
Hills of Peace	2,298.02	\$ 10,988.52	8,064.41	\$ 70,211.70	5,508.29	\$ 13,898.68
Net Assets						
Operating Fund	536,376.79		552,531.55		130,414.39	
Mission Initiatives	-		-		-	
Youth Ministries	-		-		33,649.17	
Evangelism Ministry	-		-		71,188.86	
Missional Ministries	-		-		19,749.46	
Saskatchewan Area Fund	-	536,376.79	-	552,531.55	54,057.39	309,059.27
		<b>\$ 547,365.31</b>		<b>\$ 622,743.25</b>		<b>\$ 322,957.95</b>

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**CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the years ending December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020**

	2022	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>			
Congregational Support	\$ 94,300.00	\$ 119,905.83	\$ 132,119.04
Contributions	58,480.27	45,238.53	62,653.41
Mission Program Registrations	45,196.85	1,141.21	6,626.85
Transfer from Investments	-	210,891.41	-
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	11,500.00	-
Earnings on Investments	-	-	4,465.63
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>197,977.12</b>	<b>388,676.98</b>	<b>205,864.93</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Programs</b>			
Mission Administration	\$ 5,208.69	\$ 7,334.38	\$ 64,522.93
Shared Mission Program	17,208.53	56,721.00	79,888.82
Shared Canada Revitalization	55,000.00	79,774.39	30,280.60
Pastoral	-	-	3,100.00
Mission Programs	98,449.65	-	6,142.72
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 175,866.87</b>	<b>\$ 143,829.77</b>	<b>\$ 183,935.07</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Rentals	1,999.09	825.00	2,270.44
Insurance	1,625.00	2,686.67	3,502.33
Computer Software	1,068.08	3,889.38	1,622.45
Bank Charges	212.00	158.12	208.50
Depreciation Expense	-	-	2,639.99
Contract Services	9,760.00	13,042.28	9,327.37
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>14,664.17</b>	<b>20,601.45</b>	<b>19,571.08</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>7,446.08</b>	<b>224,245.76</b>	<b>2,358.78</b>



# Proposed 2024 Budget

	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Canada West Mission Centre (45) 2024 Draft Budget Worksheet				
ASSETS				
<b>CASH IN BANK AND INVESTMENTS</b>				
Operating Investment #462-031902C			\$ 271,147.28	\$ -
CWM Investments #533-14442			\$ 52,646.23	\$ -
Wainwright Youth Investment #462-032532C			\$ 80,309.82	\$ -
CIBC Account 37-89616			\$ 213,879.31	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			\$ 617,982.64	
<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>				
Accounts Payable - Hills of Peace			\$ 3,485.00	
Accounts Payable - Samish Island			\$ 4,289.00	
Accounts Payable - World Ministries			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>			\$ 7,774.00	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			\$ 610,208.64	

	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Canada West Mission Centre (45) 2024 Draft Budget Worksheet				
INCOME				
Congregational Support - Mission Centre	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 35,365.50	\$ 79,634.50
Congregational Support - Campgrounds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,774.00	\$ (7,774.00)
Member Contributions	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 24,513.00	\$ 40,487.00
Earnings on Investments	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,209.47	\$ (2,209.47)
Mission Program Registrations	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 63,602.14	\$ 46,397.86
Transfer from Investments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 226,000.00	\$ 366,000.00	\$ 158,464.11	\$ 207,535.89

	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
EXPENSE				
<b>Programs</b>				
Mission Administration	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,068.40	\$ 13,931.60
Contract Services	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 36,050.00
Pastoral	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Development	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 404.05	\$ 595.95
Postage and Shipping	\$ 200.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Photo Copying/Printing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,290.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Internet	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,275.00
Computer Software	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,030.52	\$ 2,969.48
Bank Charges	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 119.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Other	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,318.05	\$ (3,318.05)
Rentals	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 3,477.00
GST	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Shared Mission Program	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Canadian Strategies Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shared Canada Revitalization Program	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ -	\$ 56,000.00
Subsidies for Youth Camping	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Mission Programs	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 169,000.00	\$ 14,667.95	\$ 154,332.05
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$ 197,100.00	\$ 366,000.00	\$ 31,027.97	\$ 334,972.03
<b>CWM NET INCOME</b>	\$ 28,900.00	\$ -	\$ 127,436.14	\$ (127,436.14)

**Proposed 2024 Budget**

Our call as members and friends of the Canada West Mission Centre is to remain faithful to the Mission of Christ.

Consistent with the Mission Centre's 2024 budget, we continue to work towards events and missional activities that are relevant, genuine, and give opportunities to gather for visiting, fun, and meaningful worship.

We recognize that it will take time and a lot of hard work by our leadership teams, our camping directors, and staff to increase the attendance for our camps and reunions. Our Family Reunions are showing signs of recovery, but our youth camping programs are still struggling as we try to encourage youth who have missed two years of the camping experience to return.

To provide for the basic needs of the mission centre in the coming year without creating hardship on our faith full contributors we have made the following budget adjustment:

- Mission Programs have been reduced from \$169,000 to \$42,500 – in the past we had provided our campgrounds with a programming advance to help them maintain the grounds during COVID.
- Shared Mission – in the past this initiative helped fund the mission centre's camping director position – should we see that a camping director is required for 2024 it would be funded out of the contract services budget line
- A number of operational budget line items have been reduced to reflect the use of technology as well as having more volunteer support.

To support the 2024 missional activities, we are still looking for generous support from our members and congregations.

- We have reduced the mission centre's income requests for both the member contributors and our congregation by \$75,000.
- We have reduced the transfers of funds from our investment reserves to cover operational expenses.

- Continue to look for ways to reduce the day-to-day expenses that do not directly support the mission of the church.
- Apply the surplus funds from the 2023 budget to the planned 2024 activities with the hope that it encourages our members to re-engage in ways to support their congregations, the family and youth camps, and the mission centre.

Our current financial management philosophy and principles are as follows.

- we contribute corporately through congregations, and we make donations individually,
- we support and subsidize only youth who cannot pay,
- we continue to create innovative and flexible arrangements to meet changing needs as in COVID19 and virtual gatherings, but are moving to restart in person activities and 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 2024 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 2024 and potentially more in the future,
- we need to increase individual contributions to be able to continue programs which both meet needs and cover costs.
- we need to continue to price registration fees for programs, activities, and events to cover the costs (2024 is proposed to be 65% cost recovery), and
- we need to seek alternative funding – likely in the form of grants or alternate revenues.

Therefore, we recommend approval for a 2024 Mission budget of \$226,000.

# Mission Centre President Team Report

It has been a very full year! In taking a moment to review the past year the standout moments have been those where we gathered in person to spend time together. Whether it be traveling to our hybrid conference sites or visiting our campgrounds, being together is sacred time.

In January we held a special conference to elect our delegates for Community of Christ World Conference, and Kat provided a half day virtual pastors' retreat. In February the three of us participated in a lovely Nurturing Spirit Creating Connection retreat just outside Chilliwack. In March we had an in-person staff retreat with our Mission Centre President team, Debra, and Sandra, in Langley. We enjoyed spiritual nourishment from Denise Esch, shared meals, and talked about our hopes and dreams for the Mission Centre.

In April we travelled to Independence Missouri for Community of Christ World Conference where we got inspired by seeing so many wonderful people from our Mission Centre (big thanks to those who made the pilgrimage there and volunteered their time to be delegates). We were reinvigorated by the energy and shared challenges of members from around the world, and met up with the women who are the volunteer Mission Centre President team in Canada East.



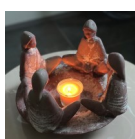
We had to make some difficult decisions for the summer about canceling in-person camping events that were not able to move forward due to various challenges. We are excited for renewed energy and commitment to our camping programs next year and hope many feel called to spend sacred time with our youth.

We sent 8 youth to Iowa for the Spectacular youth gathering at Graceland University who returned bubbling with happy stories from their experience. Family camps at both Hills of Peace and Samish Island were joyful and well attended.

Many congregations in our mission centre are discerning their path forward amidst many changes in society and our church. We want you to know you are not alone on the journey and we are ready to support you in listening to where the Spirit is calling you to move forward to act courageously.

We are so grateful for the continued support of all the volunteers who help keep our Mission Centre running smoothly alongside our two dedicated staff members. In particular, we'd like to thank Becky for her Spirit-filled "yes" to the call to join our Mission Centre President team. Becky's deep relationships in the Prairies, keen listening ear, love for God, and love for you make her a wonderful addition.

Thank you for your participation in our conference this year.



**Gwyn, Kat and Shannon**

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# Administrative Assistant Report

## Administrative Assistant to the CWM President Team-Report 2023

Another year has passed us by and here we are again at our Mission Conference. This year has been filled with many good experiences for me. The Mission Centre President Team (Kat Goheen, Gwyn Beer, Shannon McAdam), Creating Connection Director for Canada West (Debra Donohue) and I had our Mission Centre Retreat on the weekend of March 31 in Langley, BC. This was a great opportunity for me to meet again with Shannon and meet Gwyn, Kat and Debra in person and share experiences and laugh together. We had an online spiritual practice led by Denise Esch, some team building and planning time, quiet time and went on a walk around Langley. I was delighted with the food that Shannon and Gwyn brought to share with us. Since that time, we have had conversations about our camping programming and other gatherings that are taking place this year. We also discussed the huge value of our volunteers who play an important role in our camps and retreats. Our Mission Centre is in continuous need of volunteers.

On a different note, I want to thank everyone who send their pictures, information, and reports for our Mission Conference this year. Without these materials, it wouldn't be possible to prepare the videos and programs to be shared with our members and friends.

Among the updates regarding our CWM communication channels are the following:  
(as of September 2023)

- **Mailchimp**

- Audience: 354 Subscribers to our email campaigns such as our newsletter "The Weekly Wire"
- Audience Performance:
  - ✓ Average Open Rate: 38.4% email campaigns opened
  - ✓ Average Click Rate: 5.4% clicks on the email campaigns
- Email Marketing Engagement: A measure of how our subscribed contacts interact with our email campaigns. Mailchimp takes their open and click activity, compare it to how long they've been in our audience, and classify them on the engagement scale below.

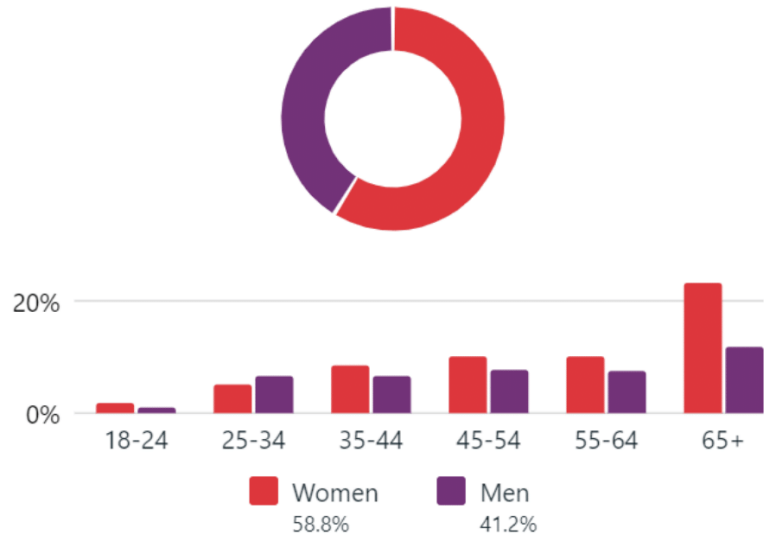
<b>58%</b>	<b>Often</b> Percentage of subscribers who are highly engaged and often open and click on emails.
<b>12%</b>	<b>Sometimes</b> Percentage of subscribers who are moderately engaged and sometimes open and click on emails.
<b>28%</b>	<b>Rarely</b> Percentage of subscribers who are not very engaged and rarely open and click on emails.

- Top geolocations where contacts most frequently interact with our emails: **Canada 71.2% (Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary) and USA 11%**

- [Facebook](#)

- 571 likes • 658 followers
- Age & Gender (estimate)

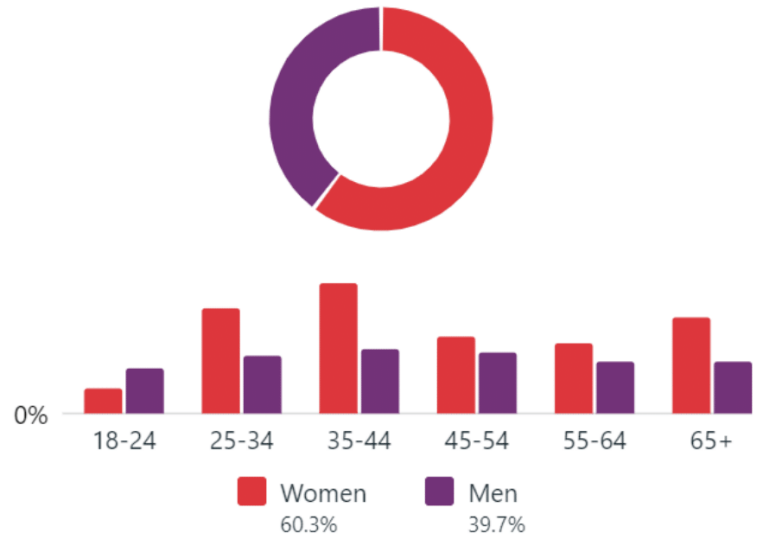
- Top 10 cities who follow us:
  1. Calgary, AB
  2. Edmonton, AB
  3. Independence, MO
  4. Blue Springs, MO
  5. Chauvin, AB



- [Instagram](#)

- 385 Followers
- Age & Gender (estimate)

- Top 5 cities who follow us:
  1. Calgary, AB
  2. Independence, MO
  3. Saskatoon, SK
  4. Edmonton, AB
  5. Chilliwack, BC



- [Twitter](#)

- 152 Followers
- 120 Profile Visits

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!

**Sandra Rodriguez**

*Administrative Assistant*

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# Creating Connection Director Report

During Covid, Creating Connection moved all our activities and retreats online, and while we were very successful with attendance from all over the world, I was concerned that we weren't doing enough locally. After all, my title is Creating Connection Director, Canada West.

In the last year we have backed off most of our online events. We currently have one weekly online event 'Release Your Inner Writer' led by Kathy Nutt every Monday. You can rsvp to attend here [Creating Connection West | Meetup](#)

During Phase One of returning to in-person activities, I focused on retreats. Creating Connection has always been assertive with advertising to people outside of Community of Christ, which has really benefited our retreat programs. Between 25% and 50% of our attendees post Covid have been brand new to Creating Connection and Community of Christ. Not only did this help us financially so retreats weren't at risk of being cancelled, but the new people enriched our experiences. In fact, some of the brand-new people are becoming part of our leadership teams on future retreats.

We held our Nurturing Spirit retreat in February at Cultus Lake near Chilliwack instead of Samish Island. I knew of people who didn't have passports, or Covid vaccines as required for cross border travel, or found travel insurance too expensive. The retreat was a success and now we have another option available to us.

I am now entering Phase Two of returning to in-person activities with Creating Connection. I will be in Edmonton for Mission Conference weekend hosting a Creating Connection Conversation Café close to the church, participating in a Games Night, and sharing other opportunities with the congregation about Creating Connection and the support we can offer.

Creating Connection continues to change and grow. We're excited that Australia will be joining the Creating Connection family in the coming months, which should give all of us access to even more resources. If you or your congregation would like to know more about opportunities with Creating Connection email me [debra@creatingconnection.ca](mailto:debra@creatingconnection.ca)

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# Canada West Mission Recorder Report

Greetings from your CWM recorder. I have been so grateful for all the dedicated Congregation Recorders who send me the life event reports from their congregations. A life event includes changes of address or phone numbers, births, deaths, blessings, baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, divorces, and weddings. If you know any members who have a life event, please send the information to me directly, or through your recorder.

Letters have gone out to non-resident members, as mentioned in the Seventy's report. We (Shirley Smith in Alberta; Gwyn Beer in British Columbia and Manitoba; and Linda Klughart in Saskatchewan) are asking for your help in updating our records regarding life events for non-resident members. Pastors and/or recorders can be given a list of people in their areas to make available to their congregants to gather information you may be aware of. I know of one of our non-resident members who passed away in early 2000's and has only been reported recently. It is important we keep current. Your help is appreciated. Thank you for your help and patience with us as this work continues. We also wish to thank our hard-working recorders...the church database depends on you!

**Linda Klughart**

Canada West Mission Centre Recorder

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*“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”*

**I Corinthians 16:13**



# Canada West Mission Historian Report

In the months before the 2023 Community of Christ World Conference, I had the opportunity to go through some long-standing records of the Canada West Mission Centre. The objective of this work was to identify records that could be deposited with the Community of Christ Archives at the Independence Temple – and, therefore, be removed from the records to be retained in the mission centre (and other records that could be destroyed).

This process allowed me to review records and documents that went back to the 1960s and even earlier. For the information of the conference and the mission centre, here is a highly summarized list of the records that are now on file with the church Archives:

- Records from the three districts that became the Canada West Mission Centre in 2004: Saskatchewan District, Alberta District, and British Columbia District. Records included (but were not limited to):
  - ◇ Annual business meeting minutes from as early as the 1960s
  - ◇ Quite often corresponding Financial Statements for the same years
  - ◇ Non-Resident Pastors Reports
- Similar records from the former Northern Plains and Prairie Provinces Region – generally records specific to Saskatchewan and Alberta
- Records of the work of the “Canadian National Church Task Force” that was active from 1998 to 2002 – just prior to establishment of the two Canadian mission centres
- Records (usually business meeting minutes and financial information) from congregations, missions, and small groups which have closed including:
  - ◇ Porcupine Plain and Arborfield, Saskatchewan (2 separate congregations, but closely connected over the years)
  - ◇ Weyburn, SK
  - ◇ Moose Jaw, SK
  - ◇ Crammond, AB
  - ◇ Lloydminster, AB
  - ◇ Red Deer, AB

Included in the mission centre records retained locally is a comparatively complete set of newsletters from Saskatchewan (and, later, Alberta) District from the 1960s to the early 2000s. There are also congregational Historian reports for many congregations. The reports vary in how regularly they were produced and how far back in time they go and how recently they have continued. These records are “gold mines” for anyone doing any kind of historical research on the church in Western Canada. I have retained these records here for now as I will use them as source material for my (hopefully!) monthly “Historians Corner” in the Weekly Wire. Watch for it!

And with that comes the annual encouragement for ALL congregations in Canada West to appoint a Historian. We currently have Historians appointed in six of our eleven congregations. It would be great to be able to report a full slate of Historians next year!

Here is the motivation (if you need any): Unless the descriptions of significant events in the life of a congregation (or campground, or mission centre) are written down shortly after they occur, details are forgotten, and accuracy is diminished. At some point the very memory of an event is lost. Please help ensure that the history of your congregation is not forgotten!

Feel free to contact me for further information about the role of a congregational Historian.

Grace and Peace,

**Stephen Thompson**

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*“As a spiritual venture, boldly follow the initiatives into the heart of God’s vision for the church and creation.”*

**D&C 165 1:b**

# Seventies' Report

Peace and blessings to you all.

We have had a busy year. Below are a few of the things that we have been engaged in. I would like to remind pastors and other leaders that if you would like a Seventy to do something in your congregation (online or face-to-face), please feel free to contact us. If you don't have the PowerPoint about what we do, write to Linda and she will send it to you.

- Shirley started a seekers group, and conducted it last year and up to the spring 2023, in Calgary.
- Linda, Shirley and Gwyn have sent contact letters to all non residents in CWM. These letters are informational to let all our non-resident members know where they can connect with various church services and resources in their areas. We also are hoping to update information from them.
- Linda conducted an online baptism and confirmation class for a Saskatchewan child. The child was baptized at Hills of Peace this summer. We are prepared to give these lessons to anyone aged 8 to 108+.
- Attended monthly meetings with other seventies across Canada. One meeting included South America (who are also in our ministerial zone under Apostle Art Smith). So glad we have translators on our computers! These meetings are insightful, educational, supportive, and are creating a sense of community while hearing what others are doing in Canada.
- Have attended monthly CWM staff meetings. These, too, have been important to ongoing ministry.
- Have been praying for this mission's success as we look to the future.

**Shirley Smith**  
**Linda Klughart**  
Seventies

*"But Jesus spoke to them at once, 'Don't be afraid – take courage – I am here.'"*

**Matthew 14:27**

# Canadian Peace / Justice Committee - June 2023 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. That said, we do hope to reinvigorate efforts somewhat this year.

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

### **A. Continued our Climate Change Crisis Subcommittee.**

Our primary efforts have been to feed into The North American Climate Justice Team. Originally intended to create an Oct. 2020 Colloquy, the team had to pivot and now has an ongoing webinar series that 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 Barb Oldale’s address at the CWM 2017 Mission Conference, and also Tracy Smith. This is only a start – contact us if interested in helping. It has been updated for the recent discovery of child & unmarked graves.
- 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, & 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.** We added a statement on the war in Ukraine. Overall, while our website is still fairly skeletal, if you see an unfilled area where you would like to help - we would love to hear from you!

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

In 2014 we transitioned to the 2nd phase – creating subcommittees - to raise up and provide resources for those Canadian-specific issues that call us via recent inspired counsel to courageously challenge and help transform societal trends that diminish God’s creation. Further topics include the following. If interested in any topic, please contact a committee member: Mental Health & Eliminating Stigma; Justice: Restorative not Punitive; Foreign Aid, no strings attached; Inter-religious Relations; Human Trafficking close to your Church; Eco. Concerns: Water, GMOs, etc.; Child Poverty; Others?

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

**Rod Downing** - Canada West, Chair [rdowning94@shaw.ca](mailto:rdowning94@shaw.ca) 604-535-6550

# Samish Island Campground Report

Greetings!

2023 has been a year of continual recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic. Camp activity and bookings for the camp continue to increase. To date, there have been in excess of 2,100 camper days at the camp with 36 retreats or week long camping events on the calendar. Our largest challenge for this past year has been to continue to raise income and that challenge will be reflected when we share the treasurer's report.

The second largest challenge is the continued need for maintenance and grooming the 88 acres owned by the camp with the mowing and edging the approximate 15 acres of grass, and the overall maintenance of the 68 buildings and structures we have on the campgrounds.

Our third challenge is to cope with the rising prices of food and related consumable supplies. Along with that, we have a serious need to recruit and secure cooks for all activities at the camp.

In spite of those challenges, the camp staff, volunteers and paid contractors have accomplished some notable tasks to repair and update the camp and its facilities. Four more rustic cabins have been remodeled bringing the total of completed cabins to 16. That means we only have 31 more cabins to complete. The remodels include increased insulation covered with painted 5/8" drywall, more and updated electrical outlets, new light fixtures and clothes hanging racks, new larger vinyl windows for increased ventilation, a new door and new bedroom type furniture. The two dormitory cabins in the C and D rows have had the sprinkler systems repaired from the big freeze in the winter of 2022 and are now back in service.

We have two new attractive and functional dining hall doors installed in the entry alcoves.

One large capital job that was completed last autumn was the repair of the east driveway (road) down to the lower campground. In addition to restoring the road, drainage systems were put in place for both driveways carrying the ground water away from the roads and running it into the lake or in the case of the west road off into the wetlands adjoining the backwater slough. The spoil from the two trenches was used to build up and level sunken ground at the west end of Lake Freestad which had been difficult to mow and drive across.

The camp hosted the annual work week on the first week in May. It was kind of a partial week and the attendance was a somewhat what disappointing. For those who were here, we are thankful for their dedication and hard work but was probably poorly attended being the week immediately following World Conference in Independence, Missouri.

We had a very large repair to the lake dike road on the Samish Bay side. The water from the King Tide washed part of dike and the road away.

This provides and excellent <sup>SEGUE</sup> ~~Segue~~ to some discussion of future stewardship of our campground and Samish Island in general. In April, the World Church Conferenced passed WCR 1325, The resolution on the Climate Emergency. This past winter we began to experience the effects of climate change with the King Tide and damage to our lake and bayside dike. There was considerable flooding on Blue Heron Road to homes and cabins and the road was under several feet of water. Our campground fields on the lower campground were flooded and underwater. Furthermore, the Samish Island road which is the only access to the island was under water and access and egress to and from the island was cut off for some time and later very restricted. I don't need to tell you the negative effect flooding could have on our ability to come and go to the camp. The impact of a flooded road would be huge. Let me say this; the climate emergency is here and now. The camp staff, your board of directors and all of us together need to heed the four resolves of WCR 1325 and begin to formulate our own plans of action to do our part for the stewardship of the camp property and our fragile planet as well.

I deeply and sincerely thank the many people who have volunteered during the last 12 months and many who continue to give untold time to the camp both here on the grounds and away from the camp. This also applies to your board members and officers for their time and dedication.

Looking ahead we have several plans and ideas that are being considered for the camp. Work continues to plan our new tractor shop and maintenance building which will be constructed near the CFC and sports court. That location is called out on the camp master plan.

In the spirit of the climate resolution, we are investigating the feasibility and practicality of installing electric vehicle charging stations on the campground.

We are also giving consideration to building a fifth E Cabin with four units, each having their own private bathroom facilities as well as some desk and work space for our visiting guest ministry as well as those VIP persons who are brought in for our other nonprofit camp users.

Some dining hall remodeling and changes are also under consideration.

Looking to the future, we have the continued challenge to raise funds for cost effective camp operations and maintaining the quality of food service everyone enjoys here at the camp.

We hope to return to a profitable posture so that we can fund our development accounts and continue to grow and improve the facilities which make the camp comfortable and functional. Your continued support of donations and gifts to the camp are essential to this desired growth. We also pledge our best to provide sound and effective management by us, your board and our camp staff.

It is my hope as well as my commitment to doing all that is possible to continue to make Samish Island Camp a sacred place where we can experience God and each other in beauty, safety and religious fellowship.

Respectfully,

Bill Campbell  
President  
Samish Island Campground Association  
July 20, 2023

## Samish Island Campground

### Profit and Loss

January - June, 2023

	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>							
301-01 C OF C EVENT INCOME	4,872.00		3,604.00			4,322.26	\$12,798.26
302-01 NON C OF C EVENTS		11,100.00	15,732.00	50,600.08	36,303.18	31,673.04	\$145,408.30
318-01 OTHER INCOME	6,562.30	6,588.91	6,896.37	3,535.93	2,875.00	4,715.00	\$31,173.51
Uncategorized Income	300.00	1.65	36.68		1.33		\$339.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,734.30</b>	<b>\$17,690.56</b>	<b>\$26,269.05</b>	<b>\$54,136.01</b>	<b>\$39,179.51</b>	<b>\$40,710.30</b>	<b>\$189,719.73</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$11,734.30</b>	<b>\$17,690.56</b>	<b>\$26,269.05</b>	<b>\$54,136.01</b>	<b>\$39,179.51</b>	<b>\$40,710.30</b>	<b>\$189,719.73</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
338-00 Payroll Expense	3,099.56	7,869.22	11,304.32	3,443.72	7,214.70	12,662.87	\$45,594.39
370-00 CAMPGROUND EXPENSE	15,413.24	13,529.56	28,101.45	41,352.00	48,214.25	15,329.06	\$161,939.56
QuickBooks Payments Fees						445.63	\$445.63
Reimbursements				643.42		40.26	\$683.68
Uncategorized Expense		16.68			93.56		\$110.24
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,502.80</b>	<b>\$21,415.46</b>	<b>\$39,405.77</b>	<b>\$45,439.14</b>	<b>\$55,522.51</b>	<b>\$28,477.82</b>	<b>\$208,763.50</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -6,768.50</b>	<b>\$ -3,724.90</b>	<b>\$ -13,136.72</b>	<b>\$ 8,696.87</b>	<b>\$ -16,343.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,232.48</b>	<b>\$ -19,043.77</b>
<b>Other Income</b>							
701-01 TRANSFER FROM DEVELOPMENT	5,893.09		10,000.00	10,208.77	15,000.00	10,000.00	\$51,101.86
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$5,893.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,208.77</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$51,101.86</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,893.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,208.77</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$51,101.86</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -875.41</b>	<b>\$ -3,724.90</b>	<b>\$ -3,136.72</b>	<b>\$ 18,905.64</b>	<b>\$ -1,343.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,232.48</b>	<b>\$ 32,058.09</b>



SICA Financial Report  
July 24, 2023

	Current Balance			Net Increase/Decrease since 1/2022
Development	\$281,798.09			
Operations	\$38,009.46		-\$45,000	Transferred to cover expenses prior to camp income
AIP Pool A	\$88,981.85	January 2022		
	\$78,127.27	December 2022	-10,854.58	
	\$83,147.41	As of 4/30/23	\$5,020.14	-5,834.44
AIP Pool B	\$12,968.70	January 2022		
	\$12,821.93	December 2022	-\$146.77	
	\$13,036.76	As of 4/30/23	\$214.83	\$68.06
AIP Pool Endowment	\$202,150.36	January 2022		
	\$177,573.27	December 2022	-\$24,577.09	
	\$189,011.63	As of 4/30/23	\$11,438.36	-\$13,138.73
<b>Total for AIP FUNDS</b>	<b>\$285,195.80</b>			

**Audit information from Steve Pomeroy for 2021 Books**

In all material respects receipts and disbursements have been administered in accordance with appropriate accounting practices. The approved budgets were based upon resumption of normal Operations; however, due to pandemic limitations, Only one event was held and the budgets did not reflect actual activity.

## SAMISH ISLAND CAMPGROUND - DEVELOPMENT

### Profit and Loss

January - June, 2023

	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUN 2023	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>							
305-00 TOTAL DEVELOPMENT INCOME - BANK	3,934	-2,435	3,847	128	396		\$5,870
305-25 AIP INTEREST - DEVELOPMENT OPS RESERVE				5,235			\$5,235
305-35 AIP INTEREST - ENDOWMENT FUND				11,438			\$11,438
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,934</b>	<b>\$ -2,435</b>	<b>\$3,847</b>	<b>\$16,801</b>	<b>\$396</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,543</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$3,934</b>	<b>\$ -2,435</b>	<b>\$3,847</b>	<b>\$16,801</b>	<b>\$396</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,543</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
350-00 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE	12,605	3,633	13,733	10,241	15,033	10,033	\$65,277
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,605</b>	<b>\$3,633</b>	<b>\$13,733</b>	<b>\$10,241</b>	<b>\$15,033</b>	<b>\$10,033</b>	<b>\$65,277</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -8,672</b>	<b>\$ -6,067</b>	<b>\$ -9,886</b>	<b>\$6,560</b>	<b>\$ -14,636</b>	<b>\$ -10,033</b>	<b>\$ -42,734</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -8,672</b>	<b>\$ -6,067</b>	<b>\$ -9,886</b>	<b>\$6,560</b>	<b>\$ -14,636</b>	<b>\$ -10,033</b>	<b>\$ -42,734</b>

# Canadian Church Corporation 2023 Budget

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3	<b>Community of Christ</b>	<b>Funded by Canada</b>			<b>Funded by Canada (Canadian \$)</b>		
4	Proposed Worldwide Mission Budget for the Calendar Year	STAFF	NON-STAFF		STAFF	NON-STAFF	
5	Ending December 31, 2023	COSTS	COSTS	TOTAL	COSTS	COSTS	TOTAL
6	<b>Income/Expense Summary</b>						
7	Total Income			1,106,682			1,438,557
8	WMT - Use Where Needed Most			526,500			684,388
9	WMT - Abolish Poverty/End suffering			50,000			64,994
10	Designated Gifts						
11	Other Income			530,182			689,175
12	Total Expense	619,060	487,622	1,106,682	804,706	633,852	1,438,557
13	Net Income/(Loss)			-			-
14	<b>Income/Expense Details by Functional Area</b>						
15	<b>FIELD MINISTRIES</b>						
16	<b>Income</b>						
17	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
18	WMT not including Canada						
19	WMT Canada Only			58,979			76,666
20	Field Designated Gifts						
21	Field Other Income						
22	Center for Living Water Income						
23	Morden Missionary Fund						
24	Korea Support						
25	Total Field Ministries Income			58,979			76,666
26	<b>Expense</b>						
27	Multination Mission Fields (including C12)	58,979	-	58,979	76,666	-	76,666
37	USA Mission Fields (including C12)						
47	Field Support						
57	World Church Leadership (without C12)						
58	Total Field Ministries Expense	58,979	-	58,979	76,666	-	76,666
59	Field Ministries Net Income/(Loss)			-			-
60							
61	<b>ABOLISH POVERTY-END SUFFERING (AP / ES)</b>						
62	<b>Income</b>						
63	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
64	Abolish Poverty-End Suffering not incl Canada						
65	Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Canada only			50,000			64,994
66	WMT not including Canada						
67	AP / ES Designated Gifts			175,000			227,480
68	AP / ES Other Income						
69	Total Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Income			225,000			292,474
70	<b>Expense</b>						
71	Systemic Change	25,000	175,000	200,000	32,497	227,480	259,977
76	Direct Aid - Oblation	-	25,000	25,000		32,497	32,497
77	Total Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Expense	25,000	200,000	225,000	32,497	259,977	292,474
78	Abolish Poverty-End Suffering Net Income/(Loss)			-			-
79							
80	<b>CANADIAN MISSION</b>						
81	<b>Income</b>						
82	WMT Canada Only			72,782			94,608
83	Canadian Other Income						
84	Canadian Mission Endowment			99,996			129,983
85	Accounting & Investing Fees			107,500			139,737
86	Total Canadian Mission Income			280,278			364,329
87	<b>Expense</b>						
88	Canada Mission Field	80,476	-	80,476	104,609	-	104,609
89	Office Support in Canada	103,677	85,125	188,802	134,768	110,653	245,421
90	Vehicles for Canada	-	11,000	11,000	-	14,299	14,299
91	Rounding						
92	Total Canadian Mission Expense	184,153	96,125	280,278	239,378	124,951	364,329
93	Canadian Mission Net Income/(Loss)			-			-

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5	Ending December 31, 2023	COSTS	COSTS	TOTAL	COSTS	COSTS	TOTAL
94							
95	<b>DISCIPLESHP FORMATION</b>						
96	<b>Income</b>						
97	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
98	WMT not including Canada						
99	WMT Canada Only			75,000			97,491
100	Discipleship Formation Other Income						
101	<b>Total Discipleship Formation Income</b>			75,000			97,491
102	<b>Expense</b>						
103	Discipleship and Priesthood						
104	Spiritual Formation and Blessing Ministries						
113	Leadership Development and Seminary	-	75,000	75,000	-	97,491	97,491
114	<b>Total Discipleship Formation Expense</b>	-	75,000	75,000	-	97,491	97,491
115	<b>Discipleship Formation Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-
116							
117	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>						
118	<b>Income</b>						
119	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
120	WMT not including Canada						
121	WMT Canada Only			319,739			415,623
122	Communications Other Income						
123	Canadian Communication Endowment			76,920			99,987
124	<b>Total Communications Income</b>			396,659			515,610
125	<b>Expense</b>						
126	Communications	63,089	13,831	76,920	82,008	17,979	99,987
127	Translations	287,839	31,900	319,739	374,157	41,466	415,623
128	<b>Total Communications Expense</b>	350,928	45,731	396,659	456,165	59,445	515,610
129	<b>Communications Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-
130							
131	<b>HERALD HOUSE</b>						
132	<b>Income</b>						
133	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
134	WMT not including Canada						
135	Herald Other Income						
136	Herald House Sales						
137	Herald Magazine Subscriptions						
138	Tour Revenues						
139	<b>Total Herald House Income</b>						
140	<b>Expense</b>						
141	Herald House Customer Service						
142	Herald Magazine Production						
143	Hospitality and Services						
144	<b>Total Herald House Expense</b>						
145	<b>Herald House Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-
146							
147	<b>TEMPLE COMPLEX</b>						
148	<b>Income</b>						
149	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
150	WMT not including Canada						
152	Temple Complex Other Income						
153	Canadian Temple Endowment			70,766			91,988
154	Rental Income						
155	<b>Total Temple Complex Income</b>			70,766			91,988
156	<b>Expense</b>						
157	Facilities		70,766	70,766		91,988	91,988
158	Improvement and Modernization			-			-
159	Meeting and Event Support			-			-
160	Peace Award						
161	Property Insurance						
162	Security						
163	Rounding						
164	<b>Total Temple Complex Expense</b>	-	70,766	70,766		91,988	91,988
165	<b>Temple Complex Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-

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5	<b>Ending December 31, 2023</b>	<b>COSTS</b>	<b>COSTS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>COSTS</b>	<b>COSTS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
166							
167	<b>HISTORIC SITES</b>						
168	<b>Income</b>						
169	Historic Sites Other Income						
170	CCHSF Support						
171	Preservation Fees						
174	Gift Shops						
177	Rental Income						
180	Historic Sites Contributions						
182	<b>Total Historic Sites Income</b>						
183	<b>Expense</b>						
184	Heritage Plaza						
185	Kirtland						
186	Liberty Hall						
187	Nauvoo						
188	Plano						
189	Property Insurance						
190	<b>Total Historic Sites Expense</b>						
191	<b>Historic Sites Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-
192							
193	<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>						
194	<b>Income</b>						
195	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
196	WMT not including Canada						
197	Support Services Other Income						
198	<b>Total Support Services Income</b>						
199	<b>Expense</b>						
200	Archives and Records						
206	Human Resources						
210	Mission Funding						
211	Office Support						
217	Information Technology						
218	Vehicles						
219	Computers						
220	Rounding						
221	<b>Total Support Services Expense</b>						
222	<b>Support Services Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-
223							
224	<b>BUSINESS SERVICES</b>						
225	<b>Income</b>						
226	Worldwide Mission Tithes (WMT)						
227	WMT not including Canada						
228	Business Services Other Income						
229	Accounting and Investing Fees						
232	Mission Centers/Campgrounds Audits						
233	Risk Program Administration (Legal/Risk Services)						
234	Planned Surplus/Deficit						
235	Rounding						
236	<b>Total Business Services Income</b>						
237	<b>Expense</b>						
238	Audit and World Church Finance Board						
242	Fiscal Services						
243	Insurance						
244	Bank Fees						
245	Office of General Counsel and Risk Management						
248	Rounding						
249	<b>Total Business Services Expense</b>						
250	<b>Business Services Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-
251							
264	<b>Total Income</b>			<b>1,106,682</b>			<b>1,438,557</b>
265	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>619,060</b>	<b>487,622</b>	<b>1,106,682</b>	<b>804,706</b>	<b>633,852</b>	<b>1,438,557</b>
266	<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>			-			-

# Chilliwack Congregation Report

Since our report last year, our group has been active and trying to fulfill Christ's Mission. This report is in a rather random order as I remember and check things to report.

Our congregation members have joined in Haven, a meditation activity, Creating Connection events, retreats and reunions at Samish Island and Hills of Peace. We had 3 congregation members participate in the 2023 World Conference.

We have hosted 2 garage sales in support of World Accord and Chilliwack Supportive Housing and have another one happening just after this Mission Conference. Janine is now doing a lot of online selling which helps keep the church free of bigger and more expensive items. We continue to be blessed with the amount of funds that are raised to help support our chosen charities.

Early in December we held a fundraiser Angel Display to support purchasing gift cards for Chilliwack Supportive Housing residents. Everyone brought in their Christmas Angels, and they were displayed throughout the chapel. Gracing every spare space, and with quiet meditative Christmas music playing, people were treated to a beautiful Christmas experience. For each donation, the guests received a small angel for themselves to remind them of the experience.

Coffee Morning and Games on Wednesday mornings continue to be popular. We have had potlucks, movies and desserts or ice cream nights. Our Corn Roast in August was a highlight of the summer and had a large group out. These give us the opportunity to invite friends and family who usually don't attend, allowing them to be comfortable in our building.

We held our traditional Christmas Eve service by zoom and in person for anyone wanting to attend.

We have ventured out into our community by renting our space to 2 quilt guilds for meetings and classes and have also supported 2 Hospital Auxiliary groups to meet quarterly. We are looking at a couple more rental options to help keep our building busy.

Craft nights run in the fall, winter and spring. Our group of ladies, and sometimes men, offers an evening out to visit and craft. People are welcome to bring their own projects and work on them. We have everything from scrapbooking, knitting crocheting and doing paperwork for work and more. Last year we knit about 350 toques for the homeless that went to Chilliwack Community Policing, Ann Davis Transition House for abused women, and Cyrus Centre a temporary home for displaced youth. This year we are knitting and collecting hats and mitts for this project.

The New Year of 2023 started with a Sunday service. It was a wonderful way to think about what we wanted to happen in the new year and our goals for what we wanted to accomplish.'

In June we were hosts to Beyond the Walls and were able to participate in the first in person/on zoom service. It was a wonderful weekend visiting, and hosting John, Michael and Leandro. We learned a lot about running zoom meetings, which has improved the sound of our service that we host online. We rounded the weekend off with a potluck lunch before having to take them to the Abbotsford airport to fly home.

Our congregation was saddened by the passing of Marlene Campbell this year, and welcomed and enjoyed the company of Ralph and Sharon as they joined our group this year.

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Co-Pastors

# Edmonton Congregation Report

In 2023 Edmonton Community of Christ continued to gather weekly for fellowship and in-person worship services. Each month began with a communion service. We would then alternate weeks with Beyond the Walls and discussions on the Enduring Principles. When five Sundays occurred in the month, we centered our discussion or activities on community-focused mission. On the fifth Sunday of October, for example, in lieu of a Sunday Worship Service, 13 members and friends of the Edmonton Congregation met at the Edmonton Food Bank Central Warehouse to package food and prepare food hampers to be delivered throughout the city to persons in need. The activity was enlightening showing us the “behind the scenes” work that is done every week to prepare the hampers that are distributed.



*Congregation members and friends after a morning of hamper preparation at the Edmonton Food Bank*

On the fifth Sunday in May the congregation held its annual Fun Walk to raise awareness of, and donations for, Edmonton Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS). The event was well attended, and a near-record amount of money was raised for YESS. Great Job!!

The congregation continued as a weekly distribution centre for the Food Bank, with a committed group of volunteers gathering for coffee and snacks followed by hamper distribution. Also continuing throughout the year was the bi-monthly Book Club. Generally, 8-12 attendees gathered for some great discussion of the selected book. Several well-attended Games Nights were also held at the church throughout the year.

As a result of poor weather, we could not hold our annual June Church Picnic in a park as planned, but instead we gathered at the church. Despite the change in venue, we ate, played games, fellowshiped, and had a fun time!

For July and August, we decided to reduce our in-person worship services to once a month on communion Sunday. To maintain our connections over the summer period a “Walk in the Park” that included coffee and snacks at a local coffee shop was held. We also had a great turn-out for our annual, much-anticipated ice-cream social that included hotdogs and banana splits.

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# Regina Congregation Report

The Regina congregation continues to meet in our own building. Depending upon the Sunday we have about a dozen in person attendees and a number of dedicated remote worshippers. Recognizing the limitations of online meeting audio we have embraced a tradition of singing “Happy Birthday” or “Happy Anniversary to the celebrants. With unmuted remote participation it is more of a round as we finish up the verse at our own pace. We are making a joyful noise. We continue to promote congregation participation with questions sent out in advance and the chance to share during the service. Atypically we have [removed the offering from the service and rely on Youtube to provide the music and lyrics for our hymns. We have become immersed in the digital world thanks to the skill of Gregg Lester and with the backup help of Jed Bell and Madison Esch.

In the Spring we celebrated the baby blessing of Ella Rose Fisher and were blessed with a large turnout to fellowship and worship together. Sadly, we also mourned the loss of one of our senior members, June Wright, in January. We were able to participate with our sister churches from the Rosemont Ecumenical group in the Cross Walk at Easter. It was a bit chilly as we walked between the neighborhood churches and the footing wasn't great, but it was inspirational to worship together across faiths. On several occasions we have also celebrated community causes, recognizing the importance of sharing, especially with those on edges of our community.

We may be small in number, but on several Sundays, we have had worshippers from Newfoundland to British Columbia (coast to coast). We are graced by the support of the Saskatoon and Prince Albert congregations and have enjoyed their ministry to lead our services. We are blessed with diversity and resiliency and hope to become more active in our neighborhood.

We have no idea what the coming year will bring, but we remember we have each other and we are not on this journey alone. Exciting times lie ahead if we have the faith to serve – to make “Christ’s Mission, our Mission”.

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# Ribstone Congregation Report

Our congregation turned 115 in 2023. Ribstone looks awesome for its age! Maybe we stay so young because of our beautiful faith family, or it might be due to our keeping so busy; yet likely what keeps us vibrant and moving forward is God, our Heavenly Father, the Man Upstairs, Yahuah, whatever you'd like to call our Creator.

It seems like we could have submitted almost the identical report as last year, so this might seem familiar as you read it. For a change, we've written our account of the past year in a no-particular-order point-form list.

-Virtual Visiting – Pastor Darleene Skinner and Josie Buck both attended this CWM offering.

-We had one high school graduate this year—Landon Olson. We were so proud of Landon, as (due to his academic achievements) he was chosen as the Class Speaker for his graduation.

-Kathy Watson started teaching Sunday School last fall, after we had to cease holding that during the time of COVID.

-We have an anonymous donor who gives funds for youth programs in our congregation. This past Christmas we used some of the yearly donation to purchase gifts for every child and youth who attended during the year. We had 17 kids to buy for in 2022. Thus far in 2023, we already have 21.

-Each year we collect for Honduras through our Loonies 4 Literacy and Change 4 Change offerings. Added to those funds was a personal donation, as well as the proceeds from summer bottle collection at a nearby Provincial Park where three of our church family work as the Maintenance Department (they have been granted permission to use the funds from the recyclables for Honduras). With those funds there were 1,300 school sets purchased for Honduran students. Each set included a notebook, an eraser, a pen, and a pencil.



-The folks at the Ribstone Congregation are known for their generosity. We have yearly collections that support and assist the less fortunate in our area through the following collections: Mitten Tree, White Gifts, Interval Home, and Food Bank.

-Once or twice monthly, Pastor Darleene submits a “Pastor’s Pen” column to The Provost News, as part of the ecumenical rotation.

-Each of the school months, Pastor Leila submits a page from our congregation to the Chauvin Community Newsletter.

-Each month we send out a newsletter to members and friends, both near and far away.

-As happens every year, we've had a few Sundays when we've had to cancel our service, due to ill health of members or due to poor weather. Mostly weather. Blizzards and freezing rain.

-In place of a fall supper (which ran for many decades until 2019), we now hold a special offering. We are grateful for the generosity of our faith family.

-Wendy Belik has spearheaded hosting after-worship dinners a few times a year. The congregation has much enjoyed the time of fellowship which a luncheon offers.

-As part of the Provost Ministerial Association, yearly we are involved in the World Day of Prayer in March. This year Wendy Belik, Josie Buck, and Tara Schaffer were readers in the service, and Pastor Darleene gave the talk. It was held at St. Mary's Parish Catholic Church in Provost.

-On Mother's Day we gave the ladies each a rose and a set of prayer cards. The younger gals of the congregation received a rose each, as well. Also, we took a group photo of all the moms in attendance. For Father's Day we had a little game of "Guess the Father" using photos from their younger years (with little hearts covering their faces before the reveal) and handed out Father's Day gift bags filled with candy and chocolate to each Dad, and some candy bags to the boys and young men of the congregation.

-Over the past year, Pastor Darleene and Wayne have done the going-home services/gravesides for Jessie Burton, May Skinner, and Jack Cargill. As well, Darleene did the family memorial service for Laurel Goodall. And, Darleene and Wayne were asked by the family of two folks, not associated with our congregation, to do their funerals/gravesides.

-As usual, we had Advent Openings during the Christmas season. This past December, they were led by Taija Watson, with the assistance of her daughter, Julia Rosenfeldt, and Isabella Goheen. During the Easter season we held our traditional Palm Parade, and our Good Friday service (followed by cookies and fellowship).

-Speaking of Julia, to close our Ribstone Report, we'd love to share with you the amazing news of Julia Rosenfeldt's baptism and confirmation, which took place on March 19th. Julia and her mom, Taija, took the "Ribstone" pre-baptismal course with Pastor Darleene. Julia's day was beautiful, with family and friends in attendance, as well as a dinner following the service (hosted by her family).

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Co-Pastors



# Saskatoon Congregation Report

The last year has very much been a transition year for the Saskatoon Congregation! Following a lengthy decision process, we sold our building in the summer of 2022, holding a final service of celebration in the building on September 4, 2022.



The congregation continues to meet on the first and third Sunday of the month at The Bentley, a senior living complex with a lovely chapel. If you are planning a visit to Saskatoon and would like to worship with us, please contact Lloyd Chase or Corleen McLean for worship times and directions to the location.

Sadly, we lost one of our community, Dianne Schiisler, in December 2022.

We were privileged to have Mike and Marlene Mitchell join us on April 16, 2023 to share about their trip to Asia.

We sent three youth to Spectacular at Graceland University in July 2023: Anja and Andrew Jakobsen, and Ethan McLean. All three had a fantastic time, made new friends, tried new activities, and are sharing their highlights of the Spectacular experience with the congregation at the September 17 service.



Members of our congregation have attended events such as Mission Centre Conference, retreats, World Conference, spiritual formation activities, and Hills of Peace Family Camp.



We are excited to announce that we have added a new member to our congregation! Kaylee Senga, daughter of Jae and Amanda Senga, was baptized and confirmed at Hills of Peace Family Camp in August 2023. Kaylee was baptized by her dad, Jae, and surrounded by family, friends, and congregation members.

The Saskatoon Congregation is looking to the future! We have important decisions to make about the next chapter in our story as a congregation, and we are giving time and space to discern what matters most for the journey ahead.

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Co-Pastors

*“With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity.”*

**Mark Twain**

# Senlac Congregation Report

We started services on May 8 - Mother's Day and plan to continue until Thanksgiving in October. This has been our practice for several years now and works well for us.

We cancelled service for Family Camp at the Hills of Peace August 6.

We've had good attendance at our services with some visitors joining us as well over the summer. Always a delight!

We again stood in as relief ministers for the United Church in Unity for the month of July for emergency needs such as funerals and hospital visits. It is wonderful to be able to work together and share responsibilities as friends and fellow ministry for the needs of our community as a whole.

We conducted a graveside memorial in Sept. of 2022 after our last conference report as well as an interment in July, 2023 and officiated one wedding ceremony in July 2023.

We have continued to care for the Long Lake Cemetery improvements such as transplanting and watering newly planted trees and flowerbed. The cemetery is looking very good. (picture included)

The congregation undertook a project in Honduras this year. It included the building of an office for Asocialayo - World Accord's new partner in Honduras. The project was well underway while Doug Middleton, project co-ordinator, was still there at the end of February and was completed in March after Doug returned to Canada. The project was generously supported by members of the congregation in Senlac as well as some church members from Ontario and people from the community of Senlac at large. Many thanks to all involved.

As a small congregation I am pleased to say we have a great supportive association together and with our community. Good and significant things are happening!

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# Vancouver Congregation Report



Our congregation has had two major efforts the past year that have woven themselves together. The first is our Welcoming and Affirming process which we completed in June this year after 15 months of monthly meetings full of conversations and education. This process has led to a Welcoming and Affirming statement that we have posted at the church, installing a Progress flag by the front door and an ongoing timeline for ways to communicate welcome and be more welcoming, like nametags with pronouns. It was a joy to celebrate an early communion service in August so that we could travel as a group to the Pride parade downtown!

Our other effort over this year has been our ongoing visioning work, which has evolved into a discernment process. We have met monthly, gathered data through several survey tools, and looked at next steps as we seek God's guidance.

We had a beautiful advent experience this year with a guest pianist, choir music, and a turkey dinner together. Our sanctuary was full and so were our hearts!

We had several youth attend SPEC and youth camps this summer and we continually look for ways to foster their leadership.

We have continued hybrid gatherings this year, but have been hampered by difficulties arising with our sound and video broadcast. After extensive consultation, we have installed a new sound and camera system that is alleviating the burden of setup and broadcasting our worship services. Above all, we are growing and learning what our true capacity is. We are listening to God's word for us in this place in time. We are enjoying our fellowship and working to ease the burdens on those in leadership.



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Co-Pastors

# Victoria Congregation Report 2021-2022

Over the last twelve months we have continued to have two worship gatherings a month. Our Communion Services, the first Sunday of each month, are shared with those not able to join in person via zoom. For the second service of each month we use the Beyond the Walls service available via YouTube. These gatherings are also shared with those who are not able to join with us in person via zoom.

For the first Sunday in August we held our Communion Service at Sally Glasier's home. After the service a celebration of her 80th birthday was organized by her daughter; this was enjoyed by many of Sally's friends.

In other news, this year marked the 62nd anniversary of Jim and Elaine Watson (in July), the 64th anniversary of Carl and Shirley Bolger and the 63rd anniversary of Pat and Joe Bouley (in August). Also we are pleased to share the news that Georgia Donohue has graduated from high-school and has been accepted in the University of Victoria cooperative Engineering Program. We wish her every success in her studies.

This fall, we, as a congregation are embarking on a discernment process - focusing on the future of Victoria. We hope this process will aid us in making decisions and taking actions that will shape the nature of the congregation in the years to come.

My apologies to those whose events have been omitted!

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*"Don't be afraid, for I am with you.  
Don't be discouraged for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and help  
you."*

**Isaiah 41:10**

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# Upcoming Events

## Diversity and Inclusion Team Workshops



The Diversity and Inclusion Team is excited to offer three workshops beginning in September of this year. We hope to see many of you as participants and fellow learners as we continue on the path of inclusion as a faith community.

- **Pick A Diversity-Building Understanding: September 10, 2023, 2:30-4:00 pm CST**
- **Identifying Microaggressions to Create a Culture of Belonging: October 8, 2023, 2:30-3:30 pm CST**
- **Resisting Unconscious Bias and Building Inclusiveness: November 19, 2023, 2:30-4:00 pm CST**

**Workshops are free and all are welcome.** Currently the plan is to offer the workshops on a scheduled basis. **Registration is required.**

**To register:** Send your name, email address, contact phone number, and title of the workshop you wish to attend to Heather Frey at [hfrey@cofchrist.org](mailto:hfrey@cofchrist.org). A Zoom link will be sent to you a week or more prior to the workshop.

If a group of 20 or more, a congregation, or a mission center would like to have a presentation on different dates than those announced, please contact Gwendolyn Hawks-Blue ([gblue@cofchrist.org](mailto:gblue@cofchrist.org)) or Cathi Cackler Veazey ([ccacklerveazey@cochrist.org](mailto:ccacklerveazey@cochrist.org))



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HILLS OF PEACE CAMPGROUND

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
7 PM MDT - ONLINE

**The Hills of Peace Campground Association will hold its annual “All Members Meeting” (or “Annual General Meeting”) on Monday, September 25. The meeting will be held via Zoom and will begin at 7pm MDT.**

The agenda will include a review of the past year’s highlight activities, election of three new board members, and a presentation of 2022 financial statements and a current financial update.

**Please note:** Members of congregations in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and non-resident members in both provinces, will be most interested in this meeting as they are the defined “members” of the association. However, any interested person resident in the Canada West Mission Centre is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact any member of the Hills of Peace Executive Committee:

- Chair/President: Noela Inions noelainions1@gmail.com
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- Secretary: Eileen Johnstone psych3492@gmail.com
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**We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!**

# **Rooting our Hearts: Tools for Inner Peace *A Nurturing Spirit Retreat***



**October 27-29, 2023**

**Samish Island Retreat Centre**



**For more info or to register go to:  
[NurturingSpirit.CreatingConnection.ca](https://NurturingSpirit.CreatingConnection.ca)**



**Registration \$250 cnd per person  
Early Bird rate \$225 cnd per person until August 30th**

# 2024 Canada West Mission Events Calendar

Date(s)	Event	Location
February 9-11	Wake-Up Work Weekend	Samish Island Campground
March 1-3	Nurturing Spirit Retreat	Samish Island Campground
March 20-27	Work Week	Samish Island Campground
May 31-June 2	Nurture & Nature Retreat	Samish Island Campground
June 1-8	Work Week	Hills of Peace Campground
June 30 – July 5	Kids Camp	Hills of Peace Campground
July 20-27	BC/CWM Reunion	Samish Island Campground
August 3 – 8	Family Camp	Hills of Peace Campground
August 3 – 10	Camp Kimtah	Samish Island Campground
August 10 – 15	Youth (Junior/Senior) Camp	Hills of Peace Campground
August 10 – 15	Camp Mungai/Atsakin	Samish Island Campground
September 20 – 22	Men’s Retreat	Hills of Peace Campground
To be determined	** Spiritual Retreat	Hills of Peace Campground
October 18-20	Nurturing Silence Retreat	Samish Island Campground
To be determined	Women’s Retreat (If there is someone who would like to volunteer to be director, we would be happy to move forward and help organize it.)	To be determined
To be determined	Spec will be July 11th week.	Graceland University - US

Please note that these events must meet a minimum registration number to have the event happen. If there is an event that you would like to have happen, please advise the CWM president team.

Consider volunteering for one or more of the events as a director, counselor or offer a craft for an event. Canada West Mission Centre host events in two campgrounds, Hills of Peace and Samish Island.