



**REPORT TO 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

**JUNE 10, 2018**

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# AGENDA

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Opening Prayer**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Annual General Meeting held June 11, 2017.

**5. Report of the Secretary**

Total number of members in good standing.

Total number of members present at meeting.

**6. Report of the Treasurer**

Financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Approval of 2018 Budget.

**7. Report of the Pastor**

**8. Election of Officers**

Election of Council members for 2018: Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Liane Evanow, Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Alicia Carter, Lloyd Markle.

**9. Election of Nomination Committee**

Two members required

**10. Open Discussion**

**11. Meeting Adjourned**

# MINUTES FROM 2017 AGM

MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE MEMBERS OF  
SIMPLECHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE  
HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2017  
AT ST. AGNES ANGLICAN CHURCH  
LOCATED AT 530 EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NORTH VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA  
(the “Meeting”)

**Chair:** Andy Lambkin

**Recording Secretary:** Liane Evanow

## CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

## OPENING PRAYER

The chair opened the Meeting in prayer.

## MEETING AGENDA

The chair reviewed agenda for the Meeting. The chair called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the Meeting is approved as presented.

## MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2016 Annual General meeting.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary reported that there are currently 27 members in good standing and 23 of those members were present at the Meeting. The chair called for a motion to approve the report of the secretary.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the report of the secretary is approved as presented.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The chair asked that the treasurer, Neto Franco, present the financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The treasurer provided the following report as at December 31, 2016:

<b>Simple Churches 2016 Income Statement</b>			
	Budget	Actual	
<b>Income</b>			
General Fund	82,000	82065	100%
Retreats	5,000	4865	97%
Missions Income	7,000	6050	86%
Other Income	1,000	211	21%
District Income	49600	50,075	101%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>144,600</b>	<b>143266</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	10,000	8663	87%
Administrative Expenses	12,000	7826	65%
Ministry Expenses	130,000	129,181.00	99%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>145670</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-7,400</b>	<b>2404</b>	

Neto Franco presented the budget for January - December 2017 with an update on the "faith goal" associated with this years budget.

<b>Simple Churches - 2017 Budget</b>			
			<b>Over last year</b>
<b>Income</b>			
General Fund	92,000		112%
Retreats	4,500		92%
Missions Income	27,000		385%
Other Income	500		237%
District Income	50,000		100%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>174,000</b>		<b>119%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	27,000		385%
Administrative Expenses	8,000		102%
Ministry Expenses	130,000		101%

<b>Total Expense</b>	165,000		108%
<b>Total Income</b>	9,000		

The chair called for a motion to approve the report of the treasurer including the budget as stated.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the report of the treasurer is approved as presented.

### **ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The chair reported that, Mark & Alicia Carter , Sig Toews, Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Liane Evanow, and Andy Lambkin (Ex officio) have agreed to let their name stand for election as members of the Network Council and called for a motion to elect same.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Mark & Alicia Carter, Sig Toews, Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Liane Evanow, and Andy Lambkin (Ex officio) are elected as members of the Network Council.

### **ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The chair advised that a nomination committee needs to be formed for the next annual meeting in the event that any of the Network Council members resign. The nominating committee needs to have two members who are not members of the Network Council so the chair asked for two volunteers to let their name stand. Candace Boyer and Jess Franco were put forward for election and agreed to let their name stand for election.

The chair called for a motion to approve the election of the Candace Boyer and Jess Franco as members of the nomination committee.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Candace Boyer and Jess Franco are elected as members of the nominating committee.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The chair asked if there were any other items that members wished to be discussed. No additional items were presented for discussion.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The chair reported that there was no further formal business on the agenda to be transacted at the Meeting. He then asked the Meeting if there was any further business.

There being no further business, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **RESOLVED THAT** the Meeting is concluded (5:25 p.m.).

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the following financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

<b>Simple Churches - 2017 Income Statement</b>			
	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	
<b>Income</b>			
General Fund	112,000	106,011	95%
Retreats	4,500	5,465	121%
Missions Income	7,000	6,150	88%
Other Income	500	417	83%
District Income	50,000	51,275	103%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>174,000</b>	<b>169,318</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	27,000	19,457	72%
Care Fund	-	3,774	N/A
Administrative Expenses	8,000	9,492	119%
Mnistry Expenses	130,000	135,609	104%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>168,332</b>	<b>102%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>986</b>	

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the budget for January - December 2018 as follows:

<b>Simple Churches - 2018 Budget</b>			
<b>Income</b>	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	<b>% based on last year</b>
General Fund	106,011	110,000	104%
Retreats	5,465	4,500	82%
Missions Income	6,150	6,000	98%
Other Income	417	500	120%
District Income	51,275	50,000	98%
<b>Total Income</b>	169,318	171,000	101%
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	19,457	22,500	116%
Care Fund	3,774	4,000	106%
Administrative Expenses	9,492	9,500	100%
Mnistry Expenses	135,609	135,000	100%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	168,332	171,000	102%
<b>Net Income</b>	986	-	0%



# REPORT OF THE PASTOR

I always remember the age of our church because it was born in the same year my son Sam was. We're eleven years old now. That summer was filled with so much anticipation, and fear and newness. Chanida, our oldest daughter, had come home from Thailand in January, in March we had moved to a new house, in July Sam was born, and in September we started our new church with 40 days of 24-7 prayer.

That summer, on the day I officially stopped working for my old job and started working at the new (simplechurches), I woke up in the morning mid-nightmare. I gasped as my eyes opened, the thought racing through my mind: "I've committed career suicide". I immediately knew it was a lie. The work I engage in is not a "career". There's no such thing as ladder climbing in this world (at least there shouldn't be). And yet, my subconscious was clearly exposing a worry. Somehow this new thing was going to rob me of future comforts and role accolades.

If I could only have known then what I know today. In calling me (and all of us) into this work, he wasn't planning for my coming demise. This was no suicide mission. Just the opposite. He was inviting us into life, into building something, into shaping a different way of being and living together. And, he was inviting me into a different way of pastoring. If I could only have known then the grace he was inviting me into. These churches, this way of pastoring, it's all grace.

## **New Life**

In last years report, I mentioned that 2016 was full of new faces and that our churches were full to the brim - we were ready for another new church. In 2017 this anticipation came to fruition. The Carnation Street church launched a new church meeting in Central Lonsdale and the Fraser Street church began preparations for the same determining to commence a new work in Coquitlam in January 2018.

For me personally, the exciting thing was that these churches were what you might call grand-daughter churches. I had nothing to do with their launching, instead they were born from the heart of a church started years earlier. This struck me as a sign of good life. That these churches were taking a life of their own and moving beyond my direct involvement.

## **Money, Money, Money**

In March our council acknowledged that we were in a place of financial challenge. Monthly giving had sunk to \$5000 and we were no longer meeting our budget, let alone our value of living generously as a church. So we prayed and as we did so we felt that God was asking us to put a big goal before our church.

The goal was simple: an extra \$30,000 in one time gifts and our monthly giving increased to \$7000. In one month we met the \$30,000 goal and by the end of the year

we were over \$40,000. Likewise with the monthly giving - by years end our regular monthly income was approaching \$7500.

As I said in my report to the church at the end of the year, “we have a wonderful church!” The heartfelt response to our financial need was one indication of this good truth.

### **Big Give**

So what did we do with the surplus? As has become the norm with our churches, we gave it away! First we sent \$10,000 to our international partners. \$3000 went to the Shareskis who work and serve in Germany; \$3000 went to International China Concern; and \$4000 went to the Ukraine. Awesome!

Next, we set aside \$12,000 for our local “Big Give!” Every church had \$2000 to spend on people and groups in their world who needed care. We gave to families impacted by a fire, to woman being oppressed in sex work, to children who needed clothes, and families who needed food.

In total, simplechurches allocated 30% of it’s annual income to mission and care for the poor. Incredible.

### **Conclusion**

These churches, this way of pastoring, it is all grace. When you gather in homes, devoting yourself to a simple life so that your world and the poor can be well tended; when you share wine and bread, and you give yourself to each other and the scriptures, these are the things the God has always called us into (Acts 2). And at their core, they are graces to us. Our Father knows what our souls need, which is why we are to devote ourselves to these things, which is why they are grace to us.

But it’s not just us who need these things. These graces are not just for a few select insiders, God has designed us all with the same needs. In the year to come, let’s pray that those in our world who are seeking would find a home with us and in this, that they too would find the grace of God.

Oh Jesus, may we be a home for a seeking world.

With deep love for you all,

Andy Lambkin