



**REPORT TO 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

JUNE 23, 2019

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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 10, 2018.

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, 2018.

Approval of 2019 Budget.

7. Report of the Pastor

8. Election of Officers

Election of Returning Council members for 2019: Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Lloyd Markle,

Election of New Council members for 2019: Andrea Box, Joanna Anderson.

9. Election of Nomination Committee

Two members required

10. Open Discussion

11. Meeting Adjourned

MINUTES FROM 2018 AGM

Chair: Jonathan Friesen

Recording Secretary: Alicia Carter

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:58p.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 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2017 Annual General meeting.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary reported that there are currently 30 members in good standing and 28 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, 2017. The treasurer provided the following report as at December 31, 2017:

Simple Churches 2017 Income Statement			
Income	Budget	Actual	
General Fund	112,000	106011	95%
Retreats	4500	5465	121%
Missions Income	7000	6150	88%
Other Income	500	417	83%
District Income	50000	51275	103%
Total Income	174000	169318	97%
Expenses			
Missions Remittance	27000	19457	72%
Administrative Expenses	8000	9492	119%
Care fund		3774	
Ministry Expenses	130,000	135609	104%
Total Expenses	165000	168332	102%
Total Income	9000	986	

Neto Franco presented the budget for January - December 2018.

Simple Churches - 2018 Budget			
Income	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	% based on last year
General Fund	106,011	110,00	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%
Total Income	169,318	171,000	101%
Expenses			
Missions Remittance	19,457	22,500	116%
Care Fund	3,774	4,000	106%
Administrative Expenses	9,492	9,500	100%
Ministry Expenses	135,609	135,000	100%

Total Expenses	168,332	171,000	102%
Total Income	986	-	0%

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.

REPORT of the PASTOR

ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The chair reported that, Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Liane Evanow, Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Alicia Carter 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** Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Liane Evanow, Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Alicia Carter and Andy Lambkin (Ex officio) are elected as members of the Network Council.

The chair then reported that the nomination committee have nominated Lloyd Markle for election as member of the Network Council and called for a motion to elect same.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Lloyd Markle is elected a member 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 (5:11 p.m.).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the following financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

Simple Churches 2018 Income Statement				
		Budget	Actual	
Income				
General Fund		110,000	109935	100%
Retreats		4500	5350	119%
Missions Income		6000	6200	103%
Other Income		500	241	48%
District Income		50000	54650	109%
Total Income		171000	176376	103%
Expenses				
Missions Remittance		22500	15781	70%
Administrative Expenses		9500	13499	142%
Care fund		4000	2000	50%
Ministry Expenses		135000	138186	102%
Total Expenses		171000	169467	99%
Total Income		0	6910	

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the budget for January - December 2019 as follows:

Simple Churches 2019 Budget			
Income		Budget	% of 2018
General Fund		110000	100%
Retreats		4500	84%
Missions Income		6000	97%
Other Income		500	208%
District Income		55000	101%
Total Income		176000	100%
Expenses			
Missions Remittance		22500	143%
Administrative Expenses		9500	70%
Care fund		4000	200%
Ministry Expenses		140000	101%
Total Expenses		176000	104%
Total Income		-	

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

I'm prone to overstatements. Always have been. I think, growing up, that should have been the first indication that I was on track to one day becoming a preacher. We preacher-types make a living by over-stating things. It's a rhetorical device. Grab's the listeners attention. Drives the point home. And...

It gets us in hot water. I feel I spend a lot of my life in hot water.

That all said, I think, maybe (see, I'm couching), that 2018 was our greatest highlight year yet. So many big milestones to celebrate. So many reasons to give thanks. The Psalmist is always reminding us to give thanks. So let's do that. Let's give thanks for a few 2018 highlights.

New Life

The Apostle Paul describes our baptism as a moment of new life. It's the public declaration that we have been made alive to Christ and dead to sin. It's all about new

life. This September, we had our first CityWide of the fall, on the beach in Deep Cove, celebrating this new life moment of 6 people. It was a huge highlight moment for me personally as my own Sam and Daow took this momentous plunge. I'll never forget that beach side morning.

In addition to new life Baptisms, we also have new life churches. Two new churches were launched in 2018 and for the first time we branched beyond our two founding cities. The Vancouver church launched a new church in Coquitlam, and the Mt. Seymour church sent off a good handful of its members to start a new expression in Central Lonsdale.

Talk about cause to give thanks. New life!

Money, Money, Money

2017 was a year of financial struggle, which paved the way to a great faith-filled response and another opportunity for us to live out our value of "Generosity". In 2018 we kept that momentum going, living generously with the world around us. So, what did that look like in real terms?

Would you believe we gave an incredible 24% of our overall budget to support people and projects beyond our doors? This includes a matching pledge drive to ICC which saw us raise and give \$15,000 to this amazing partner; an additional \$3000 to the Ukraine, and a little over \$10,000 to international workers around the world. And remember, in all of this, we're not a big group... but we are faithful. Amazing.

From the very beginning, we've said that we want to live simply - both as individuals and corporately - so that we can have more to give away, blessing our world with Good News. May I urge us to continue with this dream. The number above shouldn't leave us feeling, "We're good. That's enough." but rather, "Lord, what more can we give? We have so much, how else can we give?"

Can I get an "Amen!?" As I say, so many reasons to give thanks.

Retreats

Personally, another highlight was having my friend Grady Buhler lead us in not one, but two retreats. In the Spring he joined the leaders at Linwood House, reminding us about the importance of celebrating the Lord's meal, and later in the Fall he came to our annual Stillwood Retreat teaching us about the Gospel. Both were rich and important times. Another reason to give thanks!

Conclusion

Indeed, we have so much to give thanks for. These are just three of the many highlights for me personally. I wonder what things come to your mind?

As I conclude, may I finish with a pastoral directive? Something which has been on my heart over these past few months?

I've been thinking about this word "church". Words have meanings. Some words are very precise, others are expansive, but this word church finds itself somewhere in the middle. It allows for great creativity and forms of expression (think High Church vs. House Church), varied leadership forms (think Popes vs. congregational democracies), and even theological views. But at the end of the day, there are still parameters; parameters for both practice and belief. We see this in the scriptures, when we look at the early church. The church was a fellowship of people & friends, but it was also more than just a fellowship. It was a fellowship of diverse people, often enemies (Jew/ Gentile, Male/Female), who were united together by one common Spirit *and who gathered together for a purpose* - namely, to practice in the rhythms and rituals of worship which kept them focused on Jesus. Rhythms and rituals which allowed them to say, "Our vision is Jesus!".

In Acts 2 we read of that earliest church, and what that gathered expression looked like:

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

I remind you of this to offer you this: church doesn't have to be onerous and complicated, but it does have to be something. Words do have meanings, and for it to be church, what we see in the New Testament is that the rhythms and rituals of worship need to be part of the people gathered together. So I encourage you this year, when you come together, keep it simple, but keep it anchored. Read the scriptures, give yourself to each other in fellowship, remember the Lord's meal, and pray.

This is what makes the Sabbath the Sabbath. It's a rest from your routine so you might direct your collective attention to the Creator; remembering together that you are not alone and that he is worthy of praise.

Every week give yourself to this simple, sacred rhythm. In the mess and ritual of what is church, the vision of Jesus will be seen, and together you will carry forward in faith, wisdom, and his loving grace. And, I don't think that's an overstatement.

Peace to you.

A shepherd under the Shepherd, your Pastor,
Andy