

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EASTERN CANADA
2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOCUSING ON JESUS: HIS WORD AND MISSION

99th Annual General Assembly

March 23rd, 2019

Pioneer Park Church of God
11 Old Carriage Drive. Kitchener, ON.



CHURCH OF GOD

Anderson, Indiana

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Time	Event
9:00-9:30 am;	Coffee & Social Time
9:30-11:30am	Time for Worship & Inspiration – <i>Worship led by Stephen Veerasamy</i> – <i>Message By: Rev. Handel Smith</i> – <i>Ordination service for Joyce Lammerant</i>
11:30-1:00pm	Lunch & Fellowship
12:30-12:45 pm	Registration – <i>Registration organized by Bill & Marlene Cutler</i> – <i>Please sign in, and pick up your name tag, if you are a delegate or an observer</i>
1:00-3:30pm	Business Meeting

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** Cindy Steinke – Board Chair
 - a. Welcome, introduce tellers, parliamentarian, honoured guests, etc.
 - b. Welcome/recognize non-delegates in attendance
 - c. Prayer

2. **Approval of Agenda** Cindy Steinke – Board Chair

3. **Voting Privileges/Attendance Count** Cindy Steinke – Board Chair

4. **Acceptance of Minutes of Last meeting, Mar 24, 2018** Naomi Alphonsus - Secretary

5. **Receiving of Reports**
 - a. Directors' Report Cindy Steinke – Board Chair
 - b. Treasurer's Report Rubina Shanmugathan – Treasurer
 - c. Review and approve the financial statements for the previous year including the auditor's report Rubina Shanmugathan – Treasurer
 - d. Executive Director Report Chris Bonis – Executive Director
 - e. Committee Reports Chris Bonis – Executive Director
 - i. Finance & Administration Committee
 - ii. Credentials and Church Relations Committee
 - iii. Ministerial
 - iv. Camp Committee
 - v. Youth and Young Adults
 - vi. The Messenger
 - vii. International-National Missions Team
 - f. Ministries Council Report Beverley Henry – Canadian Representative

6. **Receive the reports of Directors, Officers and Committees** Cindy Steinke– Board Chair

7. **New Business**
 - a. 2019 General Budget Rubina Shanmugathan/Chris Bonis
 - b. Vote on Budget Cindy Steinke- Board Chair
 - c. Board Nominating Committee Report Cindy Steinke

8. **Other Business** Cindy Steinke - Board Chair
 - a. Appoint David Den Boer as the auditor for 2019 and authorize the Directors to fix his remuneration.
 - b. Motion to approve past actions of directors and officers.
 - c. Set date of next annual meeting
 - d. Tellers Report (if available)

9. **Motions of Thanks**

10. **Prayer**

11. **Adjournment** Cindy Steinke - Board Chair

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MINUTES: GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2018

98th Annual General Meeting
Minutes of Meeting

The General Assembly of the Church of God in Eastern Canada

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Location: Pioneer Park Church of God

- 1. Call to Order Beverley Henry** – Board Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.
 - a. Welcome, introduce tellers, parliamentarian, honoured guests, etc.**
 - i. Tellers: Frank Struth, Sieg Pudel, Herb Nye, Anna Nye.
 - ii. Parliamentarian: Ted Schieck.
 - b. Pastor Craig Arbon** led us in prayer.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:**
 - a. MOTION:** Kathryn Desjardine moved that the Area Minister's report be included as item 5g of the agenda, to be received by GA 2018. Seconded. Carried.
 - b. MOTION:** Kathryn Desjardine moved that item 8a be changed to read “Appoint DBK Accounting Professional Corporation as the auditor for 2018 and authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration.” Seconded. Carried
 - c. MOTION:** Marion Weltz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded. Carried.

- 3. Voting Privileges/Attendance Count**
 - a.** Portions of the current by-laws were read by Rubina Shanmugathasan and Cindy Steinke.
 - b.** 24 of 32 registered delegates were in attendance.
 - c. Quorum Established:**

Number of approved churches – 12
Number of approved churches with registered delegates – 10
Total number of registered delegates – 32
Number of delegates present – 24
Percentage of total number of registered delegates present – 75%
Therefore, a quorum was present.

- 4. Acceptance of Minutes**
 - a. Annual General Meeting (March 25, 2017)**
 - i. MOTION:** Kathryn Desjardine moved the adoption of the minutes as presented. Seconded by Neil Dyal. Carried.

- 5. Receiving of Reports (Officers & Committees)**
 - a. Directors’ Report:** Beverley Henry

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- i. Beverley Henry reviewed the Board Chair report and opened the floor to questions and comments. None received.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. Rubina Shanmugathasan, Treasurer, presented her report to the assembly. She extended thanks to everyone for their patience as she has taken on the treasurer role. She also extended thanks to Ken Wiebe and Cecile Barnhart for their help this year. She explained that all figures in the Treasurer's Report were pre-audit and after the audit was completed aggregate figures were revised by less than \$1000. She addressed concerns that were raised regarding handling donations from the churches to the Church of God in Eastern Canada. She reminded the churches that any funds to Eastern Canada are to be mailed or delivered to "The Church of God in Eastern Canada, 164 Eighth Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, N2C 1S4, Attn: Executive Director." She also commented that the process for donations to Eastern Canada will be reviewed in 2018. A spelling mistake was also noted on page 8: 'Evelyn Mantel' should read 'Evelyn Mantei'. It was noted that two churches were not included on the Church Giving chart on page 12. This will be investigated. (Post meeting note: Certain amounts intended for 2017 were received and deposited in early 2018. These amounts will be recorded in 2018.)

c. Review and approve the financial statements for the previous year including the auditor's report:

- i. **MOTION:** Rubina Shanmugathasan moved the adoption of the 2017 Treasurer's report with the minor adjustment of less than \$1000 as set out in the booklet. Seconded. Carried.
- ii. **MOTION:** Rubina Shanmugathasan moved the adoption of the Auditor's Financial Report as presented. Seconded. Carried.

d. Executive Director Report

- i. Chris Bonis, Executive Director, provided a summary of his many tasks this year. Those highlighted included:
 - applying policies and by-laws to decision-making.
 - taking the Plan to Protect (P2P) training and successfully implementing P2P at Family Camp 2017.

Chris Bonis reported that it has been an encouraging year as we've seen that God has been at work. He also reminded us that, more than ever, we need to be on our knees during 2018. He finished his report by emphasizing the direction for 2018:

- Reviewing and evaluating existing structures, including our financial structures.
- Growth in leadership.
- Consideration of church planting.
- Examining and considering the ministry to youth and young adults.
- Revitalizing and updating our website.

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- ii. Questions Received:
 - 1. Pastor Albert Henry asked when P2P could be implemented in the churches. Chris Bonis advised that the materials and P2P template were sent to all the churches. The template needs to be filled out and customized for each church. Chris Bonis is a certified P2P trainer and he is available to the churches to train their people.

- e. **Committee Reports:** Chris Bonis, the Executive Director, presented the committee reports and opened the floor to questions. The following reports were received:
 - i. Ministry Executive Committee
 - ii. Church Strengthening Team
 - 1. Chris Bonis is part of this team.
 - iii. Leadership Development Team
 - 1. P2P has been the main emphasis during 2017.
 - iv. Youth and Young Adults
 - 1. There have not been many events regionally during 2017 because P2P needed to be completed first.
 - v. Credentials and Church Relations Committee: Pastor Roger Bitner, chair, presented the highlights of 2017:
 - 1. Pastor Ruth Ann Paul, after completing 30 years of ministry, has retired from Community Church of God in Petworth. Pastor Wayne and Cindy Greulich have moved to Petworth.
 - 2. Stephen Veerasammy will be going down in EC COG history as the first person from eastern Canada to be involved in the new program for credentialing pastors.
 - 3. Covenant Keepers Ministry in Brampton was in attendance. Pastor Stephen Erskine is involved in becoming an approved minister in the COG EC.
 - 4. Pastor George Closs has resigned from Townsend as of the end of March 2018.
 - 5. Pastor Roger expressed indebtedness to Pastor Cecile Barnhart for her consultant work to the CCRC.
 - vi. Ministerial
 - vii. International-National Missions Team
 - viii. Family Camp Committee
 - ix. The Messenger
 - x. Finance Administration Committee

- f. **Ministries Council Report:**
 - i. Beverley Henry, the Canadian Representative to the Ministries Council reported on Project Imagine: A Movement for the 21st Century. She reported that Project Imagine is a process the Ministries Council developed to engage the church in a discussion about the structure and relationships of the Church of God USA/Canada. Each region has a representative sitting on this roundtable. The Church of God in

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Eastern Canada's representative is Rev. Junior Spooner. This project is set to conclude with a motion at the 2019 Global Assembly.

ii. Questions Received:

1. Marion Weltz asked who the Church of God in Western Canada's representative is. It was reported that George Lutzer is the other Canadian representative.

- g. Area Minister's Report:** Pastor Cecile Barnhart is concluding her ministry as the Area Minister as of March 30, 2018.

6. MOTION: Bill Cutler moved that all of the above reports be received. Seconded. Carried.

7. New Business

a. 2018 General Budget:

- i. Rubina Shanmugathasan, Treasurer, presented the proposed 2018 budget. She explained that the regional committee expenses were calculated by the budgets submitted by each team.

- b. MOTION:** Rubina Shanmugathasan moved the acceptance of the Budget for 2018 as presented. Seconded. Ballots for the motion were distributed. See the Tellers' Report below.

- c. Board Nominating Committee Report** – Naomi Alphonsus was acclaimed to the Board of Directors.

8. Other Business

- a. MOTION:** Rubina Shanmugathasan moved that DBK Accounting Professional Corporation be appointed as the auditor for 2018 and the BOD be authorized to fix the remuneration. Seconded. Carried.

- b. MOTION:** Marion Weltz moved the approval of the past actions of the directors and officers. Seconded. Carried.

- c. Set date of next annual meeting:** Mar 23, 2019

- d. Tellers' Report:** The 2018 budget passed with 22 votes in favour and 2 votes against.

9. Motions of Thanks

- a.** Beverley Henry extended thanks to the social committee for organizing the lunch and to Bill Cutler for setting up the registration for the business meeting. She thanked Pastor Albert Henry for driving her to the meeting and she offered thanks to the behind the scenes people. She recognized the MEC: Rosemary Krushel, Pastor Marcelle James and Pastor Cecile Barnhart. Finally, she gave thanks to God.

10. Prayer: The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Marcelle James.

11. Meeting adjourned at 3:43

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TREASURER'S REPORT

This report is an overview of the financial activity of the Church of God in Eastern Canada for 2018. Our overall giving in 2018 exceeded our budget. Thank you, Blyth Community Church, for your closing funds. Let us pray for God's abundant blessing and that these funds will bring great Kingdom results. Consolidating the Family camp accounts with the general Church of God Eastern Canada accounts also impacted our numbers significantly.

The Africa and Haiti mission initiatives included in the Church of God Eastern Canada accounts were fully funded by the designated giving for these programs. Some of these special mission projects are funded by supporters from outside the region.

The following International Missionaries and Missions received support from or through Eastern Canada in 2018:

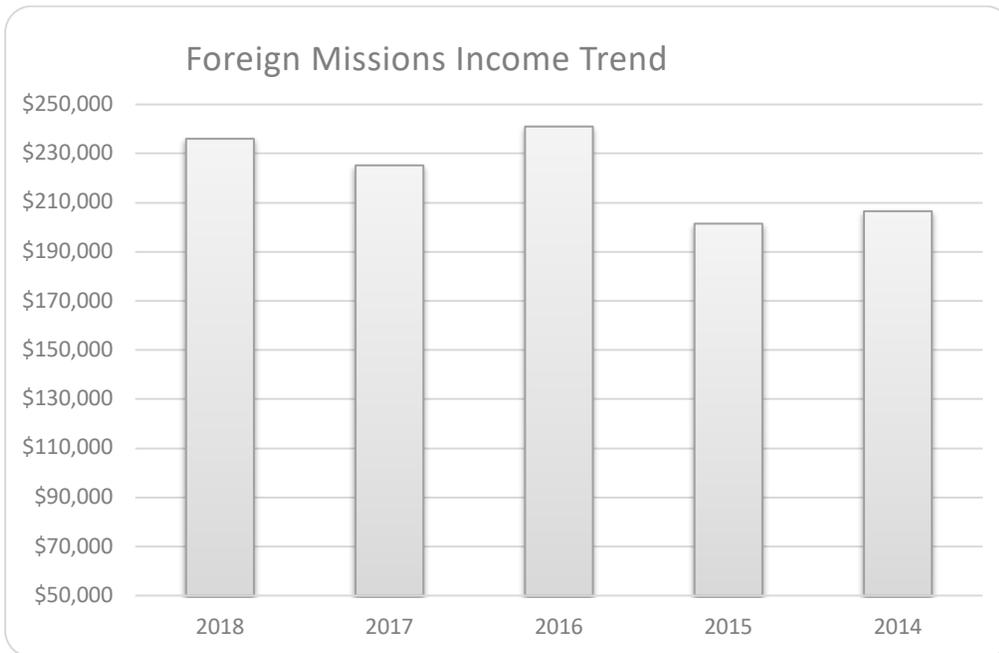
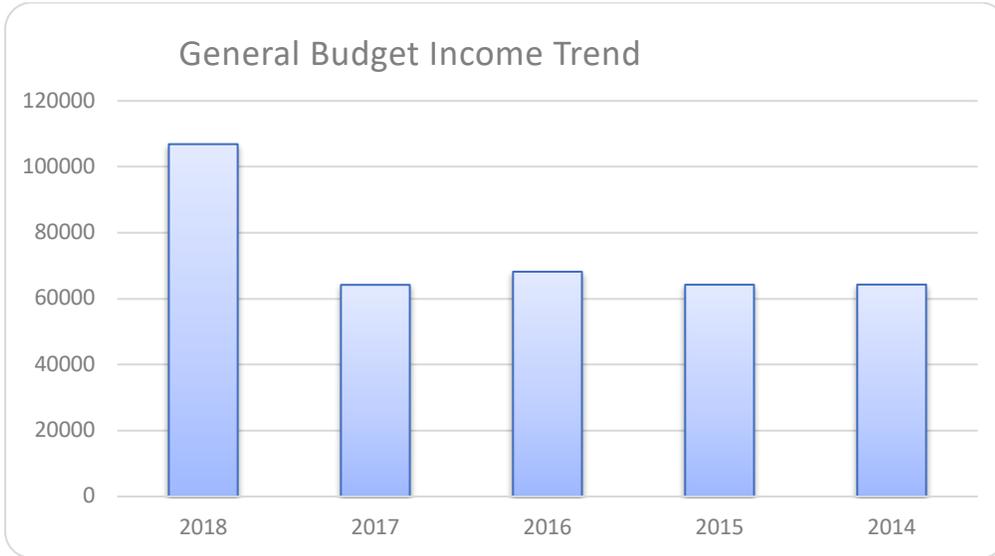
- Evelyn Mantei Ministry Lebanon – Non-Budget Donation
- Dormers – OMS
- Stevensons – Canadian Church of God Ministries (Living Link)
- Africa Missions
- Furaha Child Sponsorship Program (Regular, Special needs and gifts)
- Barb Helm – Sim Canada
- Bistritrans – Canadian Church of God Ministries (Living Link)
- Children of Hope Haiti
- Haiti Missions
- Sri Lanka

The following local congregations received support from the region or churches. Some are a continuation of prior year commitments.

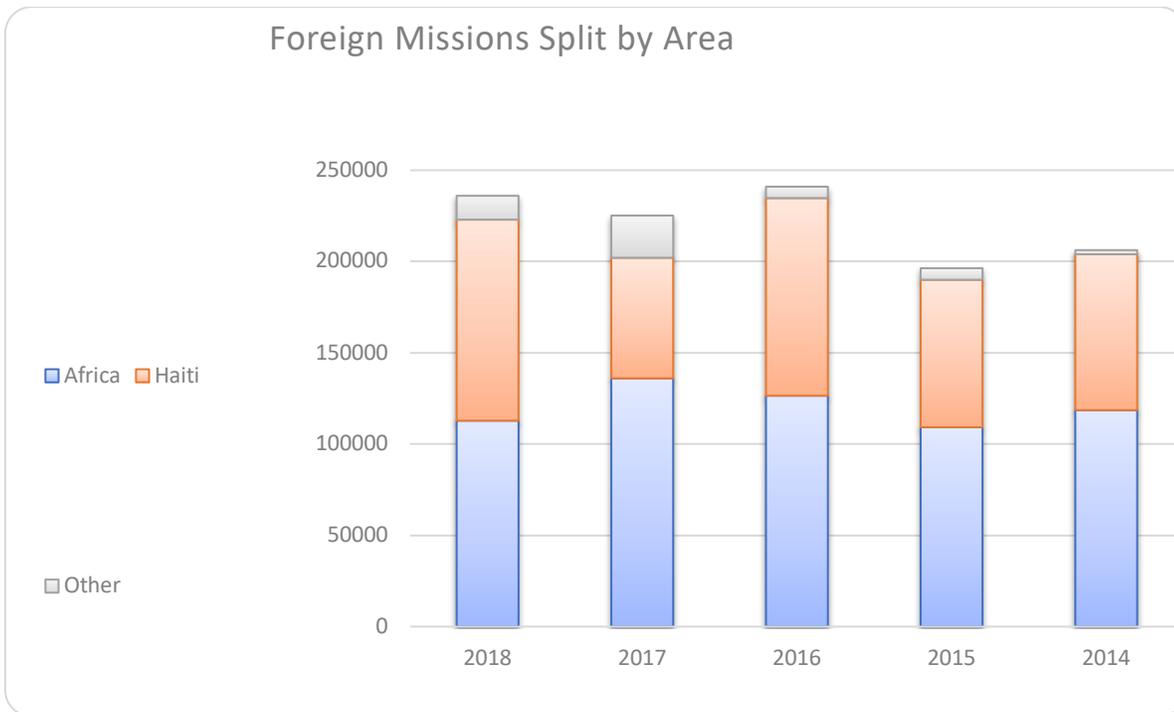
- Grand Bend – Grant for Revitalization (2016 Approval) from New Works Fund
- London Church – Grant for revitalization from New Works Fund
- London Church – Grant for updating church facility from General Account Fund
- London Church – Abilities Ministry – Non-Budget Donation
- Petworth Church – Grant for Pastor's move approved in 2017

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The following charts detail the trend for the last 5 years of the General Income, The Mission Income and the break down between the Africa Missions, the Haiti Missions and other Missions Contributions



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The overall equity of the organization has once again decreased close to \$85,000 in 2018. Planned spending to rejuvenate existing churches and deficit spending in 2018 caused this decrease. The following table lists the breakdown of the funds and a comparison to 2017 Year end balances

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>2018 Balance</u>	<u>2017 Balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
8th Avenue property	522792	522792	The net book value of the property
New Works Fund	486,881	495,218	Used \$18,000 to support two churches Interest earned to offset a portion of this expense
Revolving Memorial Fund	324828	324828	Designated for loans to churches - Funds cannot be spent
Missions Fund - Africa & Haiti	131111	128644	Contribution from a closing church helped to increase the fund balance
Youth Family Camp & Misc.	5068	4901	
General Account	731732	804762	Used for deficit budget.

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Church of God in Eastern Canada Actual vs Budget 2018

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME		
OPERATING INCOME		
General Giving (Churches and Individuals)	\$ 41,800.00	\$ 35,976.60
Missions	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 22,032.54
Other (Messenger/Family Camp/Miscellaneous)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 27,283.31
Investment Income	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,588.65
Rental Income	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Children of Hope Haiti	\$ 69,530.00	\$ 110,123.40
Furaha Child Sponsorship	\$ 128,400.00	\$ 112,499.42
TOTAL	\$ 266,930.00	\$ 329,503.92
EXPENSES		
OPERATING EXPENSE		
Accounting & Legal	\$ 13,350.00	\$ 18,132.37
Missions	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 15,185.27
Regional Development and Committees	\$ 26,650.00	\$ 22,683.94
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 600.00	\$ 563.12
Insurance	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,359.04
P2P	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,849.41
Office and Phone Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,119.46
Executive Director Travel and expenses	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,405.97
Regional Expenses	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 2,971.29
Children of Hope Haiti	\$ 69,530.00	\$ 106,019.41
Furaha Child Sponsorship	\$ 128,400.00	\$ 124,650.47
Web Hosting & Domains	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 831.52
	\$ 299,830.00	\$ 312,771.27
PAYROLL		
Payroll Expenses	\$ 4,410.95	\$ 4,172.14
Salaries & Wages	\$ 63,960.00	\$ 66,830.70
Contractor Wages		
	\$ 68,370.95	\$ 71,002.84
OTHER		
Church Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Pastor Moving Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 388,700.95	\$ 404,274.11
Deficit:	\$ 121,770.95	\$ 74,770.19

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Church of God in Eastern Canada Actual vs Budget 2018

SUMMARY including COHH & FURAH

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Income	\$ 266,930.00	\$ 329,504.00
Total Expenses	\$ 388,700.95	\$ 404,274.00
Deficit: Projected vs Actual	\$ 121,770.95	\$ 74,770.00

Regional Accounts

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Income	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 106,881.10
Total Expenses	\$ 190,770.95	\$ 173,604.23
Deficit: Projected vs Actual	\$ 121,770.95	\$ 66,723.13

2018 Eastern Canada Church Contributions

<u>Church</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Africa Mission</u>	<u>Haiti Mission</u>	<u>Other Mission</u>
Blyth Community Church of God	8,531			10,000
Community Church of God	300			
Fairview Church of God	7,530	2,829	1,632	4,931
Grand Bend Church of God	4,615	770		500
London Church of God	2,822	360		
Pioneer Park Church of God	2,900	1,440		
Townsend Community Church	4,450	360		750
First Church of God	4,459	600		
Joshua Creek Church	600			
The Planting Community Church	6,530	360	3,602	
Total	42,737	6,719	5,234	16,181

We thank God for each of you who partners with us to continue His work in this region. May God richly bless you and all your ministry endeavors.

Submitted by;
Rubina Shanmugathan

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 2018 REPORT

Focusing on Jesus: His Word and Mission

2018 was a busy year.

As with 2017, I have met with most of the pastors, visited and spoken at several churches, attended special events and the majority of meetings of our teams and committees.

Throughout my activities I have continued to gain glimpses into more of what is the diverse culture of our region. And, as I have reflected upon that diverse culture, I have noted that some of what we call diversity serves our shared commitment to preach the gospel and expand God's Kingdom in Eastern Canada. Some of that diversity however, does not aid us in our mission. It distracts us from our mission and, as I continue to review our constitution, bylaws, statement of faith, our policies and the new credentials manual, find that we sometimes act in ways that are contrary to the foundational pieces that are in place to guide us and keep us focused and accountable to our mission – Jesus' mission.

Times have changed significantly since the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) established the first church in Ontario. There are many things to celebrate, and yet, there are things that we need to address, confess and let go of, in order to move forward. You may recall, those of you who attended the GA in March 2018, the exercise that we did with the rocks and identifying the challenges and the victories that we needed to give over to God so that we might throw off what might hinder us from moving forward, running the race before us. Some challenges are becoming clearer. I must confess that, from what I have observed, we have not always been aware of or acted in compliance with our own bylaws, policies and constitution. This has led to some confusion, angst and perhaps some bitterness and for that I apologize. In part, the role of the Board and the Executive Director is to follow our own bylaws and constitution in our process, and to ensure compliance to what the government requires, so that the ongoing task of ministry and the purposes of this General Assembly might be less encumbered and more devoted to reaching those in need of a Saviour. Please be in prayer for the region and its leadership as we wrestle with the significance and realities of challenges resulting from our own history, and our present – seeking to be led along the right path, for His name's sake.

In March of 2018, I had sent out an appeal for people in the region to be involved in giving input into a Youth and Young Adults Task Force in an attempt to understand the current realities, the needs and the opportunities for youth in our region. I had only one young adult, not an attendee at one of our churches, get in touch with me.

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I had requested participation in the development or ongoing input into a new website after our previous one was hacked and shut down. Finally, I asked for participants for a Church Planting Development Team – to establish criteria and the means to assess and develop potential church planters and for that I had two responses who would like to be involved once I had set it up.

All that to say, from my observations, people appear busy, tired, struggling, waiting perhaps, content with the status quo, or something else.

Jesus, when he looked at the crowds in Matthew 9:36 *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few".*

And then in Matthew 11: 28 *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

The theme for this year's GA and into the foreseeable future is "Focusing on Jesus: His Word and Mission". We are to be engaged in His mission and concerned about obedience to His Word.

Psalm 23: *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

2 *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,*

3 *he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

From these passages we can infer that the Lord is concerned for people, and especially His people. We can also infer that when Jesus is our Lord, our Shepherd, the One who guides us, we will be cared for and He will direct us along the right paths – for His name's sake. It isn't about what we want or think, it is about what Jesus says and what He intends that matters. It's His glory, not our own that we should seek. That's why, in the familiar passages of Matthew 28, we can't stop at verse 19. *"18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* There is a clear instruction here about teaching people to obey what has been commanded. It serves as a reminder of the simple pursuit of and obedience to God's Word. As we become more like Jesus, our lives will increasingly reflect the kind of character that will bring honour and glory to our Saviour, so that people will say – wow, there's something about

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him, or her, and I want to know what it is. I want to know this Jesus they say is Lord of their life that seems to make such a difference.

In my 2017 report I indicated that the first, and most important piece is that we build, not on shifting sand, but on a solid foundation – of God’s Word and His mission. That hasn’t changed since it was God’s plan and purpose in the first place as Paul reminds us: Romans 10: ¹³ for *“Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* ¹⁴ *How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?* ¹⁵ *How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”* ¹⁶ *However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”* ¹⁷ *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”*

In 2018 I had begun the task of formally reviewing our structures in every area, including teams and committees, so that those who serve, might do so according to their gifts and passions and be blessed in their respective service and ministry. It has meant some change to existing structures and practices as we work towards continued accountability, compliance and growth. It means more changes are coming.

Plan to Protect was successfully implemented again at Camp in August 2018. The rollout to the churches and aiding them in reviewing and updating their policies is ongoing, with training having taken place at the majority of our churches now.

As a region, we want to see growth. That comes through the support of local church initiatives for outreach and discipleship – and for training and assistance towards that end as we partner together. This is the emphasis for our youth ministry this year – the local church. It also means the empowering of our young people – to release their ministry potential through intentionally making disciples and providing opportunities for the next generation. It saddens me to hear when people leave the church – but especially when young people do.

As we work to re-establish our foundations and intentionally work to move forward, I believe that God will continue to work on our behalf to orchestrate the necessary pieces to see us healthy, effective and fruitful, wherever we are planted. I have begun to see glimpses of God’s hand moving and encourage you, that as you see God at work, share it with others for their benefit and be quick to join in to what the Lord is doing.

2019 will see us continue to emphasize our priorities of Jesus’ Word and Mission, with an accountability to our Constitution, Bylaws and Statement of faith which aligns us with the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), and reminds us of our place in God’s big picture.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

This past year has been one of changes and challenges in the Church of God in Eastern Canada. In March 2018, The Board of Directors welcomed Naomi Alphonsus onto the team. She immediately stepped up to become the board secretary. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Bev Henry for her servant leadership as Board Chair up to our March 2018 GA. In the same vein of servant heartedness, George Burton wholeheartedly became our next chairperson, this despite his challenges with prostate cancer. As he continued his treatments, he courageously led the team, but unfortunately as we know, we had to release him to his heavenly home in August. This caused a need for a new chairperson to be selected and an appointment to be made for someone to fulfill George's term of service. The board made the decision for Cindy Steinke to move from vice-chair to chair and for Cecile Barnhart to complete George's term and become the new vice-chair.

Two directors' terms are ending - Kathy Costa and Rubina Shanmugathan. The board would like to thank them for their servant hearts and generous time. Rubina has served as treasurer for the past two years. She has been exemplary in this role. These ladies will be greatly missed, and there arises another challenge from this change. At the time of this writing we are in great need of a treasurer. The board welcomes your suggestions and prayers in this matter. Please note, it is not a requirement for the treasurer to be a director.

Another challenge we have had in the CHOGE is one of communication. The board has sought to remedy this by sending out updates to pastors and church leaders after every board meeting. It is our desire to operate with as much transparency as possible. Thank you for your encouraging responses.

This past year has also seen the closing of The Gathering Place church. This was no doubt a difficult decision for the church leadership. Thank you to Pastors David Dorman and Carol Ann Thompson for your leadership over the past years as you led this congregation. We all pray for God's best as He guides these leaders and congregants in their journey forward.

The board also faced a challenge in what to do with the Eighth Ave. church property. Much research and prayer went into making the decision to keep the property and continue renting/leasing it to a church or churches. Given all of the financial considerations, this seemed to be the wisest decision for the time being. Hopefully we can also use it for regional ministries in the future.

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For next year we do have financial challenges ahead of us. Chris Bonis, our Executive Director, is hard at work evaluating our present practices and looking for ways that we can change to make things more efficient. Please pray for God's wisdom in these matters. Also, the board will be evaluating our policies to ensure they are updated according to our present structure and government regulations.

We need your input, your support and your prayers! We are also praying for you regularly. If you ever have a need, please don't hesitate to make it known. In closing, let us remind ourselves of our ultimate goal – to become more and more like Jesus. Let us be a people whose wineskin welcomes and embraces the new wine of His life-giving touch and transformations for everyone!

Philippians 2:5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Together in Christ,
Cindy Steinke

CHOGEC Board of Directors:
Naomi Alphonsus – Secretary
Cecile Barnhart – Vice Chair
Roger Bitner
Kathy Costa
Bev Henry
Rubina Shanmugathan – Treasurer
Cindy Steinke - Chair

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION 2018 REPORT

The following is a summary of the work of the Finance Administration Committee in 2018. The committee met 5 times during the year.

- Reviewed the church mortgages and loans to ensure that they are up to date
- Reviewed the Church of God in Eastern Canada investments on a periodic basis through the year keeping in mind the liquid finance requirement requests from various teams and committees.
- Reviewed, checked that payments were authorized and signed off on the financial activity (checks written, journal entries, etc.) for the General Budget.

As we look to 2019 the need is for someone to take up the challenge as treasurer for Eastern Canada. Thank you to each member of the committee who came faithfully to each meeting.

Stan Desjardine, Chair
Judy Vincent Secretary
Rubina Shanmugathasan-Treasurer

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CREDENTIALS AND CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (CCRC) 2018 REPORT

We are grateful for the new developments that are taking place to help persons called to ministry to develop their full potential. Leadership Focus is an online ministry development tool, designed to equip and strengthen leaders in the Church of God through relational training with a missional perspective. While this tool is the format for preparing credentials candidates, it is also relevant and effective for pastors who want to stretch and grow in their leadership skills, raise leadership lids, and develop effective resources and abilities in training and equipping their congregations for effective kingdom impact. **We believe in a missional approach to leadership development, and believe there are certain characteristics that those responding to a call to lead should possess.** We particularly look for such qualities in those pursuing credentials. We believe that rising leaders should be:

- *Diligent in learning and growth*
- *Passionate about a compelling call to mission and ministry*
- *Committed to interdependent relationships that further the kingdom*
- *A person of strong integrity and clear moral direction*

Stephen Veerasammy, associate at Pioneer Park Church in Kitchener, is the first person from our region to be part of this ministry tool. He is now in the fourth, of a six-module program.

We are also excited to report that Church of God Ministries has joined hands with leaders and coaches across the nation to offer one-of-a-kind curriculum and encouragement for pastors and lay leaders. **LifeGivers** is a series of online “Cells” – the building blocks of Life – designed to help participants not only find rest, renewal, and inspiration in Jesus Christ, but also gain tools to help them give life to their congregation and community. Cells are led by some of the nation’s most insightful and revered coaches, and each one explores a new topic like discipleship, leadership styles, community outreach, and systems and processes. Participants can sign up for any or all Cells, and complete them online anytime that fits their schedule. Each cell lasts from 4-6 weeks. The introductory Individual Registration is \$75. For more information or to become a LifeGiver, visit CHOGLifeGivers.org.

In keeping with the goals for the CCRC, we held four regular meetings to review our work with our credentialing candidates, to assess the needs of our pastors/congregations and to approve the list of ministers and congregations. We met with three potential credentialing candidates. We are happy to report that Stephen Veerasammy is now licensed and Joyce Lammerant has been approved for ordination, with the ordination service in process. In assistance to the CCRC Rev. Chris Bonis, our Executive Director, has been meeting with the Townsend Community

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Church to support the Council and Pastoral Search Committee in their time of transition. In addition to these meetings we met for a CCRC training session with Rev. Jeannette Flynn, Leadership Focus Program Manager at Church of God Ministries, Anderson, Indiana. In cooperation with the Ministerial Assembly Rev. Flynn also met with our pastors on October 26th and led us in an informative and challenging Pastors and Church Leaders Retreat on October 27th in Kitchener. We are also working on policies for incoming pastors from other church groups and for Church of God pastors who are not currently pastoring congregations of the Church of God but want to maintain their credentials with us.

Our By-law asks each congregation to declare yearly their intent to be a certified congregation of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Eastern Canada. Together with Chris Bonis our Executive Director, we have developed a tool to accomplish that. It is in a Survey Monkey format making it easy and simple to use. Much of the content for this survey comes from our Credentials Manual. Pastors and Church Council/Board members are asked to fill this out and submit it to us. A survey for retired pastors has also been prepared and sent out.

Rev. Chris Bonis, is now our Marriage Office governing official.

At Family Camp in August we expressed our appreciation to Herb and Anna Nye for their service to the Church of God in Eastern Canada. Because of closer ministerial relationships with other pastors/congregations in the north, Herb has moved his credentials to the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada. He wrote *"I am not looking at this move as one driven by strife. I can say that I have great feelings about our time with The Church of God. I feel that the Church of God has done a wonderful job of welcoming Anna and I into the family."*

We are always saddened when one of our congregations closes its doors. The Gathering Place had its closing service on August 31, 2018 after twelve years of ministry. We know that individually the pastors and members of this congregation will continue to use their gifts in other ways and places.

I am indebted to the persons who serve with me on the CCRC—Margaret Lennox, Percy Isaac, Pastor Hardy Steinke and consultant Rev. Chris Bonis, our Executive Director, who provides invaluable service to us and to Rev. Deanna Bitner who serves as our recording secretary.

Please pray for continuing wisdom, courage and vision as we serve the Lord and His church.



Pastor Roger Bitner, Chair

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Church of God in Eastern Canada

2019 Approved List

APPROVED MINISTERS:

(Licensed or Ordained)

Arbon, Craig	Barnhart, Cecile	Barnhart, Robert
Bitner, Deanna	Bitner, Roger	Chilver, Charla
Dorman, David	Henry, Albert	James, Marcelle
Lammerant, Joyce	Paul, Ruth Ann	Pudel, Siegfried
Spooner, Junior	Steinke, Cynthia	Steinke, Hartmut
Struth, Frank	Thompson, CarolAnn	Thompson, Robert
Veerasammy, Stephen		

Retired Ministers:

Case, Kenneth	Desjardine, Stanley	Krueger, Arthur
Mayers, Hector	Mayers, Joan	Steinke, Hans

APPROVED CONGREGATIONS:

Church of God, *London*
Community Church of God, *Petworth*
Fairview Church of God, *Toronto*
First Church of God, *Toronto*
Grand Bend Church of God
Joshua Creek Church, *Mississauga*
Pioneer Park Church of God, *Kitchener*
Planting Community Church, *Toronto*
(formerly Metropolitan Church of God)
The Gathering Place, *Kitchener**
Townsend Community Church

**Closed, but still listed as an approved congregation pending resolution
of CRA documentation*

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MINISTERIAL REPORT

Ministerial meetings

We had one Ministerial during our March 24 G.A. weekend in Kitchener. This year we met a second time for an Oct.26 Friday evening fellowship meal with spouses & our weekend retreat guest leader Jeanette Flynn at Country Boy Restaurant community space, Kitchener. The Ministerial co-sponsored (with Credentials) the retreat day at 8th Ave. Church building with Jeanette Flynn on Saturday 27th. The retreat focus was: *Growing together in Christ* (Spiritual Formation - spiritual health & growth)

Worship Arts Fest

For the second time, this year's Worship Arts Fest was again celebrated at Family Camp. The anticipated Saturday afternoon event, with wonderful excellent artistic displays (including some from the children) and the music-worship worked out quite well, and re-confirmed this year again that it was a good and positive experience to potentially continue with this as a re-worked tradition at Camp. The Fest did reach new participants -- Maplegrove Camp residents, Camp visitors, and some of our own. Canada congregation members, who had not taken part in the Fest before. There was quite good feedback again.

GTA Churches - combined outdoor unity service

Our GTA congregations & friends celebrated another beautiful inspirational and joyous annual outdoor worship, communion, baptism (in the Credit River) & picnic fellowship at Eldorado Park in Brampton on Sunday, August 26. This year it was significant to experience the baptism of A.J., a native believer from xc brampton urban mission team. In the spirit of unity, our GTA pastors served together in cooperation with Pastor Marcelle & Pastor Sieg.

Pastoral changes

It is never easy to have to say farewell to minister colleagues, as they resign from their congregations or exit their leadership in our region. This year it was co-pastors David Dorman & Carol-Ann Thompson from Gathering Place, Kitchener, and Pastor George Closs from Townsend. At Camp we "re-leased" Chaplain Herb Nye from his CHoG leadership, as he transferred his credentials to the Evangelical Missionary Church. A special thank-you was expressed to Herb & Anna for all their years of good service in the CHoG in E.C. and a prayer of blessing was given, as they continue to serve in the Kingdom.

On behalf of the Ministerial, *Sieg Pudel*, Ministerial coordinator

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Ministerial Assembly goals 2019

- To continue to “rebuild” and strengthen the Ministerial in cooperation with our ED Chris
- Plan and prepare a Ministerial social event retreat (with spouses) this spring (?)
- To revisit the Ministerial co-ordinating team
- To plan at least one Ministerial gathering
- Provide encouragement and enrichment opportunities for the MA
- To plan and facilitate our next Worship Arts Fest at Family Camp
- To provide leadership at the annual CHOG Camp in Thamesford (August)

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CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Executive

Debra Lengyell, Camp Chair, Rosemary Krushel, Ruth Goodgame, Stan Desjardine, Vivienne Stephens, Margit Pudel, Deanna Bitner, Executive Director, Chris Bonis, Elissa Den Hoed, booklet

Another blessed year at camp.

Jim Lyon was as wonderful as ever! During one of the conferences he was open to any question we might want answered! We were enlightened by his responses.

Terry Posthumous and his Worship team shared their talents with the music again.

Faith Mission were back for the Children's Program. I appreciated the stories Jennifer shared with the children each evening service. I learned too!

We had a special Celebration of 50 years at Maple Grove! They had bagpipes playing and marching through the camp. Two beautiful trees and a plaque were dedicated to Church of God, plus they presented us with a cake and ice cream during the Friday night fellowship time! Evelyn Krueger and Charla Chilver led the history of the last 50 years at Maple Grove. It was wonderful hearing the old stories!

Missions, 50 years at Maple Grove, Peace Conference, Five Love Languages, and Radial Art conferences were all well attended.

Saturday was a very busy, blessed- day with Celebrating God's Faithfulness, the Worshipfest and then the Live Auction with Ted Schiek.

New this year

- All our conferences were in the Sanctuary instead of the lounge and then the Youth and Young Adult used the lounge for their conferences. We also ran two conferences at the same time.
- The youth and young adults had morning conferences each day with Lucus Burton and Steve V. We will hopefully have more things planned for our young people next year.
- We had a Coffee Break, called, BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug) in the dining room between morning conferences. A \$2.00 donation was asked for to cover expenses of coffee. We also had treats too. This was a great time of fellowship!
- Lunch ran from 12 – 1:30, so it wasn't so rushed. Much better!
- We had a Missions Outreach at the London Church. A BBQ was held. This could be a yearly happening.

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Suggestions for 2019

- Try some intergenerational activities
 - i.e. indoor games, outdoor games and an art/craft activity Wednesday, Thursday and Friday instead of craft time for children in the afternoon.
- See if someone can do Wee Lambs again.
- Improve communication between Missions, Conference Leaders and Camp Committee.
- We need to have someone be responsible for being P2P person at camp.
- Our booklet looked great! We needed more booklets at camp.
- We also need more communication throughout the year on the website, out to the churches, etc.

Camp 2019

- Our speaker next year is Rev. Georg Karl.
- Camp runs from Tuesday, August 13 – Sunday August 18, 2019.

Hope to see you all there!

Debra Legyell, Camp Chair for Church of God

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS 2018

Chris Bonis, Executive Director

2018 saw a change in the focus for youth and young adult ministry.

We no longer have a regional youth director as of March 2018 as changes have being made.

Please acknowledge and thank CarolAnn Thompson for her many years of ministry and service in this area in our region. Who knows what the future holds? Attempts were made through the year to assess the needs of the youth and young adults to determine the best way forward as a region, but there was only one young adult (who does not presently attend a Church of God church) who responded to the invitation for providing input.

Since we may no longer obtain blanket insurance coverage for regional programming and activities, the emphasis for youth and young adults is being shifted, for now, to the local church. The priority is to support local churches in their establishment of, and efforts in this vital area to see youth and young adult ministry grow.

Youth and young adults are two very distinct groups of people – with varying needs, interests, and contexts in which they live, work and serve. They are a vital aspect to church and kingdom life and we, as churches in the region would benefit significantly from opening doors and providing opportunities for them to grow, serve, lead and contribute within our churches and region as God continues to work in all of us.

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THE MESSENGER REPORT, 2018

As we walk through or spend some good moments in a local library, or in a bookstore like Chapters-Indigo or the like, or in large department stores with book-magazine sections, or peruse through on-line book/magazine offers, we can be overwhelmed with what is all available to people who enjoy reading, learning, thinking, informing themselves, or are preparing for some kind of project/presentation/report, etc. Even the broad spectrum of faith-based, Christian literature, available to followers of Christ, the curious and spiritually interested people is so rich and diverse.

Our small simple regional paper-magazine *The Messenger* faithfully fills out her purpose and role in our regional Church of God tribe, but also in the Kingdom economy and in the greater community, however God is using this good paper over many years already.

It has been a joy serving you as friends and readers in this area of our country for another year. Our Editorial team also enjoys having an on-line presence, and being able to distribute our paper in various national & international spaces.

We have felt and seen how God has truly blessed us as a team, given us the inner passion and love to do what we are doing in the various seasons of *The Messenger*, as we fulfill the *Messenger's* vision & mandate.

As we dedicate each new issue after printing and starting the distribution, we know and trust that Christ and the Holy Spirit will minister to all those who receive, glean through, read or intensely occupy themselves with the contents of each issue.

We know that friends and readers are supporting us in prayer. Thank you so much, we sense & feel it as God provides and guides us in our ministry.

It is a real honour & joy to have various fresh new contributors, even again in 2018. We are also aware of new readers, as *The Messenger* is being made available in the community, among believers, seekers and friends. Thank you to those who help spread the good news through our paper, and pass it on, as you feel lead to, believing that this resource will make a difference in people's lives and faith journey.

We are seeking another person for our Editorial team, as Evelyn is now involved in international missions in the Middle East. Please contact us, if you sense a call to join in with this mission. We will interview you in cooperation with our Executive Director Chris Bonis.

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The 3 issues published this year had the topics: *The Way of Jesus / One Lord Faith Baptism / Trust - who? what? how? when?*

Thank you also to our E. Canada regional and spiritual leadership who allow us the honour and trust to be the Editorial team, publicly representing who we are as followers of Christ in our quite diverse tribe called the Church of God.

May *The Messenger* continue to be a prophetic and credible voice of the Good News blessing this generation and beyond!

by *Sieg Pudel*

The Messenger GOALS 2019

- 1) To faithfully be a good disciple's journal and resource of hope on the way of Jesus
- 2) To stimulate people in our regional & global community to think well together and help each other to find solutions for life & relationship stuff, building a healthy faith - from our conversations
- 3) To offer a platform of constructive dialogue on issues facing our human family - shedding light on issues we have in common and get shaped and formed by godly wisdom & the teachings of Jesus
- 4) To represent the diversity of CHOg perspective(s) as we track the issues of our time, keeping our focus of honouring Christ Jesus as the logos (the living Word)
- 5) to continue to grow and stretch together as Editorial team, and discover other gifted young people and adults within our churches & networks, tapping into their creative publishing capacities, as we prepare leadership for the future of the Messenger.
- 6) to continue to spread the Good News via the Messenger (at least 3 annual issues) through individuals, churches, in the E.C. regions, nationally, as well to explore new borderless opportunities (checking how we could possibly include social media platforms via website links, twitter?)
- 7) to (finally) establish a Messenger advisory team, in cooperation with our ED Chris Bonis, who oversee, give wisdom & direction for the ministry work of the *Messenger*

For the Editorial team,
Sieg Pudel

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2018 Report: The International-National Missions Team (I-NMT) of the General Assembly of the Church of God in Eastern Canada

Submitted by: Chris Cadeau (Chairman) Members: Karen Goodyear, Alecia Guevara-Matovu

The I-NMT meeting was held under the supervision of Rev. Chris Bonis. For the first time we partnered with a local sister church- The London Church of God, during family Camp. Additionally, we had a had a special visitation from Barb Helm, who expressed to us the people who she interacts with in Asia.

Report from London Church BBQ:

The London Church of God was blessed to host a BBQ and during camp this year. We want to thank the International-National Board of Missions and the Camp Committee for including us in this event, and everyone from camp who came to support us. We were thrilled to have some new people from our neighbourhood participate in the BBQ even though the weather was threatening rain. I heard from several people who participated in the prayer walks throughout the neighbourhood that this was the first time they had ever participated in a prayer walk. Highlights from the prayer walk was praying for one of our neighbours who came to our yard sale the next week and thanked us for our prayers. Another team member witnessed to a person about accepting Christ as their Saviour. Someone offered to give us some homemade relish for the next BBQ. We are talking about improving the experience by providing some information on prayer walking and providing maps for teams for future prayer walks. Thank you for the experience and we welcome you back at any time.

[Children of Hope Haiti: Final Report 2018](#)

We are thankful for the many people and organizations that have supported this program this past year. Financial needs have been met for all of our projects and we look forward to moving forward with our 2019 plans and projects.

Sponsorship

- Three (3) of our sponsored children graduated from Grade 13 this past June giving us a total of 20 children receiving monthly support. We are expecting nine (9) more children to graduate from Grade 13 this coming June 2019.
- The five (5) schools we sponsored in 2018 (Leveque, Dauphine, Gonaives, Mahotte & a small school that educates 18 children from a poor orphanage) received a much needed and very much appreciated assortment of school supplies. Additional French readers for Grades 1-3 were carried down as well.

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Education

- This year, additional students were added to the “Education Only” program, giving us a total of 13 children. Another student completed her Grade 13 this past June and has been discharged.
- Three (3) children and their families from the earthquake in 2010 continue to receive monthly support.
- A total of 26 laptops were provided.
 - See the March trip report below regarding 15 of these laptops.
 - Additionally, in November, 11 laptops were provided for computer labs
 - 3 to Pont Sonde
 - 3 to Cabaret
 - 1 to Gonaives
 - 2 for the Jeff Compas Scholarship Program
 - 2 for sponsored students in their last year of high school
- Monthly salaries until the end of June 2019 for the 6 teachers at Leveque (previously tent city) and 3 teachers at new school in Gonaives.
- Monthly salaries for our computer instructors at the 5 computer labs that COHH is supporting.
- Funds provided for education for the Children’s Home (school) in Saintard 2018 -2019.
- Additional \$1,000 given to the school in Saintard to help students with tuition fees.
- Monthly internet funds were provided at 3 locations Gonaives, Pont Sonde and Saintard Children’s home.
- Four (4) young ladies at the Children’s home continue with English as a second language (ESL) using MP3 Players. To be reviewed in Feb 2019.

Haiti Relief

- Five goats for 5 deserving families.
- Rice was packed into small individual bags and given out to all of our sponsored children and the special needs children who were at the conference, along with many in the following villages/churches: Gonaives, Saintard, Cabaret, Toma, Mahotte, Dauphine, Leveque and a small orphanage of 18 children.
- 25 Medical Family Packs were given out to families that do not have access to a drug store for over-the-counter meds and supplies.

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- Crocs were fitted and given to the children in the orphanage and other children from outside needing shoes.
- Apples (fresh and dehydrated) that the children enjoyed the first evening we arrived in Haiti
- during the conference and another evening of fresh apples with popcorn. Jeff Compas Scholarship Fund (JCSF) Presently, we have 5 students in this program.
- Rose Curly Registre has been discharged from the program.
 - Awaiting on reply as to why she is no longer going to school.
- Two (2) new students joined the program in September
 - Sagine Charles, starting 1st year of 4 years in nursing
 - Sendie Delice starting 1st year of 2 years in Computerized Accounting.
 - All the students have informed me that they are doing well and are enjoying their courses.

Post-Secondary Education (separate from the JCSF)

Elson Bien Aime is attending a school in Port Au Prince and is presently taking an intensive English Course. This course runs for 2 years (6 months per year) Sept – Nov and the Jan – Mar.

March Trip

Lorraine and Karen travelled to Haiti. The purpose of the trip was:

- To interview applicants for the Jeff Compas Scholarship Program (JCSP).
- To carry down an additional 15 laptops (to complete our requirement of 6 laptops per site), diplomas that were created for the students completing the computer course (Windows, Word & Excel), start up a new community-based computer lab in the village of Cabaret, and to provide Terms of Agreement with the supervisor & computer instructors at our 5 community-based labs.
- To discuss providing monthly salaries for 9 teachers at 2 schools, Leveque & Gonaives.

Karen stayed on an additional 2 weeks with the children while Phyllis Newby travelled to Trinidad.

November Trip

A team of 15 volunteers travelled to Haiti.

- We hosted our 3rd bi-yearly Children's Conference with over 100 children in attendance.
- We interview all the sponsored children within our program. Report cards were seen.

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- This year's theme "Building your House on a Firm Foundation". Sessions and devotions were on the bible stories of the theme using power points, videos, songs and very talented drawings.
- Computer lessons were provided along with a session on the symbol of a tree and putting down strong roots, focusing on the importance of mental and physical health and letting your spirit soar. The importance of nutrition, adequate sleep & exercise were emphasized.
- The children played games, made crafts i.e. stick houses, Christmas house & ornaments and the making of some yummy muffins for one of their meals.
- An additional 3 students came from our sponsored schools and 4 young people from MAEDH the special needs home in PAP.
- These children and youth have such wonderful singing voices. They sing with their hearts.

Unfortunately, we were unable to visit the schools we support due to protests, general strike and many road blocks (especially on Hwy1, the road we travel) throughout Haiti. Therefore, we were forced to stay at the compound for an additional 2 days. More time was spent with the children where an Art Gallery was created to display colouring and cartoon characters that they learned in one of the sessions.

Our last day with the road clear north of the compound, we were able to take all of the 47 children to a beach and swimming pool. Some children were at the beach and within 45 mins all of the kids were in the pool, doing back flips, diving and the younger kids so proud of being able to put their faces under water. This was definitely a fun highlight of our trip. ☐ ☐ ☐

[Furaha Child Sponsorship Program \(FCSP\)](#)

Final Report – 2018 Submitted by: Julie Wiebe - Canadian Coordinator

Since 1988 Furaha child sponsorship program has been providing for many children's needs of education, spiritual growth, food and clothing. 2018 was the 30-year anniversary of the Furaha program. Over 250 have graduated and some have become teachers, nurses, medical doctors, vets, tailors, mechanics, engineers, social workers and beauticians/hairdressers. Edrin Serwano and the sponsorship staff, under the supervision of director Rev. Colleen Stevenson continue to do commendable work and service incorporating improvements in program maintenance and record keeping and caring for the sponsor children. Correspondence received for sponsors in 2017 was the most to date. Special thanks to the Furaha staff team and to each sponsor for faithful program participation providing this life-changing education and training for so many young lives in Uganda, Congo and Sudan. Due to the wars in the Congo and Sudan many of the sponsored children have been brought to Uganda to continue their education and escape danger. The Sudanese sponsor children are living in a refugee camp in northern Uganda and are in a boarding school during the school terms. Please continue to pray for these uprooted children and families and their war-torn countries.

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October, 2018 was the first year we could meet and interview the Sudanese children personally, as they are now living in Uganda. Colleen Stevenson, the director of several sponsorship programs in Uganda, continues to serve in her many roles in the mission work even as she has spent this year in Canada recovering from cancer surgery and chemo treatments as well as back surgery. Her cancer report is clear and the backpain issues have improved but please continue to pray for God's best for health and ministry work for Colleen and Tim and their family. Also pray for the church and mission work in Uganda/Africa. Colleen is hoping to return home to Uganda, end of Feb/19.

Program Activities in 2018

* Coordinator & administrator: Julie & Ken Wiebe/ and trainees: Theo and Chellsey Stad have been working into the administration of FCSP.

* Support funds were wired four times to Uganda
Child support - \$112,599.42 Special needs - \$2,571 Gifts - \$2,765 FCSP admin. expense - (Canada) -3830.98 (Uganda) – 3572.11

* Most sponsor support is up-to-date and most sponsors have received correspondence for 2018

- several sponsors sent their child/children correspondence and some sent gifts - A gift (set of bedsheets) was bought for each sponsor child while we were in Uganda in Oct.

Program Statistics

- 313 children were supported over 2018 (Congo- 33, Sudan- 22, Uganda- 258)
- Sponsors are from Western Canada, Eastern Canada, 1 from Switzerland, 1 from the US
- 21 new children joined the program, 19 exited, 8 new sponsors joined and 13 sponsors exited.
- Monthly support remained at \$30/child (\$31/child through CanadaHelps)
- Donations: made by check, money order; by e-transfer; via Canada Helps; via CCOGM; via COGEC
- Special needs funds help with extra academic expenses, medical needs, or with extenuating circumstances for some children
- Request came from Congo program coordinator Noella for additional funds for the Congo students to enable them to afford any training for courses or university after high school – she shared that the students' cost of living is higher in the Congo. The additional education money will come from the Congo special needs fund in lieu of raising the monthly support per child just for the Congo students.

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2018 MINISTRIES COUNCIL REPORT – CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE

*In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack
Zephaniah 3:16 (KJV)*

Two major conversations dominated the **MINISTRIES COUNCIL** meetings in 2018.

The first conversation was on Conditional Deeding as it relates to churches in the US. The concerns around Conditional Deeding became an issue because the Board of Church Extension no longer exist. A *Conditional Deeding Committee* was formed to work on developing a process for responding to this concern.

Some recommendations including a **CONDITIONAL DEEDING PACKET** is to be reviewed by the Ministries Council, as part of the on-going process. The conversation continues.

The 2nd conversation. grew out of a stated need for “Functional Unity” as observed by General Director Jim Lyon and others at Church of God Ministries. There were several discussions about this urgent need and in June 2017, a motion (“to convene a Movement-wide conversation exploring the possibilities of recalibration of structures and relationships”) was presented to the General Assembly and passed by a large majority. The Result...

PROJECT IMAGINE..... A Movement for the 21st Century.

Project Imagine was launched with the establishment of a Roundtable made up of 29 members of diverse voices, reflecting a wide representation of the CHOG.USA and Canada. Three major meetings were held, starting December 5–7, 2017, in Dallas, Texas, the next on February 27–March 1, 2018, in Orlando, Florida, and the third and final in June 2018, in Anderson, Indiana.

The Roundtable came away from these meetings with the following three key concepts for the future of the Church of God:

- 1) *Be prayerful and open to God’s guidance towards a new tomorrow*
- 2) *Recognize that the current lack of common vision for the Movement seriously undercuts new initiatives:*
- 3) *Have a mutual commitment to find collective ways to make God’s present guidance a future reality.*

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At its conclusion the Roundtable delivered the following recommendations and proposals to the Ministries Council:

1. Consideration for the Formation of a “NETWORKING TABLE” → a forum designed to bring increased harmony to the combined ministry....
2. Consideration for the Formation of a “PILOT REGION” → a region that will work to develop avenues of innovation and cooperation between volunteering state/regional offices and Church of God Ministries.

The MC will respond at the Council meeting in March. The intention is to be able to move the process to the floor of the General Assembly in June 2019.

Reflections:

What about Canada? Does this meet the need in Canada? **What is our need?** Where and how do we best fit in this picture? Questions I’m asking.... questions for all of us. I’m suggesting that Canada give prayerful and serious thoughts to these and possible other questions that may have come to mind?

The emphasis is on *functional unity and re-imagining the way forward for the Church of God USA and Canada.*

Upcoming Events:

2019 Convention and General Assembly June 27-30, 2019 in Orlando-Florida.

Blessings.

Submitted by:



Beverly Henry
Canadian Representative
Ministries Council
Church of God USA and Canada

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CHURCH OF GOD IN EASTERN CANADA – BUDGET 2019

SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Income	\$ 299,130.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 402,748.00	\$ -

INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL
OPERATING INCOME		
General Giving (Churches and Individuals)	\$ 41,500.00	
Missions	\$ 10,500.00	
Other (Messenger/Family Camp/Miscellaneous)	\$ 15,700.00	
Investment Income	\$ 5,000.00	
Rental Income	\$ 15,000.00	
Children of Hope Haiti	\$ 67,330.00	
Furaha Child Sponsorship	\$ 144,100.00	
TOTAL	\$ 299,130.00	\$ -

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL
OPERATING EXPENSE		
Accounting & Legal	\$ 19,910.00	
Missions	\$ 10,150.00	
Regional Development and Committees	\$ 34,150.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 600.00	
Insurance	\$ 7,500.00	
P2P	\$ 3,000.00	
Office and Phone Expenses	\$ 8,500.00	
Executive Director Travel and expenses	\$ 7,500.00	
Regional Board	\$ 12,050.00	
Children of Hope Haiti	\$ 67,330.00	
Furaha Child Sponsorship	\$ 152,658.00	
Web Hosting & Domains	\$ 1,000.00	
	\$ 324,348.00	\$ -

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PAYROLL		
Payroll Expenses	\$ 3,900.00	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 60,000.00	
Contractor Wages		
	\$ 63,900.00	\$ -
OTHER		
Church Support	\$ 14,500.00	
Postage		
	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 402,748.00	\$ -

Projected Deficit for 2019: \$ 103,618

Projected to be \$18,152.95 less than 2018's projected deficit

Notes:

Accounting and legal expenses include: Auditor's fees, Bookkeeping expenses, general legal fees, student grant, office expenses and bank fees.

Regional Development and Committees expenses include: Leadership Development; Youth & Young Adults; Congregational Strengthening; Ministerial Assembly; Credentials & Church Relations; The Messenger; Family Camp; and associated travel and office expenses related to each functioning committee. These fall under the responsibility of the Executive Director to oversee and represent an increase over the 2018 budget to include all of family camp expenses with corresponding income anticipated from Camp so net change from 2018 budget is \$0

Missions Revenue goes directly towards the support of mission initiatives. These numbers may fluctuate but will be balanced both in income and expense. Historically this number has been confusing due to the support for missions not being channeled through the Region. This complicates the budgeting process and causes issues pertaining to issuance of tax receipts and the region demonstrating proper oversight, direction and accountability according to CRA requirements.

This is being changed for 2019 and moving forward. Excess expenses for Furaha (\$8,558.00) over income are expected to be covered through remaining Furaha equity from 2018 (\$8858.93) and therefore reducing the projected deficit to \$95060. Executive Director travel and expenses include: regional and national travel for church.

Executive Director travel and expenses include: regional and national travel for church and committee business, conferences, and related expenses. It reflects a more accurate allocation of travel and related expenses and represents an increase of \$300 over the 2018 budget.

Regional Board Expenses include: General Assembly related expenses; Travel for Board meetings; Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) support; Ministries Council representation travel and associated expenses. This represents a decrease of approximately \$5,000 over the 2018 budget.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (2019)

The Board of Directors would like to thank this year's members, Cecile Barnhart, Pat Desjardine and Hillary James, for their service. The committee spent time praying and speaking with persons to assess interest in becoming a director. Several emails were sent to pastors and church leaders to also ask for their help in seeking interested persons. As a result, we are presenting Junior Spooner and Rubina Shanmugathasan as candidates for the Board of Directors.

Junior attends the Planting Community Church, where he has assisted with preaching and other assignments. The Nominating Committee is pleased to put forward Junior for this servant role. Rubina is a member of Fairview Church and has been serving on the Board of Directors for the past three years, the last two as Treasurer. She is a valued member of the team. We are pleased to nominate Rubina again. The term for service is three years.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank Junior and Rubina for their generosity of spirit and willingness to serve the CHOGECC.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Cindy Steinke

Chair, Nominating Committee

Chair, Board of Directors

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AUDITOR'S REPORT



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
The General Assembly of the Church of God in Eastern Canada

The accompanying summarized balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenses are derived from the complete financial statements of The General Assembly of the Church of God in Eastern Canada as at December 31, 2018 and 2017 and for the years then ended on which we expressed an opinion with a basis of qualification in our report dated February 22, 2019. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable assurance guidelines of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying condensed financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the guidelines referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosure required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. For more information on the organization's financial position and results of operations, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

DBK Accounting Professional Corporation

February 22, 2019
Hamilton, Ontario

DBK Accounting Professional Corporation
Authorized to practice public accounting by the
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EASTERN CANADA

**BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank	\$ 80,660	\$ 61,432	\$ 142,092	\$ 130,534
GST/HST receivable	3,067	-	3,067	3,351
Accounts receivable	2,370	-	2,370	3,882
Prepaid expenses	18,516	-	18,516	25,194
Short-term portion of church loans and mortgages	-	63,208	63,208	10,800
Short-term investment certificates	<u>805,016</u>	<u>56,181</u>	<u>861,197</u>	<u>678,774</u>
	909,629	180,821	1,090,450	852,535
Other Assets				
Church loans and mortgages	-	5,230	5,230	68,589
Investment certificates	-	-	-	256,386
Loans to students	-	953	953	1,353
Land and building, 164 Eighth Avenue, Kitchener	<u>522,792</u>	<u>137,824</u>	<u>660,616</u>	<u>660,616</u>
	<u>522,792</u>	<u>144,007</u>	<u>666,799</u>	<u>986,944</u>
	<u>\$ 1,432,421</u>	<u>\$ 324,828</u>	<u>\$ 1,757,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,839,479</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 42,059	\$ -	\$ 42,059	\$ 51,299
Deferred revenue	3,894	-	3,894	-
Government remittances payable	<u>3,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,341</u>	<u>5,455</u>
	49,294	-	49,294	56,754

FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)

General	731,732	-	731,732	804,762
World Service Non-Budget	515,216	-	515,216	523,052
Missions	131,111	-	131,111	128,644
Revolving Memorial Loan Fund (RMLF)	-	324,828	324,828	324,828
Youth Fellowship	146	-	146	478
Family Camp	<u>4,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,922</u>	<u>961</u>
	<u>1,383,127</u>	<u>324,828</u>	<u>1,707,955</u>	<u>1,782,725</u>
	<u>\$ 1,432,421</u>	<u>\$ 324,828</u>	<u>\$ 1,757,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,839,479</u>

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EASTERN CANADA

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Revenues		
World Service	\$ 304,414	\$ 325,238
Revolving Memorial Loan Fund	1,639	1,885
Youth Fellowship	-	100
Family Camp	16,450	11,949
Church Acquisitions	<u>7,000</u>	<u>5,400</u>
	329,503	344,572
Expenses		
World Service	387,935	382,342
Youth Fellowship	332	107
Family Camp	12,489	12,484
Church Acquisitions	<u>3,517</u>	<u>457</u>
	<u>404,273</u>	<u>395,390</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (74,770)</u>	<u>\$ (50,818)</u>