



## BETHEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OTTAWA



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

1. DEVOTIONS
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  - Setting of Voting Bar
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3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
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## **LEAD PASTOR**

### **Pastor Peter McIntosh**

**“No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” Philippians 3:13,14**

This year has been the year of Focus! We focus on this one thing, moving forward in all that the Lord has for us. While Covid-19 threw a massive curve and we’ve all had to readjust to a new current reality and realize rebuilding will need to happen, we’re still so thankful for all that God is doing. His work still moves forward! In the midst of a stressful time, people are still coming to faith, lives are still being transformed and God is still on the move.

People have been encouraged, loved and blessed through this great church. But it gets better...this is only the beginning. We haven’t seen all that the Lord has for us so we stay focused and we keep moving forward together as a family. Let’s stay focused and let’s keep pressing on!

#### **Lead Team**

The Lord has built a great lead team here at Bethel. Sandra McIntosh leads our Young Adult Ministry, Terri-Lynn Clarke leads our Children’s Ministry, Rob Olson leads our Church Ministries, Mitchell Pitt leads our Youth Ministry, Sheril Shaw leads our Worship and Creative Ministry and Pauline Williams leads our Pastoral Care and Senior’s Ministry. What an awesome team that serves so well!

#### **Administration Team**

The Lord has also built an amazing administration team. Joan Hoskins serves as Business Administrator, Kelechi Obinna-Uguru serves as Office Administrator, Augustine Butera serves as Custodian and Donald Hoskins serves as night lock up. What another great team!

#### **Volunteer Team**

The real strength of Bethel is found in the hundreds of people who sacrificially serve and love and minister. A big thank you to everyone!

We want to thank the Board and all of you for believing with us, as a presence driven church, for all that God has for us. Bethel is a great family and we’re still only seeing the beginnings of the amazing things that the Lord is going to do in and through all of us. We’re believing for supernatural transformation in our lives, in this church and in our world!

Be Blessed!

Rev. Peter and Sandra McIntosh



## **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

### **Pastor Rob Olson**

This past year is one we did not see coming. It's hard to look back on 2019 and even remember a time where Covid-19 wasn't a part of our lives, let alone the ministry. We are social creatures who were designed to be in relationship and this pandemic has made that extremely difficult. Even with all of the frustration and the change that has gone on over the past year, one thing remains consistent - God is at work! He was not taken off guard and He is our strength during this difficult season.

**Multiply Men's Ministry** - Back in 2019 we had an excellent turnout at our Annual Axe Throwing competition. It felt like this event was just the start to a new season that was spearheaded with a name change from Men's Room to Multiply. A strong group of guys regularly met to pray once a month and we were extremely excited for our Men's Retreat that was to take place in March of 2020. Unfortunately, the pandemic made our retreat impossible as the event centre we rented was forced to close just one week prior to the retreat. We were able to have our regular Super Bowl event which was a lot of fun and once again included many women of Bethel. During the pandemic, the Multiply Men's leadership team challenged the men of Bethel to read through the Book of Acts in 28 days. 40+ men accepted the challenge. Looking to the future, we are preparing for regular meetings (online for now) and we look forward to the day when we can gather for our retreat (Date is booked for 2021).

**Bethel Grows** - We continue to meet for classes and have done so throughout the pandemic. Initially, we would meet every Wednesday before our prayer meeting and have various classes such as the study of scripture to classes on mental health. The disruption that was caused by Covid-19 initially caused us to hold back on events, but as we grew comfortable with our systems, we quickly resumed classes. At first, we met online only via Zoom, but as restrictions loosened we have been able to meet both at the church and online as well. Currently, we are teaching through a series called "Jesus Said What?" which will utilize each pastor (and intern) to lead a class on some of the more difficult sayings of Christ.

**Communities Small Groups** - This year, Barney Sevilla has been an exceptional addition to the leadership team. His extensive background in pastoral leadership along with structuring, building and maintaining small groups is vital to this ministry and we have already seen some exciting investment in our Small Group Leaders. Through the pandemic, our small groups have continued to meet online and most continue to do so on a regular basis. During the summer we provided 4 weeks of training for our small group leaders and we continue to come together on a monthly basis to discuss the challenges, wins and losses of small group leadership. Our hope for this next year is that the Community groups will be strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, as the leadership of Bethel pours into them through regular meetings, leadership training and prayer.

**New Believers/New Comers** - This is one of the most difficult areas during the pandemic. What we are noticing during this time is that it is difficult to recognize who is new to the church in the online context. We have systems set up for those who are new to connect with us and to engage with us on Sunday mornings online. Unfortunately, the very nature of the online platform encourages people to avoid the relationship aspect of the church. When people do connect with us, we have a system in place that connects with them a number of times over the next month. Nothing replaces one on one connections.

**Guest and Family Services** - One of the most significant challenges we have had over the past number of months is simply coming back to church and making it a place where people feel safe. At one point it seemed that, week to week, there were new rules and regulations that we needed to adjust to and follow. Recently, we have added Jr. High and Children back to our regular services which has changed the way people have registered and assembled inside our church building. Now that winter is returning we have worked to make sure that we are keeping people as warm as possible while ensuring their safety during this season. Through all of this the greeters, ushers, registration people and others have done a fantastic job as we've adjusted systems. They are serving all of us so well.

In addition to these significant areas of ministry, others worthy of noting are Oasis (this ministry is no longer running as a Bethel ministry in its former format), altar ministry and Freedom in Christ prayer ministry (currently developing a new curriculum for 2021). Ministries such as Bethel Cafe, Summer's End Block Party, Big Give, and the International Food Fare have been suspended until we are given the okay to restart.

A big thank you to everybody who serves within Church Ministries. You're awesome!



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **Pastor Terri-Lynn Clarke**

For the past 4 years, I have been blessed to be the Children's Pastor here at Bethel. It is such an honour to teach and love these kids every week. We have seen God do amazing things within our kid's ministry as it continues to grow. Although this past year has been an interesting one (to say the least) it's been amazing to see God working in our kid's lives even during this crazy time. I'm excited for what God is doing and will do within our Kid's Ministry.

#### **Sunday Ministries**

**Nursery:** Each Sunday, our nursery is full of precious babies. It has been so fun to watch our nursery ministry grow as we welcome new families! This past year we introduced a nursery curriculum with simple things such as weekly 'report cards' to let the parents know how their child did that day in the nursery. Parents were appreciative of this. A big thank you to Ruby Dulmage who is our Nursery Coordinator. Ruby, I cannot thank you enough for all your incredible work with our nursery. From creating schedules and encouraging nursery staff to making sure every little one is loved and taken care of, you do it all so well. Thank you to all the amazing nursery volunteers for all you do. I appreciate you all so very much!

**Bethel Kids Church (Age 2-Grade 5):** Each Sunday, children join in with the rest of the church family for worship and are then dismissed to Kids Church. We have grown tremendously in the last couple of years and have many young families who attend regularly. Children are taught each Sunday by our incredible Bethel Kids staff through interactive, Jesus-centered, Bible-based lessons. Suzanne Drouin is our Pre-School and Kindergarten Coordinator and is such an incredible support! In September 2019 we opened our Special Needs Classroom with Roslyn Dulmage as the Coordinator. A huge thank you to Roslyn for leading this. We are excited for what's to come with that ministry.

#### **Mid-Week Ministries**

**Bethel Kids:** Bethel Kids takes place every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm and is designed to be a place where kids can meet Jesus and experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Ages 2-11 meet in their respective age groups and learn the Word of God through fun interactive lessons. From 2 years ago until now, this ministry has grown tremendously and has significantly changed. Most of the kids in attendance are from our very own neighbourhood. Families who have lived for over 20 years in our neighbourhood and had never come to our church building now bring their kids each week. In September 2019 we introduced Bethel Kids Electives. Once a month, children have the opportunity to learn new skills such as baking, sewing, science experiments and woodworking. Our kids love this ministry, and this has also opened the door to new families joining.

Thank you to Don Hoskins, who is our Bus Coordinator; I can't even begin to thank you enough. You serve with everything you are! You're such a blessing to this Kids Ministry. A BIG thank you to our BK leaders who serve so well and love these kids and invest so much of themselves into this ministry. You are all the BEST.

Mom & Tots: Three years ago we started a Mom & Tots group. This is a place where moms can form relationships and make connections with other moms. Thank you to Lindsay Carter who co-leads this ministry with me. It was such fun meeting moms from our neighbourhood this past year and making great connections.

Parent Cue: Two years ago we opened a new department within our Kids Ministry called Parent Cue which offers parenting classes on how to talk to kids about topics such as faith, health and their bodies. Last year we were able to host an event for fathers and daughters. We had hoped to do this again this year but we weren't able to due to the pandemic.

Treasured: This year we also continued with our new ministry called Treasured. This is a ministry to moms and tween daughters. We met monthly and discussed topics such as emotions, relationships, body image, etc. Before the pandemic this was going really well and families really appreciated it. Families from our community attended and enjoyed it as well.

### **Pandemic Ministry:**

A strange year indeed but, as a Kids Ministry, we have had the opportunity to be in the living rooms of families we never had the chance to connect with before.

During the pandemic we had to redesign our Kids Ministry for online, which for any ministry is challenging. We continued our Mom & Tots ministry but just made it virtual. Thank you to Kaisha for coming alongside and helping with this ministry. Each week during the pandemic we were able to post sensory activities for Moms to do with their children using household items so they didn't have to leave their homes.

We also began Bethel Kids BookMark online via Zoom where Mrs. Suzanne was able to have story time with our little kids.

We hosted an Easter Door Decorating contest in which many families participated. This was a great success and connection into our community.

We also hosted an online Summer Creative Camp for kids which we did on Zoom. We held dance, voice, and art classes. This was a huge success and we had many kids sign up for these classes and they so enjoyed it. Thank you to the awesome leaders who taught these classes.

During Covid-19 I have been making weekly videos for our kids and posting them each week to our Bethel Kids YouTube & Facebook platforms.

As we have been easing our way back into the church we have created "Busy Bags" for the kids! In them there are activity sheets such as fill in the blank and colouring sheets that are connected with that Sunday's sermon. This allows kids to be engaged with the service.

Thank you to the Bethel Kids Lead team and staff. Whether you volunteer on Sundays, Wednesdays or for events I appreciate you so very much. Thank you for being you!

To my amazing husband, Derek, thank you for ministering alongside me to these precious children and for ALL you do (there's too much to list).

To Pastor Peter & Sandra: It's been a blessing working under your leadership. I am so thankful for all that I have learned from you both in the past 4 years.

To the rest of the pastoral team/staff: You're all family! It's an honour to work alongside all of you.



## **STUDENT MINISTRIES**

### **Pastor Mitch Pitt**

#### **Sanctuary Jr. High**

Our year, Sept. 2019- August 2020, was full of unexpected twists and turns but it was also full of God. We named our year “Family” with the focus of our Jr. Highs on experiencing God for themselves so they can function well as a part of the body. This past year has been one to remember. Before Covid hit we had a record number of Jr. High’s joining Bethel for our Wednesday night ministry as well as Sunday mornings during service. We have watched as students started brand new lives in Jesus, were baptized, experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit for the first time and grew passionately towards God and each other. We have expanded our Jr. high leadership team and had the honour of having Pastor Ezra join us as an intern (she’s back for round two YAY!). Please continue to pray for these young lives as we endeavour to create for them a lasting opportunity to connect with the God who created them. We are seeing our Jr. Highs reach out to God as never before as they pray for healing for each other, for salvation in their schools and begin to discover the spiritual gifts that God has placed inside them. Covid has been very difficult as the online forums are not as useful for our younger students who, during March-June, were also being asked to spend most of their days online for school. We have been back for Sunday mornings as of September and are excited to see where God is going to take these awesome students.

“Who are we?” “SANCTUARY!”

#### **Sanctuary Youth**

Our high school outreaches have grown this year as well. Before Covid hit we were present in 5 high schools across the city with several students engaging in conversations with teachers to have more groups opened. Two of them I personally get to oversee each week while 3 others are being led or co-led by our very own Sanctuary students! Please keep our high schools and students in prayer as we are experiencing the difficulties of doing ministry within our schools due to Covid. Our worship ministry has taken on new life as students continue to press in for more of God. For the foreseeable future we are now a Sunday night ministry utilizing the amazing main auditorium to welcome students each week. Our challenge for our high schoolers is to help them maintain their passion for God and others. We want them to believe that, even during Covid, they will see friends come to Jesus or receive a vision from God and have the Word come alive in a new way. We are passionately going after the Holy Spirit and His place in our immediate lives and world. Pray for our leadership team as we continue to carve out a place for young people to engage with their FAMILY even though it feels quite different. We believe that God can move and revival can hit even when all seems hopeless. Nothing can stop the Kingdom of God!



## **THE MOVEMENT – YOUNG ADULTS**

### **Pastor Sandra McIntosh**

This has been another year of growth numerically and spiritually! We are thanking God for all He has done through the Movement. The theme for 2020 is Revival and we are believing for personal and corporate revival.

**Scriptural Theme for the Movement - Matt 10 (MSG) “Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighbourhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.” vs. 28 “If your first concern is to look after yourself, you’ll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to Me, you’ll find both yourself and more”**

#### **Reflecting back on 2019/2020**

1. YA Communities: We now have 9 small groups which are growing and we’ve included a new Grade 12 Grads small group to help include newly graduated students into the Movement community. They are studying Unqualified by Steven Furtick and Relationship Goals by Michael Todd. Pastor Rob is now more actively involved in the training and overseeing the YA small groups.
2. Outreach to Carleton: We’ve applied for funding to do outreach in 2021 so we will offer free breakfast a few times a year and give out cards for the Movement to students.
3. Several young adults gave their lives to Jesus this year and several were baptized in the Holy Spirit.
4. This March, two days before the Covid lockdown, we had our largest gathering at our monthly meeting with 109 young adults. It was a powerful night of worship, word and prayer. Three young adults gave their lives to Jesus. We have moved to the auditorium to accommodate the growth. We have approximately 180 YAs at Bethel.
5. We are fully integrated in the life of the church adding new YA’s every year to serve in creative, children’s, youth, greeting, prayer team, welcome desk and the Care Centre.
6. Our street outreach and strip club outreach continue meeting monthly but only for prayer due to Covid. From September 2019- March 2020 they were thriving and 1 of our women from the club gave her life to Jesus at here Bethel!
7. We are experiencing a tightly knit community.
8. There is greater freedom in worship every year with a desire to follow Jesus with all of their hearts.

#### **Looking forward to 2020/2021**

We are praying for revival at Bethel and I believe He will use every generation to usher us into “normal” Christianity and I believe the young adults are going to be a significant part of this move of God. Even through Covid-19 God is bringing us new Young Adults. We do realize growth will be slower this year as most students are not moving to Ottawa for university because classes are all online, but He is at work in our lives bringing us into a deeper walk of faith. We are thankful for Ezra who did her internship with us in the first part of 2020 and she is now with us for 4 more months investing in the lives of YAs.



## **PASTORAL CARE & SENIORS**

### **Pastor Pauline Williams**

**Pastoral Care:** The year 2020 will be one we will never forget. As the saying goes, “it came in like a Lion” but certainly isn’t leaving like a Lamb. I’m always amazed at how awesome God is in all of these circumstances. We must admit that we are living in challenging times. Last year at this time my team and I were privileged to pop in and out of hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes and private homes to visit with those who were shut in. We took it for granted that we would always have this opportunity. For the past eight months we have to care for our seniors and shut ins with the new buzzword ‘social distancing’. Even though the situation is challenging we continue to minister with every available tool that we have. We spend a lot of time on the phone listening, sharing and being a shoulder to cry on. A number of our elderly went to be with the Lord this year. We are so thankful for them. They fought a good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. On that note let us keep our eyes on the prize. 1 Corinthians 15:58 gives a clear view as to why we are so vigilant about the ministry.

**Connections and Legacy-** In March of 2020 we had the last gathering of the season just before the lockdown due to COVID-19. However, in July, we were able to host a virtual Senior’s Conference with Pastor Paul Cassidy as the guest speaker. The group Vocal Legacy provided our music. During this time a number of seniors contributed money to purchase Pizza lunches for two retirement homes, The Ravines and The Waterford, which was well received. At the end of July we launched a virtual Bible study “Journey through Acts” which is progressing very well.

**Legacy Ladies** are working on packing shoe boxes individually and working on knitting hats and gloves at home. We are in the process of collecting eye glasses to be sterilized for the African project when possible. The lockdown is still in effect but our spirits are not locked down and we praise God for that. Social distancing raised a lot of concerns so not many want to meet, therefore, we merged Legacy and Connections for the time being and planned according to the protocols of the provincial government and their safety measures. We met on October 7th for the first time for a short social distancing get together.

**Retirees Breakfast** is on an indefinite pause as food is not allowed at gatherings. An applause to Barb Jeppell and her team for their commitment.

**Viewmount Seniors Community Connections** which had only briefly started is on a pause and will resume when it is safe to proceed. We are thankful to the Care Centre who continue to supply grocery bags monthly and bless this community. We will continue the Lord’s bidding and we will be vigilant and steadfast and God will get us through this.

**“You'll get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime, don't be foolish or naïve. But don't despair either. With God's help, you will get through this.” Max Lucado.**



## **SHE - WOMEN** **Pastor Sandra McIntosh**

### **SHE UNITES – SHE CONNECTS – SHE IMPACTS**

**OUR HEARTBEAT: To value, inspire, empower and connect women of all ages to worship, reach out, love and serve extraordinarily.**

Our lead team this year changed with a focus on Every Girl. We now have youth, young adults, a young mom and middle-aged women on our lead team.

1. We run Wednesday classes for women. In September 2019 we offered a Pilates class as a means to reach out to our neighbourhood. Several women from outside Bethel attended. These classes are designed to be a bridge to the community.
2. We held our Christmas “Girls Night Out” in December and had 300 women from 8-108 join us for an evening of worship, Word, food and fun. This is an event we hold twice a year. We had to cancel our Spring “Girls Night Out” due to Covid.
3. SHE strip club outreach continues in Gatineau. Men and women are part of this team. They have built relationships with the women and the club manager. The team is led by Ric and Malinda Tibbets. Outreach is limited due to Covid.
4. We held a spring/summer book club online and in-person – ‘Unrivaled’ by Lisa Bevere. It was an inspirational series.

### **2020/2021**

1. We will continue with our classes on Wednesdays when Covid ends and hold our Girl’s Night Out once we are allowed to resume safely.
2. We are believing for women of all ages to continue to rise up and impact Bethel and our city.



## **WORSHIP, CREATIVE ARTS AND PRODUCTION DIRECTOR**

### **Sheril Shaw**

We are a team of worshippers of all ages and backgrounds unified in heart and purpose. We work together to see the church continue to move forward in our freedom of expression through worship - serving in all areas of the music department. The music department has gone through and continues to go through changes and transitions. In the last few months alone we as a department have experienced shifts and changes in leadership. We've been adjusting to a new normal of leading and ministering in worship, dealing with Covid-19 and stabilizing the department in these times.

Due to Covid we have not been able to meet on Tuesdays as we regularly did and we miss this aspect dearly as it is the core of how we connected with each other, learn new songs, up-skill ourselves and train new members. We have also had to rethink how we deliver worship on Sundays during our morning service. We are blessed to have a core set of members who put in a lot of hours and effort into ensuring we record, edit and broadcast our services on Sundays.

The departure of Sara and Jamie had a significant impact on the team. They contributed immensely to the department especially in the creative and production area.

We are extremely thankful to Tyler for answering the call and coming on board to do the physical portion of overseeing the sound on Sundays and at other events such as YA. He is presently revamping our ways of delivering the best quality in sound and production here at Bethel.

Our theme for this year is Keep Pushing Forward. Psalms 32:8 says, "I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you I will counsel you."

I'm so grateful that we have a team of members who are willing to lean into God's leading, adjust to the many changes and welcome new members. We are still experiencing growth in the department and seeking new ways to train and equip.

Beginning the week of October 27 we are looking to restart creative nights by utilizing the online platform Zoom and then switch over to a hybrid delivery. Our plan is to continue to grow as a department and to support the other areas in the church such as YA, Sanctuary, Youth and Kid's Ministry etc.

Looking ahead, we are doing our best to adjust and try to stay ahead of the possible changes coming, but most importantly, we seek to strengthen and continue to build on what God has blessed us with.



## **GLOBAL MISSIONS**

### **Pastor Rob Olson, Committee Chair**

Bethel is most certainly a missions-minded church. This is not only reflected in our budget, it is reflected in our involvement in missions on the local and international level. We take very seriously the call God gives us to “Go!”.

Unfortunately, any missions trips that were being planned were put on hold until after the pandemic.

Over the past number of years, we have worked as a committee to bring in policies and procedures we believe will help us make decisions on what missions we support and why we support them. We have a system in place that is clear and concise and walks potential partners through a process that helps them to get to know us better while we discover the dreams God has placed on their hearts. These policies and procedures have worked extremely well and have made the process easy for the pastors, the committee members and the local and global workers.

We have continued to balance our international and local giving while spotlighting the ministries we support every month during church services so that our congregation can get to better know our global workers. In 2019-20 we have been able to take on new global workers from Restricted Access nations as well as Alex Lopez who has been called from Bolivia to minister right here in Ottawa.

Covid-19 has been hard on many people and global workers are, of course, no exception. It is with great joy that we were able to help some of our global workers with giving over and above what we had agreed to for the year. I know this has come as a major encouragement to them as they had found their budgets hit in a significant way. We have also been able to send money to areas that the PAOC decided needs the most help. This is just another way we are able to connect with the PAOC and partner with the work they are doing across the world.

Our International partners span many continents as we are intentionally trying to connect with a variety of PAOC regions all over the world. Some countries of note are Kenya (Deborah Sirjoosingh), Thailand (Amber and Matthew Price), Vietnam (Kelly & Angela), India (Bill and Elveera Redwood), Peru (Dean & Ruth Milley), as well as Restricted Access partnerships.

In Canada, our missions partnerships continue with Jericho Road, Capital City Mission, Shawn Naylor, First Place Options and Care Centre Ottawa. The addition of Alex Lopez (Power to Change) is extremely exciting as our relationship with Alex has grown over the past couple of years right here at Bethel.

We believe in the work our global workers are doing which is why we choose to partner with them. We believe that God will use them in the areas they have been called to in order to spread His gospel message, meet needs and transform lives.

Please continue to give and to pray for all of our global workers across the world.

Finally, here's an update from Lisa Fabian, the Director of the Care Centre Ottawa.

"A lot has changed since March 14, 2020 when we suspended our regular programming and adapted the services we provide in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There has been a sharp increase in the number of guests requiring our Emergency Food Bank services. We now consistently serve over 625 families each month representing 2100+ people.

To meet the growing demand we have expanded our hours of operation and have changed our service model. We now offer drive-thru service to help reduce the risk of exposure for both our guests and volunteers and offer delivery to over 100 isolated seniors living on low income each month. In order to allow us to effectively meet the growing demand we have turned the gym and kitchen at Bethel into a temporary hub where we are able to process incoming donations, prepare non-perishable food boxes and assemble bags of fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, meat and bread.

We thank God for the strong trusting relationships He has enabled us to build in our community. While we have been able to help meet the practical need for food, it has also been an absolute privilege to look into the eyes of our guests and remind them that we are all in this together. We have seen tears of gratitude and watched as worry, shame and fear have been exchanged with relief and smiles as guests recognize that they are not alone. A tremendous openness exists and we have been able to share that, even if we cannot see all that lies ahead, we can trust that God loves us and He is in control.

As we listen to the stories of so many who come to the Care Centre it is clear that the need in our community right now is great. It is also equally clear that God is at work and we are so grateful for His faithfulness. Moving forward, we remain committed to serving our neighbours, filling existing gaps and sharing Christ's love in tangible ways.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers."



## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

### **Joan Hoskins**

As Business Administrator, under the supervision of Pastor Peter, it has been an amazing journey to oversee the church finances during these unprecedented times.

Making it easier for our congregation to tithe and donate to Bethel has been a priority during the Covid-19 pandemic. Through your ongoing commitment to obey the Lord's command to tithe and to His glory, I am humbled to report that we continue to be blessed financially. In response to this I believe that we have been good stewards of the finances the Lord has entrusted to us. Through your continued financial support we were able to carry on our mandate to spread the gospel here at Bethel and by supporting our global workers and home missions during the past year!

Thank you to our Treasurer Dave Thomson, the Signing Officers and the Counting Teams for your ongoing support and willingness to serve.

Thank you as well to our IT team: Jeff Siddall, James Wall, Andy Shaw, Andrew Wake and Mauricio Garcia who graciously shared their expertise to keep us up and running in this ever-changing world of technology. A huge shout out to those who took on the daunting task of upgrading our technology. They have been in on weekends tirelessly upgrading our wiring and hardware so that everything runs smoothly. Thank you to Andrew Wake who has taken on the task of upgrading our cameras to enhance our security system and to Jeff Siddall for all of your work in this area over the past years.

It is also my role to oversee the church building. Thankfully, this year, we have had no major events that have affected the building! Augustine continues to serve the Lord faithfully as the church custodian and he has done a remarkable job considering the fact that he is self-taught! Thank you to those of you who have supported and encouraged Augustine over the past year.

In the spring with the re-opening of the church and in order to enhance our safety protocols, an outside cleaning company was secured to clean touch points and washrooms on Sunday mornings before, during and after church. We will continue this as long as we need to in the year ahead.

During the year a group of eager men formed a small team to do handyman jobs around the church. They met every Thursday evening and after a short devotional and prayer went to work. Their work was suspended with the closure of the church during the pandemic, however, they are ready to work again using the safety measures imposed by Ottawa Public Health of wearing masks and social distancing. Thanks to Rob Scharfe, Lewis Nichol, Ben Stiller, Dave Gabey, Morris Williams, Sid Danielson, Ken McLaren, Ron Naylor and Reg Smallwood.

Thank you as well to Barbara Jeppel who led a team to do the outdoor gardening in the spring. They cleaned up the gardens and gave them new life with the addition of some new perennials.

We are currently looking into a new security system for the exterior doors. We hope to have this in place in the near future.

This was the year of transition with the re-structuring of the staff in the main office. The input, expertise and talents of Mary Greco and Shirlee Gorsky were a great asset to the church. Our new Office Administrator, Kelechi Obinna-Uguru, joined us in January and is continuing to bring fresh insight into her role during these unpredictable times.

Once again, thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

In Him,

Joan Hoskins  
Business Administrator



**BETHEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH PROPERTY  
CORPORATION**  
**Garth Gorsky, Chair**

Bethel Pentecostal Church Property Corporation (BPCPC) was created as a separate corporation from the Church Corporation to manage and own the major assets of the church. Renovations, repairs, upgrades and replacement costs related to the BPCPC property can be expensive. BPCPC has a long term plan covering major capital expenditures over the foreseeable future. While the current assets of the corporation are significant, so too are the projected costs. For this reason, the long term planning must allow for the holding of adequate savings to meet these needs.

The last annual report stated that our goal for this fiscal year was to begin a review of accessibility issues. There are significant issues that fall into this category and the work will continue in the new year.

The BPCPC governing By-Laws provide that the Board of Directors of BPCPC be elected by the Church Board. The current Property Corporation Board members are Garth Gorsky (Chair), Nick Greco (Secretary), Dean Corrigan, Glen Byers, David Dulmage Jr. and Rob Scharfe. Pat Wu was appointed as Treasurer by the Property Corporation Board.

Being a Director of this corporation requires a considerable investment of their time as BPCPC does not have its own staff to look after many of the projects so each Director has an area of responsibility. As such, I want to thank each of the Directors and Officers for their invaluable contribution and involvement over the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Garth Gorsky  
Chair, BPCPC



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Dave Thomson**

I am sure that none of us ever imagined a year like this one. In most of our homes, including our church home, we have had to grapple with unprecedented uncertainty and change. Thankfully, we serve a God that does not change. He is always faithful and uses all things for the good of those that love Him. We are so thankful for God's provision through such a difficult year.

#### **Receipts and Expenditures**

We saw expenses come down in the back half of the year due to many of our plans being impacted by the pandemic. We are thankful that our total revenue before other items for the year came in slightly ahead of last year, the result of which will be a surplus for this fiscal year. At the time of writing our audited financial statements have not yet been finalized therefore I will leave the discussion of specific amounts to our upcoming AGM.

#### **Financial Position**

With the fiscal year behind us I can once again report that Bethel remains in a sound financial position. We finished the year with a surplus and continue to operate with no debt.

#### **In Summary**

This completes my second year as your Treasurer and it has once again been a blessing to have had the opportunity to serve. A special thanks to Joan Hoskins for her continued guidance, her patience and her dedication. Her steady oversight and diligent management of day to day operations are invaluable.

Your continued stewardship and faithful giving through such a difficult time have been so very encouraging to me on a personal level. Week after week during such difficult and uncertain times I have seen God's faithfulness through all of you.

In the pages that follow you will find the Auditor's Report, a summary of giving and expenses as well as the 2021 Proposed Budget.

As always, if you have any questions about any of this please feel free to email me at [dthomson@bethel.ca](mailto:dthomson@bethel.ca)