

2015



Arnaud Mennonite Church

ANNUAL REPORT BOOK

Annual Meeting

January 29, 2016

2016 Arnaud Mennonite Church Annual Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2016

1. Call to order - Ewald
2. Opening: Pastor Gloria Beck
3. Adoption of Agenda
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13. New business
 - a. Reorganizational proposal
 - b.
14. Other business: Motion to destroy ballots
15. Motion to Adjourn
16. Closing: Deacon

Arnaud Mennonite Church Annual Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2015

Members attending: 24 members

Adherents attending: one

1. Call to order at 7:33 p.m. by Ewald Boschmann
2. Opening: Pastor Albert Durksen
Reading from Joshua Chapter 4:4-7 Albert offered a thank you for the working together with congregation. With the new change coming in pastors Albert wished God's blessing, guidance and joy for AMC. He encouraged us to use looking back as reminding us that God is with us and we have come through much. There is a present and a future with God.
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes of 2014 Congregational meetings
 - a. Annual meeting on January 31, 2014 Move Cheryl Janzen, Harold Penner CARRIED
 - b. Congregational meeting on November 21, 2014 Cheryl Janzen, Shawn Holdnick CARRIED
 - c. Congregational meeting on December 19, 2014 as amended.
The date was listed as December 9, 2014. The correct date is Dec 19, 2014. Moved by Cheryl Janzen, Janet Boschmann CARRIED
5. Reports
 - a. Pastor's Report Albert Durksen, no additions
 - b. Deacon's report Andrea , Mark and Marianne no additions
 - c. Congregational Chair report Ewald Boschmann
Question about Camp situation: MCM wants to sell Moose Lake and Koininia, Steinbach churches and area had initial meeting and Steinbach Mennonite has put forth an offer for a regional camp management of Camp Moose Lake. MCM has received and is considering the offer. AMC have made no commitment but if is asked to work together we will notify the congregation. Norm Voth, MCM, is managing the camps for the next year.
 - d. Cemetery Report Art Kathler no additions
 - e. Library Committee report Nitha Friesen and Carolynne Kathler (note full budget was not used, open to ideas) Puzzles have been donated and can be used and return, no formal sign out process.
 - f. Youth report no report
 - g. Worship Committee Report Margret Janzen, Concern with the work of the worship committee and a new pastor coming and help will be needed. Thanks the work of Albert in doing the work in planning worship.
 - h. MDS Report no additions
 - i. Sunday School Report Janet Boschmann, plan is to have a few more fundraisers, youth class to be working on next project. Question about the offering as the Sunday school

Move report as presented: Cyndee Holdnick, Fred Schlorff CARRIED
Highlighted the budget plans for the necessary roof repairs for church and possible water hookup expenses.

12. Auditor Report Move to accept the report as submitted: Marianne Penner, Nitha Friesen
CARRIED

13. New business

- a. Parsonage update- Ewald highlighted the details of the parsonage sale, government requirements for sales of church owned property and where we currently are in the process.
- b. New Pastor, Gloria Beck – Gloria is being ordained on Feb. 1st, and moving the following week. Her first Sunday working will be on Feb. 16th. Albert Durken will be working for the remainder of the month of February to help with the transition process. This next Wednesday we will need volunteers to help with unloading and setting up furniture in Gloria's rented a place in St. Malo.
- c. MCM Conference Feb 27, 28 at Douglas Mennonite, Winnipeg, MB and we can have three delegates. Ewald Boschmann and Shawn Holdnick offered to be delegates for the sessions. Motion to accept delegates: Fred Schlorff and Dennis Janzen. Please let Ewald Boschmann know if you are interested in filling last delegate spot.
- d. Request for members to help to put covers on the hymnals, Anne Fillion is willing to help with this project and at next Deacons meeting they will set a date to put the covers on.

14. Other business: Motion to destroy ballots – none needed as there was no ballots used

15. Motion to Adjourn Dennis Janzen, Mike Friesen CARRIED at 8:55 p.m.

16. Closing: Deacon Mark Thiessen closed in prayer.

October 22nd congregational meeting

24 members and adherents attending

Gloria opened meeting

Each table presented ideas of the group and the “blue gifting sheets” were discussed. Every person was at a table for 10 minutes. Council members, were leaders at each of the four tables. Everyone rotated to the four tables and discussed the areas that would be covered in each committee. Participants were encouraged to ask questions about the process. This process was discussed during two Sunday school series in both spring and fall.

The four area groups are: Congregation Care, Children and Youth, Business and Maintenance, Worship

After break each person chose a table to indicate the initial group they had interest in participating in. It was explained you could help or attend more than one group.

Most groups had a meeting date planned before the end of the meeting. Each group reviewed items to do and next steps.

Closed with Prayer.

A.M.C. November 12, 2015 Congregational Meeting Minutes

7:30 p.m.

Attending: 18 members and 1 adherent

Opening- Gloria Beck

Gloria read from Acts 10 1-23. Where is God leading us, He is encouraged us to step forward in faith. Are we looking for God’s leading? She closed in prayer.

Chair- Ewald Boschmann

1. Review Agenda- Accepted as presented
2. Discernment committee report – Margaret Kathler

Positions to be filled: Treasurer, Congregational Chair, and Deacon

They are working to find people to step up into these positions. Hope they are filled by the January Annual Meeting.

3. Review of church finances

Cyndee presented the finances as distributed in the reports. Move to accept reports as presented. Moved: Cyndee Holdnick, Dennis Janzen seconded. Carried.

4. Distribution of church mission fund. Motion to accept the mission as collected. Motion to accept: Art Enns moved, Brad Friesen seconded. Carried.
5. Pastor’s salary ratification. Motion to accept the pastor’s salary as presented and accepted by council. Moved: Cyndee Holdnick, Janice Boschmann seconded. Carried.

6. Discussion and approval in principle of reorganization and proposal. **Proposed motion from council:** To suspend AMC current policy until the January 2018 AMC Annual Meeting as we undergo a new reorganizational structure. This structure will be reviewed prior to the two year deadline. Moved: Cyndee Holdnick, Dennis Janzen. Carried.
7. Support of the Franklin/Emerson Christmas Cheer Board: Marianne Penner. Marianne Penner read letter from the fund. Motion to participate in this program for this year: Margret Janzen, Janet Boschmann. Carried.
8. Dennis Janzen asked about the painting project for the basement. Interest from some members to proceed.
9. Set Date of the January Annual meeting: January 22, 2016. Storm date: January 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Closing – Deacon Andrea Thiessen

AMC Organization Ideas

"Tasks/Roles" of each group

Children and Youth

- involved in service projects/worship through readings, worship leading, special music, fundraising projects, sound system/powerpoint operation, spring clean up around church/Arnaud
- Sunday School
 - class formation, order curriculum (3 times a year), line up teachers
- "special" services: Christmas Eve program, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Palm Sunday, Promotion Sunday.
- spiritual growth in kids
 - outreach type programs, MCC kits, encourage kids to be campers/councillors, etc.
- Intergenerational connections (through mentorship, intergenerational Sunday School, carolling, care packages for seniors & newcomers to the church/community, yard clean-up for those in need)
- SS money collection/account

Youth

- co-ordinate people to do 4-6 special events with the youth
- do 1 fundraiser as a group
- older youth mentor the younger youth
- youth (& children) job shadow adults in their roles around the church
- youth groups partner with other church youth groups
- youth retreats (working retreat to serve at a camp cleanup or local MDS project)

Co-ordinator Role

- attend Council meetings (min. one year term)
- pray for & support teachers & projects
- call monthly/quarterly meetings to plan tasks for upcoming term/quarter/year
- write the report for annual report book

Current Committees/people/positions that would fit here:

- SS Superintendent
- SS teachers

AMC Organization Ideas

Worship

- Sunday morning service planning
 - song selection (include different styles of music & languages)
 - worship leaders
 - guest speakers
- intergenerational services
- ways to involve & encourage various age groups into participating in the service (reading scripture, music, skits; etc.)
- find ways to include everyone in a meaningful worship experience (times of quiet reflection, music, responsive readings, communion, Bible Study)
- Continue traditional practices during worship
 - Lord's Prayer, caring/sharing time
 - Lent (5 Sundays), Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, Eternity Sunday, Advent (4 Sun.)
- Deacon cluster group meet with Worship group in fall to loosely sketch out the church year in advance - provide a framework for the year & allowing room for participation/ideas.
- Be responsible for the sound system (train people to run it; make a list of who's on each Sunday).
- Work with the Children & Youth team to involve children in the service on a regular basis.

Co-ordinator/Rep Role

- attend Council meetings for the year
- pray for & encourage the worship team and their plans
- work with the pastor to organize/co-ordinate the worship team's ideas for the church
- write the report for the annual report book

Current Committees/people/positions that would fit here:

- Worship Committee
- Pastor

AMC Organization Ideas

Congregation & Community Care

- connect with congregational & community members on a periodic basis (visits, phone calls, email etc.)
- meet the needs (spiritual/ physical/ relational/ emotional) of attendees and community through visitations/ meals/ prayer groups/ Bible Study etc.
- Pastoral Support
- discern gifts
- participate in special services such as communion, baptism, baby dedication, membership transfer, ordination, pastor installation, etc.
- organize church lunches
- maintain library
- get involved in projects important to AMC
 - MCI, MDS, Camps with Meaning
- visit people in the hospital; bring/organize meals when someone is sick at home or just had a baby
- Organize "Café Arnaud" meals when people get back from mission trips
- Be responsible for the Rejoice subscriptions

Deacon cluster group

- serve communion
- help with weightier/ sensitive items that require extra input/discussion
- provide care during grief/illness, loneliness, etc. and for conflicts/situations when they arise

Co-ordinator/Rep Role

- attend Council meetings for the year
- pray for & encourage the group
- work with the pastor to organize/co-ordinate the care team's ideas for the church
- write the report for the annual report book

Current Committees/people/positions that would fit here:

- Deacons
- Library
- Hosting
- Reps: MCI, MDS, CwM

AMC Organization Ideas

Business & Maintenance

- Keep accurate records & files up to date:
 - historical data (transfers, births, deaths, weddings)
- church maintenance
 - church cleaning contract/workers
 - general upkeep inside & out (grass cutting list, show clearing list, etc.)
 - maintain cemetery
- Finances
 - keep financial records up to date, deposits, payments
 - income tax filing; GST return
- review insurance policy
- Maintain the church website
- organize ushers
- Review & maintain AMC Policy & Constitution documents
- AMC annual report book (if we don't have a separate Secretary on Council)
- Maintain list of term positions (people & start/end date)

Representative's Role

- be the contact for all tasks that this group is involved with.

Current Committees/people/positions that would fit here:

- trustee
- treasurer
- historian
- cemetery
- auditor
- secretary

AMC Organization Ideas

Other Notes:

- * each group has 3 term positions
 - * could be 2 year positions for continuity
- * groups meet monthly or every 2 months - post the meeting dates in the bulletin & on our website so that anyone interested can join in.
- * All church members are encouraged to participate in a group. Can help out for a month, special project, etc.
- * Groups recruit their own members. Each group selects their leaders/representative and 3 "term" position people on their own and ask Council for help if they need.

Council Consists of:

Pastor
Congregational Chair
Treasurer
Trustee
Secretary *
Children & Youth Representative
Worship Representative
Congregation & Community Care Representative

- * Secretary could be filled by someone already representing a different group, but ideally we'd have a separate person for this to share the workload.
- * The treasurer & trustee can represent the Business & Maintenance group since we need to have those positions at Council anyway. Legally we need a trustee on Council; should have the financials reported as we do now so we should have the treasurer there as well.

Pastor / Deacon Report for 2015

“Pray that our God will make you fit for what he’s called you to be, pray that he’ll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something. If your life honors the name of Jesus, he will honor you. Grace is behind and through all of this, our God giving himself freely, the Master, Jesus Christ, giving himself freely...May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.” 2 Thess. 1:11-12, 2:17 (The Message)

My time here at AMC started out with a bang with the beginning of Lent and a car accident. Thus began a year filled with good ideas, acts of faith, and lots of energy.

The Deacons, which include Marianne Penner and Mark & Andrea Thiessen, continue to work on updating the church directory, visitation planning, working through the new organizational structure, giving structure to worship planning, and helping me find my way through this first year. I have appreciated their wisdom and guidance.

We said good bye to interim pastor Albert & Esther Durksen during the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. About 60 people were in attendance to express their appreciation.

Cyndee Holdnick put together a moving Good Friday service entitled “Voices” of the Silent Witnesses which she based off “Whispers of the Passion” by Joseph Martin. It was a moving service with the following people taking part in the readings: Marianne Penner, Margret E. Janzen, Doyle Penner, Roxanne Schlorff, Brad Friesen, Harold Penner, Margaret Kathler, Ewald Boschmann, Christin Boschmann, Dave Froese, and Andrea Thiessen.

On April 19 Ken Warkentin, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Manitoba, came to Arnaud to preside over my installation service.

A winter adult Bible study group covered the books of Ecclesiastics and James before breaking for the summer.

The adult Sunday school class worked through two DVD series by N.T. Wright one titled "Surprised by Hope" and the other "Simply Christian." That took us till June. In September they studied and worked through the restructuring proposal with a council member leading each Sunday. October till now, we continue to work through the Philip Yancey book "The Jesus I never knew". We are on chapter 11 of 14 which should take us mid-January. Eternity Sunday

The congregation was energized by fund raising efforts from our Youth who sponsored a CFGFB grow event and the Junior Youth who raised money for MCC kits.

Worship services were strengthened by special speakers including Andrea Thiessen, Matt & Chery Peters, Ken Warkentin, Harold Penner, Neil Funk, Camps with Meaning staff, Dora Maendel, and Walter Hiebert.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and the excitement and support around our new organizational structure, and the wonderful love and care the congregation has for each other. May God continue to enliven us in new and surprising ways

Pastor Gloria Beck

Congregational Co-chair Report – 2015

Proverbs 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths

In 2015 AMC made some important changes and is in the process of introducing others. We expect that in 2016 AMC will look quite different from 2014.

Last February we welcomed Gloria Beck as our new pastor. I would like to thank the search committee for your hard work and the members of our congregation who helped with the move and with her accommodations. The parsonage was sold and we used some of the proceeds to replace the church's leaking roof.

We have also discussed and approved a trial change in the way we organize and conduct the work of our congregation. AMC attenders have formed four groups to take responsibility for various aspects of our ministry. The groups are open to everyone who worships with us and the goal is to encourage everyone to exercise their gifts in the work of our congregation. I, for one, have been encouraged to see how many of our people have "signed on" already and the energy we have seen in organizing and working together.

Some of the highlights of 2015:

- I was privileged to be involved with the Youth Class's Growing project. Thank-you Art, for donating your field and for all your work on the project. Youth substantially exceeded their goal of feeding 5,000 people for one month.
- The Junior Youth also put on a highly successful fund-raising lunch that raised almost \$1,000 for MCC kits.
- Other Sunday School highlights included the Amazing Race and barbeque held on Promotion Sunday and the Christmas Eve program.
- Our annual Thanksgiving Service featured the slide presentation prepared by Cyndee that reminds us of family and church activities from the last year and of how much we have to be thankful for.
- Thank-you Marianne, for preparing the presentation for Eternity Sunday, reminding us of family members and friends that have passed on. Shortly after, we had the funeral for Susie Enns, who was a faithful attender, and as we heard a special aunt and friend to all in our community.
- The Advent Supper held on December 6th was well attended. A highlight was the special music provided by the Durksen family. Thank-you to ACF, the hosting committee, and everyone else involved in planning and participating in the evening's activities.

I reviewed annual report from last year and was thankful to see that we have made progress on almost all the issues we were dealing with a year ago. Two areas that we might consider taking up again are organizing some youth oriented events and a regular Bible Study.

As we look forward, we have a number of service opportunities that we might consider taking up this year. MCM has accepted a proposal by Steinbach Mennonite Church to purchase Camp Moose Lake. Council had indicated its interest in the project and we expect to be asked to participate in various ways with the camping program. There are also many people in our community and around the world with needs that most of us have not experienced. We will be asked to help and to the extent we can, we should endeavour to do so. We should remain sensitive to, and learn how to address, the needs of people within our congregation and community.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank the members of Council, Deacons, hosting committee, Pastor Gloria, ushers and all the members and adherents who have spontaneously volunteered to serve in our church family. It has been a great blessing to work with you as Council co-chair over the last six years. Thank-you.

Submitted by

Ewald Boschmann

Cemetery administrative report 2015

This year we had one burial at the Arnaud Mennonite Church cemetery for Mrs. Tina Bergen. We did have at least one other funeral for a member Mrs. Susie Enns. But just one burial.

Respectfully submitted Art Kathler, Brad Friesen.

ARNAUD CHURCH LIBRARY

This year we tried to purchase a variety of books for the church library that would appeal to young and old. Thanks to Margaret Kathler for joining and helping us by picking out some books. We decided to do a little write up of each book and insert this leaflet into the bulletin. We were hoping that this would make it easier for anyone interested in taking out a book. We hope that the books we have purchased make for some enjoyable reading. Again, please let us know if there are any books that you would like to see in the library. We will do our best to pick them up.

Submitted by Nitha Friesen and Carolynne Kathler

Youth report

To view the report of the AMC youth grow project follow the link.

<http://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/rural-youth-group-raises-money-to-grow-crop-donates-proceeds-to-foodgrains-bank/>

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – for the 2015 Year

Members: Gloria Beck, Margaret E. Janzen, Dave Froese, Albert Janzen.

As Albert Durksen's position as pastor terminated, Gloria Beck considered the position as Pastor for A.M.C. In February, we had the privilege to be served by her as our pastor. We are grateful for her efforts to adjust to our ways and working together with her in the planning our worship for Sundays with sermons and other and activities and care. Together we have planned for different worship leaders, scripture readers, and choosing hymns, in that we can involve as many people as possible to make our services meaningful.

We have also been able to invite guest speakers for Gloria's Sundays off. Ken Warkentin served at Gloria's installation, while others like Matt and Cheryl Peters, Dora Maendel, Walter Hiebert, and Neil Funk served in her place. It has also been appreciated that we get help from our own congregation such as Andrea Thiessen, Harold Penner and Ewald Boschmann.

A lot of effort has been put into different functions such as powder points for Thanksgiving, Amazing Race, Eternity Sunday, and Advent supper. We are always grateful for the youth that are willing to participate with their ideas and deeds. May we encourage them to continue to do so!

It has also been a joy to have some of our outside musicians like Karin, Cheryl and Erika come to serve us. We would like to thank those who have participated in the past and encourage others to consider the same in the future to worship and honour God.

Submitted by the Worship Committee members:

Margaret E. Janzen, Dave Froese, Albert Janzen

MDS Report – none submitted

Sunday School Report

One of the verses that I love is where Jesus says to His disciples “Suffer the little children to come onto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14. I really like that verse because it shows how much He valued children where some of the disciples saw them as a nuisance. Jesus wanted to hear what they had to say, after all he had been a child once too. Jesus had very harsh words for anyone causing the little ones to stumble in Mark 9:42 He says “ And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.” Children are very important to Jesus and they are very important to us at AMC because they are the future. We want to raise children that love the Lord and want to be about His business. I want to thank the Lord too for giving me the opportunity to work with children these past 3 years and I want to thank you as parents for allowing me to work with your children here at AMC. It has been a very rewarding experience.

In January the Sunday school delivered canned and dry goods that were collected through out December to the Dominion City Food Bank. At this time Sunday school was again looking for projects for both the Youth and Junior Youth class.

March 22 the Youth class talked about a service project that they could do. Harold Penner spoke to them about the Canadian Food Grains Bank. Art Enns was willing to make some land available if this is what they would like to do. Ewald was teaching the Youth class for the Spring session and was willing to work with them on this project.

March 29 the Junior Youth class decided they would like to work on the MCC kits again. This year they picked Relief Kits and Hygiene Kits.

In May for Mother’s Day, we had an intergenerational service downstairs with a Mother’s Day breakfast, after which the kids worked on a craft for their Moms. This year we had a Sunday school choir to sing for their Moms during the service. The children handed out flowers to adult lady whether she was a biological Mom or a spiritual Mom, aunt or potential Mom.

On the last day of May the Junior Youth class put on their fundraiser meal of farmer sausage, perogies and brownies for dessert for the MCC kits. The kids worked very hard to put the meal on for the church. They raised \$967.00. June 12th the kids got together and purchased items for the Relief and Hygiene kits in Steinbach, spending \$567 and returned to the church to put the kits together. They made 10 Hygiene kits and 15 Relief Kits. On Sunday June 14th the kits were blessed and we pray they have been a blessing to 25 people in need in a year when we have so many in need. The Kits were taken to MCC in Winnipeg along with a \$400 cheque for MCC to use where most needed.

June was a different month for Sunday school this year. For the first two Sundays of the month the Sunday school kids worked with Pastor Gloria. Her series of messages we entitled “Underdogs of the Bible”. For the first Sunday, the Primary and Intermediate classes drew picture of the story of Queen

Esther and hung them up before the service. The Junior Youth class summarized chapters 3 and 4 of the Book of Esther in 10 to 12 points and went up and read them to the congregation. The Youth class's job was to act of a portion of the story.

The second Sunday in June Pastor Gloria talked about Gideon. The Primary and Intermediate classes were the stream and the Junior Youth class acted out the story of Gideon and how he was called by God to defeat the Philistines. I think the kids had a lot of fun being involved in the service.

June 21st was Father's Day and we had the same format as Mother's Day, having an intergenerational service starting with a breakfast. The kids also sang and recited poems for their Dads.

The last Sunday of June the Sunday school kids planted flowers around the church that bloomed into November this year. It was a great way to finish out the school year.

Sept 13th was the start of a new Sunday school year and we started with Promotion Sunday/Sunday school Picnic. This year during the service Ceanan Holdnick and Jaxon Maynard received their Bibles during the service. Then it was on to the 2nd Amazing Race (Arnaud edition). There were mixed teams and 8 stations. The whole church was involved, either manning a station or running the race. It was lots of fun. We ended with a wonderful meal to cap it all off. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Andrea Thiessen who came up with most of the ideas for the stations, also a huge thank you to hosting committee for getting the meal together.

Throughout the late spring and early summer the Youth class was working hard to find sponsors for the 35 acre field Art Enns had seeded. The Youth class built a sign for their Hope field and worked together on a video for grant money from Cargill's "Together We Thrive" campaign. After the field was harvested, they exceeded their goal of feeding 5,000 people for a month.

The Adult Sunday school class spent Sept and part of Oct discussing the new reorganization structure that AMC is thinking of adopting. From mid-October to early January Andrea Thiessen is leading the class and they are studying Philip Yancy's book, "The Jesus I Never Knew"

The kids have been working on songs poems and readings since Oct getting ready for the Christmas Eve program. They will be presenting the mystery "The Case of the Missing Christmas" as well.

This has been an exciting year for me to watch these young lives grow but for me the biggest thanks goes out to all the people who have been willing to teach, who are willing to work with our children these past 3 years. Your work is invaluable.

Submitted by Janet Boschmann

Sunday School Financial Report
December 31, 2015

Opening Balance	\$817.15
Total Collections	\$1,011.67
Disbursements	
MCC	\$400.37
Supplies	64.18
Expenses for MCC kits	498.82
Ending Balance on December 31, 2015	<u>\$865.45</u>
Submitted by Roxanne Schlorff	

Arnaud Christian Fellowship
financial report submitted by Margaret Kathler

January 01, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Receipts

Bank balance	473.79
Donation	50.00
Total	<u>523.79</u>

Disbursements

Advent Supper Musicians	75.00
Balance	<u>448.79</u>

Hosting Committee Report – 2015

2015 seems to have zipped on by much like the years past. We at AMC were able to once again fellowship over many meals and engage in fun many fun activities before sitting down to enjoy what most highly anticipate...the delicious meal. Yet again, we keep the jokes going in the kitchen as the dishes are being washed to help ease the never-ending piles that form on the counter. Hosting was able to meet somewhat more regularly this year, but technology still played a significant role in finalizing many of the meal plans.

Hosting committee this year, had the privilege in planning several special meals ranging from our "custom" luncheons such as, Shrove Tuesday, Thanksgiving, and Promotion Sunday to some custom ordered meals like Pastor Gloria's installation, a special luncheon to remember our dear Tante Susie Enns and helping with the Advent supper that followed the evening's special musical guests.

The set-up and serve teams mostly remained the same this year with of course some changes as members of AMC change, move or are away. We continue to ask all who can help clean up at the end of meals, which thus far works out great and we appreciate all of you who get the job done. Once again if you haven't taken part in dishwashing, we firmly encourage you to join in as the camaraderie that ensues is a barrel of laughs! We have maintained the set up & serve time from 9:00 to 10:00 before Sunday School unless otherwise announced. Our new double-oven continues to alleviate space availability when keeping meals warm, it is quite amazing how much food we can actually fit in there! The next major addition to the kitchen would be a functioning microwave, unfortunately the old one is still not quite bad enough to replace. A few other items to consider are better/more cooking utensils (spatulas, whisks, spoons, etc.), perhaps replacing some knives, and looking into a new large perk as the one we normally use is really slowing down. One other future investigation needed to ensue is to look into the electrical outlets on the west wall of the kitchen as there seems to be issues with it actually working.....thus causing some hiccups while cooking, or should we say, attempting to cook/heat without power to actually do so.

In regards to guest speakers and lunch invitations in our church, the hosting committee suggests that we do what other congregations have adopted – not make any formal lunch invitations through pastor or any committee. However, since there is a small list of members who are willing to host, perhaps a list of guest speaker dates could be forwarded in advance so that hosting could possibly make arrangements with those on the list ahead of time. Hosting is still willing to use the small list, however, no list of guest speakers was forwarded in advance to be able to best request hosts.

As we reflect on the year of meals that AMC was able to enjoy, we must remember to thank all of you who continue to contribute the delicious food for everyone to enjoy as well as those who continue to help endlessly with setting up and taking down/cleaning up. In ending, we hope that we can continue the AMC tradition of helping host fantastic fellowship luncheons and look forward to future preparations in 2016 by the community and congregational care committee!

Submitted by Kendra Penner, Janice Maynard, and Roxanne Schlorff

Isaiah's words to Israel in chapter 41:9-10 are pertinent for the church of Christ today. They also resonate well within the community of MCI.

"You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its remotest parts and said to you, 'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.' Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

God's assurance in Isaiah's message befits the community of students gathered at MCI, who come from 5 continents across the globe. The message befits those of us, Manitoba Mennonites, who may be just one, two or three generations removed from our own immigration journey to this place. We are not the only people whom God has chosen and called, but quite clearly we are called by God and assured of his strength, help and hand.

Ours is not to fear!

2015 is not a year of fear at MCI. It is a year of thanksgiving and celebration.

We give thanks for the 125th class of students at MCI. We give thanks for the blessings of learning science and technology, math and arts, literature and physical activity, theology and church history. We give thanks for progress on the journeys of faith and life for each student, including some whose journey brings them to baptism this year. MCI is an important part of these journeys. It is a blessing to be participant in the ministry of the Holy Spirit in this way.

We give thanks for the many friends in the fellowship of this community. These include those who daily pray for the work of the school and for those within it. Friends include parents and others who drive, bake, wash, cheer, worship, build, billet, chaperone, etc. so that this little gathered community can thrive.

We give thanks for the multitude (>1000) who gathered to celebrate MCI 125 in June. We are thankful for play, singing, celebration, eating and worshipping together throughout the weekend which wrapped up all that is a blessing in 125 years at MCI. We offer a passionate prayer of thanksgiving to our God whose righteous hand sustains us.

We give thanks for tremendous financial support for Christian education at MCI. Support includes surprising capital gifts which allow us to start significant improvement projects, including a new hardwood gym floor. The board and staff are grateful to the churches and friends of MCI whose gifts provided 24.5% of total revenue in 2015.

Thank you!

Enrolment in the current school year is much as it was in 2014:

- 129 students
- 61 students live in residence

Follow school life at www.mciblues.net and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MennoniteCollegiateInstitute.

In Christ,



Darryl Loewen, Principal

Annual Report to Churches– Fall 2015

Peter Rempel, Interim Executive Director

2015 has been a full and productive year for MCC Manitoba, and we thank you for your support and involvement in our efforts this year.

Following are a few highlights of the year:

- Our Migration and Resettlement program has perhaps never been busier with responding to a significant increase in interest in refugee sponsorship. Our program coordinator is working with many churches and community groups on the sponsorship process now.
- Our Indigenous Neighbors program builds relationships between Indigenous peoples and Mennonites in Manitoba, and resources our constituency on matters of Indigenous culture and social justice issues. Highlights have included a number of speaking engagements related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and residential schools, a learning tour to northern Manitoba, and participation in a visit with several Winnipeg city councillors to Shoal Lake 40.
- Five new International Volunteer Exchange participants arrived in Manitoba from Brazil, Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Spain.
- Our office in Winkler is now doing a large amount of work in resourcing the local community and local service provider who work with Low German Mennonites. This has included significant work with Child and Family Services, Garden Valley School Division, and the Southern Regional Health Authority.
- Through our Peace Program, we provide resources and dialogue with schools, college and universities, churches and community groups on current issues of social justice and peacebuilding.
- Sam's Place, MCC's café/used bookstore/music venue in the Elmwood/Chalmers neighbourhood of Winnipeg, has continued to provide outreach to at-risk youth, engage young adults, and provide a unique venue to encounter MCC's mission.
- Our Abuse Response and Prevention program (formerly known as Voices for Non Violence) provides resources on domestic abuse for homes and churches. A new initiative this year called "Sister Walk" is equipping women to support other women who have experienced abuse.
- We continue to provide core funding support for Initiatives for Just Communities, which operates the restorative justice programs of Circles of Support & Accountability, Open Circle, Touchstone FASD, and El'Dad Ranch and is exploring new ones.
- Our 50th anniversary concert was held in April, and was a great success. It was a wonderful celebration of our first fifty years, and helped us raise over \$51,000 this year in support of our new housing initiative.
- The Syrian crisis continues to be a major international effort for MCC, and the source of much activity for our communications and donor relations staff. The response in Syria, Lebanon and

Jordan is now the largest humanitarian effort in MCC's history, with over \$31 million spent so far. This year also saw a major response to the devastating earthquake in Nepal in April.

- Our new event, "FallFest" was held in Winkler in September. The event was a success, and we are discussing how to improve on it and develop it into an event that is an annual fixture on calendars in southern Manitoba!
- The service of volunteers through MCC thrift shops, the relief sales and other events, Sam's Place, our material resource centres, and more are fundamental to our work. We are grateful for the invaluable support of thousands of volunteers who have allowed us to build peace in our community and raise over \$10 million annually in support of our work.
- The proposal to restructure the MCC Manitoba Board of Directors has been sent to our supporting conferences, with the goal of approving this proposal at our June 2016 AGM. The new structure proposes a reduced number of Directors (15 in total) to facilitate stronger relationships and a more engaged board.
- Ron Janzen resigned from the role of Executive Director in October. The hiring process for the position is ongoing, with the intention for the position to be filled in February.
- Fundraising and expenditures for this fiscal year are forecast to be within budget.
- In consultation with MCC Canada, we have begun an application process with a goal of developing a housing facility on the grounds of our office at 134 Plaza Drive in Winnipeg.

The ownership and support of our member churches informs and guides the mission of MCC Manitoba. We deeply appreciate your volunteer hours, financial support and continued prayers as we seek to share God's love and compassion for all, in the name of Christ, by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

Report to Congregations 2015

Ken Warkentin, Executive Director

Mennonite Church Manitoba's vision for mission is reflected in Paul's letter to the Ephesians in which God's reconciling work in the world is to "gather up all things in him" (Ephesians 1:9-10). This gathering up inspires all that we do together to build the Church here and now.

We have had several **significant changes** in our office this past year. **Norm Voth resigned** after 14 years of faithful service to MCM congregations. Norm has been **replaced by Dorothy Fontaine** who is giving leadership to the process of combining two ministry areas into one. Evangelism and Service and Camping Ministry are joining to form MCM's **Mission Ministry**. While the impetus behind this was a financial shortfall, the ways this new vision is coming together is inspiring and creative. We are looking to enhance and grow congregational mission impulses with a focused Mission program partially based at Camp Assiniboia. We have tested this idea with many pastors and believe that this will be a benefit to our congregations. The idea is to identify congregational strengths and build local mission opportunities out of these strengths. This will be steeped in Spiritual Disciplines and enriched with practical experiences.

Some **additional changes** include the hire of **Shawn Klassen-Koop** as the Associate Director of Programming for Camps With Meaning. Shawn has served for many years as a camp staff and leader and brings many practical skills to his work.

We are in negotiations with **two groups to take over the ownership and/or management of Camp Moose Lake and Camp Koinonia**. We are happy to announce that we are negotiating these transactions with the probability that we will be able to continue to use both of these camps to deliver a portion of our camping program there. We also think that both of these camps will be able to continue to serve the greater purposes that the original builders envisioned. More details of this transition will be made available as they occur. We are hopeful to have this transition completed in 2016.

Rick Neufeld began his work with MCM as the Director of Leadership Ministry. Rick comes to us with 24 years of pastoral experience most recently with the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Rick will continue to work at development of pastoral skills for our many pastors, pastoral searches for our churches, and providing care for churches and pastors in need.

MCM is part of two **larger discernment processes** across Mennonite Church Canada. The **Being a Faithful Church** is a seven year process designed to help the Mennonite Church in Canada continue to strengthen our overall capacity to discern the mind and will of God particularly in the area of human sexuality. The final report (BFC 7) will be delivered to the biennial Canadian Assembly in July in Saskatoon. Part of the final report encourages Area Churches to create space for testing alternative understandings which might be a prophetic nudging of the Spirit of God within their congregations. Mennonite Church Manitoba has been developing **Guidelines for Upholding our Confession of Faith** for over a year and we will present these guidelines to the March Gathering for delegate approval.

The other major discernment process is embodied in the **Future Direction Task Force** report. This is a report which envisions a **restructuring of our Mennonite system** in Canada to better encourage and assist local congregations in their efforts to be missional. The main mandate of the Area Churches will be to assist congregations in mission both at home and abroad. This will be done by building on our current strengths, giving more attention to congregational health, leadership development, and missional skill building. The mandate of the National Church will be to resource the Area Churches and give overall Anabaptist/Mennonite vision to our broader understanding of what it means to be a people of God in this setting, in this time.

Space does not allow me to include all the wonderful ministries carried out by MCM staff on your behalf but I encourage you to visit our website for more information. May God continue to 'gather up all things'!

"... he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him..."

Ephesians 1:9-10



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2015 Update to Congregations and Area Churches

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 3:11

The scripture text above is very appropriate as the church heads into 2016. At Assembly 2006 in Edmonton, Alta., delegates voted in favour of 1 Cor. 3:11 as our official scripture motto – a text that Menno Simons often cited. As we look toward the future of our national and area church system and our shifting culture in Canada, we are reminded that Jesus is at the heart of all that we do.

2015 has been a year of celebration and challenge for our national church system:

Ride for Refuge - Thailand: On Oct. 3, ten teams comprising 42 cyclists from Ontario to Alberta rode their bikes in support of a church planting and income generation ministry led by Tom and Christine Poovong of Trinity Mennonite Church. Riders together with a generous contribution from the extended Poovong family here in Canada combined to raise over \$28,000 for this ministry!

Vietnamese Ministry in Cambodia: This fall, Thanh Pham will begin a 2 year ministry assignment as assistant pastor to Vietnamese migrants in Cambodia via the Phnom Penh Vietnamese Mennonite Church (<http://news.mennonitechurch.ca/new-assignment-serving-cambodia>)

Ethiopian Ministry: In 2015 a mission partnership with the world’s fastest growing Anabaptist church in the world. The Meserete Kristos Church projects a doubling from 500,000 to 1,000,000 members by 2025. We are inviting support for student scholarships at the church’s school, Meserete Kristos College, so they can keep up with projected growth. (<http://news.mennonitechurch.ca/they-can-t-keep>)

Peacebuilding: Canadian singer/songwriter Matt Epp has a passion for peace and justice. This past spring he visited Mennonite Church Canada’s peace building ministries in the Philippines. Matt shares his impressions and passions about Christian peace and justice in a 13 minute documentary at <http://www.commonword.ca/go/301>.

Indigenous Relations (IR): We estimate that over 1,000 of you have participated in Truth and Reconciliation Events across Canada over the last 5 years. A new children's book from IR, *The Harmony Tree*, is scheduled for release in 2016. It will share the history of host people and settler relations in parable format.

Christian Formation: CommonWord – a collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada's Resource Centre for churches and Canadian Mennonite University's bookstore, have combined and moved into a new retail and online site to better serve the church across Canada. Visit CommonWord at <http://www.commonword.ca/Home>

Church History: After two years of planning, a treasure trove of Mennonite family and church history photos has gone online. MAID (Mennonite Archival Image Database) is a cooperative effort of several archives partners. It can be found at <http://archives.mhsc.ca/>

Evangelism: A new video and study guide about different forms of evangelism has been released, based on stories of Ethiopian newcomers and their new church starts in Toronto. This material would be excellent for an adult education class. See <http://www.commonword.ca/go/384>.

Finances: As of Nov. 30, donation income was \$300,000 behind our \$4.5 million donation budget and significantly behind last year's levels for the same time period. Your prayer and financial support continues to be critical to the ministries we do together.

Task Forces: The Being a Faithful Church Task Force will present its final study findings from churches at Assembly 2016 and will present a statement for discussion and decision at Assembly 2016. In addition, the Future Directions Task Force will present its findings and provide direction on how to re-imagine a national and area church system that is closer to its congregational base while at the same time become smaller and more financially efficient.

Assembly 2016: Please save the dates of July 6 -10 for the Mennonite Church Canada Assembly in Saskatoon. More information will be coming your way over the winter and into spring.

In closing, I ask for your prayer support as I begin a term of service as a vice-president for the Canadian Council of Churches. This work positions Mennonite Church Canada as an important voice in ecumenical relationships. Persons from non-Mennonite faith traditions are eager to learn more about Anabaptist faith values. I also invite you to check out one or more of the many blogs maintained by Witness workers and staff. You can find them at <http://news.mennonitechurch.ca/blogs>.

Thank you for the many expressions of encouragement as well as concern that I have received from across the country. May God bless you all.

Willard Metzger, Executive Director

December, 2015

Eden Health Care Services Report to Churches 2015

“Speak up for those who can’t speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak out, judge righteously; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8, 9.

The Eden organization greatly appreciates the opportunity to report and share the good work that has been accomplished over the past year. We remain focused on providing leading-practice mental health services on behalf of the community to some of the most vulnerable individuals in society. Our active and engaged board members continue to be the voice of the community. They speak into the organization, and are also ambassadors of Eden’s work back into their communities. Our Board Chair, Evelyn Labun and other board members have spent time connecting with each church conference’s leadership over the past year. This has been a very meaningful exercise from both sides, providing better understanding of our shared needs and objectives.

One of the larger strategic moves of the last several years has been the development of a collaborative mental health leadership structure between Eden Health Care Services and Southern Health-Santé Sud. This shared leadership structure, endorsed by both organizations, jointly addresses the mental health needs in Southern Health-Santé Sud. Effective and accountable partnerships continue to increase the capacity for the Eden organization to respond to need.

As in so many areas of health care in Manitoba, funding challenges are always present. The substantial growth within the Eden organization over the years is creating challenges as provincial funding and budgets remain flat. The expectation of services remains high, and we are still responding to the effects of the amalgamation of health regions that occurred several years ago. During the past year the efforts of the Eden Foundation resulted in record contributions as various fundraising and awareness-raising events received strong support from throughout the community. The importance of the contributions by individuals, churches and businesses through attendance and donations cannot be overstated. New initiatives are born and existing programs get the necessary subsidies they need to continue operating. The community’s investment in promoting good mental health is truly a message of hope.

The Eden organization continues to remain focused on the principles of recovery as the model for responding to mental health needs. The importance of having individuals with lived experience of mental illness in helping shape our service delivery is key in shaping our services. Our current structure allows us to respond to individuals along a continuum of care including acute psychiatric treatment at Eden Mental Health Centre, supported housing programs in Winkler, Steinbach and Winnipeg, supportive employment resources in Winkler and Steinbach, collaborative community mental health programs across the Southern Health Region, professional counselling services in Winnipeg and across southern Manitoba, and addictions support services in Winkler. Our unique organizational structure allows the community to speak into these critical areas of need. Collaborative partnerships with key government funding agencies, community foundations, faith-based organizations and other service agencies keep us both accountable and dynamic in terms of developing and sustaining effective programs.

Clinical treatment and interventions are often necessary components of managing mental illness, but ongoing recovery happens in the context of a caring, informed and supportive community. We strongly believe the church and people of faith have both responsibility and opportunity to be the community of support that individuals and families experiencing mental health challenges need. This is the vision that propels Eden forward and is the message with which we wish to challenge our supporting constituency: *“That people on the mental health journey experience hope, healing and community.”*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Friesen".

James Friesen, CEO, Eden Health Care Services



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Memorandum

To: Churches
From: The Bethania Group
Date: December, 2015
Subject: Report for your Annual Report Book

Dear congregational partners in ministry to the elderly,

Warm greetings to you and your congregational family in this Advent season.

As discussed at our Bethania / Pembina – Congregations Liaison meeting with pastors and church representatives we are sending the annual report for The Bethania Group (attached) for inclusion in your Congregational Report Book. We are grateful for this opportunity to share with our congregational partners as a related organization about our joys and challenges in providing compassionate and loving care for the residents at Bethania and Pembina Place Personal Care Homes.

If it would be helpful and/or appropriate, we would be happy to participate in your congregational meeting and speak to any questions there may be.

If your congregation has a web page please consider adding a link to The Bethania Group web site www.bethania.ca under related organizations.

With best wishes of God's blessings,

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This past year has been another very challenging and rewarding period in the life of our organization. Like other non-profit Personal Care Homes in Winnipeg, we continue to face serious financial pressures in trying to provide the highest quality personal health services, meals, spiritual care, therapeutic recreation programming, rehabilitation and occupational care services, clean and safe rooms and common areas, and a welcoming and home-like environment both within our buildings and in our garden areas.

Improving resident care and support continues to be our first and most important priority. The Bethania Group was selected to participate in the WRHA Dementia Care Pilot Program, a person-centered inter-professional care plan for residents with dementia.

Along the theme of person-centered care we promote a philosophy of providing care that supports the Dignity of residents and provides a better quality of life. By providing good pain management, addressing psycho-social concerns, supporting hopefulness and a sense of control, offering spiritual comfort, and social/community support, and alleviating a sense of being a burden to others, we treat the person as someone who is deserving of honor, esteem and respect.

The increase in staff and service hours for rehabilitation services has improved the quality of life for many of our residents through greater independence and falls prevention. With an increasing number of residents with dementia our programs are designed to meet the needs of this special population. Group programs are beneficial for higher functioning residents while small group activities and one to one visits provide a sense of meaning and purpose for all residents.

With funding support from the WRHA we are in the process of replacing 6 bath tubs at Bethania and 3 at Pembina Place. In addition, we were able to replace 148 beds and mattresses in Bethania in order to meet new safety protocols.

Volunteers are essential in providing residents with personal interactions and opportunity to alleviate loneliness and boredom. Volunteers serve in a variety of areas within the home, assisting residents at mealtimes, recreation programs, visits, worship services, gift shop, maintenance, folding laundry, special events and beautifying the yard.

Regular programming for the Spiritual Care at Bethania and Pembina Place include weekly Mennonite and inter-denominational worship services. Pastors and music groups from our Mennonite Churches provide a vital link for residents to their faith communities. Our dedicated volunteers provide support for communion, piano playing, assisting residents to church and sing in choir groups from our churches. The Faith & Life Women's Chorus blessed the residents at Bethania with a wonderful program this fall.

In September we hosted a Spiritual Care Liaison meeting with clergy from Mennonite Churches, to hear about their

senior's activities and initiatives, and to share ideas to strengthen our relationships with Mennonite congregations, such as offering educational presentations and resources related to Dementia care, the new PCH Panel and Admissions process and issues in the care of the elderly for family members and caregivers.

We are grateful for a new communion table and pulpit that were built for the Bethania Chapel by Delmer Epp and John Giesbrecht. Lillie Martens generously covered the cost of the materials.



After more than 6 years of service, Melita Rempel-Burkholder retired from her position as Chaplain at Pembina Place. Michele Barr was hired as our new Chaplain at Pembina Place in October.

PCH preference within the new Panel and Admission redesign remains an important issue for us. The WRHA has recently confirmed our 2012 agreement that 75% of our beds at Bethania MPCH should be reserved for those of Mennonite faith. Reaching this level, however, will be difficult as the WRHA continues to prioritize PCH admissions deemed urgent from hospital or the community to improve patient flow.

Bethania Mennonite Memorial Foundation continues to struggle financially and as a result, Spiritual Care services could end as a core program of our PCHs. Our deficits in the previous two years were \$20,000 to \$40,000 and if deficits of this size occur in the future, it will lead to the termination of in-house Spiritual Care programs in less than three years. Work is therefore underway by our Board Community Relations and Fund Raising Committee to develop a comprehensive and long term Fund Raising Strategy for the Bethania Memorial Foundation. We hope to raise up to \$1 Million to create a stable fund to pay for our Spiritual Care programs for the next 6 to 8 years and not live "hand to mouth" each year. These budget requirements are not covered by government but rely on the generous gifts from our Mennonite community.

As we look back on 70 years of service and ministry with the elderly we feel a great sense of humility and also a great responsibility to continue to meet the needs of the elderly in our community with enthusiasm and confidence in God's leading. With your prayers and support, and our strong community partnerships, we know we can achieve our goal of service excellence for our seniors.

Submitted on behalf of the Bethania Group,

Henry Neudorf, Board Chair
Gary J. Ledoux, Chief Executive Officer
Ferdinand Funk, Director of Spiritual Care / Chaplain

Historian Report

AMC Constitution:

5:00 Privileges and Duties of Members

5::05 Every member is obliged to report, at the appropriate times, events such as births, deaths Marriages, etc. to the registrar of the Church records. The Minister in Charge shall be the registrar of the church records.

It seems that members assume that the Minister in Charge and the historian know about these events but they may actually do not have any knowledge at all. The member should do the reporting in order to have accurate Church records.

The Arnaud Mennonite Church will celebrate its' 75th anniversary in three years' time (2019).

What type of celebration do we wish to have? What time of the year?

Do we want to make another commemorative book?

When do we start planning for this event?

2016 Membership

Ahlers Cassandra	Janzen, Cheryl L.	Reimer, Corinne
Beck Gloria	Janzen, Dennis & Cheryl D	Schlorff, Fred & Roxanne
Bergen, Eleanore	Janzen, Greg & Shirley	Schlorff, Mel & Trudy
Boschmann, Eric	Janzen, John N.	Sheets, Elfrieda
Boschmann, Ewald & Janet	Janzen, Margret E.	Stephenson Kristin
Boschmann Kathryn	Janzen, William (Bill)	Thiessen, Mark & Andrea
Chabluk, Donna	Kathler, Art & Margaret	Toews Angelique
Dodd, Shannon	Kathler, Brent	Wiens Melissa
Dyck, Doug & Elona	Kathler Darlene	
Dyck, John W.	Kathler, Elfrieda (Ellie)	
Edmond, Shelley	Kathler Jonathan	
Enns, Art L.	Kathler, Marilyn	Baptism: 0
Enns Christopher	Kathler Michael	Births/members: 1
Enns, Karl & Dianne	Kathler, Robert & Carolynne	Deaths: 2
Enns, Marlene	Kathler, Rodney	
Enns, Mary	Kathler, Russel	
Enns, Walter	Letkeman, Rita	
Friesen, Brad	Lopez, Tamara	
Friesen, Dan	Martin, Suzie	
Friesen, Gerry	Maynard Corey & Janice	
Friesen, Glen	Kirchner, Karin	
Friesen, Michael & Michelle	Mueller, Klaus	
Friesen, Nitha	Penner Doyle & Kendra	
Friesen, Rick	Penner, Harold & Marianne	
Gelardi, Sandra	Penner, Kenneth	
Hamm Paul	Penner, Paul	
Heinrichs, Anna	Peters, Harvey & Dorothy	
Holdnick, Shawn & Cyndee	Peters, Matthew	
Janzen, Albert & Hedy	Poetker, Wilma	

Baptism: 0
Births/members: 1
Deaths: 2

**Total
Membership:
83 beginning of
2016**

**2015 transfers in: 1
Gloria Beck**

2015 deletions so far 5

By transfer out: 3
**Clint Behrsin
Albert & Esther Durksen**

Deaths
**Katherine Bergen
Susan Enns**

2015 Treasurer's Report

This year AMC officially sold the parsonage so we have again encountered changes in our activities. The parsonage sale meant that our new pastor was required to live "out of town". We were fortunate to have the congregation's help in finding a house in St. Malo, as well as in moving Gloria to Manitoba and thus incurred no relocation costs.

The parsonage sold for \$40,000. We were able to use part of the proceeds from the sale to re-roof the church, which was a well needed upgrade to our facility. The church roof repair cost \$23,318.75, which was posted to the "church building" asset line.

We have sadly said goodbye to 2 people in our church and thus have incurred costs for two funerals, which have been donated back by the families. AMC also received donations totaling \$1,250 in memory of Tante Susie.

My report includes the:

- Balance Sheet
- Income & Expense Statement
- Income & Expense Graph
- Annual Attendance & Collection Amounts
- Mission Distribution
- Annual Budget

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity in support of AMC.

Submitted by: Cyndee Holdnick

Arnaud Mennonite Church
Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)
 Consolidated - December 2015

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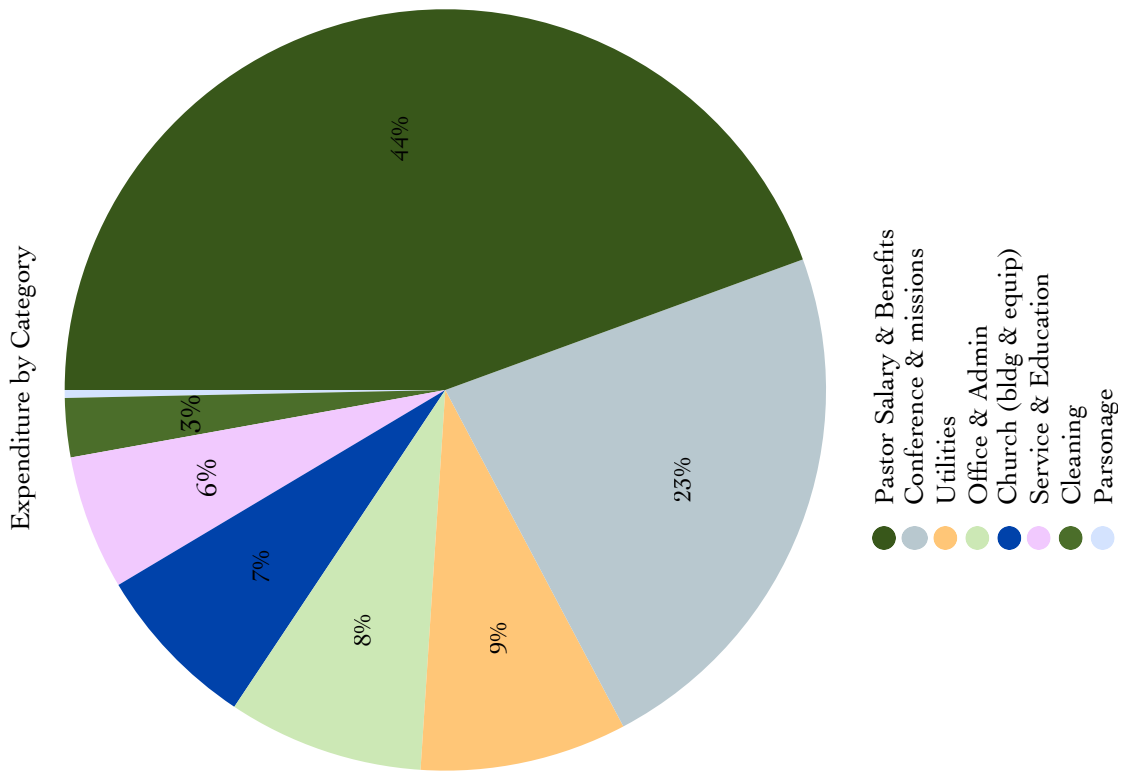
	Current Year	Previous Year
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
SCU Chequeing	\$11,123.83	\$7,196.75
Plan 24	16,521.04	806.91
Savings	3,922.42	5,345.84
Subtotal Current Assets	31,567.29	13,349.50
FIXED ASSETS		
LAND AND BUILDINGS		
Land 2.6 acres	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church Building	287,432.15	264,113.40
Church Equipment	45,891.04	45,891.04
Pastorage, Garage, Lots	0.00	53,757.57
Subtotal Fixed Assets	334,323.19	364,762.01
OTHER ASSETS		
50% GST refundable	962.92	356.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$366,853.40	\$378,468.46
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Revenue Canada - payroll	\$623.24	\$1,001.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES	623.24	1,001.64
FUND BALANCE		
Fund Balance	\$366,230.16	\$377,466.82
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	366,230.16	377,466.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$366,853.40	\$378,468.46

Date	Attendance	Collection
04/01/2015	76	\$ 2,175.65
11/01/2015	47	\$ 860.00
18/01/2015	41	\$ 931.00
25/01/2015	?	\$ 350.50
01/02/2015	53	\$ 996.00
08/02/2015	49	\$ 1,256.25
15/02/2015	51	\$ 192.00
22/02/2015	59	\$ 347.00
01/03/2015	47	\$ 1,582.00
08/03/2015	36	\$ 725.00
15/03/2015	39	\$ 1,655.00
22/03/2015	47	\$ 696.00
29/03/2015	39	\$ 725.00
05/04/2015	80	\$ 974.00
12/04/2015	59	\$ 2,536.00
19/04/2015	?	\$ 1,484.00
26/04/2015	64	\$ 379.00
03/05/2015	55	\$ 1,481.00
10/05/2015	67	\$ 1,395.00
17/05/2015	30	\$ 20.00
24/05/2015	57	\$ 457.00
31/05/2015	31	\$ 1,150.00
07/06/2015	49	\$ 1,440.00
14/06/2015	56	\$ 287.00
21/06/2015	44	\$ 385.00
28/06/2015	56	\$ 1,478.00
05/07/2015	no service at AMC	
12/07/2015	29	\$ 1,445.00
19/07/2015	20	\$ 195.00
26/07/2015	42	\$ 485.00
02/08/2015	47	\$ 835.00
09/08/2015	32	\$ 1,760.00
16/08/2015	42	\$ 145.00
23/08/2015	43	\$ 1,583.00
30/08/2015	?	\$ 378.25
06/09/2015	49	\$ 1,630.85
13/09/2015	64	\$ 491.00
20/09/2015	58	\$ 367.00
27/09/2015	56	\$ 369.00
04/10/2015	52	\$ 2,805.00
11/10/2015	60	\$ 1,855.00
18/10/2015	66	\$ 16,558.00
25/10/2015	?	\$ 562.00
01/11/2015	67	\$ 2,004.00
08/11/2015	65	\$ 717.00
15/11/2015	50	\$ 574.00
22/11/2015	52	\$ 160.00
29/11/2015	52	\$ 290.00
06/12/2015	61	\$ 1,200.65
13/12/2015	46	\$ 1,225.00
20/12/2015	60	\$ 3,527.00
24/12/2015	85	\$ 7,090.00
27/12/2015	32	\$ 985.00

Note:		
Collection Total	\$ 75,194.15	(Sunday offerings)
	\$ 7,358.18	deposits not inc. in Sunday collection
	\$ 2,317.00	memory of Tante Susie + exp.
	\$ 84.95	interest
Total	\$ 84,954.28	
less	\$ 4,394.00	Sunday collections; posted to missions fund
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
GENERAL FUND	\$ 80,560.28	

Total collection to date	\$ 75,194.15
Average Attendance	51
Average Collection	\$ 1,446.04

AMC SPENDING 2015



ACCOUNT CATEGORIES

Category	Amount
Pastor Salary & Benefits	\$ 37,268.70
Conference & missions	\$ 19,148.35
Utilities	\$ 7,369.21
Office & Admin	\$ 6,975.28
Church (bldg & equip)	\$ 5,946.53
Service & Education	\$ 4,798.79
Cleaning	\$ 2,100.00
Parsonage	\$ 280.86
Total	\$ 83,887.72

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<u>Conference related Missions</u>					
Manitoba Conference Camping ministries	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00
Moose Lake Camp	\$ 492.25	\$ 900.31		\$ 452.08	\$ 400.00
<u>Other Mennonite Missions</u>					
Eden Foundation	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00
Bethania	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
Inter-Mennonite Chaplaincy Associaton	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Mennonite Disaster Services	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 135.59	\$ 400.00	\$ 308.35
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	\$ -	\$ 150.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mennonite Central Committee				\$ 200.00	
<u>Non - Mennonite Missions</u>					
World Team (Dan & Lisa Friesen)	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
Knowles	\$ 319.49		\$ 284.72		
CFGFB - thru MCC account	\$ -	\$ 300.00		\$ 200.00	
Samaritans Purse - Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ -	\$ 185.00			
David & Cassandra (GEM)				\$ 1,000.00	
Living Bible Explorers (Matt & Cheryl)					\$ 300.00
OM Mission (Chad Enns)					\$ 200.00
Total Allocated	\$ 2,911.74	\$ 3,935.31	\$ 1,770.31	\$ 4,452.08	\$ 2,508.35
Birthday money collected	\$ 51.74	\$ 115.31	\$ 35.31	\$ 47.08	\$ 4.35
Collected missions Sunday		\$ 3,820.00	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 4,405.00	\$ 2,504.00
Total Collected	\$ 2,911.74	\$ 3,935.31	\$ 1,770.31	\$ 4,452.08	\$ 2,508.35
Left to allocate:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Arnaud Mennonite Church
Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)
January 2015 - December 2015

	Current Period Fund 1 (General)	Current Period Fund 4 (Missions)	Current Period TOTAL	Prior Year TOTAL
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Contributions	\$ 76,215.90	\$ 2,504.00	\$ 78,719.90	\$ 79,930.42
Cash collections	\$ 4,459.43	\$ 4.35	\$ 4,463.78	\$ 2,974.68
Designated Donations		\$ 3,140.00	\$ 3,140.00	\$ 1,472.00
Subtotal Contributions	\$ 80,675.33	\$ 5,648.35	\$ 86,323.68	\$ 84,377.10
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Photocopier income				\$ 1.00
Interest Earnings	\$ 84.95		\$ 84.95	\$ 119.01
Other income				\$ 315.57
Subtotal Miscellaneous Income	\$ 84.95		\$ 84.95	\$ 435.58
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 80,760.28	\$ 5,648.35	\$ 86,408.63	\$ 84,812.68
EXPENSES				
GENERAL EXPENSES				
OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION				
Bank Charges	\$ 233.97		\$ 233.97	\$ 274.00
Office expenses	\$ 501.66		\$ 501.66	\$ 881.89
Accounting & Legal	\$ 3,785.65		\$ 3,785.65	
Mileage & Gas	\$ 1,005.93		\$ 1,005.93	\$ 1,616.18
Funeral	\$ 1,448.07		\$ 1,448.07	
Subtotal Office & Administration	\$ 6,975.28		\$ 6,975.28	\$ 2,772.07
PASTORS SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 37,268.70		\$ 37,268.70	\$ 48,061.30
CARETAKER CONTRACT	\$ 2,100.00		\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
UTILITIES				
Hydro - Church - 29 Smith	\$ 5,579.50		\$ 5,579.50	\$ 6,413.31
Hydro - Parsonage 38 Main				\$ 1,721.11
Water - parsonage				\$ 300.00
Water (church)	\$ 55.24		\$ 55.24	
Telephone	\$ 763.62		\$ 763.62	\$ 757.22
Internet	\$ 860.28		\$ 860.28	\$ 606.11
Website	\$ 110.57		\$ 110.57	\$ 110.57
Subtotal Utilities	\$ 7,369.21		\$ 7,369.21	\$ 9,908.32
CHURCH BUILDING				
Church Bldg & Yard R&M	\$ 875.86		\$ 875.86	\$ 336.76
Church Fire Insurance	\$ 3,499.92		\$ 3,499.92	\$ 3,132.00
Church Equipment R & M	\$ 1,570.75		\$ 1,570.75	\$ 177.13
Subtotal Church Building	\$ 5,946.53		\$ 5,946.53	\$ 3,645.89

Arnaud Mennonite Church
Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)
 January 2015 - December 2015

	Current Period Fund 1 (General)	Current Period Fund 4 (Missions)	Current Period TOTAL	Prior Year TOTAL
HOUSE & GARAGE				
House & garage R & M				\$ -
Parsonage Insurance	\$ 280.86		\$ 280.86	\$ 1,418.04
Parsonage Taxes				\$ 165.49
Subtotal House & Garage	\$ 280.86		\$ 280.86	\$ 1,583.53
SERVICE & EDUCATION				
Guests	\$ 622.06		\$ 622.06	\$ 1,026.57
Sunday School	\$ 1,129.45		\$ 1,129.45	\$ 1,491.20
Retreats, picnics			\$ -	
Library	\$ 174.25		\$ 174.25	\$ 121.77
Music	\$ 80.94		\$ 80.94	
Hosting Committee	\$ 696.20		\$ 696.20	\$ 264.21
Delegates & registration	\$ 225.00		\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00
Deacons	\$ 94.18		\$ 94.18	\$ 43.27
Outreach	\$ 126.03		\$ 126.03	
RVS Ecumenical Award	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Pastor Professional Growth	\$ 149.30		\$ 149.30	
Other Expenses	\$ 1,401.38		\$ 1,401.38	
Subtotal Service & Education	\$ 4,798.79		\$ 4,798.79	\$ 3,077.02
Subtotal General Expenses	\$ 64,739.37	\$ -	\$ 64,739.37	\$ 71,148.13
CONFERENCE & MISSIONS				
MCC				\$ 970.00
MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,402.08
MCI & CMU	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 308.35	\$ 4,808.35	\$ 4,900.00
OTHER MENNONITE MISSIONS		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 950.00
NON-MENNONITE MISSIONS		\$ 4,040.00	\$ 4,040.00	\$ 2,356.52
Subtotal Conference & Missions	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 5,648.35	\$ 19,148.35	\$ 19,078.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 78,239.37	\$ 5,648.35	\$ 83,887.72	\$ 90,226.73
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	\$ 2,520.91	\$ -	\$ 2,520.91	\$ 5,414.05
OTHER ITEMS (FUND 2 - CAPITAL)				
Parsonage & Lot Book Value	\$ 53,757.57			
Parsonage Sale Proceeds	\$ 40,000.00			
Gain/Loss on Capital Asset Sale	-\$ 13,757.57			
NET Book Value Loss	-\$ 11,236.66			

Arnaud Mennonite Church
Annual Budget Worksheet (GENERAL FUND)

Account	Description	2015		2016
		Actual	Budget	Budget
INCOME				
4100	Contributions	\$ 76,215.90	\$ 77,700.00	\$ 75,700.00
4110	Cash collections	\$ 4,459.43	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
4120	Designated Donations			
4530	Photocopier income	\$ -		
4550	Interest Earnings	\$ 84.95	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
4580	Other income	\$ -		
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$ 80,760.28	\$ 79,250.00	\$ 77,250.00
EXPENSES				
5110	Bank Charges	\$ 233.97	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
5120	Office expenses	\$ 501.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5125	Accounting & Legal	\$ 3,785.65	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
5130	Mileage & Gas	\$ 1,005.93	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
5180	Funeral Expenses	\$ 1,448.07	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5210	PASTORS SALARIES & BENEFI	\$ 37,268.70	\$ 36,200.00	\$ 35,000.00
5310	CARETAKER CONTRACT	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
5410	Hydro - Church - 29 Smith	\$ 5,579.50	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
5416	Water - Church	\$ 55.24	\$ -	\$ 200.00
5420	Telephone	\$ 763.62	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
5430	Internet	\$ 860.28	\$ 650.00	\$ 900.00
5435	Website	\$ 110.57	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
5510	Church Bldg & Yard R&M	\$ 875.86	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
5520	Church Fire Insurance	\$ 3,499.92	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,700.00
5530	Church Equipment R & M	\$ 1,570.75	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
5630	Parsonage Taxes	\$ 280.86	\$ -	\$ -
5710	Guests	\$ 622.06	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5715	Sunday School	\$ 1,129.45	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
5725	Midweek/ Special Events	\$ -		\$ 200.00
5727	Retreats, picnics	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
5730	Library	\$ 174.25	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
5735	Music	\$ 80.94	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
5740	Hosting Committee	\$ 696.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
5720	Youth	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00
5750	Delegates & registration	\$ 225.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5755	Deacons	\$ 94.18	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5760	Outreach	\$ 126.03	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
5765	RVS Ecumenical Award	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5770	Pastor Prof. Growth	\$ 149.30	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
5799	Other Expenses	\$ 1,401.38	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
5911	MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
5931	MENNONITE CHURCH MANITOBA	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
5941	MCI	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
	CAMP MOOSE LAKE			\$ 3,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 78,239.37	\$ 79,250.00	\$ 77,250.00

Auditors' Report

To the Members of Arnaud Mennonite Church:

We have reviewed the financials of Arnaud Mennonite Church as at December 31, 2015. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the treasurer.

This review does not constitute an audit. For example, it does not constitute a study and evaluation of internal control or require that we seek supporting or independent evidence. Illegal acts may not be detected during our review. This engagement cannot be relied upon to prevent or detect fraud, irregularities and error, even if material in amount. We wish to emphasize that control over and responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud, irregularities and error must remain with the board.

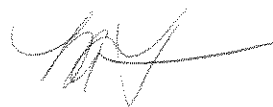
In addition, in common with many charitable organizations, the church derives the majority of its revenues from the general public in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory verification procedures. Accordingly, our review of revenues from this source was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the church and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and excess of revenues over expenses.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, an accurate representation of the financial activity of the church for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl L. Janzen



Michelle Friesen

AMC Contacts/Structure

AMC Council			
Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Pastor	Gloria Beck	Feb. 2015	
Chair			
Secretary	Cheryl Janzen	Jan. 2016	
Treasurer			
Trustee	Dennis Janzen	Jan. 2016	
Deacon			
Children & Youth	Shawn Holdnick	Jan. 2016	
Congregation & Community Care			
Worship	Cheryl Janzen	Jan. 2016	
Business & Maintenance	Dennis Janzen	Jan. 2016	
Other Contacts for 2016	Name	Phone Number	
Cemetary	Brad Friesen	204-427-2796	
Church Meals			
Website	Cyndee Holdnick	204-427-2303	
Policy	Ewald Boschmann	204-425-3554	
Sound System	Adrian Thiessen	204-427-2261	
Library			
Church Building Bookings			

Deacons

Marianne Penner
 Andrea Thiessen
 Mark Thiessen