



## **REPORT TO 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

**JUNE 12, 2016**

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# AGENDA

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Opening Prayer**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Annual General Meeting held May 31, 2015.

**5. Report of the Secretary**

Total number of members in good standing.

Total number of members present at meeting.

**6. Report of the Treasurer**

Financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Approval of 2016 Budget.

**7. Report of the Pastor**

**8. Election of Officers**

Election of Council members for 2016: Henry Braun,

Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Liane Evanow, Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Alicia Carter.

**9. Election of Nomination Committee**

Two members required

**10. Open Discussion**

**11. Meeting Adjourned**

# MINUTES FROM 2015 AGM

MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE MEMBERS OF  
SIMPLECHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE  
HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF May, 2015  
AT ST. AGNES ANGLICAN CHURCH  
LOCATED AT 530 EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NORTH VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA  
(the “Meeting”)

**Chairman:** Jonathan Friesen

**Recording Secretary:** Henry Braun

## CALL TO ORDER

The chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

## OPENING PRAYER

The chairman opened the Meeting in prayer.

## MEETING AGENDA

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

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

## MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2014 Annual General meeting.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary reported that there are currently 21 members in good standing and 18 of those members were present at the Meeting. The chairman called for a motion to approve the report of the secretary.

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

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The chairman asked that the treasurer, Neto Franco, present the financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The treasurer provided the following report as at December 31, 2014:

Simple Churches 2014 Income Statement			
<b>Income</b>			
General Fund	101,066		
Retreats	5,596		
Missions Income	5,335		
Other Income	981		
District Income	16,772		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>129,750</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	10,018		
Administrative Expenses	11,406		
Ministry Expenses	106,687		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>128,111</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,639</b>		

Neto Franco presented the budget for January - December 2013 as follows:

Simple Churches - 2015 Budget			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Over last year</b>	
General Fund	98,400		97%
Retreats	4,000		71%
Missions Income	6,000		112%
Other Income	1,000		102%
District Income	28,800		172%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>138,200</b>		<b>107%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	12,000		120%
Administrative Expenses	12,000		105%

Ministry Expenses	112,500		105%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	136,500		107%
<b>Total Income</b>	1,700		104%

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

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

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

The chairman reported that, Roxanne Charbonneau, Henry Braun, Neto Franco, Marianne Lemont, Jonathan Friesen, and Andy Lambkin (Ex officio) have agreed to let their name stand for election as members of the Network Council and called for a motion to elect same.

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Roxanne Charbonneau, Henry Braun, Neto Franco, Marianne Lemont, Jonathan Friesen, Andy Lambkin (Ex officio) are elected as members of the Network Council.

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

**UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Leanne Evanow is elected a member of the Network Council.

### **ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

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

The chairman called for a motion to approve the election of the Derek Furtney and Jess Franco as members of the nomination committee.

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

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

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

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

There being no further business, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **RESOLVED THAT** the Meeting is concluded (5:18 p.m.).

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the following financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Simple Churches 2015 Income Statement			
	Budget	Actual	
<b>Income</b>			
General Fund	98,400	92,800	94%
Retreats	4,000	5,510	138%
Missions Income	6,000	6,346	106%
Other Income	1,000	51,700	5170%
District Income	28,800	28,800	100%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>138,200</b>	<b>185,156</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	12,000	8,754	73%
Administrative Expenses	12,000	11,261	94%
Ministry Expenses	112,500	109,116.00	97%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>136,500</b>	<b>129,131</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>56,025</b>	<b>3296%</b>

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the budget for January - December 2016 as follows:

Simple Churches - 2016 Budget			
<b>Income</b>			<b>Over last year</b>
General Fund	82,000		88%
Retreats	5,000		91%
Missions Income	7,000		110%
Other Income	1,000		2%
District Income	49,600		172%
<b>Total Income</b>	144,600		78%
<b>Expenses</b>			
Missions Remittance	10,000		103%
Administrative Expenses	12,000		107%
Ministry Expenses	130,000		112%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	152,000		111%
<b>Total Income</b>	- 7,400		-2%



# REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Transition. That's the word for 2015. Perhaps not for you, but it was for the Lambkin's. Our house of 10 years was put up for sale and that's what brought about the shifting. The place we had been in was a miracle - serving us and many of you for many years - but the "for sale" sign meant a change was coming. Along with the change came the inevitable questions: Was God bringing our season in Vancouver to an end? How could we ever find a place for our big family? And what about these churches we loved so much?

The questions themselves were fair but I must confess that they were often spoken in fear. They were so because I often forgot that in God's economy the word transition always has a partner: Provision. Transition and provision. Hand and glove. Peas and pods. Two things that belong together. In the throes of the first I lacked faith to see the second (we usually do), but in hindsight I recall that this is the nature of God. To be sure, this isn't a bigger and better thing. That's the prosperity gospel, not the Kingdom of God. And yet, there is provision. In the midst of transition there's always provision. This is the word of God. You might not need my sermonizing in the present, but someday you will. Tuck it away. Your transition will also be about God's provision. As I say, peas and pods.

Lest this be all about me (though I think these were the words for many of you as well), the transition and provision also ended up being about our churches. The Lambkin transition meant the closing of our central Lonsdale outpost. And with it came transition for many of you. For 10 years we were meeting and praying on that sacred soil, but on one Sunday in June we stopped. But the stopping was also what led to the provision of new things. Our friends Sig and Ruth Toews often recite Jesus' words from John 12:24:

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

That's what happened with the closing of our central Lonsdale site. For many months, I had felt a growing sense that our little crew needed a stirring. Capable "priests" in the kingdom needed to be sent out. But how would this happen with such a cozy Lonsdale nest? The closing of the site caused the transition that was needed. The Franco's and Braun's went first. Leaders that they are, they were ripe for a new challenge. Then soon after the Boyer's launched out to offer their home as a host site. And soon after others were joining in.

Transition and provision. You see this? And now we have this beautiful new thing at work in Mount Seymour. It makes me wonder why I was so afraid? Could I have had the eyes of faith to see into the future, I would have run to this conclusion.

But that's not the end of it. In the transition God also spoke to me about the kind of leadership I needed to provide. God's made me to be an Apostle. That's an obscure word, but at least part of it means that I've been designed to start things. When we started these churches many years ago, I assumed that anyone could do this. Anyone could start a church and just do this. In some senses I still believe this is true, but I'm also aware now that for some they need a little help. They need someone to walk with them. In the midst of our transition I felt God speak to me about helping in this regard; that for many years I had been functioning as a pastor, but now I was needed as an apostle. I needed to come along side other pastors, to help them launch churches that could reach the people they loved and were called to.

So in the midst of the transition I started to pray: “God, bring me pastors! I’ll help them get started and, when ready, move on to help the next.” As I prayed, God responded. In the late fall, he moved in Tyler and Emma Milley and together we began the journey toward a new church. Transition and provision. There it is again.

As I write these words and reflect on this small slice of our 2015 year together, I wonder about you? Is there something in this that stirs you? Are you sensing a transition? What might God be saying? And what about your church life? Could God be nudging you to a new place of leadership? A new community that needs birthing? I’d love to process and, Lord willing, begin.

Transition. Provision. As it turns out, it wasn’t just about a new house. It was also about new churches, new people, new leaders, and a new season of ministry. Isn’t God kind to lead us?

Of course this is just a small slice of the 2015 year. I’d be forever if I wrote everything in prose though, so how about a highlight list to touch on this rest?

- + **Discipleship** - Jolie, Roxanne and I continued to be discipled and trained by our 3DM coach and began the steps of using our training within these churches.
- + **Ukraine** - Not one, but two Ukraine trips in 2015 as Sig, Ruth, Peter and Liane continued to represent.
- + **Friesen’s in Africa** - We prayed for this family for many, many months. Finally, on June 26th they were off to receive their little Agnes. For almost 6 months they were gone (and for a while we wondered how this was all shaping up) but then in December they returned and our hearts were filled with joy. Transition, provision. See what I mean.
- + **Leadership Retreat** - In March we held our annual leadership retreat. The theme was again on discipleship.
- + **Personal Care** - Once again we worked with a number of families in need, providing meals and moral support through long seasons of grieving and pain. As always, this is a place where our church shines, supporting people in our neighbourhoods and beyond through quiet acts of compassion and hospitality.
- + **November Retreat** - “Our Father, who lives in heaven.” This is the vision of Jesus. We looked at this together and our hearts were filled with faith. It was a wonderful weekend together.

## Conclusion

Finally, as always, I want to say a big word of thanks to all of you who so faithfully contribute financially to our church. As a recipient of some of these funds, I’m grateful for your faithfulness to God and this church. Your willingness to sacrifice and give is a sign of your trust and faith in God but also in us. Thank you.

I couldn’t be more thankful for all of you and for all that God is doing in our midst. May your hearts be filled with faith and joy. May your souls overflow with God’s Spirit. May you live as servants of Jesus and as ambassadors of his good news.

I love you all and am so proud of who you are and who you are becoming.

Respectfully submitted, together in Christ,

Andy Lambkin