



**REPORT TO 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

JUNE 11, 2017

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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 2016 AGM

MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF
SIMPLECHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2016
AT ST. AGNES ANGLICAN CHURCH
LOCATED AT 530 EAST 12TH STREET
NORTH VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
(the "Meeting")

Chair: Jonathan Friesen
Recording Secretary: Jess Franco

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

The chair opened the Meeting in prayer.

MEETING AGENDA

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

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

MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2015 Annual General meeting.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary reported that there are currently 24 members in good standing and 23 of those members were present at the Meeting. The chair called for a motion to approve the report of the secretary.

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The chair asked that the treasurer, Neto Franco, present the financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The treasurer provided the following report as at December 31, 2015:

Simple Churches 2015 Income Statement				
		Budget	Actual	
Income				
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%
Total Income		138,200	185,156	
Expenses				
Missions Remittance		12,000	8,754	73%
Administrative Expenses		12,000	11,261	94%
Ministry Expenses		112,500	109,116.00	97%
Total Expenses		136,500	129,131	95%
Total Income		1,700	56,025	3296%

Neto Franco presented the budget for January - December 2016 as follows:

Simple Churches - 2016 Budget			
			Over last year
Income			
General Fund		82,000	88%
Retreats		5,000	91%
Missions Income		7,000	110%
Other Income		1,000	2%
District Income		49,600	172%
Total Income		144,600	78%
Expenses			
Missions Remittance		10,000	103%
Administrative Expenses		12,000	107%

Ministry Expenses	130,000		112%
Total Expenses	152,000		111%
Total Income	- 7,400		-2%

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

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

ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

The chair then reported that the nomination committee have nominated Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Alicia Carter 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** Sig Toews, Mark Carter, Alicia Carter is elected a member of the Network Council.

ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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

The chair called for a motion to approve the election of the Candace Boyer and Marianne Lemont as members of the nomination committee.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Candace Boyer and Marianne Lemont are elected as members of the nominating committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

There being no further business, **UPON MOTION** duly made and carried, **RESOLVED THAT** the Meeting is concluded (5:21 p.m.).

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the following financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Simple Churches 2016 Income Statement				
Income	Budget	Actual		
General Fund	82,000	82065		100%
Retreats	5,000	4865		97%
Missions Income	7,000	6050		86%
Other Income	1,000	211		21%
District Income	49600	50,075		101%
Total Income	144,600	143266		99%
Expenses				
Missions Remittance	10,000	8663		87%
Administrative Expenses	12,000	7826		65%
Ministry Expenses	130,000	129,181.00		99%
Total Expenses	152,000	145670		96%
Total Income	-	7,400	2404	

The church treasurer, Neto Franco, submits the budget for January - December 2017 as follows:

Simple Churches - 2017 Budget			
Income			Over last year
General Fund	92,000		112%
Retreats	4,500		92%
Missions Income	27,000		385%
Other Income	500		237%
District Income	50,000		100%
Total Income	174,000		119%
Expenses			
Missions Remittance	27,000		385%
Administrative Expenses	8,000		102%
Ministry Expenses	130,000		101%
Total Expenses	165,000		108%
Total Income	9,000		

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

2016 was a milestone year for simplechurches. We crossed double-digits; celebrating our tenth birthday! The celebration in September was a fantastic day with many past and founding members returning to celebrate with us. Throughout the event, there was a palpable sense of God's faithfulness and the indelible mark these churches have left on all of our hearts. Even those that have moved on looked back with great fondness (and even a little longing) at what God had done in their lives.

Ten years later, what we share together is true to our name. There's nothing sophisticated in our church life. Certainly no pretense or production. And yet, the simplicity of life shared together, the weekly rhythm of gathering with food, and family, around worship, prayer and scripture has proved a powerful force. The LORD has shaped something in these churches that we must never take for granted. Indeed, sometimes I feel like we have discovered the secret to life. It's not always easy - good things never are - but ten years in I'm aware that what we have together is good, very good. We are being changed through these churches, shaped and molded into disciples of Jesus.

I look back on this calendar year with such gratitude. Ten years of blessing. From a pastoral perspective, sometimes I find I'm pinching myself. How is it that I found myself here, with all of you, doing this? Many pastors in our world carry a secret. Their life in ministry is a burden they find difficult to carry. They entered ministry feeling a desire to shepherd people, instead they find themselves burden with politics, policy, and religious productions. I must confess to you, rarely do I find my work a burden. Leading these churches for the past 10 years has been a joy and delight. A calling that has given to me and our family life and thankfulness.

It's with gratitude I write these words. Expressing my thanks to you for the part you have played, for the faithfulness you have shown, for the gifts you have given, for the finances you have imparted. I'm so grateful for all of you, and for these wonderful churches.

New Life

If there is a challenge in our simplechurches (and yes, while I love them, I'm aware there are challenges!) one of the more unfortunate ones is that we have a hard time gaining a scope of what God is doing in the broader whole. As not everyone chooses to come to CityWides, we miss meeting new faces and hearing the stories of new people and the lives that are being changed.

For instance, this may be a surprise to you, but in 2016 our borders stretched quite significantly. In January we added a new church, pioneering a new work in Lynn Valley with the Milley's and by the end of the year the church was full and thriving with good life. Our other churches also expanded as well. New families, new lives. Some new to

the city, other's seeking answers to their questions about God. By the end of the year, each of our churches were full to the brim, and we were ready for another new church... but more of that in next years report!

As you read of these new people, let's together ask that next years report will speak of new baptisms. Why? Because baptism is the outward sign that new people have also found new lives.

Highlights

As usual, I don't have time to reflect on all the good things that happened in length, so here's a highlight list to give us a sense of the year that was.

- + **Ukraine** - Another year, another trip to the Ukraine. Once again, our faithful quartet - the Toews and Evanow's - represented our gang serving the poor in this forgotten corner. A spring fundraiser on the Evanow front yard was a great community event!
- + **Easter on the Beach** - Always a highlight in our churches - but could this have been the coldest year ever? At least it didn't rain.
- + **Gospel of Mark** - After three years, we finally completed the Gospel of Mark at our CityWides. What's the hurry?
- + **Friday's with the Takatsuka's** - Every Friday I met with the Rie and Toshi, walking them through the scriptures, crafting studies that introduce people with no cultural background to the Jesus story. How do you teach people with no comprehension about "the Lamb of God"? My sense is that what has been shaped will be useful for some of our new simplechurch friends.
- + **Retreats** - As always, our Spring leadership and Fall church wide retreats were a highlight. In the Spring we once more looked at discipleship and in the Fall Dan "the Man" Heavnor joined us.
- + **Children** - So many kids, so much love shared between them. At latest count... 40.

Conclusion

On our church instagram account ([instagram.com/@simplechurches](https://www.instagram.com/@simplechurches)) Jolie posted the following C.S. Lewis quote:

The Church exists for nothing else but to draw people into Christ, to make them into little Christs. If they are not doing that all of the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, [worship bands], even the Bible itself are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose.

If Lewis is correct (and he is) ten years in we have reason to rejoice. Our church is fulfilling it's purpose. I see it, every time I see you.

Respectfully submitted, with deep gratitude,

Andy Lambkin