



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual General Meeting- Sunday, March 15, 2020

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# AGENDA - Highway Christian Fellowship AGM - March 15, 2020

- 1) Opening Prayer Pastor Ralph
- 2) Preliminaries
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Appointment of Recording Secretary
  - c. Appointment of Tellers
  - d. Establishing a Quorum
  - e. Presentation of Agenda
- 3) Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes March 3, 2019
- 4) Ratification of Board Member Nils Tonnang
- 5) Financials
  - a. Presentation of 2019 Financial Statements
  - b. Approval of Financial Reports
  - c. Presentation of 2020 Budget
- 6) Lead Pastor's Report
- 7) Community Connections Pastor's Report
- 8) Next Gen Coordinator's Report
- 9) Ministry Reports
- 10) Adjournment

# MINUTES - Highway Christian Fellowship AGM - March 3, 2019

Chairman: Pastor Ralph Juthman Recording Secretary: Pat de Jong

## **Devotional and Prayer**

At 12:30 pm Pastor Juthman opened the meeting with prayer.

#### Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

## **Appointment of Recording Secretary**

It was MSC that the Chair appoints Pat de Jong as recording secretary.

## **Appointment of Tellers**

It was MSC that Darlene Smith, Cynthia Watson, and Nils Tonnang be appointed as tellers.

#### Quorum

There were 39 members present out of a possible 65. The chairman declared that a quorum was present.

## Agenda

The chairman presented the Agenda to the meeting. It was MSC to accept the agenda as presented.

#### Minutes from Last AGM

The Minutes from the 2018 AGM were accepted as circulated. MSC to accept the minutes

#### **Financial Report**

Selwyn Rose, CPA, CMA, our accountant thoroughly explained the financial statements he had prepared. Pastor Juthman thanked Sel for his excellent work, the presentation, and being in attendance at the AGM.

There was one question about the Points of Light and that was explained by Pastor Ralph.

It was MSC to accept the financial report as circulated.

## **Pastors' and Committee Reports**

Pastor Juthman chose to defer his report until the end of the meeting.

Pastor Sue Juthman, Connections and Community Development Pastor, gave her report and highlighted the following; VBS, Big Give, Hockey Hot dogs, Biker Blessing, Family camp. Living Edge or Neighborhood market has increased their price so at this time it is not going forward.

Sue explained that little things matter and our attitude should be "How can we help others?" Our address is not a mistake we are close to schools and Sue is perusing the opportunities with schools.

It was MSC to accept Pastor Sue's report

Ike de Jong thanked Sue for all her hard work.

It was MSC to accept the Committee reports as distributed.

## Pastor Ralph's report

In addition to the written Ministry reports, Pastor Ralph Juthman highlighted the importance of prayer ministries in many areas of church life.

#### **Next Gen Ministries Coordinator**

A committee made up of Pastor Ralph, Joyce Harper and Richard Petrie have been working on Next Gen Ministries and have noted living in Victoria is very expensive. Seed money has been set aside for this Ministry. Please pray about this important position.

#### Revitalization

Prescription for the church was explained with the following priorities
Looking at Sunday Morning all aspects
Sunday school
Prayer
Building
Servant leadership
Mission Statement

Pastor Ralph thanked all the people who serve in the church.

It was MSC to accept Pastor's report.

#### **Election of Deacons**

The following people were elected for the Board: Shirley Torgerson, Peter Milner, Randy Lambier, Jean Hasker, and Einar Boganes. Nils Tonnang remains on the Board. The new Board was unanimously elected.

It was MSC to destroy the ballots.

#### Adjournment

The Chairman declared the meeting is adjourned at 1:15 pm.

# **Lead Pastor's Report**

## Dear HCF Family

It is indeed a pleasure to present my fourth Pastor's Report to the membership of our church family.

Before Jesus went to the cross and following his resurrection, Jesus gave to his followers a Great Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

and a Great Commission,

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-28)

Jesus' words are reflected in the mission statement of our church, which is "we seek to see lives transformed by becoming passionately devoted followers of Jesus". Consequently, we summarize our mission to passionately

## LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS & SERVE THE WORLD.

#### **LOVE GOD**

Our love for God is expressed in our worship gatherings as the worship team leaders and musicians lead us into God's presence through music.

In addition to worship we demonstrate our love for God, when we gather together in our many prayer gatherings. Prayer continues to remain a priority for our church. The mission would be powerless without concerted and consistent prayer. We continued to offer four opportunities for the church to gather, Saturday Night, Men's Prayer, Sunday Morning Pre Service Prayer, and Woman's Intercessory prayer.

This past year we also offered three additional prayer emphases. In January we challenged the church to 21 days of concerted prayer. This was concluded with an evening of worship and prayer. In October the church was part of a national prayer emphasis during the fall national election. On the night before voting day 30 people gathered for prayer for our nation.

This coming year prayer will continue to be a priority for our church.

#### **LOVE OTHERS**

Jesus said that His followers would love and serve one another. Our church is known as a church that loves one another. This love is expressed in and through the many ministries through which people serve, including:

Media Ministry (Sound and Power Point)

Sunday Morning Kids Ministry

**Prayer Ministry Teams** 

**Ushers & Counters** 

First Impressions

Care Groups

One Accord Young Adults

**Engage Youth** 

Board of Deacons

**Elders** 

Vacation Bible School

Hockey & Hotdogs

The Big Give

Benevolence

#### **SERVE THE WORLD**

Highway Christian Fellowship is an outward reaching church. We continue to seek ways to reach our community and world with the good news of Jesus. Some of the ways in which we accomplish this is through various community focused ministries and outreaches including:

Vacation Bible School

Hockey & Hotdogs

The Big Give

Benevolence

Turkey in a Bag (The Middle School Outreach)

Pastor Sue serves as our Community Connections Pastor, and is continually seeking ways to connect our church with the community and bless Sidney and the Peninsula.

Finally, Highway Christian Fellowship passionately supports world missions. We were blessed in 2019 to support the following missionaries;

Nancy & Serge Bergoglio - Village of Hope

Stan and Sandy Anonby - Wycliffe Translators

Zach and Megan Wiley - Imagine Thailand

Wayne and Anne Hilsden - King of Kings Assembly in Israel

Nelson & Lisa Monteiro - Brazil

Rick Wismer - Youth for Christ First Nations Ministry

In October we were privileged and blessed with the ministry of Kevin & Julia Garratt and Nation2Nation Ministries.

#### **NEW STAFF**

In addition to prayer, missions and discipleship our church has set as a priority the reaching and engaging of the youth of our community. For some time, I have been working with a team of leaders who prayerfully searched for a new Next Gen Coordinator. In September of this year we welcomed Chris Green as our new Next Gen Coordinator. He and his fiancée, Hannah Ng, have been a welcome addition to our church family.

In addition, we welcomed John Prins as our new Church Custodian and Sel Rose who serves as our Bookkeeper.

#### **THANKS**

I would like to express sincere thanks to the following who have assisted me and blessed this congregation in the past year;

#### **OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Chris Green, Next Gen Coordinator Susan Juthman, Community Connections Pastor Helen Lewis, Office Assistant John Prins, Custodian Sel Rose, Bookkeeper

#### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

Einar Boganes Jean Hasker Randy Lambier Peter Milner Nils Tonnang Shirley Torgerson

## **ELDERS**

Einar Boganes Ike de Jong Stephen Schubkegel

#### **ONE FINAL WORD**

This past year was a year of blessing and growth in our ministry and impact in Sidney. This coming year I believe the Lord would have us move forward to even greater fields of opportunity. Let us move forward together in faith to passionately Love God, Love Others and Serve our World.

Respectfully Submitted Ralph Juthman

# Community Connection Pastor's Report

2020.... A New Decade.... The perfect time to celebrate & review the past year: to see what God has done and to continue seeking vision on what can yet be done. Proverbs 16 speaks about our <u>'busyness'</u> while aligning our lifestyles with His perfect plan as we serve Him. Proverbs 16:3 states "<u>commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans</u> will succeed".

Our '10364 McDonald Park' community, and neighbours are expressing appreciation for events such as Hockey & Hot Dogs, the Big Give and VBS.

- "Hockey & Hot Dogs" ran once a month from May to September 2019. Attendance varied from 20 to 50 + people and saw an increase in people serving food and coffee. We will start again on April 30, 2020 and plan to hold this event at least 2 times per month in response to comments from last year's attendees. A highlight in July 2019 was when The Pacific Blue Knights blessed us as they hosted a fundraising event to allow us to purchase a new set of nets. Ike de Jong led a Biker Blessing service that evening. Everyone is invited to help with planning, set up and being there to chat with the families as they come each evening.
- "Family Fun Nights" have been well attended in the past year with games, movie nights and dinner events as an alternative with Hockey & Hot Dogs. "Family & Friends" (note the name change) is being planned to enhance fellowship/connections with our HCF family and to give us opportunities to invite our neighbours/family to build relationships that guide us all to Jesus. March 26, 2020 will be a "Chili Fest & Movie Night. Watch for upcoming dates and themes.
- "The Big Give" has become a favorite event for HCF. Along with the 'free' yard sale/carwash, coffee & goodies we provided the opportunity for prayer and conversation in a 'bistro' style setting. The Gideon's graciously provided Bibles for us to give out. This year's event is on June 6<sup>th</sup> so please start saving household items to bless our community again this year. I met with the National Directors Kathy Blakely and Wayne Mosley via Skype before Christmas to discuss how we could invite/assist other churches in our community and BC in hosting this amazing outreach. I have had the opportunity to speak at 2 area/island pastor's meetings about this event this past month as the BC liaison for The Big Give.
- "Shipwrecked...Rescued by Jesus" was our VBS theme in July 2019. We had an average attendance of 50 students daily and a volunteer roster of almost 35 staff helped make each day amazing for the students. On the closing day, 9 students asked Jesus into their hearts. What a blessing. "ROAR...when life is wild, God is Good" is the theme for this summer's VBS. The dates are July 6 10, 2020. Staff training dates will be announced soon. We have started fielding calls about when registration will start.

## **New opportunities:**

In our **First Impressions** practises we have the best greeters and I see weekly many in our HCF family chatting with visitors. In thinking about how we can <u>continue to enhance</u> our 'visitor's experience', there seems to be a challenge (like most other churches): how do we engage folks to return/engage with us. This '**connecting with community**' is the next part of our First Impressions process that I wish to prayerfully explore and enhance this next year.

## Local Missions: reaching into North Saanich Middle School.

- We have been able to reach out to the staff & students at NSMS this past year in a couple of tangible ways.
- Each week the Ladies Bible study has been providing fruit for a lunch program at the school.
- In October 2019 we filled 10 new back packs with "Turkey in a Bag", a Thanksgiving dinner for 10 families in need at the school.
- In December 2019, 8 Thrifty's gift cards were given to the school to be given to families in need.

We are blessed here at HCF with having people ready and willing to do things to serve others in our church family and into our community. While I love being busy, it is important to continue doing what we do with excellence and to not stretch ourselves and our resources out.

I pray that this coming year will see each of us continue to expand our horizons of service: perhaps to try 'something new' or something that is in your 'wheel house' all in an effort to bring the gospel to our community which desperately needs the love & hope of Jesus in their hearts and lives.

Ephesians 3: 20 is a prayer to remind us of our purpose and intentions

"Now to him who is able to do <u>immeasurably more</u> than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us".

Lastly but not least, thank you to the pastor, board, ministry leaders and those who keep reminding me to not feel that I have to do everything.... thank you for the honor to serve you and to serve with you as we "serve Him!

Respectively submitted Pastor Sue

# **Next Generations Coordinator's Report**

As the Next Generations Coordinator for HCF, I humbly serve our kids and the kids of this community, along with my small team of volunteers. Here are some of the accomplishments we have been able to make this past year, by the grace of God.

## **Engage Youth Group**

Building from scratch we have started a youth group called, "Engage". Numbers have varied but we have seen about a half a dozen in regular attendance and watched some start attending Sunday morning services.

We have two volunteers, Hannah Ng and Josh Greene helping me to minister to these kids and I thank God for their support and their willingness to be a blessing.

Our first meeting was on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. And we have met each consecutive Tuesday following, with some exceptions during the holiday season.

#### **BRO/GRO**

As an extension of Engage, we started monthly coffee shop outings with the kids, where we read and study the Bible in a public space. This is designed to create a more casual space they can invite their friends to, as well as help them become comfortable discussing their faith when they are outside of the church building.

## **Family Dinners**

We've also started monthly dinners at the homes of people in the church and have received invitations from a few in the congregation to come to their homes with the kids. These dinners are set up to help the kids and congregation get to know each other. And to build kinship in the family of faith across generations.

## Reception

So far all of our efforts have been met with positive support from the congregation. We appreciate all the support and prayer we have received. The kids and parents have enjoyed the programs and are thanking us for doing what we do.

## **Sunday School**

Joyce Harper has graciously supported and equipped me all throughout 2019, so that I could take over Sunday school leadership in 2020. We have had both positive wins and challenges in this ministry, but they exist outside the scope of this report's January to December 2019 time frame, so I will leave those for future reports.

#### **Prayer**

We appreciate continued prayer for our kids, for their faith to be sharpened, and for the endurance of our volunteers. We also greatly appreciate prayer for the hearts of the people to be moved to minister along side us, with the kids, as a more robust team is needed for effective long term ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and considerations as you read this report.

God bless, Christopher Green

# **Board of Deacons Report**

## This last year our Deacons Board consisted of:

Einar Boganes - CARE Groups & Bible Studies, Prayer Ministry, Congregational Care, Elder Liaison

Jean Hasker - Community Use of Building, Fellowship, First Impressions, Women2Women Coordinator

Randy Lambier - Children, Youth & Family Liaison, Lockup & Security, Policy & Procedures

Peter Milner - Church Treasurer, Health & Safety, Worship, Media & Sound

Nils Tonnang - Community Connections and Outreach Liaison, Buildings and Grounds, Liaison for the Custodian

Shirley Torgerson - Board Secretary, Office Liaison, Hospitality (Flowers, Care Cards, Hospital and Funerals)

Pastor Ralph Juthman - Lead Pastor, Board Chair, Congregational Care, Elder Oversight, Leadership Development, Hospital & Care Home Chaplaincy

## We have also been served by a staff consisting of:

Pastor Ralph Juthman: Lead Pastor

Pastor Sue Juthman: Community Connection Pastor, Volunteer

Chris Green: Next Gen Coordinator, Part Time

Helen Lewis: Office Assistant. Part Time

Sel Rose: Bookkeeper, Contract

Ben Harper: Custodian, Part Time (until August 2019)

John Prins: Custodian, Part Time (started September 2019)

## **Special Functions/Guest Speakers in 2019**

We were also blessed by various ministries and missionaries in 2019 including:

Serge Bersaglio
Stan & Sandy Anonby
Zach & Megan Wylie
Tim Schindel
Kevin Garrett
Ken Russell

#### Outreach

In 2019 our church served in the following outreaches:

- Boxes of Love to Zambia
- Hampers and Grocery Cards at Christmas
- Turkey in a Bag (North Saanich Middle School Outreach)
- Services at Saanich Peninsula Hospital and Sidney Care Home
- Hockey & Hotdog days
- Welcome Back BBQ
- Vacation Bible School
- The Big Give
- ALPHA
- Christmas in Sidney Community Carol Sing

## **Special Leadership Events:**

In October we held a Pastors', Staff and Board Leadership Weekend with Rev. Ken Russell.

#### **Note Worthy**

We would like to congratulate Pastor Sue on completing her hours for her ordination.

#### Thank You

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as deacons. It has been an interesting, productive, and fun year with the Deacons Board of Highway Christian Fellowship. God's Holy Spirit's presence to direct us in all the decisions we need to make is crucial, and we remain totally grateful for it, as well as your prayers for us.

My prayer for each of you is found in Numbers 6:26

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

Blessings, Shirley Torgerson Board Secretary

# **Elders Report**

Your elders at Highway Christian Fellowship have sought to assist and participate in the ministry of our congregation in several ways. Firstly, we have met with Pastor Ralph in an advisory capacity various times during the year. Secondly we have taken part in prayer and preaching ministry as well as home groups. Worship assistance has also been given. Thirdly the elders have sought to make themselves available to the congregation for their personal spiritual needs, sometimes by visitation and prayer.

We support Pastors Ralph and Sue in their various capacities, and appreciate their initiatives which have helped our church's visibility in our community. They have also helped us stay connected to our dedicated missionaries.

We also appreciate the work of Chris Green and Hannah Ng among our children and young people. We thank the Lord Jesus for leading them to minister in our midst.

May our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ continue to guide us all by his Holy Spirit in the path which He has chosen for us, and may we be attentive to his leading, that we may glorify him by bearing much fruit (John 15).

Sincerely in Christ Jesus, lke de Jong Einar Boganes Stephen Schubkegel

## **Prayer Ministries Report**

Prayer is one of the pillars of our church ministry. We are thankful for the opportunity to gather and pray for our community, church and world. There are several opportunities to gather in prayer:

Saturday Night All Church Prayer Meeting Prayer and Praise Nights Ladies Intercessors Group Men's Prayer Group Pre-Service Prayer

In the fall our church was part of a national prayer movement praying for our nation and the election.

We also have a great team of people who are ready to pray with people during our worship gatherings.

Let's continue to grow as a praying church.

Respectively submitted, Ralph Juthman

## **Prayer Chain Report**

I figured out from all the calls for prayer it would be 1 call a week.

We have had many Praise reports also, from at least half of the prayer requests. Praise God for His mighty power and love. Also some have gone to be with Jesus. They are now totally healed.

It's a privilege to pray for so many with hurts, sickness and pain, operations and other problems. God knows every one of them. We will continue to pray for those who still need a healing. "If God be for us, who can be against us." Romans 8:31 God has promised to hear His children when they pray.

There's also so many that need salvation, they need to meet Jesus. We will not give up; the Lord is enough. Faith in God can move a mighty mountain, and calm troubled seas. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised" Hebrew 10:23

A big thank you to all who are a part of the prayer chain.

Respectfully submitted, Ranill Holden

# **Transformational Prayer Ministry Report**

Transformational (renamed from Theophostic) ministry has been present in our church body since about 2007. Many people have benefitted from this private, safe place to open up and have their painful issues heard in Christian love. Particularly this process addresses old hurts which interfere emotionally with present daily living. In this prayer process the facilitator listens to the recipient's feelings and asks questions which help the recipient get to the root of the problem. Then the Lord Jesus is asked to intervene with his healing truth.

This past year Transformational Prayer Ministry was rather dormant. But always the help is there for those who request it.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus, Stephen Schubkegel

# **Worship Report**

As I look back on 2019, I am humbled as I see how God uses the ministry of Praise and Worship to usher in the presence of God corporately in our church. We are truly blessed with the musicians and singers that God has brought to HCF that are not only talented and skilled on their instrument, but are also true worshippers. It is a team effort and the unity and esteem we have for one another is a precious gift. We have been mentoring new musicians and singers and it has been an enriching and growing endeavour. Thank you to our prayer warriors that regularly cover us in prayer. As the worship team is truly on the "front lines", the need for prayer support is essential. We are also thankful for the support we receive from our media team and pastors.

Our church was the hub for the Prayer and Praise night we had before the federal election. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to raise up a standard for the Lord! Our Christmas Carol Sing-a-long also saw more community members come through our doors as we worshipped and celebrated the birth of the King of Kings.

The heart of our church truly beats with a love for Praise and Worship. As that heart continues to beat we will see Victory, Breakthrough, Freedom, Deliverance, Revelation, Intimacy with God and Healing.

To God be the glory!

In His Service, Kathryn Milner

## Library Report

During 2019, two new children's Christmas books and one adult fiction novel were purchased. In addition, funds were raised through a 'by donation' book and video sale for the purchase of new materials. The total amount raised was \$22. Some changes to the book displays were also made for Easter, Christmas and other occasions, and several posts were published on the HCF Library Facebook page.

Submitted by, Dorota Lockyer and Laurel Tonnang

## **Care Groups Report**

Presently we have CARE groups and Bible studies that are currently operating. Two CARE groups meet in North Saanich, under the leadership of Einar & Marit Boganes, and under the joint leadership of Pat & Ike de Jong and Trevor & Cynthia Watson.

We have also have a FOUNDATIONS Bible Study that meets Tuesday afternoons in the church prayer room. The purpose of this group is to systematically study the Bible book by book and to develop a foundational knowledge of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Ladies Bible Study continues to grow and develop under the ministry of Margot Fisher.

In addition, this past year saw the emergence of a Young Adults Bible study initiated by Dorota Lockyer and Mike Juthman. The group has grown and is presently gathering on Sunday afternoon following the morning service.

As a church we value community and the Word of God. Both of these are experienced as we come together to connect with God, one another and our community.

Respectively submitted, Ralph Juthman

# Men's Ministry Report

The men's group meets periodically, usually for breakfast, with a short talk by a speaker, (either a guest or one of our own). This past year we have had the following events:

- **May 11** Breakfast at the church, with an entertaining talk by Trevor Watson about his recent trip to India.
- **June 15** A joint breakfast at the church with the Ladies group, and an inspiring talk by guest Jackie Fierman.
- **July 27** A golf tournament held at the Ridge golf course. All participants expressed the desire to see this be held again.
- Oct.19 Breakfast at Sassy's restaurant with a talk by guest Jason Goertzen.
- **Nov.30** Breakfast at White Spot restaurant with a talk from our new Next Gen coordinator Chris Green.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Men's Fellowship team, Trevor Watson and Randy Lambier for their input and dedication.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Milner

# Women's Ministries Report

#### Women2Women

We have had several breakfast events this year, all of which have been well attended. Our speakers have been women who have different gifts from the Lord and we have had positive feedback from the ladies who attended the breakfasts. We also had a coffee and muffins morning downstairs which was very informal and enjoyable as Ranill H. spoke to us.

Also, a big thank you to Kathy M. who, as one of the worship team, brings in the presence of the Lord as we sing His praises.

## **Ladies Intercessory Prayer**

The intercessors meet faithfully every week and have done so for many years. It is a time of seeking the Lord and we have had many answers to prayer. We lift up our churches, community, governments and those in need. Their wisdom and gifting with love flows freely.

## Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study on Monday mornings is a time of incredible happenings orchestrated by the Holy Spirit and led by Margot F. There flows such love, healing and acceptance in our midst as we study and seek the Lord. It is a time of great fellowship. Between 23 - 28 ladies now attend and several come from different churches.

In His Service Jean Hasker

# DS (Discovery Street) Children's Ministry Report

Firstly, thank you to teachers and nursery attendants who have faithfully served this ministry this past year. Your commitment and dedication are indicators of your desire to share Jesus with these precious children.

In September a Pre-school class opened and three delightful 3 year olds moved from Nursery to Pre-school.

The middle school class has seen growth. It was a pleasure to welcome Chris Green and Hannah Ng to assist with the Children's Ministry in the Fall. They shared teaching the Middle School class and quickly a healthy relationship has developed between teachers and students.

It has been a privilege to serve as Children's Ministry Coordinator over the past several years. Chris Green, Next Gen Coordinator will resume this responsibility in January 2020. He has a heart for kids, may we support him with our involvement in this ministry and, last but not least, our prayers.

Joyce Harper Children's Ministry Coordinator

# One Accord, Young Adult Ministry

In April 2019, I started a group for those in their 20s and 30s to get together and discuss Apologetics. We met weekly in homes and cafés to read and discuss the book *Good is Great, God is Good: Why Believing in God is Reasonable*. In June 2019, as the group expanded from its three original members, it became One Accord – the Young Adult group of Highway Christian Fellowship.

During the summer, members of One Accord met weekly for different activities, such as bowling, games, and movie nights.

Starting in early October, the group began meeting on Thursday evenings to study the book of Romans and worship together. A Facebook group page, "One Accord" was also created for the group to post news. We contributed to the community by making pillowcases for Our Place Society and handing out candy bags with HCF info on Halloween. Altogether, approximately 12 pillowcases for Our Place were sewn and filled with donations of toiletries, bedding and clothing from generous church members — thank you! By the end of 2019, the group had nine members. We ended the year with a Christmas potluck party.

Submitted by: Dorota Lockyer

## Media Report

The audio and video departments continue to function well, although by the end of the year we were stretched by lack of personnel. This is most evident with the video projection as we are now down to one regular volunteer. Some new blood is desperately needed.

The video computer has had some software upgrades and continues to work well, although the hardware is seven years old and will need replacing soon.

The audio soundboard is getting long in the tooth, but it has not shown any signs that it needs replacement yet. It can probably serve us for a few more years.

The Sunday morning message is being recorded and uploaded to our website each week, as is a live version on Facebook.

There were no sound equipment purchases this year, but there were some small musical instrument purchases: a new tambourine, new drum mallets and a new keyboard stool.

Sincerely, Peter Milner,

## First Impressions Report

First Impressions is working well, but this last year has seen the team stretched pretty thin. We do need some more volunteers to help with greeting, ushering and making coffee.

Submitted by, Jean Hasker, Deacon

# **Ushers Report**

Thanks to God, everything has worked out well. I can not think of any outstanding event.

I will express a great THANK YOU to the whole team!

I am looking forward to 2020 to be another Blessed year,

Submitted by, Nils Tonnang

# Building, Grounds & Garden Report

First of all, thank you to all who have been helping out, especially Peter and Einar, with lawn mowing and other building projects!

Also thank you to the janitors that kept our church clean; John Prins and before him Ben Harper.

In the summer our new, long awaited. Banquet tables arrived.

A few things we had to deal with this year

- Fixing the main fridge (not keeping proper temperature)
- Due to new CRD regulations and new procedures regarding private parking run off we had to pump out our catch basins with the possibility of having to do this yearly.
- The great snow clearing of 2019!

We are also presently dealing with a few small leaks that we hope to have finally dealt with shortly.

The flowerbeds are also being maintained, trimmed and weeded semi-regularly.

Again thanks to ALL who helped out.

Submitted by, Nils Tonnang

#### **Building**

- Motor replacements in the central vacuum
- Replaced 3 exit lights at back emergency exits
- Reattached gutter above balcony windows
- Repaired leak in lift mechanical room
- Replaced lawnmower battery

#### Grounds

- Grass cutting
- Weed control
- Trimming bushes and plants
- Keeping parking lot and playground clean and tidy

Thanks to all who volunteered to assist in these areas.

Submitted by Nils Tonnang

# Sidney Care Home Ministry Report

Each Sunday afternoon a half hour chapel service is conducted at Sidney Care Home with an average of 25 residents enjoying the singing of hymns with accompanying scriptural comments emphasizing God's love and care.

It was an honour to be asked to lead a hymn at the funeral of one of the residents this year.

Sidney Care Home staff is most welcoming, they distribute hymn books and are present to assist where needed. They do appreciate our church's involvement in this weekly ministry.

Submitted by: Ted Harper

## Missions Committee Report

The missions committee presently consists of Pastor Ralph, Nils & Laurel, Einar & Marit, and Judy Lacey. As a committee we have not met as often in 2019, but Missions remains a priority pillar of HCF. The purpose of the Missions Committee is to pray for our missions partners, promote what God is doing through missions, and raise awareness of missions.

## Our missions partners in 2019 included:

A&R Roorda, RAN (they returned to Canada in July)
Stan & Sandy Anonby, Wycliffe Bible Translators
Nelson & Lisa Monteiro, Brazil
Sergio & Nancy Bersaglio, VOH
Zach & Megan Wylie, Thailand
Rick Wismer, YFC (First Nations outreach)
Wayne & Anne Hilsden, Israel

Through donations the ministries of Village of Hope, Child Care Plus and Hearts of Compassion were also supported.

In October we were blessed to host The Garratts who shared their testimony having been imprisoned in China. It was a joy to hear of God's faithfulness.

We look forward to continuing to prioritize missions in 2020.

Submitted by Pastor Ralph

# Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp Report

Nanoose Bay Camp continues to be an amazing place for the campers and people attending events hosted there. The heart and intent of service there is noted regularly by all who come.

At the camp a new caretaker and office manager (husband & wife team) moved to the camp in April 2019. The camp season was busy as usual with a highlight for me being involved with Family Camp on the July long weekend. This camp again was filled to capacity in attendance and we saw excellent times of ministry during the services as well as at our 'Kids', 'Mids' and 'Youth', camps.

In October 2019, the Board found themselves in the process of finding a new caretaker and office manager. As of my last meeting as a board member, discussions are ongoing about posting these job opportunities. The AGM for the camp is on March 28, 2019, please pray for new vision and ministry opportunities.

In October 2019 I tendered my resignation as a Board member as the timelines of my portfolio events and responsibilities here at Highway Christian Fellowship has become busier with new staff and events on weekends which are the usual times that the board meets.

Submitted by Pastor Sue