

North Shore Alliance Church

Annual General Report

2012

NSAC Annual General Report 2012

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF
North Shore Alliance Church
of the
Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada**

Held in the Church Sanctuary
at
201 East 23rd Street
North Vancouver, B.C.
V7L 3E4

on November 6, 2011
at the hour of 7:00 p.m., local time

Number of Active Members Present: 76
Total Number of Active Members: 237
% of Active Members Present: 32%

At the request of the Lead Pastor and the Board of Elders, **Brad Boyd**, Chairman of the Board of Elders, assumed the Chair and called the Meeting to order. **Brad Boyd**, Chairman, then appointed **Michiel Smit**, to act as Secretary of the Meeting and appointed **Leta Jones** and **Cindy Ryon** to act as Scrutineers.

SCRUTINEERS' REPORT

The Scrutineers filed a written report on attendance stating the number of members present and the total number of Members. A quorum of the members of the Church being present, the Meeting was declared to be regularly constituted and open for the transaction of business. The Chairman directed that a copy of the Scrutineers' Report on Attendance be attached to the minutes as Schedule "A".

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Chairman advised the Notice calling this Meeting had been published in the Church Bulletin on the two Sundays immediately preceding the Meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Church By-laws. Reading of the Notice was dispensed with and the Chairman asked that the Secretary attach the Notice (i.e. copies of the Church Bulletins) with the Minutes of the Meeting as Schedule "B".

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman advised that the last Annual General Meeting of the Church was held on November 7, 2010, and the Minutes of such Meeting were incorporated in the 2011 Annual Report which had been distributed to Members and are

available for inspection by any interested member. The Chairman asked that the Secretary attach a copy of the 2011 Annual Report as Schedule "C".

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the reading of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Church held on November 7, 2010 be dispensed with and the minutes be taken as read and verified as correct.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The Chairman advised that it is standard practice for Alliance churches to have a financial statement review rather than an audit given the limited benefit of an audit to the Church and the fact that there are significant cost savings. As a result, and after consultation with the Alliance Pacific District, the Elders recommended that an audit be waived for the upcoming financial year and that the financial statements be subject instead to a review engagement to be carried out by **D. Fairholm & Company Inc.**

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT an audit of the financial statements be waived for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and that the financial statements be subject to a review engagement to be carried out by **D. Fairholm & Company Inc.**

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chairman invited **Mark Peters**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to address the Meeting. **Mark Peters** gave a brief explanation about the function of the Nominating Committee. He advised that Lois McCann had recently resigned as Elder due to health reasons. **Mark Peters** also paid tribute to Steve Anderson, Elder and Treasurer, who had recently passed away very suddenly.

He advised that as the Board had an appropriate number of Elders when the Nominating Committee started its process, its focus had been on praying and discerning potential candidates to be brought forward in the future. The recent resignation of Lois McCann and passing away of Steve Anderson did not allow sufficient time for replacements to be found for this Annual General Meeting. Accordingly there are only a total of six (6) positions for the office of Elder open for election at the Meeting and that, in accordance with the Church By-laws, the Nominating Committee presented and posted the two Sundays prior to the Meeting one name for each office to be filled. The Nominating Committee nominated the following six (6) persons for election as Elder, as set out in the Nominating Committee's written report which formed part of the 2011 Annual Report:

Brad Boyd
Gerry Lorentzen
Ronnie Scott
Michiel Smit

**Norman Waine
Ken Yeager**

Mark Peters then gave a brief profile of each of the existing Elders, who were nominated for re-election.

ELECTION OF ELDERS

The Chairman thanked Lois McCann for her contributions to the Board this past year. He also paid tribute to Steve Anderson.

The Chairman advised that, pursuant to the Nominating Committee's report, that seven (7) persons had been nominated to fill the eight (8) Elder positions open for election. With the passing away of Steve Anderson, this has now been reduced to six (6) persons.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the following persons be elected to serve as Elder until the close of business of the next Annual General Meeting.

**Brad Boyd
Gerry Lorentzen
Ronnie Scott
Michiel Smit
Norman Waine
Ken Yeager**

ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman advised that two nominations were required from the Members to act as Congregational representatives on the Nominating Committee.

Mark Peters, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, nominated **Reid Lundstrom** and **Debby Stenson** for election.

The Chairman advised that, while the Nominating Committee did not serve an official function in offering such nominations, the Committee had been asked by the Board to do so in order to ensure that at least two qualified and willing candidates would be presented to the Meeting. The Chairman further advised that, since nomination for this position was the sole prerogative of the Members, the Members should not consider themselves bound by the recommendations of the Nominating Committee but should themselves carefully and prayerfully consider whom they wished to represent them on the Nominating Committee. The Chairman then invited further nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared the nominations closed.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT **Reid Lundstrom** and **Debby Stenson** be elected as Congregational Representatives on the

Nominating Committee, to hold office until completion of the next Annual General Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT, BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chairman, as interim Treasurer, presented to the Meeting the Financial Statements of the Church for the financial year ending June 30, 2011, together with the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, including the proposed budget of the Church for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and entertained questions from the Members thereon.

The Chairman advised that urgent building and other capital needs of the church were funded from general fund giving that was in excess of core operating expenditures. He further advised that after much discussion the Board had decided to not use the Church's share of the funds received from the sale of the Buhler home for pastoral housing. The funds would not be used to fund "status quo" Church operations which should be funded from general fund giving, but would be used with the broad objective of making lasting change.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the financial statements of the Church for the financial year ending June 30, 2011, consisting of a Statement of Financial Position, a Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances and a Statement of Cash Flows, together with the schedules, notes and the Auditors' Report thereon, be received.

Copies of the Financial Statements, as presented to the Meeting are attached as Schedule "D". Copies of the Treasurer's Report and Budget are included in the Annual Report for 2011 attached hereto as Schedule "C".

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELDERS

Brad Boyd, Chairman of the Board, presented the Annual Report of the Board of Elders on the affairs of the Church during the preceding year and entertained questions.

Brad Boyd briefly reviewed what was accomplished by the Board of Elders this past year. During the coming year, the Board will be discerning with the pastoral staff the longer-term vision for the Church and the implications of this vision to the near-to-medium term strategy and plans.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE LEAD PASTOR AND PASTORAL STAFF

Mark Peters, Lead Pastor, presented the Annual Report of the Lead Pastor on the affairs of the Church during the preceding year. **Keith Whitaker**, Young Adults' Pastor and Associate Pastor of Life Transformation, **Mark Koop**, Youth Pastor, **Linda Rae**, Children's Pastor, **Dave Alton**, Youth Pastor, **Dave Sattler**, Student and Outreach Ministries Pastor, **Shane Gould**, Pastor of Life Transformation, **Linda Gould**, Worship Pastor, and **Mark Peters** gave a brief update to the Church of their ministries.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Annual Reports of the Board of Elders, Lead Pastor and Pastoral Staff as well as the entire Annual Report for 2011 be received.

TERMINATION

There being no other business, the Chairman declared that the Annual General Meeting of the Church be terminated.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW BOARD OF ELDERS

QUESTION PERIOD

Mark Peters, Lead Pastor, opened the meeting to general questions from the Members regarding Church business and entertained questions.

PRAYER AND DOXOLOGY

DATED at North Vancouver, British Columbia, November 6, 2011.

Brad Boyd
Chairman

Michiel Smit
Secretary

Board Chairman's Report to the Congregation

First of all, the Board would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Brad Boyd, who stepped down as Chairman of the Board in August, when he relocated to Egypt. The Board would also like to acknowledge the work of Board members, Steve Anderson and Lois McCann, both of whom passed away during the last 12 months, and are sorely missed. Thanks to Julie Gildemeister for stepping on as an interim Board member to assist over the last three months.

For 2011/2012, the Board focused on further defining and sharing the vision for our church, as well as further refining policies and procedures to assist in simplifying the operation of the church's day to day activities. Some of the specific achievements for the year are as follows:

- Completion of the 2012 Vision document, focusing on Authentic Relationships, Transformation, Mission Living, Interdependence, and Developing Leaders. This vision is now engrained in much of our discussion and decision making process, and resulted in a sermon series in September/October.
- Completion of a Policy Manual review, including guidelines for operations of staff and ministry processes used within the church.
- Review of Key Outcomes for 2010/2011 year, and setting Key Outcomes for 2011/2012 year.
- Investigating a Biblical theology and practice of healing within NSAC.
- Developing Board communication and relationships to further unity within the Board members.
- Review and update Staff Salary methodology to ensure clarity in setting salaries for all staff.
- Working with Lead Pastor in the selection of replacement staff members, welcoming Alana Klatt and Mardi Dolfo-Smith onto the staff team.
- Reviewing and endorsing recommendations of Mission and Outreach Team, and other ministries as appropriate.
- Reviewing Board performance, and identifying areas for improvement within the team.
- Assessing capital and operational funding requirements for the NSAC building.

Moving into the 2012/2013 ministry year, the Board is expecting to bring some new members into the team, and is looking forward to new relationships and team dynamics. Our immediate goal is to finish work begun on the Biblical Healing theology for our church, as well as continue our long and short term planning cycles.

The Board would like to thank the many volunteers and generous givers who make NSAC run so smoothly, we are honored to serve this congregation. We are continuously and earnestly seeking God's calling and purpose for our church.

Board Chairman,
Ronnie Scott

Lead Pastor Report

Mark, a disciple of Jesus, and a pastor called to the North Shore by the will of God.

To God's holy people in North/West Vancouver, the faithful in Christ Jesus: grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ...I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe".¹

Over the past month, we have been focusing as a church on what it means for our identity to be deeply rooted in **Christ**; the One who made us is the only One who can tell us who we are. Like you, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ: looking to Him, listening to Him, following Him, obeying Him. Of course I do all of this very imperfectly but Jesus is at the centre, both of the universe and my life. These days I am heeding the personal Spirit's call for my roots to grow down deep into Christ²; I am impoverished apart from Him.

But in addition to being a fellow disciple, I and a number of others also know the privilege of being a pastor, called to North Shore Alliance Church. In any given week, there are many things that your pastors give their time to: answering emails and phone calls, leading ministries, teaching, hospital visits, praying, baptizing, etc. I work with our Elders Board, I work with our staff team, I marry couples, I bury loved ones; there are many aspects of a pastor's work. But when it is reduced to its essence, our work amounts to this: *pastors tend souls*. Pastors are by no means the only people who do this kind of work, but this is core to all that we do: we come alongside people as they orient their life around Jesus.

Many times we pray for you, asking God's favour and blessing upon your life. We ask God to be with you in loneliness, to encourage you in difficulty, to heal you in sickness, and all the while we are trusting that God will shape you (and ourselves) into the image of His Son. The prayer that Paul prayed for the Ephesians reveals a pastor's heart for his people; we are praying these same prayers for you: for wisdom, for hope, for holiness, for spiritual power.

I am grateful to have a role in tending your soul, or at the very least, to have a role in tending a garden, an environment, where you can grow up in Christ. Many times I am thanked for being present in your lives, and I am equally grateful for your presence in mine; it's in your midst that I too am being formed.

2011-2012

2011-2012 was a year filled with changes; some were exciting and others painful. Over the course of last year, our leadership team (Board and Staff) experienced significant loss: Steve Anderson (board member) died in late October, Shane and Linda Gould (staff members) transitioned to a new church in Ontario, Lois McCann (board member) died in early March, and Brad Boyd (board chair) moved to Cairo. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time for

¹ Adapted from Ephesians 1:1-2, 17-19.

² Colossians 2:6-7.

Lead Pastor Report

everything and a season for every activity under heaven, *"a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...a time to be born and a time to die."*³ There has been a very real mourning this past year, not a mourning without hope, but a mourning nonetheless.

With any loss, there is an opportunity to look to God, to trust Him, listen to Him, and discern what He may be doing or shaping. In this past ministry year the Board and Staff engaged in a prayerful dialogue surrounding long term vision. And while God affirmed our core passions for discipleship and mission, He has been moving us into the specifics.

Over this past year we made a decision to give priority to small groups in our overall discipleship plan, and this decision led to a hiring decision. I'm so grateful to God for sending Mardi Dolfo-Smith to NSAC; utilizing her character, her gifts, and her passion to develop leaders is a part of the equation going forward. Over this past year our leadership team has also recognized that the brokenness that exists in both the world and the church requires that we take steps to grow as a church in the ministry of healing and restoration. In response to God's leading, we've also initiated a prayer ministry team to pray for people on Sundays.

Over this past year we have focussed on being a people of mission: we've preached about God's mission, run classes to prepare people to share their faith, we've assessed ongoing strategic partnerships in our city and around the world, we've continued to grow in addressing the poverty issues that exist in our own backyard on the North Shore. We've had the privilege of sending two short-term missions teams out from our church (Mexico and Rwanda), as well as commissioning two other couples: Ililo and Fatuma went to the Congo, and Travis and Lin have gone to the Philippines. Whenever God is at work, people begin to respond to God's heartbeat for the world.

What I want to emphasize is not so much what we have been doing, but that God has been active in our midst; our activity is tied to Him, to His initiating activity and His ongoing work. By the grace of God we are becoming more like His Son, the Lord Jesus. Once again it has been a privilege to see people receive Christ for the first time, to see others baptized, to receive new members into our church, to receive new children and families into our church, and walk with other families as they said "goodbye" to a loved one. All of this is bound up in the word "church," and we are a part of God's faithful and holy people who live on the North Shore, in Christ.

I am grateful to be a part of this church, the staff team, and the Board. I count it a great privilege to serve as your pastor; Lord willing, I will have this privilege for many more years. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and your partnership in the gospel. May the Lord give us strength and courage for the path ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Peters

³ Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2, 3, 2.

Pastor of Student & Outreach Ministries Annual Report 2011-12

How exciting it is to see God continuing to transform the lives of all sorts of people in our community! I am grateful for your personal love and support and your partnership in the ministry over the years. A special 'shout out' to our many faithful volunteers who serve in the trenches in our weekly ministries.

Student Ministries

Pre-Teen (Grades 5 to 7)

Our Pre-Teen Program continues important ministry seeking to engage grade 5-7 students with church in active, social and fun ways. Our program consists of three elements (Sunday morning DIG classes, Thursday night Heinz and monthly Events) each of which provides a unique environment for preteens to encounter God, make friends and have a blast! Bethany Schmaling & Jen Tiv were our coordinators and they did a great job of teaching, developing curriculum, and involving the students in mission.

Youth Ministries (Grades 7 to 12)

It has been great to have our new Youth Pastor, Dave Alton. Working alongside Mark Koop, they have given leadership the past school year. We continued our weekly Wednesday Night program that includes worship, games, teaching, and small groups. Events included Green Bay, Legacy Youth Conference in Calgary, Snow Day in Whistler, and a yearend Camping Trip. Partnerships continued with local school BBQs (Argyle, Windsor, and Queen Mary) and City of North Vancouver as we co-ordinated the highly-successful annual CityFest Event in May.

Young Adult Ministries (18+)

Keith Whitaker continues to give solid pastoral leadership to our young adult ministry. Events included a Fall Campout, a Winter Retreat, and various community service projects. This year Chris Buss and intern Josh Chisholm join the Young Adults Leadership Team. Pray for the ministry year ahead as they transition to weekly Sunday evening gatherings focused on being "CityLights."

Building an intergenerational church has its challenges. Please pray that preteens, youth, and young adults will see and find a future (and a present) for themselves in our church community.

Mission & Outreach Ministries

Mission Outreach Team

MOT helps keep our mission and our missionaries on the radar of our church. NSAC currently has a dozen missionaries serving locally and globally in community-impacting, Kingdom-growing projects. It was exciting to send Lin & Travis Guenther off to the Philippines this past year for a 12-month stint. Among other things over the year, MOT worked hard to establish partner organization and missionary policies, survey our Community Needs, and begin work on a Transitional Housing Project.

Coffee Time

Weekly on Wednesday afternoons, our team puts on coffee and snacks, a Bible message, prayer time, and a food card giveaway to assist our friends trapped in the poverty cycle. Many have stepped in to Alpha, Celebrate Recovery, Steve's Bible Study, and our church community to find further healing. This past year we had seen real break-through here with several new believers getting baptized and now being disciplined and serving faithfully in our community.

Alpha, NSAFC, Celebrate Recovery, Mens Ministry & Support Groups

Our coordinators, facilitators, and support team members continue to serve faithfully in these key ministries. In Alpha we continue to see fruit. Pray the Lord would bring many more seekers our way. CR continues to offer discipleship and community for many battling hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Pray that more chains would be broken in peoples lives as the Lord works through this ministry. Mens Ministry ran a Saturday Morning book study much of last year, continued with Mens Breakfasts, and the Annual Fall Retreat in October.

Senior Leadership Team

It has been great to work with Mark and now Mardi to give leadership to the staff, attend all elders' meetings, care for the needs of the congregation, and serve in our Sunday services. I enjoy preaching, emceeding, and praying for people following our services. God has done an incredible work in guiding us to shared vision and values in this season and I am excited to see what the future holds as we continue to reach out in our city. Thank you for all your faithful prayers and encouraging support.

With Love,

Dave Sattler
Pastor of Student & Outreach Ministries

transforming pathways

Discipleship courses to help you grow spiritually and minister effectively

Transforming Pathways Ministry at NSA: Annual Report 2011-2012

Overview

Transforming Pathways, a discipleship school aimed at equipping God's people to grow spiritually and minister effectively was launched in the Winter of 2010. At the end of the 2012 ministry season 7 courses have been developed and implemented attending to the various "pathways" God's people take in their journey of Christ-centered transformation.

Developments

The two notable additions over the past year have been two separate "Foundation" courses: The Gospel//The Power of God (exploring the fullness of the Gospel's reach) and Foundations: Unpacking the Apostles' Creed (which uses the ancient creed to build a thorough understanding of what Christians believe and why).

With a desire to see people disciplined through small groups we have begun to make some of the Transforming Pathways courses available online so groups might cover the material together. Foundations: Unpacking the Apostles' Creed was our pilot online audio class and is available for download in under the "Sermons" section of the website. More courses are intended to follow.

Looking Forward

Transforming Pathways is part of a larger discipleship strategy at North Shore Alliance Church that centers around small groups of people meeting to grow in their journey of becoming like the one we follow, Jesus. As such, the ministry seeks to come alongside small groups and their leaders to provide resources and teaching. This will come in various forms, such as more audio classes and various invited speakers who might help us move forward in our life with Christ.

My prayer for us, the people of North Shore Alliance Church, is that we would catch God's vision for our future. That we would stand up and take our place in becoming fully mature followers of the King. The One who calls you is faithful; He will do it.

In the love of the King,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Whitaker', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith Whitaker

Young Adult Pastor and Assoc. Pastor of Transformation Ministries

Report from the Children's Pastor 2012:

Looking back over a year of ministry I am reminded of the many adventures we have had at His Kids on Sundays, Transformed kids on Thursday nights, the Gingerbread party at Christmas and at SummerJAM & preSummerJAM too.

As always I am amazed at the work God has been doing in transforming the hearts and lives of our kids. I am also so very thankful for the wonderful team God has brought to partner in this year of ministry.

His Kids on Sundays: Each week our Nursery, Preschool and Lower Auditorium are filled with kids from birth to grade 4 who have come to encounter God through kids worship, creative teaching times, small group activities and meaningful relationships. Our desire is to teach the BIG God Story and to show the kids where they fit into God's story too!

Thanks to everyone who served on the His Kids team. All of you have blessed the kids and families connected to our ministry.

TRANSformed Kids: In fall 2011 we launched a new ministry TRANSformed Kids a ministry focused on the discipleship of Kids ages 3 to Grade 4. Evenings included age appropriate games, Bible stories, crafts and lots of FUN! It was amazing to see the Grade 3's & 4's memorize the books of the New Testament and the younger kids did a great job memorizing scriptures all year long.

Thanks to Suzie Ratsch, team leader, and to her incredible team Lakiba, Adam, Sofia, Wendy, Charissa, Marcia, Brenda, Jolene and Lauren. We are so blessed by the time you have all put into this ministry!

PreSummerJAM: This was our second year running preSummerJAM a parent participation day camp for our preschoolers. We doubled our numbers and had about 30 kids each day join us for a fun morning of crafts, singing and stories that all reminded us all how amazing God is. It was a delight to co-lead this event with Elyse de Jong and Andrew Neilson (summer intern). I also loved working with so many of our youth on this project thanks to Amy, Chloe, Beth, Izzy, Kate and Olivia for joining the team.

SummerJAM 2012: It was great to see so many of our kids (and preteens) out at SummerJAM this year. Together we learned Psalm 147:5 "Great is the LORD, His power is mighty there is no limit to His understanding". All week long the kids heard incredible stories from the Bible of God's power. It was amazing to see these kids growing in their ability to know and trust God. This week wouldn't have been able to happen without our 100+ volunteers who gave their week to teach these kids about God. THANK-YOU!

Special thanks to our team leaders: Naomi, Andrew, Mary, Sofia, Tami, Derek, Julianne, Bertha, Lani, Debby, Tami, Christine, Monique, Cindy, Linda and Linda. Each

of you spent countless hours planning and preparing for the week of summerJAM – you are amazing!

Summer Intern: Finally I would like to thank Andrew Neilson who served as our His Kids Summer Intern this year. The kids loved Andrew enthusiasm and they embraced his passion for the Lord as he lead and taught on Sundays, at preSummerJAM and at SummerJAM. Great Job Andrew – thank-you for sharing your summer with us.

It has truly been a great year!

Respectfully Submitted:
Pastor Linda Rae

Report on the Women's Ministry:

This year I began working with our weekly women's ministry team: Dianne Krumm, Eileen Lorentzen, Sophia Jones and Kim Anderson. These women do a fantastic job at leading our Wednesday Morning Bible Study. It was great to partner with them as they led our women in studying the parables of Jesus in the fall of 2011 and 1 Corinthians for the spring of 2012.

I was also blessed to lead our women's retreat team this spring. Thanks to Ali Canvin, Kathy Sengbusch, Christine Dean and Anne Thicke who served on our retreat committee and to Ruth Shareski our guest speaker. We had a great weekend together encountering the joy and freedom of Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted:

Pastor Linda Rae

Young Adult Ministry of North Shore Alliance: Annual Report 2011-2012

The 2011-2012 year in young adults ministry has proven to be a monumental one. Monumental not only for the things God has been doing in our midst, but also because it was the last year under the banner of “reGenesis.” You see, for the past five years the young adults have been gathered around a simple principle, the principle of new creation. That’s what reGenesis has been all about--new creations sharing the hope we have in Jesus. Yet, just as the seasons change, so too does our focus in ministry. As I write this report I am keenly aware that God is turning a chapter in our history, and with any new beginning we must be thankful for his goodness in the past and excited about his blessings in the future. Here’s what I’m thankful for as I reflect on the last year in reGenesis.

I’m thankful for spiritual friendships. God has been shaping our young people around friendships that go beyond the surface. More and more I have seen our young people pray for one another and build each other up in the faith of our Lord. This has primarily taken root through our small group focus, but I see it spilling out wherever our young adults gather together.

I’m thankful for laughter. This is one of the things I love the most about journeying with young adults. It’s the laughter, life and energy they produce. From the epic camping trip where 18 lbs of bacon were consumed by 15 people or our Very Country Christmas Gala (who could forget Cletus?), the year has been filled with fun.

I’m also deeply grateful for partners in the Gospel, my leadership team. As the Apostle Paul tells his dear Philippian co-laborers, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” From the small group leaders to the faithful people of prayer, not to mention the the blessed “snack moms” -- you all know who you are. Your partnership means more than you will ever know.

And as I give thanks to our faithful God and King for all of these things I'm filled with excitement for what lays ahead. With the turning of the final page of this reGenesis chapter at NSAC, we come to a new chapter. It's title is Citylights*. The story remains to be written...

With the peace of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Whitaker', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith Whitaker

Young Adult Pastor and Assoc. Pastor of Transformation Ministries

WHAT UNDERSCORES YOUR LIFE?

If there is one thing that we want our students to understand and grasp... one thing in any subject... in all knowledge... in all of time... it's Jesus. The youth staff this last year consisted of Kristel Larson, Mark Koop, and me (Dave Alton), and each one of us (along with our 20+ volunteers) had a strong desire to share just how Christocentric our lives should be. Our very lives should have—at the very core—Jesus. It has been both an honour and a joy to share with our youth how Christ is the very centre of our lives.

Our theme this year was “What Underscores Your Life?” We used the image of Jesus as an underscore... underlining our very existence... our daily lives. Everything revolves around Him. So, we went through the Gospels; telling the stories of Jesus; showing everyone how He loved, forgave and healed.

Once a month, we lived out a Christ-like servant life together as we served our neighbours. We collected bottles to send a team to Africa, we gave out gallons of hot chocolate at the Quay and Phibbs Exchange, we played games with the elderly at a retirement complex and we did much, much more.

This year we also sent a team of young people to Rwanda with Youth For Christ. There they worked together with the existing school to put on a day camp and do work within the community. No one came back unchanged.

We had many people decide to follow Jesus for the first time this year, and we had several baptisms as well! Over all, it's been a fantastic year of connecting with students as they connect with Christ. I am excited to see what the next year holds!

Dave Alton
Youth Pastor
North Shore Alliance Church

Baptism Report 2012

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said: "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. We praise God for the individuals* who took the step of identifying with Jesus and his new life in baptism this past year (both youth and adults, here at NSAC and at our youth retreats):

Name	Baptized*
James Lazeo	July 22
Clement Isanganino	July 22
Donna Jocson	July 22
Dave Ramsay	July 22
Natasha Fox	July 22
Sherry Ahmadi	July 22
Josh Joy	July 22
Hanna Heavenor	Sept 9
Sandra Sullivan	Sept 9
Greg Donner	Sept 9
Mark Wilkinson	Sept 9
Jason Jordsvar	Sept 29
Chris Jordsvar	Sept 29
Michelle Vigor	Sept 29

*We apologize for any omissions, please contact the church office if your name is not included.

Nominating Committee Report

Since the 2011 Annual General Meeting, North Shore Alliance Church has been served by the following Nominating Committee members: Debbie Stenson and Reid Lundstrom (Congregational Representatives), Ronnie Scott and Gerry Lorentzen (Elder Representatives) and Mark Peters (Chairman).

The Nominating Committee is elected by the membership and seeks to prayerfully discern, on behalf of the membership, those people God is raising up to serve on the Elders Board. The Nominating Committee has once again taken seriously the call to prayer and discernment, looking to God for His plan and purpose for our church.

Our church by-laws state that an elder is elected by the membership for a one year term, and that each year each elder can be re-elected by the membership up to a maximum of six years.¹ Shortly before last year's AGM our Treasurer, Steve Anderson, passed away, and a few months later Lois McCann also passed away.

We did not add any new elders to the Board at our 2011 AGM, but in light of the passing of Steve and Lois, we activated the Nominating Committee earlier than usual. In the case of a Board member's death, the Board of Elders has the authority to bring on a new Board member without a voting of the membership. Through the work of the Nominating Committee, and the approval of the Board, Julie Gildemeister was added to the Board during the ministry year.

Julie, her husband Gord, and their three children have been a part of NSAC for over 10 years. Julie and Gord have been involved in leading small groups, the ministry of hospitality, as well as serving on our renovation committee. Though Julie has served on the Board for less than a year, our bylaws stipulate that she be elected at this year's AGM in order to enter into her second year of service on the Board.

There are two further vacancies that I'd like you to be aware of. In late June, Brad Boyd, who has served on our Board since 2008, accepted a call from his company to move with his family to Egypt; Brad is committed to working in Cairo for the next 2-3 years. Another board member, Gerry Lorentzen, has prayerfully considered his place as an elder in this upcoming year, but he has discerned that the Lord is asking him to step off the Board.

The following five elders are eligible for re-election²:

Julie Gildemeister	(Spring 2011)
Ronnie Scott	(Nov. 2009)
Michiel Smit	(Nov. 2009)
Norman Waine	(Nov. 2010)
Ken Yeager	(Nov. 2008)

¹ Each elder must be (re)elected by a vote of 50% + 1 of the members present at the AGM.

² The date after the name indicates when the individual commenced serving as an Elder.

Nominating Committee Report

Due to the vacancies on our Board, the Nominating Committee has been at work to bring one more elder-nominee forward to the membership for their consideration. Keeping in mind the biblical qualifications of elders, the spiritual gifts and the time involved in serving on the Board, this year's committee has sat down with a number of individuals to further discern with them through an interview process. Having completed this process, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following name as a nominee for the position of Elder: George Canvin.

George and Ali Canvin are recent members, who have been heavily involved in our church since they moved from the U.K. in Spring of 2009. George has been involved in teaching (small groups, and Men's ministry), prayer ministry, and he and Ali have a gift of hospitality that many of our people have been blessed by. George has a great sense of humour, he has a strong gift of encouragement, and he is a spiritual leader with gifts of wisdom and discernment.

My thanks go out to those who served on the Nominating Committee; it was a privilege praying, discerning, and working with you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Peters, Chair of the Nominating Committee

NORTH SHORE ALLIANCE CHURCH
Financial Summary for the month ended June 30, 2012

	YTD June 2012	YTD Budget	Variance	Prior YTD Actual
NSAC MINISTRIES				
RESOURCES FROM				
GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS	1,072,749	1,100,542	-27,793	1,125,600
OTHER INCOME				
Building	6,345	0	6,345	9,625
Facility rental	800	1,800	-1,000	5,700
Interest income	2,656	900	1,756	1,694
	9,801	2,700	7,101	17,019
TOTAL RESOURCES	1,082,550	1,103,242	-20,692	1,142,629
USE OF RESOURCES				
CANADIAN ALLIANCE MINISTRIES				
Ambrose University	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
C&MA District Office	24,459	26,970	-2,511	24,271
	27,459	29,970	-2,511	27,271
FAMILY MINISTRIES				
Adult	58,115	59,512	-1,397	57,620
His Kids	81,584	78,759	2,825	72,714
	139,699	138,271	1,428	130,334
STUDENT MINISTRIES				
Youth & PreTeen	172,692	179,751	-7,059	152,496
Young Adults	52,802	55,110	-2,308	48,993
	225,494	234,861	-9,367	201,489
CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY				
Sunday Worship Services	39,392	61,871	-22,479	37,043
Missions & Outreach	10,738	9,000	1,738	13,878
	50,130	70,871	-20,741	50,921
MINISTRY SUPPORT SERVICES				
Administrative support	177,246	155,296	21,950	180,374
Building costs	113,091	105,725	7,366	101,637
	290,337	261,021	29,316	282,011
SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM				
	278,265	332,248	-53,983	329,684
BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE				
	36,000	36,000	0	36,000
TOTAL NSAC MINISTRIES	1,047,384	1,103,242	-55,858	1,057,700
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	35,166	0	35,166	84,919
MISSIONS & CARE FUND				
Care Fund	51,887	36,000	15,887	36,12
Alliance Missions	70,826	70,000	826	70,252
NSA Missionaries/Missions	147,879	162,000	-14,121	162,401
Local & Other Missions	24,006	24,000	6	24,024
	242,711	256,000	-13,289	256,677
TOTAL MISSIONS & CARE FUND	294,598	292,000	2,598	292,80
CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION:				
Operating Cash Balance (Net of Obligations Payable)	\$ 83,000			
2012 Building Reserve in Savings Account	\$ 21,000			
Allocation for Capital Expenditures	\$ (35,000)			
Cash Resources Available	\$ 69,000			
Cash From Pastoral Home Funds in GICs	\$252,773			

NORTH SHORE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Operating Budget Summary for the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	2013 Budget	2012 Budget	Variance	2012 Actual
NSAC MINISTRIES				
RESOURCES FROM				
GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS	1,130,415	1,100,542	29,873	1,072,749
OTHER INCOME				
Building	0	0	0	6,345
Facility rental	1,816	1,800	16	800
Interest income	2,500	900	1,600	2,656
	4,316	2,700	1,616	9,801
TOTAL RESOURCES	1,134,731	1,103,242	31,489	1,082,550
USE OF RESOURCES				
CANADIAN ALLIANCE MINISTRIES				
Ambrose University	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
C&MA District Office	27,652	26,970	682	24,459
	30,652	29,970	682	27,459
FAMILY MINISTRIES				
Adult	63,542	59,512	4,030	58,115
His Kids	81,845	78,759	3,086	81,584
	145,387	138,271	7,116	139,699
STUDENT MINISTRIES				
Youth & PreTeen	179,580	179,751	-171	172,692
Young Adults	60,921	55,110	5,811	52,802
	240,501	234,861	5,640	225,494
CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY				
Sunday Worship Services	56,154	61,871	-5,717	39,392
Missions & Outreach	13,000	9,000	4,000	10,738
	69,154	70,871	-1,717	50,130
MINISTRY SUPPORT SERVICES				
Administrative support	161,530	155,296	6,234	177,246
Building costs	114,500	105,725	8,775	113,091
	276,030	261,021	15,009	290,337
SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	337,007	332,248	4,759	278,265
BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE	36,000	36,000	0	36,000
TOTAL NSAC MINISTRIES	1,134,731	1,103,242	31,489	1,047,384
Budget NET SURPLUS	0	0	0	35,166
Allocation to Capital Expenses				