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# VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

MANOR GOSPEL CHURCH



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# INTRODUCTION MESSAGE

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I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who serves at Manor in some way. Many don't realize it, but it takes a lot of work to make a church work, even a smaller one. Without you there would be no Manor, so I do want to take time to express my gratitude.

At Manor, we believe that serving is a vital expression of our faith. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and we follow His example by giving our time, talents, and hearts to serve one another and our community. Serving is more than just meeting practical needs, it's about showing the love of Christ in action and building relationships that reflect the heart of God.

When you serve at Manor, you're part of something bigger than yourself. I truly believe that we are never closer to the heart of Jesus than when we serve. You are contributing to a vision of a community where people experience care, love, and the hope of the gospel. Whether it's through teaching, helping, or behind-the-scenes support, every act of service is a powerful way to live out our faith and make a lasting impact on others.

Thank you for joining us in this mission. Your service matters, and we're grateful for your willingness to be part of the Manor family.

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**Dan Renton**  
*Pastor*



# MANOR'S HISTORY

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In December 1936, four students from Prairie Bible School came out to the Manor School for a Christmas program. Seeing so many people came out for the program, they thought "Why can't we start Sunday services and have folk come out for them?" After getting permission from the Chairman of the School Board, they held their first service the last Sunday of 1936.

For the winter Morris Erdman drove out with his little old truck, accompanied by Fred Steed, Alf Amundson and Herb Congo. They started with two visiting in the area while two put on the service. The first Sunday of the month was missionary Sunday and when no missionaries were present to minister, letters from missionaries were read instead of the usual sermon.

One of the hardships of winter was coming to a very cold building. The first arrival built the fire in the old pot-bellied furnace. By the time we were ready to go home, it would be warm. The one nice thing about this was that it was a bit warm on Monday morning for school. The old school house grew colder and more crowded each year, so in 1958 the decision was made to start a church building fund.

In the spring of 1961, the basement was poured. What rejoicing the day the big truck pulled in with the rafters. With young and old working as they could, in their spare time, we saw our church building being built. Many of the neighbors came out and helped too. On the Sunday before Christmas 1961, we had our first service in the basement and what a joy it was to meet in a warm place and know it was our own.

In October, 1986 we had our 50th Anniversary as Manor Gospel Church. A little history on why the church was called "Manor". Manor School was built in 1910. Land was donated by William Johnson, and the school was named by him. It was supposed to have been called "Manna" which means "anything much needed which is unexpectedly supplied". Through some error, possibly in the Department of Education, the school was named "Manor" and thus our church name became "Manor Gospel Church".

Service has always played a significant role in both the function of maintaining the church, as well as in the outreach and discipleship efforts. This is part of our heritage and we are excited for you to partner with us in continuing this on.

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# PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE PURPOSE TO BE A WORSHIPING, GROWING,  
AND CARING MISSIONARY CHURCH FAMILY



# VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

## Vulnerable Sector Check

A vulnerable sector check is required for every volunteer at Manor who is 18 or older and that works directly with children. This includes, but may not be limited to: Sunday School teachers, Children's Church teachers, and VBS volunteers.

"A vulnerable sector check is a police information check plus a check to see if a person has a record suspension (pardon) for sexual offences. Vulnerable sector checks were created in 2000 to protect children and vulnerable persons and is governed by section 6.3(3) of the Criminal Records Act." (rcmp.ca).

You are able to get a vulnerable sector check for free if it is for the purposes of volunteering, rather than paid employment. Contact our Christian Education Board Member or Communications Coordinator for your copy of this. Please then give the vulnerable sector to the Communications Coordinator once you have obtained it.

## Plan to Protect

At Manor we are committed to doing all that we can to protect our most vulnerable members from any sort of abuse or misconduct. This is why each volunteer that is 18 years or older is required to read and sign our Plan to Protect policy. This document outlines what the expectations are for conduct, boundaries, and behaviour while working with youth and children.

For a copy of our Plan to Protect policy, please contact the Christian Education Board Member or the communications Coordinator. The document is to be signed and returned to the Communications Coordinator



# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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