



**REPORT TO 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SOCIETY**

MARCH 23, 2026

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Opening Prayer

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

Annual General Meeting held on March 31, 2025.

5. Report of the Secretary

Total number of members in good standing.

Total number of members present at the meeting.

6. Report of the Treasurer

Financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

Approval of 2026 Budget.

Approval of Marilyn Bell as a Certified CPA to audit the 2026 finances.

7. Report of the Pastor

8. Election of Officers

Election of returning and new Council members for 2026-2027

9. Election of Nomination Committee

Two members required

10. Open Discussion

11. Meeting Adjourned

MINUTES FROM 2025 AGM

MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS OF
SIMPLE CHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
C/O 201 EAST 23RD STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, V7L3E4
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HELD AT 8:00 P.M. ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 2025
ONLINE VIA ZOOM MEETING
(the “Meeting”)

Chair: Jonathan Friesen
Recording Secretary: Candice Boyer

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:18p.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 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual General meeting.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The secretary reported that there are currently 32 members in good standing and 28 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, 2024 and present the budget for January - December 2025. The treasurer provided the following report:

Simple Churches - 2025 Budget

<i>Income</i>	2024 Budget	2024 Actual		2025 Budget	% based on previous year
General Fund	139,000	137,304	99%	140,000	102%
The River Fund	-	15,156	-	15,000	-
Retreats	5,000	4,605	92%	5,000	109%
They Devoted Themselves	2,000	500	25%	1,000	200%
Glorified Collective	-	4,370	-	3,500	-
Missions Income	15,000	7,021	47%	10,000	142%
Other Income	500	25,089	5018%	500	2%
Total Income	161,500	194,045	120%	175,000	90%
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<i>Expenses</i>					
Missions Remittance	25,000	11,759	47%	20,000	170%
Care Fund	2,000	-	0%	2,000	0%
Administrative Expenses	18,000	16,260	90%	18,000	111%
They Devoted Themselves - Video Series	12,000	7,480	62%	10,000	134%
Mnistry Expenses	102,500	110,233	108%	115,000	104%
Total Expenses	159,500	145,732	91%	165,000	113%
 Net Income	 4,900	 48,313	 986%	 10,000	 21%

Need to increase our General Fund + Missions Donations
 Need to increase our Missions Remittance
 Current Bank Account - \$95k (\$40K - River Fund) - \$55k is SC General Fund

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.

The Network Council has recommended that Marilyn Bell be approved as the Certified Professional Accountant to audit the 2024 finances.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Marilyn will act as CPA to review finances as presented.

REPORT of the PASTOR

ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL (BOARD) MEMBERS

The chair reported that, Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Candice Boyer, Claudia Weiland, and Mat Rutishauser 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** Neto Franco, Jonathan Friesen, Candice Boyer, Claudia Weiland, and Mat Rutishauser are elected as members 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. Lee Tracie-Stockburger and Jess Franco 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 Lee Tracie-Stockburger and Jess Franco as members of the nomination committee.

UPON MOTION duly made and carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Lee Tracie-Stockburger and Jess Franco 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 (9:02 p.m.)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Simple Churches - 2026 Budget

<i>Income</i>	2025 Budget	2025 Actual		2026 Budget	% based on previous year
General Fund	140,000	160,743	115%	160,000	100%
The River Fund	15,000	15,100	101%	15,000	99%
Retreats	5,000	6,985	140%	7,000	100%
They Devoted Themselves	1,000	1,410	141%	1,500	106%
Glorified Collective	3,500	1,945	56%	2,000	103%
Missions Income	10,000	9,407	94%	10,000	106%
Youth Initiative	-	29,072		25,000	
Other Income	500	876	175%	850	97%

Total Income	175,000	225,537	129%	221,350	98%
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Expenses

Missions Remittance	20,000	31,487	157%	20,000	64%
Youth Initiative Remittance	-	54,072		25,000	
Care Fund	2,000	-	0%	2,000	0%
Administrative Expenses	18,000	23,410	130%	23,000	98%
They Devoted Themselves - Video Series	10,000	11,500	115%	12,000	104%
Glorified Collective		1,464		1,500	102%
Mnistry Expenses	115,000	111,391	97%	113,500	102%

Total Expenses	165,000	233,323	141%	197,000	84%
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Net Income	4,900	- 7,786	-159%	24,350	-313%
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Notes

Total Income - \$50k Over Budget

Mission Remittances - \$6k Over Budget

Youth Initiative Remittance for 2025 - \$54k from 2025 & \$25k from 2026

Administrative Expenses - \$7k Over Budget

We have \$2,600 in Amortization that we did not have last year

We have \$2,100 in CM&A District Fund Extra from last year due to extra income

We had extra accounting fees + bank fees due to more income

Ministry Expenses - \$4k Under Budget

Actual for 2025 shows a deficit because we are giving \$25k from our savings to the Youth Initiative

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

My letter to the members last year began with these words:

As I write these words, I am conscious of the profound global uncertainty surrounding us. The world I inhabit has never seemed as unstable or devoid of clear moorings. I acknowledge that many in our world have endured this state, experiencing far greater degrees of pain and suffering. Yet for me, this experience of chaos and confusion is new. I suspect it is the same for most of us.

Little did I know, we were just getting started. A year later, we'd be further into war and chaos. Further into the schemes and plans of evil men.

Lord, have mercy.

And yet, a year further on, what I'm also mindful of is the continued grace the Lord provides us to persevere. And, more than persevere, to stand. To stand as agents of his kingdom in moments like these. The Apostle Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, put it like this:

Therefore, put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

That's what I have in mind. To stand in a world of chaos and evil.

Of course, I recognize that many are facing the brunt of evil far more acutely than I am, but even for these ones, I continue to hear testimony of their standing. A few months ago, for example, I gathered in the basement of Sig and Ruth's house to hear stories from Chad and Mary Martz, who are living in Ukraine. The stories of faithfulness knocked my socks off.

To stand. Everywhere you look, people are standing; the church is standing. And in some small way, we've been standing too. This is my annual record of how we stood in 2025.

Home Gatherings

Did you know that the work we do, week in and week out, meeting in our homes to read scripture, pray and attend to each other, is an act of defiance? Let me ask you, who else do you know of with such a rhythm? Who else is meeting weekly to pray and recount the ancient words of God to each other? I know it can seem so mundane, boring even. And sometimes, I hear from some of you, it can be so frustrating!

But stop... do you see what you are doing? Do you have the faith to understand that your praying together is what moves mountains? Do you believe that when you read the scripture to each other, you are giving each other the bread of life? Do you have eyes to see that when you eat the Lord's meal, you are ingesting into your soul the very life of God?

Next time you show up on the front step of your house church, I want you to stop and take it all in. In a world of chaos and evil, you are about to do the most remarkable thing. You will meet with another soul and declare to them the peace of Christ.

Leadership Meetings

Most of you don't join in on these meetings, but once a month, twenty or so leaders gather online to encourage each other in the work of leading and shepherding these churches.

Sometimes, I screenshot these gatherings so I can remember the faces of the people God has allowed me to do this work with. Often, after our meetings, Jolie and I go for a walk and pinch ourselves at the bounty of riches God has given us in these ministry partners. They stand with us, we stand with them, and without them, and Christ in them, I can assure you, we wouldn't stand at all.

Giving

I often remind our churches that one of the reasons we gather as we do is to have more money to give to those in need. We don't have buildings, multiple staff members, or significant infrastructure because we want to see a higher percentage of our giving go to those in need.

In 2025, as the financial report outlines, we collected more than \$225,000 in donations. Of this, we gave \$85,000 or 38% away. Just stop and think about that 38%... and we have more to go. I've always dreamed that a full 50% of our budget would be given away. Could 2026 be the year?

So where did we give? We gave to Ukraine, to denominational missions work, and to international ministries, and, as you know, at the end of the year, we collected a special offering to provide for vulnerable youth in our communities. \$54,000 went to youth work in each community where our churches are located.

When we give in this way, we must understand that it is another way we stand. We plant our flag with those who have significant need, and with these, we say: in Jesus name, we see you, we are with you, and God sees you too.

Baptisms

Last item I want to highlight. For the second year in a row, we've hosted a baptism gathering at Porteau Cove. This year was extra special for me as the last of my children to be baptized, hit the waters of faith. But she wasn't the only one. Unexpectedly, two ladies from Squamish also showed up with their suits. Jesus was telling them it was their day, too.

But these weren't the only baptisms. One Sunday at a house church, we had a spontaneous baptism, and members from Surrey and Chilliwack were also baptised in their settings.

Baptism, more than any other physical act, is how a person stands. It's where a person announces to the world that they have decided to stand with Jesus. And as a pastor, nothing I do brings me more joy than helping people into these waters.

Let's pray that in 2026, we'll see even more.

More baptisms, Lord. More!

Conclusion

I wish everyone reading this could see what I see. September 2026 will be our 20th Anniversary, and from where I sit, we've never been healthier, never been more poised for more. And I believe with faith that the year ahead will be one of even more kingdom growth.

Here's all that I ask: Pray more. Give more. And see more. Don't stress. Don't worry. Just see. And, as you see Jesus at work, join him there. It doesn't need big production or big fanfare. It just needs you and your churches, with open hands, ready to be used.

To Stand!