



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Pastor's Report

Pastor Patrick Kelly

¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity."

- Jeremiah 29:10–14

March 22, 2020 was the first Sunday that we were not able to meet together due to COVID. This was also to be the date of our Annual General Meeting, and the date of my installation as part-time pastor at Pineview Alliance Church.

Since then, we have been adjusting to the changes brought about by a public health crisis. Services have moved online, with a brief opportunity to meet together in the fall. Prior to the pandemic, our church life was characterized by worshipping together with raised voices, followed by the face-to-face conversations and coffee in the atrium. Provincial restrictions have reduced interactions with friends and family members, moving our worship to an online format and our conversations to videoconferencing.

Because lives are at risk due to the pandemic, we have taken the province's recommendations very seriously, and we have been very cautious about our in-person interactions. While we recognize the need for people to meet together, we also want to be prudent and protect those in our community who are at risk.

For those who are missing the sacred space found in our pews, please know that the church building is available for individuals to come and pray or to read scripture. We ask that you bring the necessary items to disinfect the space when you are done, to leave it ready for the next person who comes to the space. Please let me know that you want to come, and I will be there to open the doors for you. But you can also be assured that the Living God will meet you wherever you are.

The move to online services has opened up opportunities to bring the gospel into homes beyond Grande Cache. We are joined regularly by households across Canada. We also have the privilege of bringing the gospel to people that might not otherwise enter a church building, but have a chance to hear the gospel in the safe environment of their own home. Amidst the frustrations of a global pandemic, there are also new opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus!

Jeremiah 29 (the passage above) is written to people in a particular context - the exiled people of Israel and their promised return to Jerusalem. It may feel like we are in the captivity of our circumstance, but the message for us in this passage is that when we seek the Lord with all our hearts, he will be found by us. In fact, he is reaching out to us, even in the midst of this pandemic.

When I was hired, the intention was for me to be a bi-vocational pastor, working 15 hours per week with the focus on ensuring the smooth implementation of Sunday morning services. When the pandemic began, my secular employment dissolved. At the same time, the provincial restrictions resulted in the need for additional hours to design and implement an online service. God has enabled us to work through these

complications without changing the terms of my employment with Pineview. While we pray that God will continue to sustain us, this situation will require ongoing discernment and assessment as we continue on into 2021.

That being said, our financial status remains stable and we continue to operate, thanks to the support of our core members. I appreciate your partnership with us in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in our little town, and I humbly ask you to seek God's leading as you consider your tithes and gifts in 2021.

I would like to thank Theresa Blackmore for her godly service in maintaining our financial records, and to Avery Meyers for taking over this role in the fall.

We have been making our way through Acts in our sermon content, and have explored the activity of the Holy Spirit in the formation of the Church and the spread of the gospel. I have become acutely aware of the Spirit's desire to inhabit his people, and my prayer is that he will enable us, his servants, to speak the gospel with great boldness, as the disciples prayed in Acts 4.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Keith Blackmore, who shared the pulpit with me for a portion of last year, and that of Matthew Magnus, who continues to come alongside me to offer his skills and anointing to the pulpit ministry. Thank you both.

Throughout the past year, the building and yard have been maintained through the faithful attention of Peter DeGelder and Victor Grose. They deserve our appreciation, and I offer it here. Also, thank you to all those who have contributed to cleaning the building. I don't have your names, but I appreciate your work.

Laura Veitch has been the hospitality coordinator at our church. While snacks and coffee have been put on hold due to restrictions, the church decorations have continued to reflect the passing seasons and celebrations, sometimes (it seemed) only for my

benefit. This work has also served as hospitality to those who enter our doors. Thank you, Laura, for sharing your heart in this role.

Jennifer Yee's report for the Children's Ministry is attached. The pandemic has halted this work, despite some exciting plans that were in the works. Yet, Jennifer has been able to coordinate opportunities for the kids to contribute to church life through the online services. Thank you for your care for our kids, Jennifer.

I also would like to extend appreciation to Marissa Stewart for carrying the Women's Ministry for the past few years. She led the women through a study in the spring of 2020 by Zoom, showing the rest of us that the pandemic need not end our interactive meetings.

Finally, I would like to give a heartfelt thankyou to the members of our Leadership Team - Laura Veitch, Jennifer Yee, and Matthew Magnus. They have given invaluable leadership and support to me during my first year in this role, and during a difficult and heartbreaking circumstance of a global pandemic.

*¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.
- John 14:12-13*

In closing, I would like to encourage you to think about how you can be disciples who are making disciples this year. I pray that the Holy Spirit will enable you to speak the good news with great boldness, that those around you are drawn into Jesus' kingdom!

C&MA Canada National Vision Prayer:

*O God, with all our hearts, we long for you.
Come, transform us to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people,
multiplying disciples everywhere.*

Children's Ministry Report

2020 was a year with many dreams.

The year started with some revamping of our Sunday morning programming for the kids. We had a change in age ranges from previous years and made some adjustments in late 2019 and into 2020. We were excited for what the children were learning and the programming that we had up and running for the year.

A team had met and were set to start the year with providing a weekday preschool program for our community. Renovations were made to the basement, meetings with the Health Inspector took place and we were set to dive into this new adventure to serve our community.

The children were excited to perform an Easter play for our congregation. Practices were had, costumes were being put together and they were excited.

We were also excited to start looking at different and creative ways to reach the children in our community through summer programming and events. After having run VBS for a few summers, a soccer camp another summer and then taking a break, we were starting to think about what opportunities we had to serve our community through the summer.

God's plans may not be our plans but our plans must adapt to His. As the word began to change no one could have foreseen what was going to take place. It was challenging for us to do too much with the children as our resources are limited but we were able to host a family game night via ZOOM in the spring which was a lot of fun for all the families that participated. We had a Escape Room package for families who wanted to test their Nativity knowledge and skills and many had a lot of fun trying to see how quickly they could solve the puzzles. The children were also to come together virtually and learn a song in sign language for the Christmas Eve Service. It is always a joy to see our families tuning in and connecting via YouTube on Sunday morning.

Our prayer for 2021 is that we will be able to come together and connect not only with Him but with each other. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to Pineview Alliance Church through this time. We are dreaming more dreams for 2021!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Yee

| PINEVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH | | | |
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| | Opening Balance January 1, 2020 | | \$ 28,619.34 |
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| INCOME | | | |
| | Total Received Donations | | \$ 46,312.39 |
| | <i>General Funds</i> | \$ 39,155.00 | |
| | <i>Global Advance Fund</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Tithe.ly</i> | \$ 7,157.39 | |
| | <i>Designated-prison</i> | \$ - | |
| | Total Non Received Donations | | \$ 399.27 |
| | <i>Loose offerings - General Funds</i> | \$ 349.92 | |
| | <i>Loose Offering - Designated Global Offering</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Reimbursement - (MD Room Rental)</i> | \$ 49.35 | |
| | GST Refund | Unknown | |
| | District Support | \$ - | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | \$ 46,711.66 |
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| EXPENSES | | | |
| | Total Occupancy Cost | | \$ 10,762.36 |
| | <i>Maintenance</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Utilities</i> | \$ 8,240.36 | |
| | <i>Building Insurance</i> | \$ 2,522.00 | |
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| | Staff Compensation | | \$ 16,565.43 |
| | <i>Pastor</i> | \$ 16,265.43 | |
| | <i>Guest Speakers</i> | \$ 300.00 | |
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| | Total Purchased Supplies & Assets | | \$ - |
| | <i>Furniture</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Instruments & Equipment</i> | \$ - | |
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| | Total Other Expenses | | \$ 3,427.22 |
| | <i>Bank chgs/Overdue fees</i> | \$ 40.46 | |
| | <i>Office Supplies & Expenses</i> | \$ 357.99 | |
| | <i>GST</i> | \$ 497.20 | |
| | <i>Liability Insurance</i> | \$ 413.92 | |
| | <i>Supplies - general</i> | \$ 971.14 | |
| | <i>Advertising</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Tithe.ly</i> | \$ 208.51 | |
| | <i>Property Appraisal</i> | \$ 938.00 | |
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| | Ministries | | \$ 418.44 |
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| | <i>Pay It Forward</i> | \$ - | |
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| | Management and Admin | | \$ 3,498.32 |
| | <i>CCLI</i> | \$ 324.00 | |
| | <i>Webpage</i> | | |
| | <i>Bookkeeping</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Janitorial</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>Reciever General</i> | \$ 2,682.03 | |
| | <i>Education and Training</i> | \$ 492.29 | |
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| | Total Gifts to Qualified Donees | | \$ 1,181.87 |
| | <i>CMA-Global Advance</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>CMA-Designated Funds-Global</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>CMA-Missionary Support - Colette</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>CMA-Designated Funds-Colette</i> | \$ - | |
| | <i>WCA-operating budget</i> | \$ 1,181.87 | |
| | TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$ 35,853.64 |
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| | Closing Balance December 31, 2020 | | | \$ 39,477.36 |
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| | Change in Cashflow | | | \$ 10,858.02 |