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Call to Order and Seating of Delegates

Church	Eligible Delegates	Eligible Pastors	Present
Elim, Beausejour	3	1	
First, Minitonas	8	1	
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	3	1	
Emmanuel, Morris	6	2	
Oakbank, Oakbank	6	1	
Grace, Ochre River	5	2	
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	5	1	
Temple, Swan River	7	2	
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	3	1	
Abundant Life	5	1	
Central	3	2	
Fort Richmond	5	2	
McDermot Avenue	8	2	
Mission	6	2	
New Life Ministries	3	1	
Rowandale	8	2	
Whyte Ridge	7	3	
Meadowood Manor	1	1	
Meadowood Foundation	1	0	
Camp Nutimik	1	0	
Wellman Lake Camp	1	0	
Regional Minister	-	1	
Guests	-	-	
Executive	3	-	
TOTAL	98	29	

Appointment of Special Committees

Balloting Committee	Scrutineer's Committee	Resolution of Thanks

Love is unselfishly choosing for another's highest good.

— C S Lewis

Summary of Minutes of 2008 AGM

October 18, 2008 at Oakbank Baptist Church, Winnipeg — Moderator Mark Woods called the meeting to order with prayer.

Seating of Delegates – 94 delegates

Special Committees – Balloting Committee: Marion Gaensler, Rick Pedde, and Carol Ulrich. Scrutineers: Elfrieda Kuentler, Kieth Friesen. Resolution of thanks: Allan Unger, Marno Klein.

◆ *MSC to appoint the committees.*

Minutes – Summary of minutes of 2007 AGM

◆ *MSC to accept last year's minutes as presented.*

Financial Report – Garry Harland highlighted the financial report for the MBA.

Balance sheet shows that we had a surplus of approximately \$300,000 at the end of 2007. Income was better than budgeted: \$90,404 versus \$86,814 for church contributions. Total income: \$105,988. Income exceeded expenses in 2007 by \$6,864. 2008 to present is on track. Income to the end of October 2008 is approximately \$51,000.

◆ *MSC to accept the report as presented.*

Garry reviewed the proposed MBA budget for 2009. Compared to 2008 there is very little change in the financial plan for 2009. Projected income: \$105,623. Projected expenses: \$86,995.

One item to change in the 2009 budget is the \$8,000 Transfer from Church Planting Fund under Income and \$8,000 Church Planting Training under Expenses. Both are to be deleted due to being expended in the 2008 budget year.

Noted that there is a new line item: NAB Triennial Conference Contingencies of \$1,000.

Garry clarified the increase of the Regional Minister's Salary. The 4% increase represents both a cost of living and merit increase.

◆ *MSC to approve the budget as presented.*

Reports – Several individuals elaborated on their written reports.

- Moderator – Mark Woods
- Meadowood Chaplaincy – David Holland
- Nominating Committee – Barry Thiessen
- Camp Nutimik – Dave Robinson
- Wellman Lake Bible Camp – Herb Radke
- Statistical Secretary – Dave Henkelman
- Regional Minister – Phyl Putz
- NAB Executive Director Report – Rob McClelland
- Women's Ministries – Daphne Keck
- Church Planting Report – Sig Seidel
- MBYM Report – Kelvin Kehler

◆ *MSC to accept the 2008 reports of all organizations and ministries.*

Elections

- **Moderator – Barry Thiessen – 2009/10**
- Vice Moderator – Vacant – 2008/9
- **Treasurer – Garry Harland – 2009/10**
- Recording Secretary – Dave Henkelman – 2008/9
- Church Planting Chair – Jeff Kilmartin – 2008/9 (Sig Seidel Interim)
- **General Council Rep – Harry Pohl – 2009/10**
- Men's Ministries – Vacant – 2008/9
- **MBYA Representative – Kelvin Kehler – Appointed by MBYA**
- Women's Coordinator – Daphne Keck – Elected by Women's Ministry

◆ *MSC to affirm the nominees as listed.*

Other Business

The Executive recommends that the church building at 514 Maryland be gifted to the New Life Ministries Congregation.

◆ *MSC to gift the Church Building at 514 Maryland, Winnipeg, MB, to New Life Ministries.*

Association Offerings

- Men's Luncheon: Taylor University College Endowment Fund – \$1,700.00
- Ladies' Luncheon: Women's Ministries budget – \$985.00.

General Comments

1. A thank-you was expressed to the secretary at Rowandale Baptist Church (Mary Harder) for the weekly MBA prayer updates sent to the churches throughout the year.
2. Request: That more information regarding the MBA Meetings, agenda, etc. be sent to the churches further in advance of the meetings.

Resolution of thanks – Allen Unger & Marno Klein presented their motion of thanks.

MSC to accept the resolution of thanks.

Scrutineers Committee – Elfrieda Kuenstler & Keith Friesen affirmed the minutes accurately reflect the proceedings at this Annual General Session of the Association.

◆ *MSC to accept the Scrutineers report.*

Next meeting – We have an invitation from Emmanuel Baptist Church for the 2009 Association meetings (October 16-17, 2009).

Closing Prayer

- *Submitted by Dave Henkelman – MBA Recording Secretary*



Northern Plains Regional Minister

It is great to be your Regional Minister! Working with the Regional Leadership Team who oversees my ministry has continued to be good and productive. Thanks to Dave Henkelman (Morris), Barry Thiessen (Ft. Richmond), James Schnabel (Venturia) and David Lake (Harvey) for their kind and insightful guidance.

The association executive committees are also functioning well. Under the leadership of moderators Barry Thiessen (MBA) and David Lake (NCA), the execs continue to work effectively as a glue to hold our churches together.

One of my great pleasures is walking along side of pastors and leaders as they find out what God wants them to do and then do it. At any given time, I find myself coaching about a dozen individuals, including those I am training to coach (Coaches in Training or CITs). This past year, September through May, I was privileged to train four people who are officially approved to coach: Ray & Diane Russell (Grand Forks, ND), Merle Hoots (Bismarck, ND), Greg Gaensler (Seven Sisters Falls, MB). Rhonda Keppler (Winnipeg, MB) was unable to complete the training, but has our blessing to use the skills she gained as God leads her.

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I anticipate having up to six people in coach training this year. In the NAB Conference we want to spread this way of thinking and relating throughout our churches. We know that the starting point is often the pastor, so that is where we begin. However, we have trained and will continue to train lay people, and will do so even more as we can develop additional Coach Mentors. I am pleased to announce that Rev. Herb Radke has been certified as a Coach Mentor and will be joining me in training coaches during this coming season.

Helping churches find pastors continues to be a significant part of what I do. Since our last association meetings here is what has happened.

Departures: Richard and Fran Mayforth–McIntosh, Alan & Leona Gerber–Valley City, Larry & Ida-Lynn Gegan–New Life Ministries, Winnipeg

Arrivals: Audie and Wendy Brockel (bi-vocational)–McIntosh... Welcome Brockels!**Interims:** Howard and Lois Westlund-First Baptist in Valley City, Alf and Marie Bell–Whyte Ridge in Winnipeg

Our hearts have been broken by the death of a second MBA pastor in three years. Our brother, Perry Chernesky, went to be with the Lord on July 5th. We grieve with his wife, Claudia, his daughters, Deborah and Abigail and the congregation of Oak Bank Baptist Church. Lord, help us to take every day as a gift from You!

Church Enrichment continues to be a highlight of this ministry. Four churches are actively involved in the enrichment process and three more are either ready to begin or close to scheduling their first steps. Results are varied but consistently positive, in part because the process causes pastors and leaders to have productive conversations and focused prayer as they lead their congregations toward a more effective approach to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Our Northern Plains Region Ministry Multiplication Team (formerly called The Church/Ministry Planting Task Force??) is functioning well with good results. Small creative ministry ventures are cropping up in a variety of places and ways. As reported last year, Swan River has initiated an outreach

focus that is finding expression both within the congregation and in the community. Mission Baptist, Winnipeg, is creatively reaching out to those who come to their food bank. Harvey, Martin & Anamoose have not only begun an AWANA ministry in neighboring town, Drake, ND, but are also beginning a four-city youth ministry. An exciting development has been provided by the South Central Cluster in North Dakota, where a number of pastors have volunteered to provide ministry for shorter periods of time to the Venturia, ND church. Because the church has been strengthened and encouraged, it now appears that Venturia has an opportunity to call a bi-vocational pastor.

Until now no viable church planting effort had begun. But this year, Brett Moser and his wife, Shannon, have responded to God's call to plant a church in downtown Fargo, ND. Brett has served as Youth Pastor at Metropolitan Baptist Church for a number of years, and the Metropolitan congregation is providing both people for the core planting group and excellent financial support. The planting process began in September. Brett and Shannon have gone through a church planting couple's evaluation and are in the process of connecting with our NAB Ministry Multiplication Resource Team. That team is providing evaluation, training and coaching.

Through the influence of our regional task force, the MBA has invited Mike Perkinson, Senior Developer of PRAXIS Center for Church Development, to lead a workshop entitled "Redrawing the Ministry Map" at the Manitoba Baptist Association General Meeting, October 16-17, 2009. To make it even more exciting, the MBA invited NCA pastors and leaders to attend. The training that Mike brings will undoubtedly serve to help us multiply ministry in more effective ways, be it the multiplication of disciples, small groups, programs, or whole churches.

The Northern Plains Leadership Movement (NPLM) has made a great impact in a number of our churches. However, with a larger Leadership Development initiative emerging conference-wide, there will be five options: 1) VantagePoint3 material administered by the NPLM Advisory Team, 2) Equip – a tool used internationally to grow leaders, 3) Ogden – Discipleship Essentials and Leadership Essentials, two manuals that help pastors and leaders develop life-on-life discipleship relationships, 4) read two leadership books a year as guided through the conference website, 5) read one email a month using the content to help your leaders grow. This array of opportunities gives every pastor an entry level to leadership development.

I continue to encourage our pastors' clusters to meet, pray and plan for expanded ministry in their areas. As I mentioned in last year's report, we have some clusters operating very well while others are less active. There are also some pastors not involved in a cluster at all, so encourage your pastor to make this a priority while giving him time and travel expense to get to the meetings. The Drake AWANA and four city youth ministry as well as the Venturia pastoral support were the direct result of cluster relationships and planning.

Our rural churches face daunting challenges, most of which are related in some way to population decline. Schools are closing and/or merging, local businesses are closing and church attendance often mirrors the departure of people to larger cities. Yet, there is great opportunity for ministry. Our small communities all contain people who are truly lost. Many people have a church background, but will not likely darken the door of a Baptist church because of community history and family connections. But they will respond to the Gospel if it comes from a friend.

During the past eighteen months I have conducted a Rural Ministry Revitalization study. I envision that a preliminary report of that study will be available when you arrive at the association meeting. There is no doubt, however, that many pastors and church leaders are ready to take courageous steps reach the

lost.

On a more personal note, many have asked about the move of our residence and office to Fargo, ND. There are several reasons for the move. First, during the past year or two, we have lost most family connections in the Bismarck area. Our son, Matt and his family moved to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, where he assumed a faculty position at Bethel University. Jo's two elderly aunts, for whom she provided a great deal of support, have passed away. Our move to Fargo has put us just four doors away from Jo's youngest sister and three hours closer to Matt and family. In addition, I would like to be involved with the Fargo church plant. I believe that this could be the beginning of a church multiplication movement in our region. Our move takes us farther from the western churches, but moves us closer to the eastern NCA churches and to Winnipeg, where the majority of the MBA churches cluster. I believe that it has given me a new vantage point for my work.

My friends, I never take the opportunity to serve as your Regional Minister for granted. It holds great responsibility and tremendous opportunity and I intend to give you my very best. Thank you for your wonderful encouragement and support.

• *Submitted by Phyl Putz NPR Regional Minister*



Moderator's Report

I am coming to the completion of my first year as Moderator. It has been a year of change and transition in many respects. Allow me to share some of these changes with you.

We have suffered the loss of another one of our pastors because of sickness that resulted in death. I do not believe it is an accident or twist of fate this is happening in our association and steps are being taken to encourage our pastors and renew our commitment to prayer and spiritual warfare.

Camp Nutimik has gone through some radical changes in structure and approach and signs of positive renewal and focus are being seen. I thank each one who worked on the Transition Team and those who so willingly took up the positions on the new board. We owe a debt of gratitude to you and we want you to know that you are appreciated.

The AGM is taking a new approach this year. We have noticed that we have failed to connect with the middle age and younger members of our churches. While renewing acquaintances and chatting annually with those who attend AGM yearly has its merits, it does not bide well for the future of the association's annual meeting; that one time during a year when we all gather to celebrate the Lord's goodness and strategize for the coming year. Under the capable leadership of Emmanuel and Pastor Dave Henkelman in Morris, the AGM will take on a distinctly different flavour this year. Instead of focusing on business we will be focusing on the organic church growth principles under the tutelage of Mike Chong Parkinson of Praxis.

As an association we continue to suffer decline in the number of members and adherents in our churches. While a number of programs have been tried and a number of approaches have been taken nothing to this date has made a significant difference. It is time we ask ourselves the hard questions, not for the sake of the answers, but for the sake of true honest evaluation that leads to changes in our hearts. I feel the major reason for our decline is a lack of commitment to making disciples on a practical basis.

We talk about it and discuss it at length but do little to actually make a difference in our communities. In the days ahead we will have to do so or run the risk of moving into irrelevance. Our church and association budgets will need to reflect such change as well or nothing will happen. Think about what God could do and what would be possible if we committed ourselves to supporting those who are active in community and made this just as much a priority as supporting those who serve the Lord overseas.

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Thanks for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to the continued journey God leads us on. I thank God for the group of other executive members you have chosen to serve with me. It is a joy to work with them and to lead together.

• *Submitted by Barry Thiessen – MBA Moderator*

Treasurer's Report

This year (2008) we decided to address concerns relating to the belief that the financial position of the Association both as reported monthly and at the end of each fiscal year when a financial statement is prepared by an external source is not complete. Previously the revenue and expenses of both the Women's Ministries and Youth Ministries were not included in financial reports except to the extent necessary to record flow through transactions and these omissions have been remedied in a very basic way.

Women's Ministries is self governed and operates autonomously even though as a legal non entity the Ministry exists as a consequence of the Association. It is believed that the Association is responsible for the acts and conduct of both the Women's Ministries and Youth Ministries. Over the years the Women's Ministries has distanced itself from the Association in the absence of financial dependency and has relied on the Association only to issue tax receipts for donations received (\$4,322.00 in 2007 and \$3,760.00 in 2006).

Revenue and expenses for the year ended December 31st, 2008 amounted to:

Women's Ministries - \$16,327.00 and \$17,422.00 respectively

Youth Ministries - \$28,460.00 and \$23,541.00 respectively

and these amounts have been recorded as one line entries in the year end financial statement the details of which are included in this report. In the future it is expected that financial activity reporting for both the Women's Ministries and Youth Ministries will be more detailed.

Transfer of ownership of property situated at 514 Maryland Street, Winnipeg, MB to New Life Ministries was approved at our last Annual General Meeting. This donation was valued at \$51,945.00 in addition to legal expenses amounting to \$818.66. The Association has no further capital assets available and no acquisitions are being considered at this time.

The balance of the Church Planting Fund as at December 31st, 2008 amounted to \$157,726.90 and the entire amount is currently invested with CEIF. The original amount of this Fund was \$140,000.00 and annual interest earnings are approximately \$7,500.00. This year an amount of \$10,240.00 was expensed to facilitate Church Plant training of several people.

Our budget for the year anticipated a small gain of \$13,664.00. The events referenced above were not

foreseen when our budget for the year was prepared with the result we sustained a loss of \$30,981.00 a swing of \$44,645.00.

With the exception of these special events, activities during the year were pretty much as planned and as noted below variances in almost every category were positive:

Income Category	Budget	Actual
<i>Contributions by Churches</i> A schedule of contributions by Churches with comparative contributions for the previous year is reported for your consideration.	\$90,374.00	\$93,041.00
<i>Interest and miscellaneous</i>	\$8,500.00	\$9,228.00
Expense Category		
<i>Program Committee</i>	\$1,500.00	\$1,356.00
<i>Regional Minister Compensation & Expenses</i>	\$47,400.00	\$46,900.00
<i>Church Growth</i> Costs incurred arranging summer service support at Camp Nutimik	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
<i>Youth Ministry</i>	\$4,500.00	\$3,950.00
<i>Executive and General Council meetings</i>	\$4,250.00	\$1,947.00
<i>Office and general expense</i>	\$6,310.00	\$6,091.00
<i>Pastoral Support</i>	\$2,000.00	\$582.00
<i>Church Planting (operating)</i>	\$3,000.00	\$1,639.00
<i>Men's Ministry</i>	\$1,000.00	—

Notes on Offerings for Designated Purposes

Strictly a cash transfer or flow through function. Money collected is dispersed in this case to Taylor University Endowment Fund (\$1,700.00). No portion of this income was available to meet the operating expenses of the Association. As at October 31st, 2008 the balance of this fund amounted to \$25,170.81.

Year to Date 2009

Limited activity thus far but includes a short term loan for an amount of \$25,000.00 to Elim Baptist Church to assist in the financing of a capital project. The loan is interest free and matures December 31st, 2010. As at August 31st the outstanding balance of this loan had been reduced to \$20,000.00.

Church Planting Fund

Current value \$162,201.39. Year to date interest earnings on the balance of this Fund as at December 31st, 2008 amount to \$4,474.49. Because this Fund is earmarked interest earnings are not available to meet Association general operating expenses.

Revenue and Expenses

As at August 31st, 2009 expenses exceed income by an amount of \$8,317.00 which includes taking interest earnings on CEIF investments into account. Traditionally income levels are low at this point in time. Contributions from supporting Churches year to date have amounted to \$43,070.00 (annual budget \$97,323.00) however as in prior years it is expected that we'll see significant contribution activity during the course of the next four months particularly in the final quarter. No unusual or unexpected expenses incurred.

Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp

In October 2005 an amount of \$39,000.00 was loaned to Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp for operating purposes . The outstanding balance of this loan as at August 31st, 2009 is \$13,200.00. The loan matures December 31st, 2010 and payments are being made as agreed.

Statement of Income & Expenses – Year Ended 12/31/08

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2007 Actual
INCOME			
Contributions by churches	90,374	93,041	90,404
Women's Ministry – MBWM	-	16,327	-
Youth Ministry – MBYM	-	28,460	-
Offerings for General Purposes	250	-	545
Interest & Miscellaneous	8,500	9,228	8,012
Offerings for Designated Ministries			
Women's Ministry	-	-	4,322
Taylor College Endowment Fund	-	1,700	1,008
Brad Jersak Conference	-	-	1,460
Other	-	-	237
Total Income	\$99,124	\$148,756	\$105,988
EXPENSES			
Regional Minister & Expenses	47,400	46,900	46,002
Church Ministries	0	0	814
Donations	500	52,625	675
Program Committee	1,500	1,356	230
Executive & Council Meetings	4,250	1,947	5,576
Office & General Expenses	6,310	6,091	5,448
Pastoral Support	2,000	582	1,438
Church Planting (operating)	3,000	1,639	2,234
Church Planting Activities	0	10,240	0
Church Growth	5,000	2,000	17,126
NAB Triennial Conference Fund	1,700	1,700	1,700
Youth Ministry – MBYM	4,500	27,491	3,500
Women's Ministry – MBYM	600	17,715	0
Men's Ministry - MBMM	1,000	0	0
CEIF Interest to Church Planting	7,700	7,751	7,354
Expended for Designated Ministries			
Women's Ministry	0	0	4,322
Taylor College Endowment Fund	0	1,700	1,008
Brad Jersak Conference	0	0	1,460
Other	0	0	237
Total Expenses	\$85,460	\$179,737	\$99,124
Net Income (Expenses)	\$13,664	-\$30,981	\$6,864

Funds Retained for Continuation of Activities

	Restricted Net Assets	Unrestricted Assets	Invested Cap. Assets	2008 Total	2007 Total
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$19,579	\$221,732	\$51,945	\$293,256	\$279,038
January 1, 2008 Opening Bal.					
Youth Ministry – MBYM	\$28	-	-	\$28	-
Women’s Ministry – WBWM	\$7,517	-	-	\$7,517	-
Excess of Revenues over Exp.	\$7,751	\$20,965		\$28,716	\$14,218
Capital Asset Donated (Note 5)			-\$51,945	-\$51,945	-
Balance, End of Year	\$34,875	\$242,697	-	\$277,572	\$293,256

Balance Sheet on December 31, 2008

Assets	2008	2007
Cash & Short Term Deposits	\$265,255	\$224,485
Accounts Receivable	\$2,542	\$1,705
Loan Receivable	\$19,200	\$28,200
Prepaid Expense	\$600	-
Land & Buildings at Cost: New Life Ministries	-	\$51,945
Total Assets	\$287,597	\$306,335
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$10,025	\$10,025
MBYA Travel Subsidy	-	\$3,000
Total Liabilities	\$10,025	\$13,025
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets	-	\$51,945
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$242,697	\$221,732
Restricted Net Assets	\$34,875	\$19,579
Total Net Assets	\$277,572	\$293,256

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Incorporation and Registration – Manitoba Baptist Association, Inc. (“the Association”) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated without share capital under the Corporations Act Of Manitoba on May 24, 1972. The members of the Association are North American Baptist Conference Churches

which are duly organized and situated in Manitoba. The Association is a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and include the following significant accounting policies:

Revenue Recognition: Manitoba Baptist Association, Inc. fund follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Accounting Estimates: These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependant on future events. As a result, the preparation of financial statements for a period involves the use of estimates and approximations which have been made using careful judgment. Actual results could differ from those estimates and approximations. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and with the framework of the accounting policies.

Financial Instruments: The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Donation Revenue: The Association records donation revenue when it is received by the organization.

3. Long-term Investments:

	2008	2007
Bonds, interest rates varying from 4.5% to 5.25% and maturity dates varying from 2010 to 2013	\$156,439	\$148,992

4. Loan Receivable – represents funds advanced to Lake Nutimik Camp in October 2005.

	2008	2007
5 year term – varying payments and 0% interest	\$19,200	\$28,200
Current portion	\$9,000	\$9,000
Balance	\$10,200	\$19,200

Principle repayments are as follows:

2009 –	\$9,000
2010 –	\$10,200

5. Capital Assets – Capital assets have been acquired by the Association for use by New Life Ministries in carrying on its activities.

Properties	2008	2007
NLM – Church (514 Maryland Street)	-	51,945
Total Properties	-	\$51,945

Subsequent to purchase of the above property by the Association, the member church made significant improvements to the church building. The cost of the improvements was borne by the church. Accordingly, no part of the cost of the improvements is shown above.

The Association donated the Church located at 514 Maryland Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba to the member Church. The donation has been valued on the Statement of Operations at \$51,945 an amount equivalent to the cost of the Church to the Association.

6. Wellman Lake Bible Camp Contribution – Wellman Lake Bible Camp contribution represents funds designated for a construction project scheduled to start in 2007.

7. Contingencies – The Association has guaranteed a \$25,000 line of credit for New Life Ministries. As at December 31, 2008 none of the line of credit was used.

8. Other – In 2008 the Association adopted a policy of including expenses of the Women's Ministries (MBWM) and the Youth Ministries (MBYM), two separate divisions of the Manitoba Baptist Association Inc. in their financial statements. These two divisions' 2007 operations, assets and equities are not reflected in the 2007 financial statements.

Submitted by Garry Harland – MBA Treasurer

Contributions to the Association by Church

The requested contribution for each church in 2010 is based on 2.5% of total church budget/giving in the previous year. This represents a decrease from the 2009 requested contribution of 2.75%. The change is due to a reduced overall budget for 2010.

If a church is able to contribute more than the recommended 2.5% of total budget/giving, it is encouraged to do so. If a church is currently giving below the recommended 2.5%, it is encouraged to increase giving to as closely reflect that level of support as is possible.

Please consider making your contributions in quarterly installments.

Church	Total 2008	2010	Given by	2009	2008	2008	2007
Abundant Life*			0	3,546	3,792	2,000	2,000
Beausejour	66,933	1,673	0	1,826	1,586	1,826	1,639
Central *			0		2,824	0	0
Fort Richmond	179,371	4,484	2,200	5,608	5,164	4,400	4,400
McDermot	419,818	10,495	5,945	11,890	9,569	12,375	12,375
Minitonas	199,844	4,996	0	5,460	7,283	6,500	6,500
Mission	191,309	4,783	2,625	5,157	6,776	4,840	4,840
Moosehorn *			1,000	2,442	3,298	1,600	1,600
Morris	290,883	7,272	4,100	6,922	7,259	8,000	8,000
New Life Min.	75,000	1,875	1,650	2,310	2,310	1,650	1,650
Oakbank	274,464	6,862	5,250	7,001	5,914	6,750	6,600
Ochre River	196,679	4,917	0	4,755	4,185	5,000	5,000
Rowandale	383,117	9,578	10,000	10,930	8,550	12,200	12,200
Swan River	240,735	6,018	3,300	6,150	4,115	6,600	6,600
Whitemouth	10,390	260	0	250	316	0	0
Whiteshell	144,262	3,607	0	5,732	4,246	5,300	3,000
Whyte Ridge	534,632	13,366	7,000	16,907	13,189	14,000	14,000
TOTAL	\$3,207,437	\$80,186	\$43,070	\$96,886	\$90,376	\$93,041	\$90,404

* No data submitted

2010 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2010 Budget	8/31/09 Actual	2009 Budget	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
Church Contributions	80,186	43,070	97,323	90,374	93,041
General Fund Offerings	100	0	100	250	0
Women's Ministry - MBWM	23,900	0	0	0	16,327
Youth Ministry - MBYM	25,500	0	0	0	28,460
Designated Offerings		0	0	0	1,700
Interest & Miscellaneous	8,200	4,964	8,200	8,500	9,228
Total Receipts	\$137,886	\$48,034	\$105,623	\$99,124	\$148,756
EXPENDITURES					
Regional Minister	50,130	36,502	48,670	47,400	46,900
Donations/Evangelical Fellowship	700	433	500	500	52,625
Program Committee	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	1,356
Executive/General Council	3,500	1,519	3,500	4,250	1,947
Office & General	5,525	4,879	5,525	6,310	6,091
NAB Triennial Fund	1,700	0	1,700	1,700	1,700
NAB Triennial Conf. Contingencies	0	584	1,000	0	0
Church Planting Operating	1,500	0	3,000	3,000	1,639
Church Planting Activities	0	1,758	0	0	10,240
Church Growth	5,000	2,700	5,000	5,000	2,000
Pastoral Support	3,000	0	3,000	2,000	582
Designated Offerings	0	0	0	0	1,700
Women's Ministry - MBWM	23,900	0	600	600	17,715
Men's Ministry Subsidy	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Youth Ministry - MBYM	30,000	3,500	4,500	4,500	27,491
CEIF Interest to Church Planting	7,500	4,476	7,500	7,700	7,751
Total Expenditures	\$134,955	\$56,351	\$86,995	\$85,460	\$179,737
Net Income (Expense)	\$2,931	-\$8,317	\$18,628	\$13,664	-\$30,981

Proposed Budget Notes

The proposed budget for 2010 is submitted for your consideration and approval. Compared to the budget for this year (2009), anticipated spending in 2010 isn't expected to change significantly. Almost every category involved is unchanged with the expectation that current activity levels will be maintained. Other notable considerations include:

Church Growth – No change. Fund to be maintained to respond if warranted to situations deemed beneficial to the common interest and not necessarily anticipated. In 2009 Honorariums for Sunday services conducted at Lake Nutimik were underwritten by this fund.

Church Planting Operating – Reduced from \$3,000.00 to \$1,500.00. Deemed to be more in line with actual costs associated with maintaining this ministry.

Youth Ministries – \$30,000.00 approximately 85% of which offset by projected income. The anticipated shortfall (\$4,500.00) to be eliminated by a transfer of MBA surplus funds.

Office & General – Insurance and Accounting Services account for more than 80% of the projected costs for this category.

Regional Minister – The application of a 1.9% increase on total budgeted expenses (salary excluded) for 2009 and a 4% salary increase accounts for the increase of \$1,770.00 – 2010 compared to 2009. We have assumed that the value of the Canadian dollar and the U.S. dollar are equal.

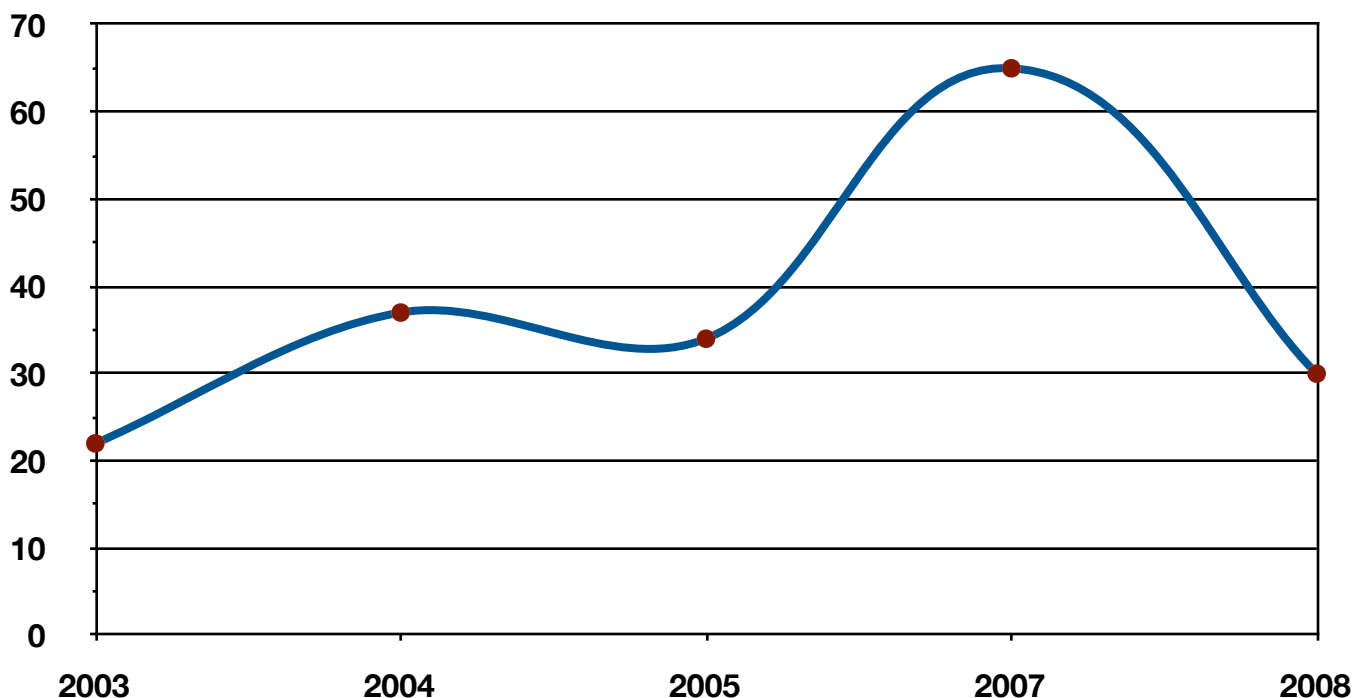
NAB Triennial Conference Contingencies – Category established for 2009 only. Intended to absorb incidental costs or expenses associated with the Winnipeg Conference held in July 2009. Omitted since non – recurring.

Projected Church Contributions

Based on % of Total Giving/Revenue	2010/2.5%	2009/2.75%	2008/2.75%
Total Giving/Revenue	\$3,207,493	\$3,539,004	\$3,286,337
Projected/potential Contributions *	\$80,186	\$97,323	\$90,374
Actual Contrib. (2008 figure as of 08/31/09)			\$93,041
Contributions Over (Short)			\$2,667

*For an explanation of projected contributions please see page 13.

Baptisms 2003 – 2008



Nominating Committee

Moderator.....	Barry Thiessen	2009/10
<i>Vice Moderator.....</i>	<i>Jeff Kilmartin.....</i>	<i>2010/11</i>
Treasurer.....	Garry Harland.....	2009/10
<i>Recording Secretary.....</i>	<i>Dave Henkelman.....</i>	<i>2010/11</i>
<i>Church Planting Chair.....</i>	<i>Sig Seidel.....</i>	<i>2010/11</i>
General Council Rep.....	Harry Pohl.....	2008/10
<i>Men's Ministries Chair.....</i>	<i>Vacant.....</i>	<i>2010/11</i>
MBYM Rep.....	Kelvin Kehler	2009/10
<i>Women's Ministry Coordinator.....</i>	<i>Daphne Keck.....</i>	<i>2010/11</i>

Recording Secretary's Report

Church Membership Statistics 2008

Church	Year Org.	Mem. Dec 07	Mem. Gain	Mem. Lost	Mem. Dec 08	Bapt- isms	08 Avg. Worship	07 Avg. Worship
Beausejour, Elim	1958	36	0	0	36	0	59	59
Minitonas, First	1928	214	1	4	211	1	123	123
Moosehorn, Moosehorn *	1918	47	-	-	47	-	73	73
Morris, Emmanuel	1896	170	3	47	126	3	151	155
Oakbank, Oakbank	1895	101	9	0	110	2	155	154
Ochre River, Grace	1927	96	3	0	99	3	95	100
Seven Sisters, Whiteshell	1906	74	7	4	77	7	99	101
Swan River, Temple	1947	162	0	2	160	2	154	154
Whitemouth (2006)	1960	10	0	0	10	0	15	-

Winnipeg:								
	Year Org.	Mem. Dec 07	Mem. Gain	Mem. Lost	Mem. Dec 08	Bapt- isms	08 Avg. Worship	07 Avg. Worship
Abundant Life	1994	91	1	9	83	0	96	96
Central *	1980	37	-	-	37	-	65	65
Forth Richmond	1972	86	0	0	86	2	135	125
McDermot Avenue	1889	216	11	9	218	2	156	156
Mission	1949	137	7	4	140	5	102	85
New Life Ministries	1993	31	0	0	31	0	50	75
Rowandale	1953	209	5	9	205	3	208	238
Whyte Ridge	1961	208	13	39	182	0	292	349
TOTALS		1,925	60	127	1,858	30	2,028	2,108

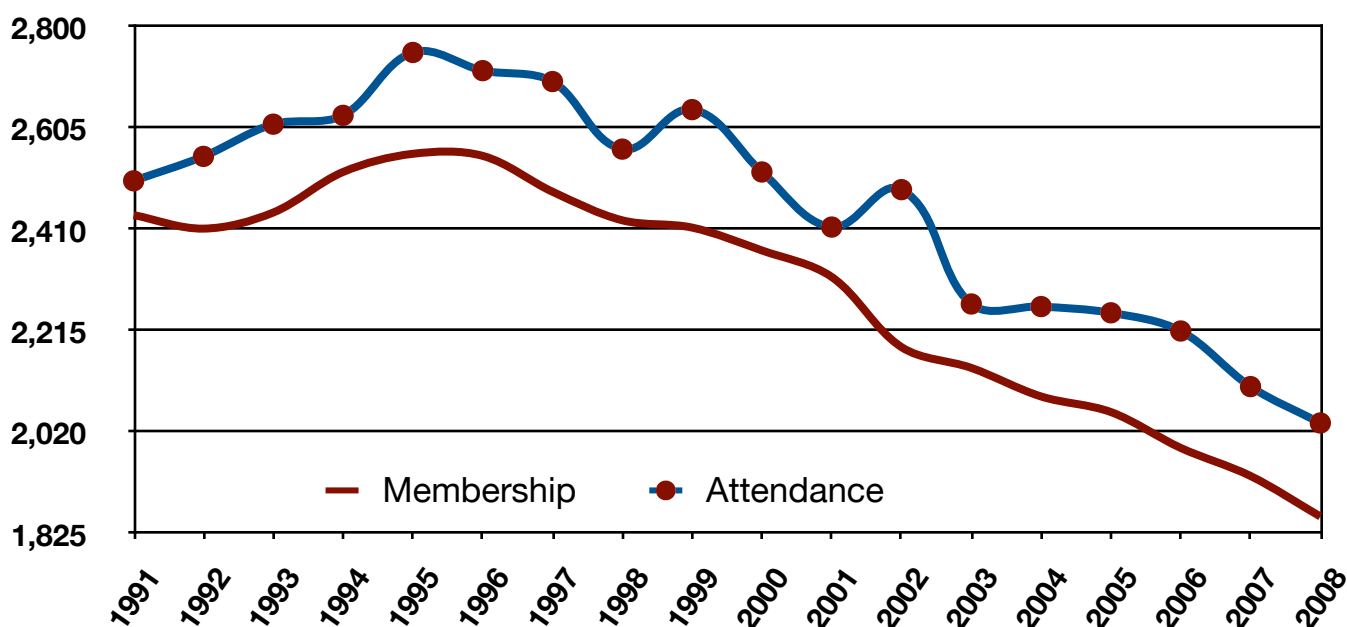
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Local Church 2008 Financial Statistics

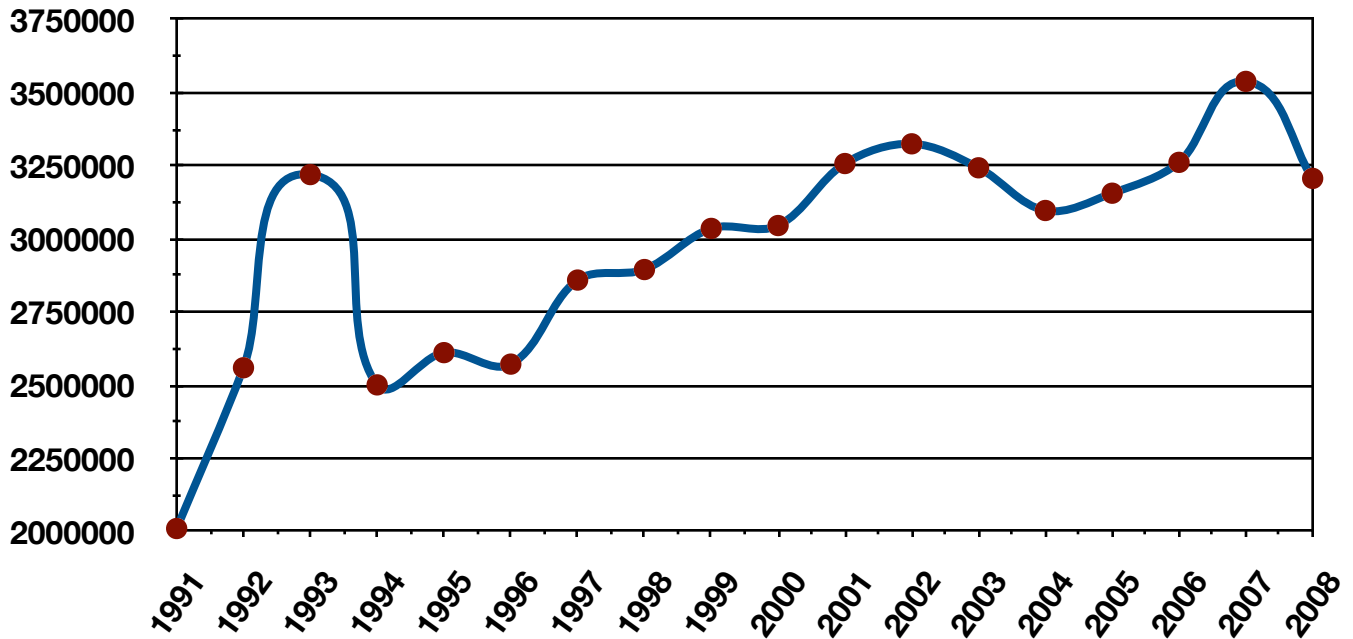
Church	Total 2008	Avg. Per Mem. 08	Avg. Per Att. 08	Total 2007	Avg. Per Mem. 07	Avg. Per Att. 07
Beausejour, Elim	66,933	1,859	1,134	66,401	1,844	1,125
Minitonas, First	199,844	947	1,625	198,549	928	1,614
Moosehorn, Moosehorn *	-	-	-	88,818	1,890	1,217
Morris, Emmanuel	290,883	2,309	1,926	251,698	1,481	1,624
Oakbank, Oakbank	274,464	2,495	1,771	254,571	2,521	1,653
Ochre River, Grace	196,679	1,987	2,070	172,908	1,801	1,729
Seven Sisters, Whiteshell	144,262	1,874	1,457	208,430	2,817	2,064
Swan River, Temple	240,735	1,505	1,563	223,633	1,380	1,452
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	10,390	1,039	693	10,000	1,000	667

Winnipeg:						
Abundant Life *	-	-	-	128,953	1,417	1,343
Central *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Richmond	179,371	2,086	1,329	203,916	2,371	1,631
McDermot Ave	419,818	1,926	2,691	432,359	2,002	2,772
Mission	191,309	1,366	1,876	187,515	1,369	2,206
New Life Min.	75,000	2,419	1,500	84,000	2,710	1,120
Rowandale	383,117	1,869	1,842	397,454	1,902	1,670
Whyte Ridge	534,632	2,938	1,830	614,799	2,956	1,762
TOTALS	\$3,207,436	\$1,827	\$1,665	\$3,524,004	\$1,899	\$1,603

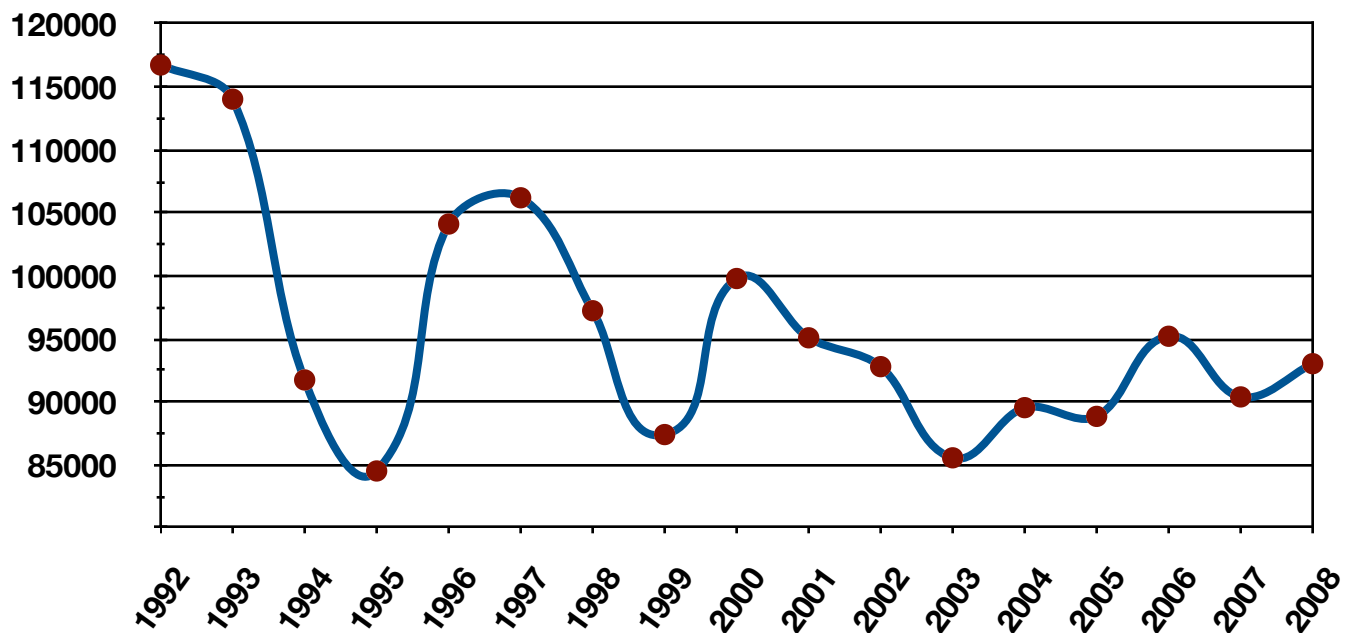
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Membership & Attendance 1991–2008

Total Church Giving 1991–2008



Giving to the MBA 1992–2008



Men’s Ministry

• No Report Submitted

Women’s Ministries

It has been exciting to see the way God works in unique ways in each of our church Women’s Ministries – whether they are a formally organized and structured Women’s group or individual women responding to the spiritual needs in their area. The WM executive strives to provide women opportunities for

leadership development, fellowship, spiritual growth and outreach.

This past year, our Outreach Projects included:

Taylor University College – bursaries	500.00
NAB Conference WM	600.00
Wellman Lake Bible Camp	500.00
Camp Nutimik – staff scholarships	500.00
Florinda Serafin – Brazil	500.00
Brenda Arndt – Central Baptist	1,200.00
MBA WM Retreat scholarships	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,000.00

This year Brenda Arndt announced she no longer requires the financial assistance from the MBWM. Central Baptist will endeavor to continue supporting her in her ministry as associate pastor. As women, it has been a privilege to be a part of financially supporting the only female associate pastor in our MBA and to see the impact of her service and the growth in the Women's Ministries in Central.

Review of this past year's events:

- Ministry wives' retreat at Portage la Prairie in fall.
- Baptist Women's Day of Prayer in November.
- Missions Brunch on March 7, 2009 hosted by Whyteridge Baptist Church. Speakers were Shelly Schmor, Gateway Team director, and Chrissy Hildebrand, from Elim Baptist, part of a mission team to Tailand and Australia.
- Women's Retreat at Elkhorn Resort, April 24-26, 2009. Speaker was Connie Cavanaugh, author of "From Faking it to Finding Grace". Praise and worship leader was Joan van der Linde from Morris. A record number of women attended and were blessed, spiritually recharged and refreshed.
- Appreciation Brunch for WM leaders in our churches, May 23, 2009. Hosted by Central Baptist Church. Speaker was Carrie-Lynn Harz. This was followed by a planning meeting for the Retreat Committee and the MBA WM executive.
- Women's Luncheon, July 17, 2009 at the Triennial. Speaker Julia Roberson. The MBA WM was responsible for table favours and centerpieces at this event.
- Development of a MBA WM link on the Association web site. Thank you to Phyl Putz for doing this for us. It allows us to communicate more effectively with our women.

Thank you to the women on the leadership team who so faithfully commit their time and talents to serving God through WM: Dorothy DeVries, (secretary), Evelyn Bredin, (treasurer) Beth Gust, (Spiritual Growth coordinator), Rhonda Keppler, (Missions Coordinator), Rose Winkler (White Cross), Members At Large: Grace Elke, Cynthia Amman, Tamara Friesen, Esther Klein, Rita Mueller. Joanne Neumann and Brenda Klassen from Emmanuel Baptist in Morris joined our executive meetings as Members at Large to help in planning for the WM luncheon at the MBA Annual Conference hosted by Morris this year.

Thank you also to all those involved in women's ministries in all of our churches. We encourage and pray for you as you reach out to your communities, demonstrating God's love in practical ways.

- *Submitted by Daphne Keck – MBWM Coordinator*

Manitoba Baptist Youth Ministries

Connectedness. What does it mean? How does one go about being connected? One of the main complaints that occurred this year was we are busy. I heard it from youth, from parents, from leaders and even from myself. How is one supposed to connect if we are all too busy? In planning for this past year's events, we as youth leaders wanted to change this. We wanted our youth to be connected. We did not want busyness to rob our students of what God was going to teach them this year or do for them. So we made this one of the goals for the Manitoba Baptist Youth Ministries this year. We wanted our students to be connected with others, we wanted to encourage and equip our youth and our leaders; and we wanted to provide them with ways to expand their understanding of worship.

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When I think of connectedness the first thing that comes to my mind is Lego. All the pieces fit together. They are different shapes, sizes and colors, but they still work. These pieces can be made to form just about anything. It is versatile, it is strong, and each piece helps support the others. And only after you are done building can you see the final product and the beauty it holds.

With youth ministry we are continuing building. And it is important we build a strong base. It is from this base the youth of our church's will be leading us. As I think back over this past year it was very encouraging to have more than eighty youth at our combined junior and senior high events. These ranged from events at Assiniboine Park, to meeting at various church properties for games and fellowship.

The one event that truly sticks out in my mind was our winter fest event at Assippi. The theme was Go Fast and Live. At this Sr. High retreat we looked at the various areas of fasting. Areas ranging from the busyness of life, all the way to the spiritual discipline of refraining from eating. Our key verse was Isaiah 58:6-7 *"This is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."* It is truly a blessing to see the youth respond and how we were able to challenge each other to help others, and look at what it means to go fast for the Lord. After that week ended our youth had a lot to think about and decide how they would respond to God's calling on the life.

Our goals for this year are not much different from last year. We acknowledge this will be again another busy year for everyone. There are always appointments and events that seem to take our time away and often overwhelm us. However, we know God has much more in store for our youth and we have the responsibility of building them up, and providing them with the tools and knowledge they need so they may experience God and where He is leading them. First Corinthians 10:31 says it the best *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* I look forward to this next year and how we can continue to build up our youth so they may glorify God

- *Submitted by Kelvin Kehler – MBYM Representative*

Church Planting Task Force

The focus for the past year has been on encouraging our churches to look at their ministries through the eyes of the *“irreducible core of scripture”*. This can be expressed in three short truths of scripture:

1. Love God - Matthew 22:37-38
2. Love People – Matthew 22:39-40
3. As you go, make disciples - Matthew 28:18-20

The beauty of this approach is that it is not a “program” but rather, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it allows each ministry to define what this looks like and how it works out in their unique situation.

To facilitate this, our committee distributed a resource book “The Kingdom Quest” to all our pastors and encouraged them to study these principles and we also had opportunity to send 3 pastors, 2 youth pastors and 2 moderators to a conference called The Gathering this past November. Here are some reflections from those attending.

Pastor Keith Friesen, Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, writes:

“The Gathering was an incredible conference teaching core principles of being the church rather than selling programs we can implement. What I learned from our time there has impacted both my ministry and myself greatly. In fact, I have made significant changes to the direction and “the look” of the youth ministry.

“Here are a few things I am now doing within the youth ministry in our church

“I have moved to a more discipleship based youth ministry.

“I have selected a smaller group of young people (teens & young adults) that I will be meeting with once a month (during lunch) to read scripture, discuss it, and talk about God, faith and life. I also give this small group weekly take home Bible studies that they are to do on their own.

“This small group also meets with me as a group once per month to discuss the weekly take home Bible studies. On top of the take home studies, I also have them memorize scripture each month, and share examples of how Jesus has been real in their life over the past month, and any questions they have (about God or their faith or the Bible).

“In addition to the small group and one-on-one discipleship I have geared the now “once a week” youth event with a more intentional focus on spiritual growth and living out our faith, as opposed to simply a fun, social event in addition to a separate weekly Bible study. During the course of the year (Sept through June), we will be involved at least once per month doing some sort of “service” (helping at the local food bank, visiting residents at the seniors complex, cleaning up someone’s yard, or performing some form of service in either Ochre River or Ste. Rose).

“The purpose of the service and worship based youth events as well as studying the Bible really is to make those aspects of Christian life a “habit” in the young people’s lives.

“So far, from the feedback I have received, the discipleship aspect of the ministry has been incredibly well received and very much appreciated by those involved.”

Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, writers:

“As leaders (Pastor Neal, Pastor Rob, Jerry Marek) serving at Temple Baptist, attending The Gathering in November, 2008 has been valuable in a number of ways:

- “It has provided a framework for discipleship. We believe God’s primary mandate for the church is to make disciples – individuals who are growing in their passion to love Christ, serve Christ’s church, and reach out to the lost with Christ’s gospel of redemption. Over many months, individuals from our church fellowship have met to discuss the implications of this mandate for our personal and community life.
- “It has taught us the importance of making disciples who in turn will make other disciples. Individuals need to be discipled immediately following their confession of faith in Christ if they are going to become disciple-makers.

“We thank the Manitoba Baptist Association for covering the expenses associated with this Conference. It is our desire to incorporate these discipleship principles into the ministry God has entrusted to us for Him.

“We are looking forward to what God may have in store for His churches for the next year and our prayer is that through this conference and the ongoing moving of the Holy Spirit that many will come to salvation and that new churches will be planted.”

• *Sig Seidel – Interim Chair*

Wellman Lake Bible Camp

We had a very exciting camping season again this year. Although the number of campers was down from last year, many of our campers were impacted for Jesus Christ. Our theme this year was transformation. The theme verse for our camps was 2 Corinthians 5:17:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

Our speakers, who ranged in age from 18 to 70+ years, did an excellent job in proclaiming the truth of the gospel — that through Jesus Christ we can become new creations.

Rachel Dahl and her staff of young counselors from our churches made our camp not only interesting, but safe, and provided opportunities for the campers to make decisions and to grow in their faith. We praise God for the opportunity to reach out to our community through the ministry of the camp and we look forward to what God is going to do as a result of this summer’s camps.

Total number of campers: 135

Total number of first time decisions or rededications: 19

Camps offered: Squirt
 Primary 1 & 2
 Junior, Youth
 College & Career
 Wake/Ski

*Note: Junior High Camp was cancelled due to small numbers.

• *Submitted by Herb Radke – Camp President*

Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp

Two years ago, an Evaluation Panel organized by our MBA Executive Committee, was tasked with reviewing the ministry and operations of Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp. The Evaluation Panel presented a list of findings and priority recommendations to the Camp Board and membership for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of Camp Nutimik in February 2008. Based upon those recommendations, a

Meadowood Manor

I am truly thankful for the opportunity to be here at Meadowood Manor. I want to thank all of you for your warm welcome to Meadowood and for all the help in transitioning me in this new role. Over these past few months as the new CEO, I have really appreciated meeting so many of you who are supporting members of the Meadowood community.

Over the 30 years there have been many changes, but it is important to remember the commitments Meadowood was founded on still remain the same.

As we conclude the 30th anniversary celebration of Meadowood Manor it is important to reflect on the incredible work that has been done here at Meadowood.

Over the 30 years there have been many changes, but it is important to remember the commitments Meadowood was founded on still remain the same.

The commitment to provide long term care to the aging population in a premier long term care facility remains the same. The preservation of human dignity and the enhancement of self-image for all Residents regardless of circumstances, religion, ethnic origin or gender remains the same.

The commitment of our supporting community remains the same. This commitment is something we should never take for granted and are truly blessed to have. The supporting NAB churches of Manitoba, and the volunteer base provides invaluable support to Meadowood in the physical, emotional, spiritual and financial needs.

Employing staff based on qualifications, the ability to function effectively, good moral character and the willingness to uphold the ethical standards of the facility, this commitment remains the same. In my short tenure as CEO at Meadowood Manor I have been very impressed with the staff's level of dedication, care and commitment to the well being of our residents and tenants. My personal thanks to each of our staff members for their continued commitment.

Since becoming CEO of Meadowood Manor there have been many significant events I would like to highlight:

Donations from our supporting constituency:

Meadowood Manor continues to be blessed by donations from our supporting constituency. Donations from individuals and church's to the Meadowood Manor Foundation totaled in excess of \$100,000. These donations enabled us to support our Chaplaincy program, and to repay the remaining chapel expansion project debt of \$50,000.

Funding from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority:

Prior to April 2008, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) had announced additional funding to increase our staffing specific to direct residential care in our Personal Care Home. This initiative was to be phased in over three fiscal years. Given the economic climate in both Canada and abroad, the additional funding for increased staffing has now been put on hold indefinitely.

Equipment and Facility Investments:

In excess of \$40,000 was invested over the past year in the Personal Care Home in the manner of equipment and furniture. A significant investment was made in purchasing solid oak furniture for all 88 rooms in the facility. The Meadowood Manor Foundation donated \$20,000 as well as a \$1,000 from the Auxiliary Committee for the purchase of new dining room tables. The investment in these assets has

made a remarkably positive experience for both the residents and tenants we serve.

I believe the future of Meadowood Manor is continued growth on these commitments. I look forward to being a part of this continued commitment while ensuring Meadowood Manor continues to be a premier long term care facility.

• *Tim Vanderhyde – Chief Executive Officer*

Meadowood Manor Chaplaincy

As I was preparing this report for our Annual Conference, I was reminded of two songs written by Steve Green. The first one is “*People Need The Lord*” and the chorus reads:

People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
At the end of broken dreams, He’s the open door.
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
When will we realize, people need the Lord?

The second song is “*Find Us Faithful*” and some of the words of this song are:

We’re pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road
And those who’ve gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary.
Their lives a stirring testament of God’s sustaining grace.
...Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion light their way
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.”

As I look at the Chaplaincy ministry at Meadowood Manor we are reminded daily that people need the Lord (residents, tenants, families, staff and volunteers) and we must continue to be faithful to share with them the message of Christ’s love, forgiveness, and encouragement.

I want to thank you as a group of Churches for the vision you had to begin Meadowood and to challenge you that this ministry is still needed. We need your involvement as you volunteer to serve in various ways and as you support the Chaplaincy Ministry financially and prayerfully.

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Thank you to the Churches who provide us with special music each Sunday. This is such an encouragement to everyone at Meadowood.

Thanks to those who serve on the various boards and committees. I appreciate the support of the Chaplaincy Support committee, the Baptist Home Society board and the Meadowood Foundation Board.

Here is just a brief summary of some of the ministry activities in numbers:

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 120-130 average
Fellowship Hour on the 10th Floor – 35-40 average
German Bible Study (twice a month from Sept. to May) – 23 average
Sing A Long (twice a month from Sept. to May) – 130 average
Morning Song (Care side daily) – 39 average
Visits in Residents Room (care side) – 21 monthly average
Visits with Tenants (Towers) – 8 monthly average
Visits in the Hospital (care + towers) – 12 monthly average
Visits with staff (private times) – 4-5 monthly average

Highlights of the Ministry

1) Daily I am able to share, visit privately, pray, encourage and challenge residents, tenants and staff. As you are aware, many don't know the Lord and we have privileges of building bridges to share with them the gospel. We have seen several make commitments to the Lord and renew their walk with Him.

2) We have again seen changes at Meadowood –But God has continued to bless and use Meadowood to touch the lives of many. Some of the changes we saw this past year were in the Leadership at Meadowood: (1) We have a new C.E.O. (Tim Vanderhyde) and he's been a breath of fresh air with his love and commitment to Meadowood and to the residents and staff; and (2) We also have a new Director of Care (Rachel Dacquay) who just started August 10th and has a great knowledge of Personal care and knows the importance of spiritual care for the residents.

3) The Policy Manual for the Chaplaincy Ministry is currently being updated. The Chaplaincy Support committee has spear headed this, with Werner Frers doing most of the review and update. This is required for the Accreditation and Standards Review that the Manor does with the WRHA.

4) We are in the process of purchasing a lap top and projector for the chapel from the money that was given at the Annual Fund Raising dinner for Meadowood. Thanks for the generous giving for this project. This will be very useful in our Church Services, Morning song, Sing Along, Special services and for the Recreation Department.

So “THANK YOU” for volunteering, giving and encouraging the ministry here at Meadowood; you are making an impact for eternity. I want to again remind you that Meadowood Manor is part of the “Mission Field” that you as NAB churches are very much involved in.

Please pray for this important ministry and for me as I reach out to all the residents, tenants, staff and volunteers.

• *Submitted by David Holland – Chaplain*

Summary of the Chaplaincy Ministry at Meadowood Manor

The Chaplaincy Program is built on the basis of the Mission statement of Meadowood:

Meadowood Manor is a residential facility founded by Baptist Churches. Our Mission is to provide a Christian care facility. Guided by the compassion of Jesus Christ, we pursue our mission to satisfy our residents' physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs. Our goal is to provide a Christian setting that preserves the personal dignity of our residents in a peaceful, safe, respectful and supportive environment.

The Chaplaincy program seeks to be a part of meeting this purpose by:

1. Visitation

- a) Casually as we meet residents -- trying to make ourselves visible to the residents at meal times and walking the halls
- b) One on one – as we seek to get to know each resident - as we get to know them we can more effectively serve their “spiritual needs”
- c) In groups as we are involved in different activities
- d) With family members as they visit and call
- e) Seeking to encourage their Spiritual leader (Priest, Pastor, Bishop) to come visit. Making myself available to them.

2. Providing opportunities to Worship

- a) Daily Morning Song – with singing & short personal devotional & prayer
- b) Sunday Worship Services - Where there is opportunity to be together as we sing, share and worship. We have several churches that provide music.
- c) Monthly Communion Services
- d) Memorial Services are held every 2 months
- e) Special Services during the year – Christmas, Easter, etc.
- f) Weekly teaching groups that include a German Bible Study, Inspiration for the Way Study
- g) An Anglican Service is held once a month (at the present time on hold)
- h) A Catholic Service is held once a month
- i) Daily inspirational thought and announcements over the P.A. in PCH

3. Providing opportunity for sharing in music times

- a) A Sing-along is held twice a month –with group singing and outside singers (choirs, quartets, trios, children, university students)
- b) Other opportunities are made available for singing and sharing

The Chaplaincy Program is supported by the residents & tenants of Meadowood, by supporting Churches and various fundraising events:

1. Offerings are received at our Sunday Morning Services
2. We have several very supportive Churches
3. Various fundraising events – include: yard sale, bake sale, concerts, banquets, etc.

The Chaplaincy Program also involves serving in some of the following ways:

1. Serving as Pastor of the Manor Fellowship
2. Serving as Chaplain & Pastor to the tenants of The Meadowood Manor Towers
3. Being available to serve in the various Churches in the area, attending Ministerial events in the area and city
4. Visiting in the Hospital when a resident, tenant or staff are hospitalized.
5. Being available to staff to be a listening ear and source of support.
6. Serving on a Spiritual Care Committee for the health region.

Meadowood Manor Foundation Inc.

- *No report submitted*

General Council Representative

General Council Meetings were held Thursday, May 7 to Saturday, May 9, 2009.

The keynote address of the evening was provided by Executive Director, Dr. Rob McClelland and Vice President of Ministry Outreach, Rev. Norm. Poehlke. Dr. McClelland shared the journey that has taken place since his acceptance of the call to become the Chief Executive Officer and in particular the transitions and ministry development that has occurred since the General Council of a year ago. He went into significant detail how God has led to the two primary foci that the NAB International Office would primarily resource as their service to the churches of the Conference. Important to this revelation was the involvement of the Executive Team and the 13 regional Ministers and the role they play in providing

leadership in the Conference.

Dr. McClelland specifically identified the priority of Leadership Development and went into detail regarding the five levels currently being planned for use in coming years. Rev. Poehlke shared some of the elements that are foundational to the priority of Church Multiplication.

Many changes are taking place in the NAB conference. Notably in the international office. The executive team now consists of:

Executive Director – Dr. Rob. McClelland

Chief operating Officer – Ron Norman

Vice President of Ministry Support – Tony Dunaway

Vice President of Ministry Outreach – Norm Poehlke

Budget Information: Tony Dunaway shared....The giving for the first 7 months of this year has been down by 12%. The new budget for 2009-2010 is decreased by approximately 11% for a projected income of \$6,357,987 and expenses of \$6,446,252 resulting in a deficit of \$88,268. The NAB Foundation has agreed to raise new revenue to be applied to the 09/10 budget. Due to the new economic reality and budget restraints painful decisions had to be made. Some very capable and faithful people's jobs had to be eliminated. There will be no staff salary increases this year. Some areas of income and expenses were cut by 9-30%.

Changes to by-laws and the constitution were worked on to be presented at the Triennial.

Plans are in the works to do most of the communication electronically. A state of the art web site is being set up. Printed material will still be available for the older generation.

Criteria to oversee cooperative organizations were approved by council.

The Hispanics for Christ Organization is in the process of joining with NABC.

CEIF reported that investment income was down considerably. However, it was a good year overall. Probably the best year ever. CEIF plans to move out of its present space at the conference office to find a more suitable location in the Chicago area. They are also looking to open a west coast office with the plan to establish a credit union in the state of California.

Taylor University College and Seminary name has changed to: Taylor College & Seminary...to reflect the new reality of the school.

Sioux Falls Seminary moved to a new building June 19, 2009. They are celebrating their 150th anniversary July 13-15, 2009.

Jackie Howell reports that the Heritage Commission is moving into new quarters at Sioux Falls Seminary. The facilities are very functional and beautiful. Churches and individuals are encouraged to send old records and artifacts to her.

Concern for the low registrations to attend the Triennial were expressed and various methods to encourage attendees were discussed and could be implemented.

With the new Governance policy to be approved at the Triennial, council will be meeting twice a year instead of just once.

• *Submitted by Harry Pohl – MBA General Council Representative*



NAB Executive Director Report

Last year I reported that:

*Our challenges are exceeded by our opportunities,
and our opportunities are exceeded by the greatness of God.*

I believe that more than ever. While 2008 was a year filled with economic and ministry challenges, the hard work of godly and courageous leaders has better positioned us to accomplish God's directives and will for our NAB family of believers. Let me reiterate, today is a great time to serve God in the NAB.

A year of pain, a year of joy. In 2008 we began using "reality based" budgeting at the International Office (IO) in Chicago. That means we were not going to plan to spend more funds than we thought were going to be received from the churches (also meaning that we had to cut \$300,000 out of our budget and lay off two people). Later in the year the economic downturn hit us harder than most. As churches started giving less, again we had to make painful cuts. This has been very painful, but each step has forced us to continue to sharpen our focus, a process that began over a year ago. Narrowing the focus has been a difficult, time-consuming, yet fantastic process. We are not called to continue all of the ministries or support services of the past (when there were twice as many people in the Chicago office). So we have sought God with all of our hearts. And the great news... we believe that we have found him.

In the Hebrew Bible we see the prophet Jeremiah writing a letter to exiles that had lost hope. He accurately defined reality and he did not pull any punches. He told them not to be deceived and to recognize that times were tough. It was a difficult era for all involved, but God, the Creator of all and the Lover of souls continued to care for His people. God had a brighter future that is accentuated by a beautiful passage in Jeremiah 29:

This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 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. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." (Jeremiah 29:10 -14)

Like the others, our denomination or conference of churches has been in a slow decline for over two decades, and in very steep decline for the past ten years. That's OK. As we are famous for saying around the office, "It is what it is... what are we going to do about it?" Friends, for the NAB, God has a future and a hope.

We are living in post denominational times. We are becoming a post-denominational denomination. What?! It's true. We have stopped acting like a denomination (centralized leadership, somewhat inflexible, unable to respond quickly to needs, institutional decision-making model). Our organizational model is unique in all of Christendom. Our beliefs haven't changed one iota and our fervor for the global cause of Jesus Christ increases daily. But the manner in which we serve our missionaries and churches—that must change as we respond to global ministry challenges. We are changing our structure so that our top-level leaders now sit in the Field Director chairs around the world and the Regional Ministers offices around North America. Do you believe it? If not, ask your regional minister! Because in Chicago, we here to serve Christ's Church. Period.

New Global Ministry Priorities. As you read our printed history and talk to the saints at the Heritage Commission, as you listen to our past leaders and as you dig through the archives in Sioux Falls, there is no doubt that God has blessed and directed our conference. I continually ask myself and our leaders, what is on God's heart for us? Where is He calling us to join him? As I noted in my association report last year, "He has confirmed and affirmed our participation in both world missions and church planting. These areas have been on God's heart throughout our existence." And we live in a day where the cry of the world is for Godly prepared leaders. Through a winnowing process wherein we started with five areas that God has used in our history, through listening to our pastors and other leaders, and through research and understanding the times (1 Chronicles 12:32), we firmly believe that God has clearly led us to two global ministry priorities: Leadership Development and Church Multiplication.

Friends, this is great news, so please do not assume anything but the best. In Cameroon, we need medical workers who understand medicine and leadership. In Southern California, we must have growing leaders that understand the need for new churches in an increasingly diverse population. On the prairies we will have leadership development opportunities for pastors and lay leaders who have the desire or the DNA to remain lifelong learners. In the cities we will see multiplied ministries as God's people trust their Savior in new ways. Why do I say this with such confidence? By faith I firmly believe it will happen. You and I get to be a part of it as we trust God together.

There are so many things that I wish I could say. As we have listened to our global leaders and to God, as we have asked and attempted to answer thousands of questions, as we have sought our Savior for His priorities, we whole-heartedly believe that we are moving in God's direction for us. And we are putting that faith into action as we gather resources and plan strategies to see it come to fruition for you, the leaders of the North American Baptist Conference. The best women's ministries and youth ministries are those that have good leaders. The church that is reaching out and multiplying her efforts is the one that is living by faith with leadership that is trusting God in new ways. This is true from Bansa to Bismarck, from British Columbia to Bethlehem, and all points in between.

What does it take to lead in a post-denominational time? At the International Office we believe it takes a new organizational model, a new decision-making model, focused global ministry priorities, and a resoluteness to serve the church. Nothing less will do. If you remember nothing else from this report, remember this: we are you! We are not our own entity: from the beginning the churches of the NAB Conference have believed that they can do more together than they can by themselves. The conference is here only as an extension of the churches. There is no reason for us to exist apart from serving Christ by serving the Church and serving your missionaries. I'm calling on you to financially and prayerfully support yourselves, to enthusiastically fulfill your God-given responsibility as a part of this refocused movement. The NAB exists because you want to send missionaries who will give their lives on the other side of the world, you want to reach out by faith to your neighbors and to the next community, you want and need to develop as a leader and to have a part in developing those around you. That is what you are part of in the NAB. Now is a good time to re-evaluate your commitment. If you are in, then let's get going. In the midst of our own local challenges there is a world that needs the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. We are choosing to have a bold faith and to do something about it. And we are doing it together.

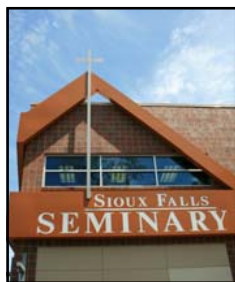
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With thankfulness to God, awe of Jesus Christ, and excitement for working together as a family of churches.

• Submitted by Rob McClelland – NAB Executive Director

Sioux Falls Seminary

New Home



Construction is complete and Sioux Falls Seminary has a new home at 2100 S. Summit Avenue in Sioux Falls.

Features of the new 45,000 square-foot facility, will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, include integrated multi-purpose space, enhanced classroom technology, and green design. Classrooms will be equipped with computers, large flat- screen monitors, and digital audio/ visual equipment. A campus-wide wi-fi connection will also benefit students, faculty, and staff. Among the green elements are coated windows, durable hard-surfaced floors and recyclable tile carpeting, high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, maximum natural light penetration, automated sinks and hand dryers, and more.

“Our intention was to make this a real hub for our ministry and what we are trying to accomplish,” said Dr. Mike Hagan, Sioux Falls Seminary President. “This facility puts it all into one building. Everything is close at hand.”

The 2009-2010 academic year, the first at the seminary’s new home, will begin on August 31, 2009. The first day of classes will conclude with a ceremonial ribbon cutting with the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, trustees, students, and friends.

Visit www.flickr.com/sfseminary to view photos of the new campus and more.

Introducing Lay Certificates and More

Sioux Falls Seminary is pleased to announce its newest endeavor—the Center for Lifelong Learning—which provides Christ-centered continuing education to the community. The Center for Lifelong Learning offers coursework in a variety of areas, including Bible, theology, Christian community development, Christian ministry, and more.

The center’s first two programs being offered are the Certificate in Christian Ministry and the Certificate in Community Development. In addition to a convenient weekend class schedule, the ten-month programs will expose students to basic concepts and skills necessary for day-to-day Christian ministry. The Certificate in Christian Ministry and the Certificate in Community Development, which have no undergraduate degree requirements, are designed for those seeking theological and practical training for service in Christian ministry.

As an extension of the Sioux Falls Seminary’s vision, the center’s mission not only provides lifelong Christian education to adult learners, but also enriches and equips the lives of Christian leaders today and into the future. Additional programming will be added to the center’s offerings—ranging from one-day seminars to additional certificate programs.

Now Enrolling: Certificate in Christian Ministry Interested individuals are encouraged to apply for the first the 2009 Certificate in Christian Ministry program which begins on Saturday, October 17 with an introductory seminar. The remaining courses will take place on the following Saturdays in 09-10:

November 14 – Old Testament

January 16 – New Testament

March 13 – God, Christ and Humanity

December 12 – Sermon Preparation

Feb. 13 – Responsible Use of Scripture

April 10 – Pastoral Care

May 15 – Leading Worship
 July 17 – Church Leadership and Administration

June 19 – Mission of the Church

Contact the admissions department today to receive a Center for Lifelong Learning application or to receive more information on these certificate programs and other educational opportunities at the seminary. Call 800.440.6227 or 605.336.6588 or email info@sfseminary.edu.

Summit House allows students to practice urban ministry

Pettigrew Heights, a neighborhood in the heart of Sioux Falls, SD, has been targeted for revitalization. The ethnically diverse area suffers from the same set of social conditions that impact large urban neighborhoods. Sioux Falls Seminary established Summit House in May 2008 as a way to offer students first-hand learning experiences and a chance to get involved in the revitalization.



How it works

- Summit House provides affordable housing to students who, in return, spend at least five hours per week reaching out to and serving in Pettigrew Heights.
- Summit House collaborates with local churches, organizations, and volunteers in the community to help bring about change in Pettigrew Heights.

Students are serving by:

- developing and nurturing personal relationships with neighborhood residents.
- guiding young students at a nearby elementary school through mentoring and teaching of gardening skills with hopes that the garden, also known as *A Growing Place*, will teach about food production and get other residents interested in gardening.
- reaching out to the homeless and the working poor at the Church of the Warehouse by connecting them with valuable resources needed for day-to-day living.
- developing a house repair effort to respond to the urgent home repair needs and to help empower area residents to help their neighbors with future home repairs.

To learn more: To learn more or find out how you can get involved with or support the ministry of Summit House, please call Sioux Falls Seminary at 800.440.6227 or email info@sfseminary.edu.

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Campus Visits

Community preview days Has God captured your attention or the attention of someone you know? Community Preview Days at SFS offer time to interact with faculty, attend classes, meet students, and share with those who are also discerning the call. To learn more, contact the admissions office at 800.440.6227 or admissions@sfseminary.edu.

Church Visits

We'll come visit you Rev. Randy Tschetter, Director of Church Relations and Alumni, spends a lot of his time on the road. Randy is available to visit with you and your congregation, to preach, or to bring greetings and news on behalf of the seminary. Now any Sunday can be a Seminary Sunday!

If you would like to speak with Randy to arrange a time for him or any seminary faculty member to visit your church, please call 800.440.6227 or e-mail rtschetter@sfseminary.edu.

News & Events

Access to news and event listings is fast and easy. The latest Sioux Falls Seminary news and event listings are always online at: www.sfseminary.edu.

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