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Annual Report to the Society

April 7, 2019



Nominating Committee

We recommend to the Society the following roster of people up for re-election (to a second term) and standing as nominees at the Annual Society Meeting on **April 7**.

Official Board:

Jones Asamoah, Brent Brown, Sabrina Hinds, and Emmanuel Tetteh are continuing on elected terms. Gerard Koffi is stepping down from his position as Board Chair, as he and his family are leaving Kingsview:

- Matt Smith, standing for re-election
- Rick Smith, standing for re-election
- Jabin Carrasco, nominated

Finance Team:

David Campbell (Assistant Treasurer), Jan Burgess, Alison Morgan, and Randy Simmons are all continuing on elected terms.

- Matt Smith (Treasurer), for re-election

Property Team:

Jerry Asiedu, Kasper Hinds, Paul Hogeboom, and Marcella Uzeda are all continuing on elected terms.

- Shawn Bullock, standing for re-election
- Lusper Weir, standing for re-election

Pastor's Cabinet:

Tim Gonyou, Heather Hogeboom and Ann-Marie Smith are continuing on elected terms.

Delegates:

Sabrina Hinds, Sharon Howell, Tim Gonyou, April Lansing and Lois Tomc are all continuing on elected terms.

After 3 years of process, the **Kingsview Sponsorship Program** has been approved as its own charity! Under the leadership of John & Michelle Stewart (mentored by Lowell & Lois Brown) KSP will continue to engage sponsors for the empowerment of children in the Dominican Republic. *Pray for a smooth transition and growth to expand partners beyond our denomination.*

Debbie Hogeboom (former FMC missionary to Kenya and East Africa) is now retired and living in Kingston, Ontario. We had invited her to speak at Kingsview in 2018 but health concerns prevented her visit. *Pray for Debbie as she undergoes cancer treatment.*

Dave & Jenn Wright returned to Canada due to social unrest in Niger. After serving a year as interim Global Ministries directors Dave and Jenn have now been approved as missionaries to the Francophone community. They will be working with French-speaking FMC churches in Quebec, Northern Europe and occasionally returning to Niger to empower local leaders. The MRT is reviewing this new assignment and will make a recommendation regarding their ongoing support. *Pray for Dave and Jenn regarding their choice of location for their home base and for their sons as they adapt to university life.*

Sam & Jenn Harris are team members who have served for several years with Power to Change ministries at the University of Waterloo. They have engaged students with the Gospel and equipped them for a lifetime of ministry. Sam has completed his Ph.D and they are moving to Texas! We look forward to hearing more about this new adventure on April 28. *Pray for the Harris's as they get ready for this big move – for a welcoming church and community in Texas.*

Thanks to all the staff & volunteers that served the Lord through Kingsview this past ministry year!



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Missional Resources

Part 2: Refugee Sponsorship is Kingsview’s pilot project in sponsoring the **Sohail family** (Sohail, Sonia, Sarah, Sharoon-John) as refugees to Canada. The Sohails are currently in Thailand in increasingly dangerous and difficult circumstances as the Thai government cracks down on migrants. The Refugee Sponsorship Team is prepping for the Sohails’ arrival in Canada. *Pray that the Sohails receive an interview date ASAP. Also pray for their health and perseverance as they wait.*

Loreli Cockram is the Young Parents Director with Youth Unlimited in the GTA. Lori sets vision for this ministry, recruits and equips volunteers, prepares curriculum, and resources four active young parents groups in the GTA. While they are many challenges faced by young parents, Lori is encouraged by her enthusiastic volunteers and partner churches and the openness among the program attendees toward the Good News of Jesus. Kingsview increased support for Lori this year. The MRT is exploring the possibility of hosting a young parents group at Kingsview. Lori continues to seek individuals who will partner with her to reach her full funding level (Lori is currently supported at 60%). *Pray for the young parents who are seeking a supportive church community and for Lori as she empowers new leaders.*

Tearfund (formerly World Relief Canada) is FMCiC’s official partner for disaster relief and international aid. Tearfund maximizes our donations by matching them with other partners such as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The MRT will be exploring opportunities with Tearfund beyond World Relief Sunday. Thank you to Yvonne Weir and her team for organizing our yearly Harvest offering. *Pray for those areas of the world currently facing natural disasters: specifically floods and damage due to Cyclone Idai in South-East Africa.*

We participated in Operation Christmas Child (**Samaritan’s Purse**). Thank you to Winifred Sookdeo for her leadership and coordination in this initiative!

Nominations from the Floor:

We regret that not all the positions have nominees standing for election. The following position(s) can receive nominations from the floor during the Annual Society Meeting:

- **1 Official Board position**

Other Volunteer Needs:

- **Nursery;** regular volunteers and a coordinator
- **Sound & Media** technicians
- See ministry area reports for more volunteer opportunities with children, youth & worship

Further Recommendation:

We also recommend that The Official Board:

- Be authorized to appoint an Auditor for the 2019 fiscal year.
- Be authorized to appoint the financial tellers.
- Be authorized to elect the executive officers from within its members.

Respectfully Submitted by The Nominating Committee:

Augustina Amankwah, Rayma Fletcher, and Carolyn Tomc

The official board is responsible for the general supervision of the ongoing operation of the local church and, as such, establishes policies that govern the day-to-day operation of the church and its ministries. We are intentionally developing this team to prayerfully discern decisions & direction.

Team:

Jones Asamoah, Brent Brown (Vice Chair), Sabrina Hinds (1st Delegate), Gerard Koffi (Chair), Matt Smith (Treasurer), Rick Smith and Emmanuel Tetteh. This elected group of members meets monthly (except in July) and, according to the FMCiC by-laws, is responsible for:

- Developing the mission & vision of the church
- Monitoring & evaluating ministry effectiveness

Ministry Highlights:

- LifePlan process (surveys, session participation)
- Board retreat in January was very meaningful
- The Dream Session in January
- Discussion at regular monthly meetings

Prayer Requests:

1. Discernment and wisdom for decision-making
2. God's guidance in the LifePlan process
3. For a vital, healthy church

Looking Ahead:

Here's what we're planning for the 2019-2020 ministry year:

- Updating the employment policy & procedures
- Resourcing through the FMCiC Regional Coach
- Interviewing an additional Lay Minister
- Working on the LifePlan vision with pastors:
 - **Discipleship**
 - **Intergenerational Mentoring**
 - **Cohort Ministry Groups**

Volunteers:

We are thankful for all those that have served as part of this team! Thanks to the many dedicated people that contribute to the church work days, and others on a regular basis behind the scenes.



Window replacement in progress.

Membership:

You don't have to be a member to serve at Kingsview. Please contact Kasper Hinds, any Property Team member or Pastor Darrin if you have any questions.

If you or someone you know has skill and ability in any area of the trades, but especially:

- Electrical
- Plumbing

and/or would like to help on a project, you don't have to be a regular member of the team to do so. Please let one of the team members know – we'd love to serve together.

Comments:

Special thanks go to our custodians Lisa & Dan Hasanalie that work week in and week out to keep our facility clean.



Property Team

The Property Team is responsible for routinely inspecting the church's building, property and equipment to ensure that all are being maintained adequately, and to prioritize maintenance and replacement projects within the constraints of the budget. The team is also to respond appropriately to maintenance requests, organize work days as needed, and to ensure that the church facilities are kept clean. They also manage the rental units in #11 and #17 Kingsview Blvd., and all of our contracted services: custodians, landscaping & snow removal to name a few.

Team:

Point person Kasper Hinds (Chair)

Team Jerry Asiedu, Shawn Bullock, Paul Hogeboom, Lusper Weir, Marcella Uzeda

Staff Support Pastor Darrin, Marcia DaCosta

Ministry Highlights:

- Spring & fall church work days well attended
- Stained glass windows (exterior) painted
- First stage of new landscaping completed
- 17 Kingsview roof replaced
- Broadview Centre windows replaced

Prayer Requests:

1. Discernment re: prioritizing long list of projects
2. Continued good response to church work days
3. More "ownership" from members for our facility

Looking Ahead:

Here's what we're planning in 2019-2020 ministry year:

- Continue next stage of new landscaping
- Update church signs (inside/outside)
- Flat roof repairs
- Refinish wood flooring in sanctuary
- Begin updates on main floor washrooms
- Continue improvements to foyer

Volunteers:

We are thankful for those that have served as part of this team! It is big commitment and an important responsibility.

Gerard Koffi is stepping down from the Board; since moving to Brampton; he and his family are planning to join a local worshipping community there. His contribution will be greatly missed.

We know that mentoring others, especially young(er) leaders, is an important part of any ministry at Kingsview. The Nominating Committee is currently looking to fill the following position in the 2019-2020 ministry year.

- Official Board member



Dream Session table discussion groups, January 2019.

Membership:

In order to serve on the Official Board, you must be a member in good standing and be spiritually mature. Please contact Pastor Darrin, Pastor John-Mark or any member of the Nominating Committee if you have any questions.

Teams:

Children, Youth, Small Groups, Men's and Women's events, and Membership and Baptism classes all fall under the umbrella of Discipleship. Thank you to all those who volunteer and give their time in these vital ministries!

Children Highlights:

Children are welcomed and cared for in our Sunday School as we learn about Jesus from the Bible. This year we have begun to use a video-based curriculum developed by the Meeting House. The children are enjoying the lessons and the discussions we have together afterward. Lots of good questions are asked and answered about what we learn from God's Word.

At Christmas, the children did a great job performing "A Christmas Alphabet" along with the Youth Group and adults. Singing, memorizing and dressing up to tell the story of Jesus was a lot of fun!

Sunday School Teachers: Dean and Sharon Taylor, Aart VanEwyk, Marcia DaCosta, Nancy Brown, Sharon Howell, Yong Zang

Youth Highlights: (April Lansing)

The Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from September through June for T'n'T (Truth and Transformation) and on most Sundays during the sermon time for D&D (Donuts and Discussion).

One of the ways we have been encouraged by our youth is their willingness to grow in prayer!

We also meet about once per month for some special events: bowling, car rally, Fall Retreat, Today's Teens conference – these have all been great times to get to know each other and grow spiritually.

What our teens had to say about this past year:

- Referred families/couples/individuals to professional counselling for a variety of issues
- Facilitated first GriefShare support group

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for deepening of relationships where we can talk about our struggles.
2. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew and sanctify our relationships: family, friendships, parents/children, husbands/wives.
3. Pray for those who have been estranged from fellowship for various reasons, that the Spirit would open their hearts to healing and forgiveness.



International Dinner & Birthday Celebration, May 2018.

Opportunities:

We welcome participation from everyone at Kingsview! We'd love for you to be involved in Prayer, Care and Hospitality:

- Visiting those who can't attend Sunday worship
- Driving someone to/from an appointment
- Praying with the Prayer Team (Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- Giving to the benevolent fund
- Assisting with hospitality events

Speak to Lucy Biggs (Prayer), Connie Asiedu (Care), Lois Tomc (Hospitality) or Pastor Darrin if you would like to help in any of these ways.



Prayer & Care

The Prayer and Care Ministries at Kingsview encompasses all of the ways we support one another, including Hospitality. Many Kingsview members assist with individual needs as they arise. We are very thankful to Kingsview for their generosity of time and money to help our brothers and sisters when they are in need.

Teams:

- Prayer & Care** Connie Asiedu, Elma Balfour, Lucy Biggs, Sharla Gottschalk, Ivy Graham, Victoria Hogg, Norma Reynolds, Yvonne Weir
- Hospitality** Rayma Fletcher, Sara Moreno, Lois Tomc, Pastor Darrin

Highlights:

- Visits and prayer with those in hospital, at home, shut in and/or in nursing homes
- Prayer and care on the phone and social media
- Hospitality events: birthday celebrations, international dinner, Anniversary, etc.

My testimony is my gratefulness to the Lord who by His grace helped me to embrace my passion for caring as a gift from Him. He has equipped me with skill in caring for others. He is the ideal good shepherd to guide us.

If we love and care for one another, we can also live our life with others in our hearts. My experience is based on Psalms 20 and 23.

Connie Asiedu

“At Echo Lake I made a lot of friends with people who share my Christian values.” ■ “I have been learning about what it means to seek after Jesus’ kingdom.” ■ “Our group is fun and welcoming. We’re becoming more like family.” ■ “I understand more how much Jesus loves me.”

We are so encouraged to see our youth growing in faith, in leadership, and in their gifts.

Youth Leaders: April Lansing, Fatima Zane, Johnny Owusu, Pastor J-M (with help from other parents and volunteers at various events)

Adult Ministry Highlights:

- Ladies Bible Study groups continue to meet regularly and support one another beyond the meeting times.
- Summer Sunday Picnics in the Park (organized by Sabrina Hinds)
- Renewed interest in men’s and women’s discipleship groups

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for new discipling relationships that are developing. Pray for our commitment of time to one another for these to flourish.
2. Pray for our youth to be bold for Jesus as they reach out to friends and take on leadership roles in church and our community.
3. Pray for willing volunteers to connect with our children and youth!

Needs:

We would love to have you join us in these teams. We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

- **men’s group co-ordinators**
- **Sunday School teachers and youth leaders**
- **small group hosts and facilitators**



Worship Ministries

Team:

The Worship Leadership Team consists of Sharon Lindsay, Sara Moreno, Dean Taylor and Pastor John-Mark Cockram. This group prays for our musicians and singers, creatively plans services and reviews our songlist. They plan learning opportunities for the music and audio-visual teams as well as booking guest speakers and musicians.

Ministry Highlights:

- A Christmas Alphabet presented in Advent by our children, youth and some adults!
- Palm Sunday Praise Service and Easter Choir
- Our youth group leading Good Friday service
- Toronto Mass Choir concert
- Hosting World Day of Prayer for local churches



Youth & Young Adults sharing about Echo Lake Camp.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for openness to the Spirit as we worship together – that we would be free in our response to God’s Word and his presence
2. Pray for a continued openness to our wonderful variety of cultural expressions in worship: new songs, ways of praying, visual arts and dance
3. Pray that our youth and children will continue to use their gifts as they lead us in worship
4. Pray for volunteers in all areas, especially more sound and media operators

door at the **SEE School** (behind 2063 Islington) to run a lunch program. *Pray for volunteers who will be available to connect with this key opportunity.*

Pastor J-M has also been building bridges to the community by attending and supporting the **Kingsview-Westway Neighbourhood Action Plan** (KVW-NAP) which is a group that works on developing local resources for a thriving community. He also is a part of the **Etobicoke Strategy** which is a partnership of local churches whose purpose is to address and respond to gun violence in the community. Prince Gbeklui is Kingsview’s representative on the **Community Police Liaison Committee** (CPLC). *Pray that these connections yield new local opportunities and spread the *shalom* of Jesus in our neighbourhood.*

Looking Ahead:

Here’s what the MRT is hoping for in 2019-2020:

- Welcome the Sohails to Canada!
- Increase involvement of members in mission activities in our neighbourhood and beyond
- Assign a layperson to be the “champion” for each missionary or partner organization
- Complete a missions strategy/policy
- Visits/updates from all supported missionaries
- Expand/identify local needs that will build bridges to our community

Opportunities: Ways you can be involved:

- Volunteer to assist with the Bike Shop
- Give time, money, space, furniture for the Sohails’ arrival, once approved
- Teach or assist in an ESL class
- Help prepare lunch for the SEE school (4 volunteers could get this new initiative going)
- Assist with Christmas giving initiatives
- Become a “champion” for one of our missionaries/mission partners: help keep Kingsview informed, stay in contact with them
- Write a letter of encouragement to a missionary
- Go on a short-term trip with one of our partners
- Attend a community meeting with Pastor J-M
- Support any youth who may go on a summer mission trip

Part 1: The Missional Resource Team (MRT) is the ministry group that encompasses the former Global Missions Team, the Refugee Sponsorship & Settlement Team, and brings all our local missional activities under one umbrella.

Team: This past year, Winifred Sookdeo, Sabrina Hinds, Shawn Bullock, Dean Taylor, Jan Burgess and Pastor J-M were active members. The MRT is the group tasked with discerning the direction of our local & global missional activities and creating a ministry plan/strategy for Kingsview regarding

- Free Methodist missionary support
- Local & global para-church partnerships
- Congregation-based missional activities

Please pray wisdom for the MRT as we discern a strategy for evaluating new requests for support as well as implement that strategy to keep our congregation connected and informed on all our missionaries and partners.

Ministry Highlights: This has been a year of changes for many of Kingsview's long-time missionaries and missionary partners.

The **Bike Shop** is a local initiative in partnership with neighbours Steve and Sandy Frieswick. It currently runs out of the garage at #17 Kingsview. There are new opportunities arising with Dixon Park redevelopment. The Bike Shop has been identified by the City as a community partner who could help facilitate a city bike hub. Pray for wisdom for the MRT as they investigate the possibilities for the bike shop going forward.

The **Breakfast Program** at Kipling Collegiate Institute (KCI) was discontinued in October of 2018 due to the renovation of the school's cafeteria. Thank you to all the faithful volunteers and to Ceceile Smith for coordinating. The administration at Kipling remains open to new initiatives with Kingsview. There is also an open

Looking Ahead:

- More services where we experience the power of prayer and praise!
- Introducing new songs from various cultures
- Increasing our use of visual arts, dance, and creative expressions of worship

Volunteers:

"Serving in the worship ministry has made me more sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit." ■ "I love hearing testimonies - I'm encouraged and also can know how to pray for others." ■ "One Sunday I remember being overcome as I was helping lead worship I had to stop singing. I was being real and honest with God about the struggle I was going through ...His presence was real to me in that service!"

We are thankful for those that have served as part of this team! They are too numerous to list here but each one has played a valuable role in directing us toward our Triune God in worship. Over **60** people regularly participate in our worship ministry! **Thanks to our worship leaders, musicians, vocalists, sound & media techs, decorators, preachers, readers, prayer leaders, ushers, communion helpers and greeters.**

We would love to have you join us in leading others in worship! We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

- **Musicians and singers for music teams**
- **Sound techs and media computer operators**
- **Readers for liturgy, scripture in our services**
- **Special music soloists and groups**
- **Painters, quilters and dancers!**

- To join our *seasonal choirs*, no audition is necessary. Come out & enjoy singing together. We need more men!
- There is an audition/interview process for those who play/sing on *Sunday Mornings*. You can request an application from anyone on the Leadership Team.
- If you are interested in reading Scripture or leading liturgy, please contact Pastor J-M.



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The Year in Pictures



Youth leading the Good Friday Service.



Toronto Mass Choir concert.



Generosity presentation with Board & Finance Team.



Summer "discipleship in the park" group.



Bike Shop (Kasper and Jayden working in background).



September to December birthday celebration.



Sir Tommy Jingles and Loquacious Larry usher in Advent.