



KINGSVIEW CHURCH

A Free Methodist Church in Canada Congregation

Annual Report to the Society

March 21, 2021



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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 2021 Annual Society Meeting scheduled for **March 21**.

Official Board:

Alison Morgan, and Rick Smith are continuing on elected terms:

- Jones Asamoah, Brent Brown, and Emmanuel Tetteh are up for re-election to a 2nd term
- **Two nominees needed**

Finance Team:

Jan Burgess, David Campbell and Alison Morgan (Treasurer) are continuing on elected terms:

- Randy Simmons, up for re-election to 2nd term

Property Team:

Lusper Weir is continuing on his elected term:

- Jerry Asiedu, Shawn Bullock, and Paul Hogeboom are up for re-election to a 2nd term
- Aart Van Ewyk is nominated

Pastor's Cabinet:

Ann-Marie Smith is continuing on her elected term. Tim Gonyou, and Heather Hogeboom are up for re-election to a second term.

Delegates:

Nominees to the coming 3-year term (note: this is an FMCiC General Conference year): Sharon Howell (1st), April Lansing (2nd), Tim Gonyou (3rd), and Johnny Owusu (Reserve).

Special Mention:

The following people have stepped down from their service; we appreciate your contributions!

- Jabin Carrasco (Board Chair and also not able to be renewed as a Licensed Lay Minister)
- Kasper Hinds (Property Chair).

Thanks to all the staff & volunteers that served the Lord through Kingsview this past ministry year! We are especially thankful for the technical contributions of Michael Bechard and Jaden Hinds who have faithfully edited our online services this past ministry year.



Official Board

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 (Secretary), Brent Brown (Vice Chair), Jabin Carrasco (Chair), Sharon Howell (1st Delegate), Alison Morgan (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:

- Adapting to the new reality of ministry during a pandemic and the post-COVID situation
- Smooth transition to online ministry platforms
- Equipping Kingsview for livestream services
- Navigating new policies re: physical distance restrictions was a substantial focus this year!
- Pastor Darrin's sabbatical (summer 2020)
- Renewing Lay Minister Licenses: Sarah Amafu, Jabin Carrasco and Dean Taylor
- New Board Communications plan, Ministry Calendar and praying for ministry areas

Prayer Requests:

1. Wisdom and discernment,
2. The health of our church,
3. Vision of what the church looks like in the coming five years.
4. Continued support for staff & volunteers

Looking Ahead: Here's what we're planning for in 2021-2022:

- Preparing for a return to in-person services and large gatherings
- Revamp and relaunch Kingsview's Core Values and Mission Statement
- Pastor John-Mark's Sabbatical

Pastoral Leave of Absence

The Manual of the FMCiC makes allowance for times when a pastor requires a short leave of absence (§374.6). The reason for a medical leave includes leave for mental health care.

Pastor John-Mark's leave of absence was from Jan. 5th to March 14. The board and others, including Pastor Darrin were regularly in communication with him and supported him and his family.

Your support of the Cockram family was a huge blessing during Pastor J-M's leave. You were a source of encouragement through your prayer and care.

We give God thanks and praise for his recovery so far! Pastor J-M has a gradual return to work plan.



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Finance Team

This team responsible for the overall administration of the financial assets of the church, as directed by the official board. It is important that the team members be spiritually mature, with a vision for supporting and developing the ministries of the ministry of the church.

Team:

Janet Burgess, Dave Campbell (Assist. Treasurer),
Alison Morgan (Treasurer), and Randy Simmons.

Ministry Highlights:

- 2020 surplus of \$45,645
- Lifetime surplus of \$66,795
- Consistent giving pattern during crisis

Prayer Requests:

1. God's provision during the COVID crisis!
2. A new team member in 2021-22
3. Discernment for ministry direction

Looking Ahead:

Here's what we're planning for the 2021-2022:

- Streamline the monthly reporting process
- Develop a narrative-style budget
- Expand online giving options

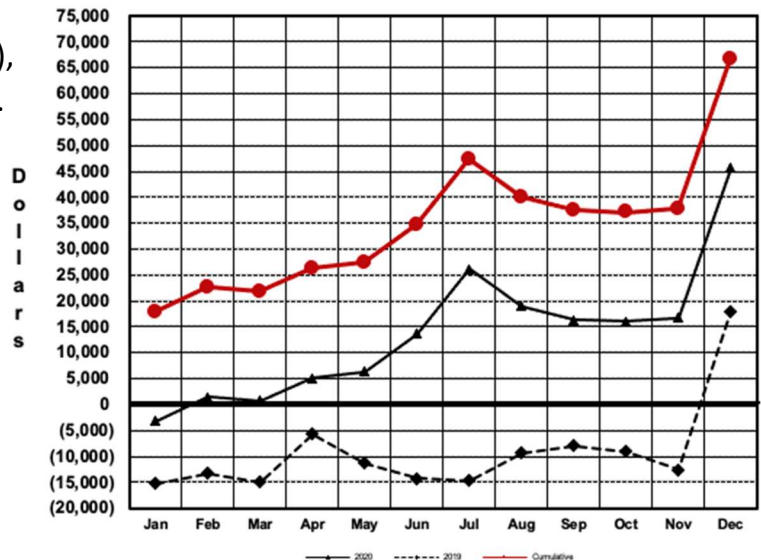
Volunteers:

We are thankful for those that have served as part of this team!

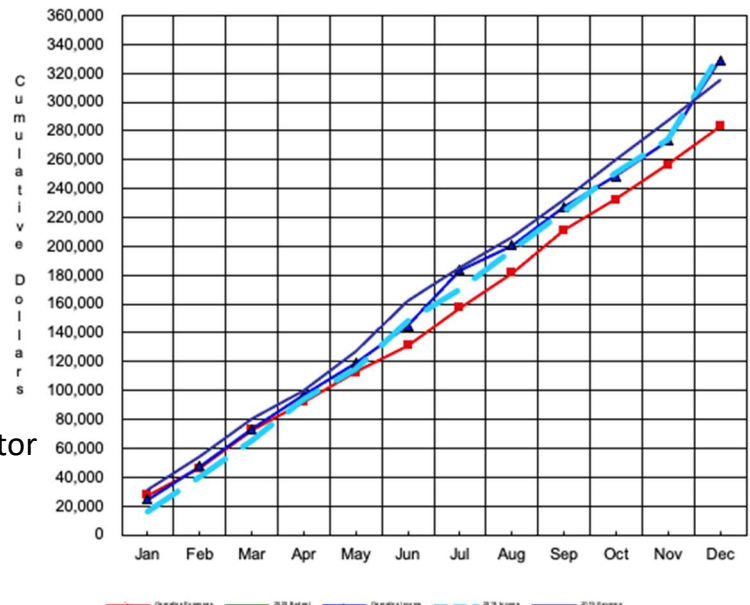
Comments:

Further thanks to our Communications Coordinator Marcia DaCosta, Bookkeeper, Nancy Burrell, and Auditor, Peter Hogg, for their support as we Steward the resources God has given Kingsview.

ANNUAL OPERATING DEFICIT/SURPLUS



OPERATING EXPENSE & INCOME vs BUDGET



A huge thank you to Dave Campbell for the ongoing support and guidance during 2020 and Brent for making the time to support in the role as Treasurer intermittently throughout the year.



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 also responds appropriately to maintenance requests, organizes workdays as needed, and ensures 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:

Jerry Asiedu, Shawn Bullock, Kasper Hinds (outgoing Chair), Paul Hogeboom, and Lusper Weir. Staff support from Pastor Darrin, and Marcia DaCosta.

Ministry Highlights:

- Completely repainted the Broadview Centre's main floor, men's washroom and entryways (thanks Dan!)
- Set-up sanitizing stations at the entryways and public health posters in the building
- Implemented additional sanitizing routines
- Removed sound booth and installed a new audio/visual station
- Small projects completed in rental units
- Fall Church workday – in-person!!



We had beautiful weather for our Fall outdoor workday the first weekend in November.

Prayer Requests:

1. Discernment in prioritizing the long list of projects in our aging facility
2. Provision for upcoming major projects such as flat roof replacement, and paving.

Looking Ahead:

Here's what we're planning for the 2021-2022 ministry year:

- Washrooms/foyer refresh, electrical repairs, cleaning pew cushions, refinish wood floors

Special Thanks:

A very special thanks to Kasper Hinds, the team's chairperson for many years, and team member for even longer; he has been serving, uninterrupted since before the flood in 2013! Thank you Kasper!! We are also grateful for all of our contractors that assist us in keeping the property in good shape, especially our custodians, Dan & Lisa Hasanalie, who go above and beyond in the work they are contracted to do.



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Discipleship Ministries

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: (Marcia DaCosta)

2020 was indeed a "different" kind of year and its impact has definitely been felt within our Children's Ministry. Since the cancellation of in person gathering in March, we have not been able to meet in person with our Kingsview Kids and we miss them dearly. Our main challenge was to ensure that our children remain engaged during this new virtual world.

Each week the lesson and activity were posted on our Facebook page and we encouraged the children and their families engage with the material at home. Also, one of our Teachers, Nancy Brown, engaged the children twice directly in our Facebook Live Sunday Worship Service. Special effort was also made to include the children in some of our services; namely our Mother's Day Service, Father's Day Service and our traditional Christmas program which is usually led by the Kingsview Kids and Youth. The latter was an excellent way to end the year in Children's Ministry. There were many compliments on how wonderful the program was. We are grateful to all the parents or guardians who assisted us in having the videos done for the various services.

As anticipated, however, engagement with the Facebook posts have been low and so as we look ahead, we are working on new ideas to boost engagement. We are also making a deliberate and purposeful attempt to have our children involved in one service per month. We look forward to seeing them involved in this way and look forward to many more connection times with them.

Sunday School Teachers: Nancy Brown, Marcia DaCosta, Sharon Howell, Dean and Sharon Taylor, Aart Van Ewyk, and Yong Zhang.

Youth Highlights: (April Lansing)

While the Youth Group has continued to meet regularly online during the Pandemic, before in-person events were cancelled in March 2020 we had 2 special events. We had a games night in January where we shared our favorite games (Wii and board games) and snacks. In February several youth and leaders went to Today's Teens Conference at The Meeting House in Oakville, where we always enjoy the variety of workshops and awesome worship.

We have continued to host regular TnT (Truth and Transformation) youth nights, switching from bi-weekly meetings to weekly in the fall, and on most Sundays, D&D (Donuts and Discussion). We have also had a few special events: in June we ended the school year with an in home scavenger hunt, and in October, we enjoyed a virtual watch party for the live broadcast of the Change Conference.

Many of our youth took up the challenge to memorize verses connected to the commands of Jesus in the spring. This fall we learned about spiritual practices with a series called Sticky Faith by The Fuller Institute.

Though we missed leading the Good Friday Service last year, the youth at Kingsview have remained engaged in Sunday services by helping with announcements, preparing some special music and helping the tech team to prepare the services. The youth do most of the service on the 4th Sundays.

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

Prayer Requests: more volunteers, youth to continue growing in their faith, teaching that transforms.

Adult Ministry Highlights:

- Groups for discipleship & learning opportunities – Gather Women’s group, Family Small Group, Jesus in Focus, C.S. Lewis Book Club, Membership Class, Tuesday Evening James Growth Group
- Ladies Bible Studies stayed in contact and were able to meet as COVID restrictions allowed



Family Small Group's in-person dinner and discussion on Grace-Based Parenting in March 2020.

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!

Looking Ahead:

Here’s what discipleship ministries hope to see in the 2020-2021 ministry year:

- intergenerational opportunities to mentor and to learn together

Needs:

We would love to have you join us in these teams. Speak to Pastor J-M if you have an interest in any of these areas! We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

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



Missional Resources Team

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

Team:

This past year, Sabrina Hinds, Shawn Bullock, Dean Taylor, Jan Burgess and Pastor J-M comprised the team. 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:

Tearfund is the FMCiC's official partner for disaster relief and international aid. Our usual Fall Harvest Offering was postponed to allow us to hold that opportunity for generosity when COVID restrictions loosen. Kingsview received a note of thanks from Tearfund for our ongoing support through this difficult season. You can view a video update and report here: <https://youtu.be/wlQ1Lu-eFgA> Pray for Venezuela, and other 2/3 World countries as they deal with poverty and pandemic health.

Kingsview also participated in Operation Christmas Child which is run by **Samaritan's Purse**. Thank you to Winifred Sookdeo and Jan Burgess for their leadership and coordination in this initiative! 60+ shoeboxes were sent out from Kingsview in December 2020.

As of January 1, 2020, The **Kingsview Sponsorship Program** is now officially a separate charitable entity. Under the leadership of John & Michelle Stewart KSP will continue to engage sponsors for the empowerment of children in the Dominican Republic. KSP will continue to be Kingsview's first recommendation for child sponsorship.

Sam & Jenn Harris had hoped to continue their involvement with Power to Change in their new home in Texas. In addition to that door closing, Jenn received an MS diagnosis in Sept 2020. Jenn is receiving good medical care through Sam's work benefits – an answer to prayer! Pray for continued treatment for Jenn and for the Spirit to draw them into new ministry.

Refugee Sponsorship is Kingsview's pilot project in sponsoring the **Sohail family** (Sohail, Sonia, Sarah, Sharoon John) as refugees to Canada. The lawyer that the team hired received notice that their application for leave (a review of the previous denial) and we are waiting for their hearing date. **Pray that the Sohails receive a favourable review of their case from the new Canadian judge in Asia. 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 staff and volunteers, and prepares curriculum and resources for six active young parents groups in the GTA. Many Kingsview people participated in the Scotiabank Run Fundraiser which surpassed its goal and raised over \$14 000 for program costs and young parent supports. God has blessed this ministry with exponential growth as programs moved online during COVID (from 25-30 young families in 2019 to 50-60 families in 2020)! **Pray for the young parents who are isolated during COVID and for Lori as she continues to raise her personal support and recruit new staff for key positions.**



Some of the 5K Charity Fundraiser team supporting Young Parents in October.

Summer 2020 allowed for 2 youth to be hired through the Canada Summer Jobs program to work with our partners in Dixon Ministries which welcomes newcomers to Canada. Krista Hinds and Rebecca Bruce did an amazing job as online coordinators and ESL teachers/coaches! **Pray for this summer's opportunities and the students who will be hired.**

Dixon Ministries ESL program that usually meets in the Broadview Education wing of our building Monday to Thursday each week, successfully pivoted to online programming as the COVID restrictions prevented in-person class gatherings. **Pray for this vital ministry to newcomers to Canada that provides practical skills and a clear demonstration of Jesus' love through churches working together in the community.**

Pastor J-M has also been building bridges to the community by attending and supporting 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). In the fall, a connection was made through Aart Van Eywk to **The Neighbourhood Table** program headed by St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Etobicoke. This existing program is expanding its reach to help provide food security for seniors and families in our local area. Several families benefitted from the program in the winter session 2021. **Pray that these connections yield new local opportunities and spread the *shalom* of Jesus in our neighbourhood.**

Looking Ahead:

Here's what we hope to see 2021-2022:

- welcoming the Sohails to Canada!
- increasing involvement of Kingsview members in activities in our neighbourhood & beyond
- assigning a layperson to be a "champion" for each missionary or partner organization
- completing a missions strategy/policy
- visits/updates from all supported missionaries
- expand/identify local needs to build bridges in our community
- hiring 4 summer students through the Canada Summer Jobs program
- continuing to work together with Dixon ESL and further develop connections with The Neighbourhood Table program



Kingsview's pastors at the Etobicoke Strategy March for Peace in June 2020.

Opportunities:

Ways you can be involved in Mission at Kingsview:

- teach or assist in an ESL class
- become a volunteer driver or pack food for The Neighbourhood Table program
- become a "champion" for one of our missionaries/mission partners: learn about their work, help keep Kingsview informed, stay in contact with them
- join the refugee team to assist the efforts to see the Sohails join us in Canada
- donate to any of Loreli's supply drives for young parents, run/walk in October funrun
- assist with Christmas giving initiatives
- write a letter of encouragement to one of our missionaries
- go on a short-term mission 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



Kingsview representing at the Etobicoke Strategy March for Peace.



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 generous care for our brothers and sisters when they are in need.

Teams:

Prayer & Care: Connie Asiedu, Elma Balfour, Lucy Biggs, Marcia DaCosta, Sharla Gottschalk Ivy Graham, Victoria Hogg, Norma Reynolds, Yvonne Weir, and Pastor Darrin.

Hospitality: Shawn Bullock, Rayma Fletcher, Sara Moreno, Ann-Marie Smith and Lois Tomc.

Ministry Highlights:

- Faithful, consistent Prayer Team ministry and answered prayers!
- Updated directory for Care Team
- Events: Jan.-April (2020) Birthday celebration, 57th Anniversary Celebration on Zoom, and a first-ever *virtual* Chili Bowl competition.
- GriefShare in Jan/Feb, and two sessions of “Surviving the Holidays” in Nov/Dec
- Distribution of Benevolent funds, including support for the Salvation Army, and Generous Christmas gift cards
- Compassionate support for grieving families
- Personalized care for Pastor J-M and the Cockram family.



Physically distanced visit to new parents Nathan & Josie, and baby Gracie in May.

Prayer Requests:

1. New team member(s); especially need more men! And equipping team with care skills.
2. Find good tools to organize, expand and deepen care ministry

Looking Ahead:

Here's what we're planning for the 2021-2022 ministry year:

- Further organizing, expanding, deepening care ministry, including more training of Care Team members in specific pastoral care skills
- Development of more comprehensive care network(s)
- Exploring additional support groups; e.g. DivorceCare, Celebrate Recovery, etc.



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Worship Ministries

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.

Team:

Worship Leadership Team consists of Sharon Lindsay, Sara Moreno, Dean Taylor and Pastor J-M.

Ministry Highlights:

- Moving to online services presented many creative and technical challenges as we did our best with the health regulations placed on churches
- Much thanks to everyone who has read scripture, sung songs, preached, shared announcements in a service! You have been a blessing to Pastor J-M and the team
- Our Intergenerational Christmas service was a highlight with children, adults and youth sharing unique intercultural Christmas songs!
- Technical support from Michael Bechard, Norm Lansing, and Jaden Hinds has been invaluable in making our online worship possible – thanks for all your time!
- Powerful preaching series on James connected with growth group meetings and reminded us of Jesus' kingdom values



Livestream worship service from March 2020.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for an end to COVID restrictions and celebration as we return to in-person gatherings
2. Pray that our online connections will be fruitful and encouraging to all who participate

Coming This Year:

- 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:

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

- **sound techs**
- **musicians and singers for music teams**
- **media computer operators**
- **readers for liturgy and scripture in our services**
- **special music soloists and groups**
- **painters, quilters and dancers!**
- **choir members – we need more men!**

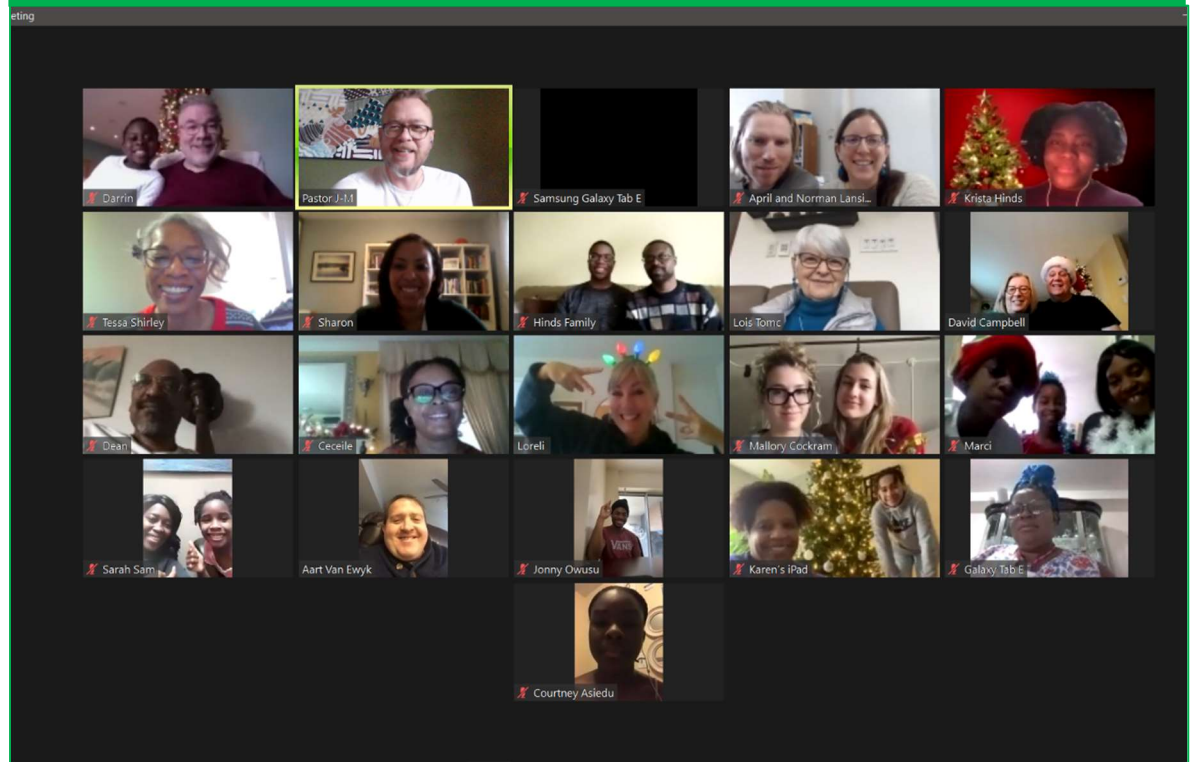


The more people from the congregation that are involved in our worship services, the greater the expression of who God has called us to be as a church family.

- To join our *seasonal choirs*, no application is necessary. Come out and enjoy singing together!
- 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 directly.

The Previous Year in Pictures

Christmas Service – The After Party 🤗



Kingsview Children and Youth Virtual Christmas Service





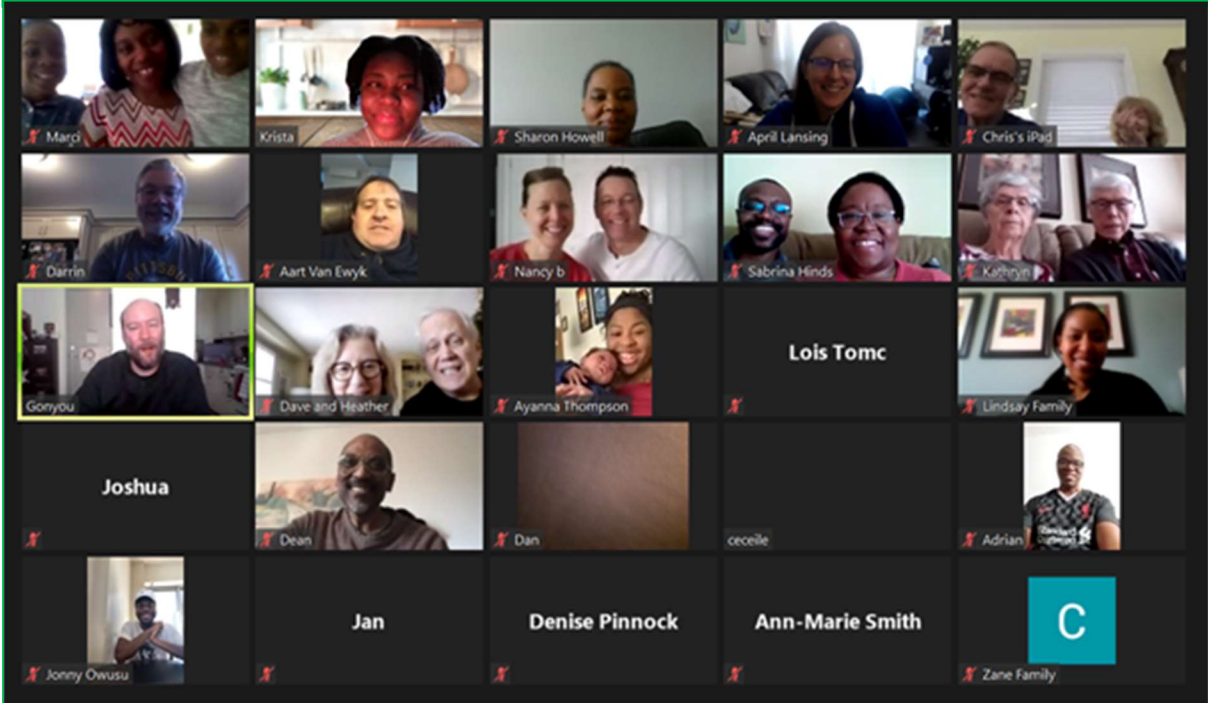
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The Previous Year in Pictures

2020 Kingsview Runners in support of Young Parents



Men's Virtual Chili Cookoff was so much fun!





Pastoral Team



Co-Pastor Darrin Lindsay



Co-Pastor John-Mark Cockram



Assistant Pastor Sabrina Hinds,
Ministerial Candidate



Sarah Amafu,
Lay Minister



Jabin Carrasco,
Lay Minister



Dean Taylor,
Lay Minister



Marcia DaCosta
Communications Coordinator



Official Board



Jabin Carrasco, Chair



Brent Brown, Vice-Chair



Alison Morgan, Treasurer



Jones Asamoah, Secretary



Sharon Howell, Delegate



Richard Smith



Emmanuel Tetteh