



KINGSVIEW CHURCH

A Free Methodist Church in Canada Congregation

Annual Report to the Society

May 15, 2022



Letter from the 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.

Dear Kingsview:

It is with humble gratitude that we (the Board) report to you our friends and family of Kingsview for the 2021 ministry year.

The Board maintained our regular cadence of monthly meetings throughout the year, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. It was a challenge to continue to meet using Zoom as we learned to interact digitally rather than face to face.

We began the year in January of 2021 with difficult circumstances with former Pastor JM Cockram asking for our support in his request for extended time off dealing with some health challenges. In May, Pastor JM informed us that he would be stepping away from the ministry at Kingsview. That decision created a difficult time for the Board and leadership as we worked through a plan to move forward.

We worked with the FMCiC as we entered what was believed to be a time of “transition” (generally reserved for churches who find themselves without a pastor). This kicked off a season of work for the Board which involved hiring Dennis Ball to help us develop key elements of the Life Plan (a process to assist churches in transition to refocus and set direction). Many of you participated in some of those focus groups and for that we are grateful.

During this time we worked to adjust Pastor Darrin’s Job Description in order to align his areas of focus during the time of transition.

We want to acknowledge and thank Pastor Sabrina who stepped up and absorbed an expanded set of responsibilities during this time. Her role has been crucial in support of Pastor Darrin. We also want to thank Dean Taylor, Sarah Amafu and Jabin Carrasco who also took on speaking responsibilities during this past year.

Recently (March), after further dialog with the FMCiC, it was decided that due to Pastor Darrin’s continued role as a Senior Pastor we were not actually in “transition” (and therefore, no longer

required complete the Life Plan tasks). As a Board we communicated that we would take some time to discern next steps and listen to God's leading. It is important to note that our communication to the congregation included the admission that our process was not moving along at the speed we hoped for. The impacts of Covid remain in our attendance and participation at Kingsview and this certainly has had an impact on our progress.

We want to share that our ministry situation remains fluid. We are pleased to share with you that the Board affirmed the appointment of Pastor Darrin to the position of Interim Lead Pastor of Kingsview Free Methodist Church as declared by the FMCiC. This designation serves as a point of clarity for Pastor Darrin as he is now freed to develop a Ministry Plan at the request of the Board for the near term (2 years). This time period was set because we continue to feel the impacts of COVID on our congregation and it was deemed necessary to only plan that far ahead.

We want to say a special thanks to Pastor Darrin and Sharon for their faithfulness and dedication to our church family during this time of change. We are so grateful for the way he has loved and served so many families facing hardship and loss. It has not been an easy time in many ways.

Due to our previous Co-Pastor model and its unique implications when one pastor leaves, the FMCiC continues to modify our church's next steps. As we progress in this season of change, we will further clarify our actions and plans based on direction from the denomination. Please continue to pray for us and reach out to any of us on the Board with questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Kingsview FMC Board,
Brent Brown (Chair)
Sharon Howell (First Delegate)
Jones Asamoah (Secretary)
Alison Morgan (Out-going Treasurer)
Randy Simmons (In-coming Treasurer)
Rick Smith
Emmanuel Tetteh



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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 2022 Annual Society Meeting scheduled for **May 15**.

Official Board:

Jones Asamoah, Brent Brown, Randy Simmons and Emmanuel Tetteh are continuing on elected terms:

- Rick Smith is up for election beyond a 2nd term
- Christine Pakkianathen is nominated
- One additional nominee is needed

Finance Team:

Randy has been appointed as Treasurer (1st term), while Alison is stepping down as Treasurer but remains on the team.

- Alison Morgan is up for re-election to 2nd term
- Amma Davis is nominated
- One additional nominee is needed

Property Team:

Jerry Asiedu, Shawn Bullock, Paul Hogeboom, Aart Van Ewyk and Lusper Weir are continuing on elected terms:

- Hamid Givetash & Kasper Hinds are nominated

Pastor's Cabinet:

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

Delegates:

Delegates are continuing in their elected terms: Sharon Howell (1st), April Lansing (2nd), Tim Gonyou (3rd) and Johnny Owusu (Reserve).

In Memorial:

We wish to acknowledge the incredible contribution that David Campbell has made to the Finance Team at Kingsview over 20+ years.

Dave and his self-less dedication, knowledge, skill and witty sense of humour are deeply missed.

The very recent loss of Janet Burgess is only beginning to be felt. Jan was a vibrant contributor to Finance, MRT, and the Sohail Sponsorship.

Her kindness & generosity went well beyond these public ministries and she served so many people in practical ways.

Thanks to all the staff & volunteers that served the Lord through Kingsview this past ministry year! The Nominating Committee is committed to matching people's spiritual gifts with the roles needed.



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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 (Outgoing Treasurer), and Randy Simmons (Incoming Treasurer).

Ministry Highlights:

- 2021 surplus of \$65,000
- Lifetime surplus of \$130,000
- Support of Ministries during 2021

Prayer Requests:

- A new team member to join in 2022
- Discernment for ministry direction

Looking Ahead:

Plan for 2022 - 2023:

- Exceed the previous annual Anniversary giving, in 2021 we collected \$13,000 down slightly from 2020
- Complete some outstanding projects supported by benevolence giving.

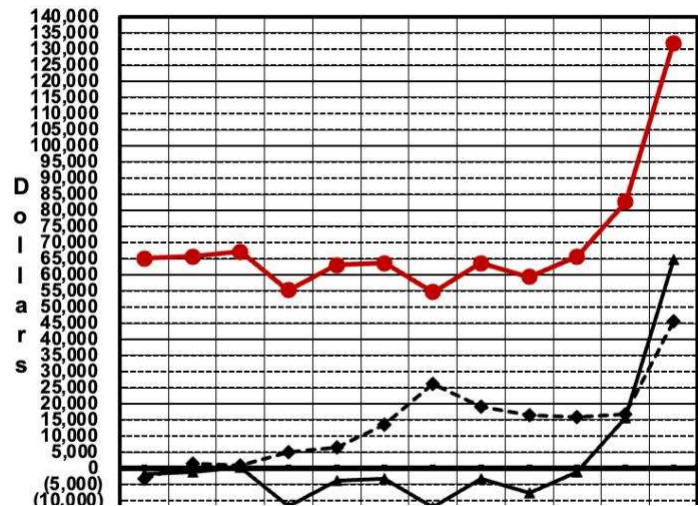
Volunteers: We are thankful for those that have served as part of this team and we are looking for more volunteers.

Comments:

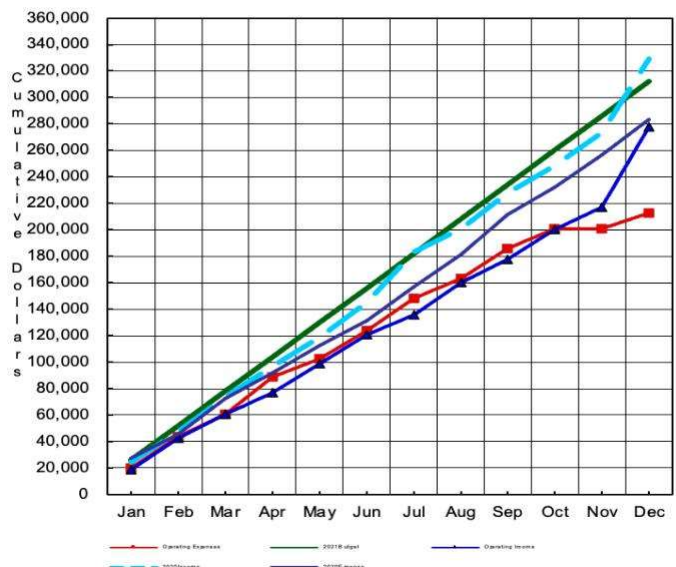
Further thanks to Marcia DaCosta, Nancy Burrell (Bookkeeper), and Peter Hogg (Auditor), for their support as we steward the resources God has given Kingsview. We welcome Randy Simmons as the new Treasurer and look forward to working with him to accomplish the strategy for 2022 -2023.

This report is in memoriam of Dave Campbell and Jan Burgess, we are grateful for each of them, their support and their gifted participation on the Finance Team and in the life of their church family.

ANNUAL OPERATING DEFICIT/SURPLUS



OPERATING EXPENSE & INCOME vs BUDGET





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:

Shawn Bullock (Chair), Jerry Asiedu, Paul Hogeboom, Lusper Weir, and Aart Van Ewyk. Property's Board Liaison is Richard Smith.

Ministry Highlights:

- Roof and drainage replacements on the Broadview Education Center
- Teardown and replacement of the media center on the balcony
- Painting in the Broadview Center's washrooms, lounge and hallways as well as the balcony and the foyer washroom



New media center in the balcony for sound & streaming

Volunteer Activities:

Gathering restrictions limited our ability to plan our traditional volunteer workdays. We were able to have one workday that proved to be very productive. Many tasks, both inside and outside, were performed in preparation for the return of regular Sunday worship services in September 2021.

Prayer Requests:

Please continue to pray for our team as we move forward in the coming year and make the decisions necessary for the church structure and our congregation.

Looking Ahead:

As we look into 2022/ 2023 the property team plans to focus on some key items. This includes:

- Repairs to our two adjacent properties. Various repairs are needed at both properties. Some have been completed but many still remain
- Assess Major Projects. There are many major repairs need and the team will continue to view funding requirements & feasibility to complete this year or plan for the near future



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)

Initially, we began 2021 by posting our lessons and activities on our Facebook page for kids and families to engage home. During the summer months, however, the Children's Ministry team thought it best to have our classes via zoom as it would allow for better engagement with the kids. We were able to see and interact with the children, singing, dancing, teaching etc. It made a positive impact on both the teachers and children. Then with restrictions lifted in September, we were able to finally welcome our children back to Sunday School in person. A survey was sent out to parents to gauge their comfort level and concerns. All parents were comfortable in having their children attend once the COVID-19 protocols were maintained. So, we officially transitioned to in person classes in late September.

Our children continued to play a role in our Sunday Services on the fourth Sunday of each month. They also participated in many special services throughout the year such as Palm Sunday, Mother's Day and Father's Day. The biggest highlight was the Christmas Musical put on by the children and youth. We were fewer in numbers, but they still were able to perform a



Children and Youth performing the Christmas Musical – 'Good News Ahead'

wonderful musical that blessed those who attended in person or online. Special thanks to Dean in selecting another wonderful musical and for working so hard with the team to prepare the children and youth. We remain grateful to all the parents/guardians for their support in sending out their children and helping to prepare them for special services.

Prayer Requests:

As we continue to disciple these little ones, we have the following prayer requests:

1. For more volunteers in the ministry especially in our nursery area
2. Wisdom and direction of the ministry team in the best way to engage the children
3. That more of our Kingsview families with children will return to in person services.
4. For new families with children from in and around to community to join us

Sunday School Teachers: Nancy Brown, Marcia DaCosta, Sharon Howell, Dean Taylor, Aart Van-Ewyk and Sharon Wade-Taylor

Youth Highlights: (April Lansing & Jonny Owusu)

During 2021 the Youth Group continued to meet (Praise the Lord!) sometimes on zoom and sometimes in person. In early 2021, we read through the book of John together, discussing a chapter each week, as we met weekly on Zoom. We had a great turnout for the Youth and Young Adult Farewell for Pastor John-Mark in June, playing bocce ball and volleyball in the park before going for ice cream.

We are so thankful to all the youth that have participated in our virtual services! All of us at Kingsview are blessed by their regular participation; doing announcements, reading scripture, operating media and participating through music. A special thanks to Jaden for his technical expertise and incredibly faithful service throughout the pandemic (and beyond) in setting up, training others, and operating the equipment for both the pre-recorded and live-streamed services .

As we began preparations for September, 2 of our dedicated youth volunteers needed to step away due to other commitments. A BIG THANK YOU to Fatima Zane and Rebecca Bruce for your years of investment in the youth at Kingsview! We're grateful for all that you have given and we bless you in your other commitments!

Again, this year, we are partnering with Youth Unlimited's Level Up program to train and coach youth (Courtney and Lizzie) into leadership. We are excited for them.



Youth began in September with an unbirthfay birthday party

We were so thankful to be able to return in person for T'nT (Truth and Transformation) and D&D (Donuts and Discussion) in September. In October, we enjoyed the Virtual Change Conference, presented by Youth Unlimited, via an in person watch party. T'nT had low attendance in January, so we made the decision to move to a hybrid model (online and in-person at the same time). This has enabled more youth to engage in the Youth Alpha series.

Youth Leaders:

Our current list of volunteer leaders working alongside Pastor Darrin to serve our youth are April Lansing, Johnny Owusu, and Brendan Osbourne. Other volunteers include Kasper Hinds, Rick Smith and Christine Pakkianathen.

Prayer Requests:

- Connectedness, openness and transformation of the youth as we dig deep with Youth Alpha.
- For our Level Up leaders (Courtney and Lizzy) as they choose and execute their service projects.
- More youth willing to be trained and serve throughout our church community.
- Creative ways to engage and connect with the youth of Kingsview who aren't regularly attending
- More volunteers to help on a regular basis.

Adult Ministry Highlights:

Several challenging preaching/teaching series:

- We began 2021 with a focus on prayer
- *God in Our Everything* encouraged us to implement a rule of life
- Our summer series, *I Choose Joy!* took us into Philippians, on Zoom, with breakout groups for some great discussion
- Several bible study groups returned to meeting in-person!
- We started the fall with *Mission & Mercy*, a call to reach our community from Jonah
- An in-depth study of *Discipleship: Transforming Relationship* followed
- Through Advent we used a children's animated movie to reflect on the Incarnation of Jesus in *The Star: A Journey to Christmas*
- Pastor Dennis Ball began interviewing Ministry Leaders and others at Kingsview to look at our Vision, Mission and Values and jump-start the LifePlan process



Pastors Darrin & J-M held a final bocce ball night to have one more Men's event with J-M.

Prayer Requests:

- Discipleship continues to be our primary ministry focus, pray that as a church family we will follow Jesus' call to go deeper in our relationship with him and each other
- For each of us, in whatever way we serve, to invite a younger person to come alongside us, to explore their spiritual gifts and the areas that God is calling them to serve

Looking Ahead:

- Begin a more intentional process of training & equipping small group leaders
- Create more opportunities for small groups

Needs:

- People to respond to the call to host or lead a regular small group at their home or in the church building or in their community
- People to hear God's call to other areas of leadership at and through Kingsview



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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 our local missional activities under one umbrella.

Team: Jan Burgess, Shawn Bullock, Dean Taylor, Pastor Sabrina. We deeply appreciate these team members for their faithfulness despite many personal challenges faced during this term and .

Ministry Highlights:

Neighbourhood Table – Food insecurity is a challenge for our neighbourhood and beyond. The St. Philip's Lutheran Church felt called to tackle this and we partnered with them in this endeavour. The MRT approved both financial and personal support.

Refugee Sponsorship - Specifically, we have been concerned about the safety of the Sohail family and want to secure their freedom. Funds continue to be sent for their support and prayers made for guidance and positive outcomes.

Youth Unlimited – the MRT continued to advocate that as a church we support the YU Young Parents ministry with finances, prayers and resources.

Operation Christmas Child – led by Winifred Sookdeo, the MRT recognizes this as a ministry that is close to the hearts of many in our congregation as evidenced by your giving to reach families in need.



Ladies preparing boxes for Operation Christmas Child

Looking Ahead: The Plan - Keep It Simple.

First, bless. As in previous years, choose carefully where to focus finances in order to bless ministries that do work where we believe we are called to help. We urge you to give monthly financial support towards missional efforts (some are ongoing like the Sohail Refugee Sponsorship and Youth Unlimited).

Second, build. Coming out of COVID our muscles are weakened a bit. Some conditioning is required to build our capacity/strength. That means we...

- Train the team – Tearfund webinars, FMCiC Intercultural Engagement Team resources etc. – what will help us make better decisions with the resources we do have?
- Train you and train others: what questions do you have about missions, reaching others in our community and beyond?

Prayer Requests:

- For the overall renewal and strengthening of MRT team members
- For the re-energizing of the Refugee Sponsorship Team, the safe emigration of the Sohail Family - a positive outcome for them that is better than we can even imagine.
- For more of us to sense and respond to God's nudge to be a part of missional outreach



Prayer & Care

The Prayer and Care Ministries at Kingsview encompasses all of the ways we support one another, including Hospitality, and the teams work closely with Pastor Darrin. During the last ministry year, the needs of people have increased in number and in severity. We have also experienced a significant number of deaths within our congregation and connected to our church families. Let's continue to pray for one another!

Teams:

Prayer & Care

Connie Asiedu, Elma Balfour, Lucy Biggs, Ivy Graham, Victoria Hogg, Norma Reynolds, Yvonne Weir

Hospitality

Shawn Bullock, Sara Moreno, Ann-Marie Smith

Ministry Highlights:

- Dedicated teams have cared for Kingsview members diligently
- Fall outdoor fellowship times after Sunday service
- Able to support many families through difficult circumstances; health crises, relationship issues, bereavement, the grieving process, etc.
- Offered "Surviving the Holidays" GriefShare session



Farewell to Pastor J-M, Loreli, Mallory and Sophia, June 2021.

Prayer Requests:

- For the many and serious issues that COVID has contributed to or magnified.
- For a return to greater mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health of our communities
- For a more and deeper opportunities to come alongside people in need

Looking Ahead:

- Offering GriefShare and other opportunities for support of those grieving loss
- Creating more opportunities for corporate prayer & healing
- Offering training & equipping in "how to" pray and care for one another
- Complete a resource guide for volunteers

Opportunities:

If you are interested in serving in any capacity in prayer, care and/or hospitality, or would like to receive further training in any of these areas please contact Pastor Darrin or Connie Asiedu.



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Worship Ministries

This group prays for our musicians and singers, creatively plans services and reviews our song list. They plan learning opportunities for the music and audio-visual teams as well as booking guest speakers and musicians.

Team:

The leadership team consists of Pastor Sabrina Hinds, Krista Hinds, Sharon Lindsay, Sara Moreno, and Dean Taylor

Ministry Highlights:

- Shifting from pre-recorded, to Zoom meetings, to in-person services presented creative and technical challenges as we adjusted to the new protocols and we continue to learn techniques for a smoother transition.
- Many thanks to all of our volunteers (readers, prayers, musicians, media, vocals, audio/video) who have taken time to pre-record, mix, setup, produce, and share in each service. All this has been a blessing to keep our church family connected!
- Our summer series "I Choose Joy" has been an inspiration and reminder that we should always be thankful and praise God in all circumstances because He will fill us with joy, pandemic or not.
- The children and youth Christmas musical was a much needed event to reinforce how faithful our Lord and seeing His active blessing in the next generation.

Prayer Requests:

1. **Pray for our church family to feel safe to return to in-person services.** As protocol changes, we hope we will be able to see our pews filled again.
2. **Pray that the work we do every Sunday** will continue to reach out and encourage connections to better relationships with Our Lord.
3. **Pray for a new generation of singers, musicians, media handlers, audio/video techs, and artists to join our family.**

Coming This Year:

- Increasing our use of visual arts, dances, and creative/cultural expressions of worship.

Volunteers:

We are always thankful for all who have volunteer and always looking for more! If you have a desire to serve the Lord in this ministry, we are looking for:

- Sound techs, audio/video producers
- Musicians and singers for music teams
- Special music/spoken word soloists, and dancers (not just for special occasions, any Sunday)

Approach any one of our leadership team to see how you can serve



Look...In-Person Pictures! (we did see each other in 2021)



Kids hanging ornaments on Christmas trees.



Putting up Lights in preparation for Advent.



Kids enjoy our first fellowship time in September.



Farewell event for Pastor J-M and Loreli, pictured with the Pastor Sabrina and family.



Pastoral Team



Interim Pastor Darrin Lindsay



Assistant Pastor Sabrina Hinds, M.C.



Dean Taylor,
Lay Minister



Sarah Amafu,
Lay Minister



Jabin Carrasco,
Lay Minister



Marcia DaCosta
Communications Coordinator



Official Board



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