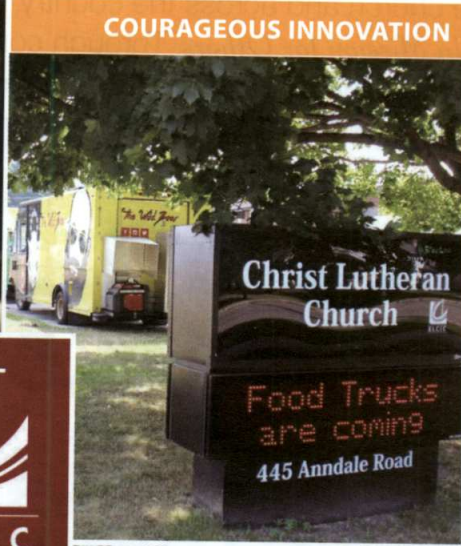


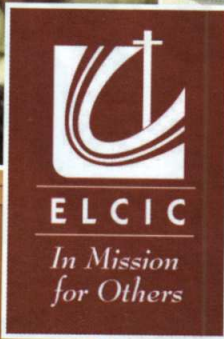
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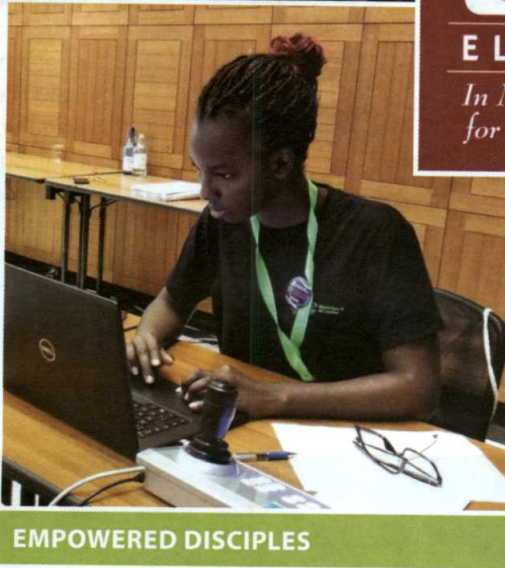
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In Mission for Others.

Across the church and across the country, congregations have been living out the call to be *In Mission for Others*. Through community outreach, fundraising projects, inter-denominational services and in a variety of other ways, communities have been sharing their gifts with their neighbours.



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Hope, Nanaimo, B.C., hosted a KAIROS Blanket Exercise, an interactive and participatory Canadian-Indigenous history lesson developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge-keepers and educators. Marie Va'a, from the Tsartlip First Nation on Saanich Peninsula, and post-grad student of theology, ran the exercise. Here, participants join in a friendship dance to end the two-day event.

Students from the University of Calgary's Lutheran Campus Ministry and United Church Campus Ministry visited the family farm of Rev. Tim Wray near Irricana, Alberta. Funded by an ELCIC Compassionate Justice Initiatives grant, the trip was to learn how Wray is using his farm for faith formation and to explore how farming can be a regenerative process for the Earth and for the soul.



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On the cover, clockwise from top left:

Voting at the Saskatchewan Synod Convention 2018. PHOTO BY CARTER BROOKS.

Food trucks hosted by Christ, Waterloo, Ont. PHOTO BY REV. DAVID MALINA.

Smudging at CLAY 2018. PHOTO COURTESY CLAY 2018.

Celly Manirakoze, BC Synod, participating in a steward program at the World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. PHOTO BY KEVIN JOHN MEDDELA.

PHOTO BY BRIAN BACK.



Emmanuel, Eigenfeldt, north of Biggar, is a beautiful country church surrounded by green fields and a charming cemetery. It was closed in 1961 and merged with St. Paul's, Biggar, to form Redeemer in 1963, and then eventually became a shared ministry with St. Paul's Anglican. The Bennett and Beckman families, Anglicans going back four generations, celebrated the baptism of their youngest family member this past summer at this lovely church. The old pump organ was pressed into service and the church rang with familiar hymns. The baptismal font and cross from St. Paul's was brought out to continue in the family tradition, with Rev. Sarah Mowat presiding.

MNO members recently visited with companion synod members in Cameroon. (At left with some of the women pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (EELC) in Ngaoundere.) The EELC has been ordaining women for only about seven years. As they met with women in Ngaoundere, Yaounde and Edea, they also heard about a number of others in other parts of Cameroon and the obstacles they faced. Through this relationship as companion synods, MNO members accompany women in their ministry.

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The Rhenish Church began in the mid-1980s, focusing heavily on new settlers. During the 90s they broadened their mission to include campus ministry, and by the mid-2000s they turned to helping families. At this time they also moved to their new permanent location in Markham, Ont. By 2012



they had partnered with Living Water Counselling Centre to include mental wellness in their mission priorities, and in 2015 the Dorcas Centre was established. The Dorcas Centre is a non-profit Christian faith-based community centre, affiliated with Rhenish Church of Canada. "Serving the Community and Transforming Life" is their vision. Today the Rhenish Church is still going strong, and they recently celebrated the grand opening of the newest part of the Dorcas Community Centre, a brand new gymnasium.

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WORSHIP FOR A CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

OPENING

Acknowledging Lands

Every community is encouraged to acknowledge the treaty and/or Indigenous territory on which the community gathers. If you are not sure of this information, consult the local Indigenous community, library or civic government. The following words may serve as a guide:

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that we gather on (the territory or Treaty), the traditional territory of the people, whose ancient relationship to this land continues today.

Read: Acts 9:36–42

Hymn: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship #695*
As saints of old

Prayers:

Gracious God,
We are gathered today for a certain purpose. To meet as people of God, called to be family in this congregation. Bless our meeting time with open ears and hearts to where you might be calling us as a congregation. Give us a vision for ministry within and beyond the walls of our building. In God's grace, **we pray.**

Generous God,
May we find ways to be charitable and generous to those around us. Encourage each of us to find ways to be devoted to acts of good will towards our neighbour. We thank you for the example of Tabitha, a beloved disciple. In God's grace, **we pray.**

Empowering God,
As we look towards the future needs of our congregation, may we be bold in our dreaming. Assist us in living out our baptismal call to love and serve all who we meet. Empower us to truly walk in this world as people who bring Christ's love to all in need. In God's grace, **we pray.**

Listening God,
We are called to be a people of prayer. May we pray like Peter, with passion and sincerity, when we pray for those around us, for creation, for an end to war and poverty. May we trust in the hope that all our prayers are heard by you. In God's grace, **we pray.**

Loving God,
Draw our hearts to you. Guide our minds and fill our imaginations. May we be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you. Use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people. **Amen.**

CLOSING

Hymn: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship #712*
Lord, whose love in humble service

Prayers:

We give you thanks, God, for each person here today. Thank you for the opportunity to discern, to pray, to dream together. God of Love, **we give you thanks!**

Our time has been fruitful. May your Spirit continue to renew our sense of mission and dedication to the sharing of the Gospel of Christ. God of Love, **we give you thanks!**

As we journey on, help us to seek ways to be courageous in new endeavours; look for ways to continue to reconcile relationships; build up the body of disciples that worships here; and find new opportunities to work together in spreading the Good News. God of Love, **we give you thanks!**

Send us forth, in the assurance of your peace and love, **Amen.**



AGM 2019



Living Faith Lutheran Church, Sechelt BC

Annual General Meeting

2019 - The Year in Review

~~March 22, 2020~~

~~F.B.A.~~

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Annual Report

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Living Faith Lutheran Church

Annual General Congregational Meeting for Year 2018

February 17, 2019

Attendees: Margo Hunsche, Terry Byrnes, Elisabeth Stephenson, Renate Greenwood, Peter Van Deursen, Jan Van Deursen, Gordon Bone, Nicholas Bone, Al Brummet, Lora Penner, Eva Penner, Erna Berg, Irene Jankovits, Dorothy Morse, Sharon Jones, Pat Wing, Connie Landstrom, Corinna O'Neill, Linda Byrnes, Karen Brummet, Trudy Hergesheimer, Richard Hergesheimer, Phil Jones, Lisa Moore

Guests: none

1. Call to order at 10:53am.
2. Pastor Hergesheimer opened the meeting with prayer.
3. **Adoption of agenda. MSC agenda be adopted as presented.**
4. **Minutes of 2018 AGM.** Minutes to read *AGM 2018* and *minutes of 2017*. **MSC minutes adopted as amended.**
5. Terry to represent LFLC in district wide conference calls and will serve with peace in these calls.
6. Pastor thanked all volunteers for stepping up and helping out this past year. He is especially grateful for the lay people willing to lead when he is not in attendance.
7. **Reports**
Terry noted that reports were included in the Annual Report and expressed the hope that all had a chance to review them. He noted that in the interest of time the reports would not be reviewed in detail but that questions would be taken. Terry expressly thanked Connie for all her efforts with the Tanzania project. Terry also expressed sincere thanks to Erna and the craft group for efforts the past year and over many years. He remarked that their work has enabled LFLC to maintain the church building to a high standard and their commitment has been admirable.
8. **Tanzania**
Connie expanded on her report remarking specifically on the sewing machines purchased with funds from Living Faith Lutheran Women. She also noted the pneumonia vests were gratefully received by new mothers in hospitals in Tanzania. Connie noted the books she distributes to her classes are becoming increasingly expensive and she expects additional funding will be needed to continue her mission. Further details were discussed.

9. Property

Phil provided details regarding the new roof and the septic maintenance. Terry thanked Phil for his faithful service over the years.

10. Stewardship

Terry provided details regarding discussions being held in council. Terry also noted that LFLC has a small congregation and that everyone gives what he/she is able.

11. Living Faith Lutheran Women

No comments made.

12. Worship Committee

Lisa noted the committee's main focus is to provide leadership for worship on Sundays when Pastor Hergy is not present. Pastor Hergy thanked all who volunteer. He noted LFLC is very fortunate to have willing, gifted people and that these people are gifts from God.

13. Social and Outreach

Lisa expanded on her report and how she feels the increase in rentals is a form of outreach as it brings people into LFLC.

14. Church Administrator

Lisa expanded on her report focusing on the increase in rentals. She noted that she gets very positive feedback from all renters on how warm and welcoming LFLC is. Connie thanked Lisa for her efforts and noted she feels that Lisa does not submit the hours she puts in and in fact, she works many more than she bills LFLC for.

15. Craft Group

Terry again expressed sincere thanks for their efforts and contribution. He noted that they are now disbanding and have submitted to council a list of projects in place to use funds remaining. The attendees applauded the group's efforts and Pat noted that these women deserve a rest. Terry also noted that there will be a Mother's Day Bake Sale.

16. Treasurer

Karen expanded on the report and provided some detailed explanations. Karen noted, with thanks, Steinar's past efforts in this role and the great amount of work involved. A bookkeeper has been hired and Karen has been working with her to assure figures are accurate as the bookkeeper, Kathie, uses a different system than LFLC used in the past. Terry noted the immense amount of work Karen has put in and thanked her sincerely. Terry also thanked Sharon for her work as Financial Secretary. Kathie has agreed to take on the role of Financial Secretary.

MSC reports be adopted as presented.

17. Audit Report

Linda provided verbal report. Linda, Elisabeth and Renate conducted a thorough audit and found all to be in order with no exceptions.

18. Budget

Karen presented the proposed budget and expanded on details contained therein.
MSC budget be adopted as presented.

19. Nominating Committee

Terry noted Phil and Lisa are stepping down. He thanked them for their service. Peter and Gordo have agreed to serve on council. Terry needs to be re-elected as per LFLC constitution.

Terry elected by acclamation. **MSC Terry be re-instated to council.**

20. Audit Team for 2019

Linda and Pat agreed to act as audit team. They agreed to meet in the evening as Pat works during the day.

New Business

1. Fair Trade Coffee

Pat expressed a desire for LFLC to use fair trade coffee. Terry agreed that this would be a good thing to do however LFLC does not have a coffee fund and all coffee etc. is donated. Fair trade coffee is more expensive. Pat was unaware that all items are donated. It was agreed LFLC would encourage the use of fair trade coffee whenever possible.

Pastor closed with a blessing.

Meeting adjourned 11:55am.



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Bishop's Report to Congregational Annual General Meetings 2020

We give thanks to God for our ministry together with you in our BC Synod, and for the nudges and yearnings of the Spirit that call and lead us into new ventures of which we cannot see the ending but which are filled with joy and struggle, grace and challenge.

1. The primary initiative in which we were engaged throughout 2019 was the **Synod-Wide Conversations**. In total, nine conversations were held across our synod from February through May. Well over 250 people participated in the conversations. In these day-long events we asked questions, engaged in conversation about our contexts, and thought together about how we sensed God leading us into the future as congregations and as a synod. Some of the questions we explored were:

- What is going on in our world that we, as church, need to pay attention to?
- Based on what we are naming, how might God be nudging you/us to respond?
- What is a crossroad that we [our congregation, synod, church] currently face?
- Name some of the possibilities at this crossroads
- As you imagine our collective future, what are you noticing?
- What might we do to support each other?

These questions generated a tremendous amount of conversation and comments. This information was collated and presented to Synod Council for its reflection and discernment. In June, Synod Council met in retreat and worked with our consultant, Charles Holmes, to drill down into the rich material that the conversations provided. Arising out of these reflections, Synod Council identified three primary themes that will govern our work and ministry together: **Collaboration, Connection and Communication**.

In addition, Synod Council reflected on our multi-year missional process. In order to help provide some shape and context regarding the missional mindset we are seeking to foster and cultivate across our synod, Synod Council developed some catchwords that help describe this way of being and seeing. Here is the list that Synod Council articulated. It is not an exhaustive list, but it will give you a sense of the breadth of what being a missional people looks like:

Missional Mindset:

- Thinking beyond ourselves - always
- Profound respect for the other
- Listening is crucial
- Curiosity and exploration
- Shared leadership
- Going not knowing
- "Together with" versus "doing for"
- Accompaniment
- Acting for the love of the world (versus love of church)
- Being vulnerable
- Shared power
- God is already at work in our neighbours and in our neighbourhoods
- To be able to receive the gifts of others
- We do not love our neighbours when we only see their needs and not their gift
- Leadership is holding space and being a catalyst for the best work of others

Many people have approached us or sent e-mails thanking us for the synod-wide conversation initiative. People are making connections, being buoyed by the conversations, finding a sense of hope, comfort and excitement as we explore new possibilities. There is already a sense that we are becoming more connected to one another and feeling less alone, knowing that many of the challenges we face are common to other congregations.

2. In the summer of 2019, our Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada gathered for its **National Convention**. Our synod was represented by 17 delegates (youth, lay and rostered). As an experiment, we decided to bring all of the delegates together for a Zoom conference call prior to the convention, to ensure that those attending from our synod would have a chance for some discussion and learning together. We led people through the agenda, pointed out key sections in the Bulletin of Reports, answered questions and continued to build community and connections among our delegates who were from all regions across our synod. On the eve of convention, we also invited all those from our BC Synod to come together for an evening reception. Then, a month after convention, we hosted another Zoom meeting to help the delegates think about how they would share the story in their Regions. The delegates worked well together, resourcing one another, sharing information and reports, and continuing to network. More information, reports, and video presentations from the National Convention can be found on the ELCIC website.

3. In July of 2019, the sale of the synod-owned property on the University Endowment Lands (across from the UBC campus) was completed. Some of the yearly investment income generated from these funds will stabilize the funding required for our current ministry expenses. Benevolence funds received from BC Synod congregations, while significant and faithful, have not covered all of our current expenses for a number of years. We have been living with deficit budgets for a while now. But the investment income also enables us to explore new initiatives throughout our synod, support on-going training and coaching, and identify ways by which we might better provide leadership and assistance to congregations.

4. While the synods across the ELCIC recently established harmonized guidelines for parts of the remuneration package for rostered leaders, the main salary components (that is, the base salary guidelines and the use of a 15-year incremental timeline) have not been reviewed for many years. Synod Council has asked a couple of its members to initiate a review of the "Salary and Compensation Guidelines," to confer with congregations and rostered leaders, and then to bring recommendations back to Synod Council. A review of the housing allowance calculations also will be considered, especially the process described in the guidelines for how to calculate a fair housing allowance. We mention this review of the "Salary and Compensation Guidelines" here in this report for congregational AGMs, so that you are aware that changes may be forthcoming for the 2021 calendar year.

We give thanks to God for the ministry in which you are engaged in your communities and neighbourhoods. And we are incredibly grateful for your prayers and support of us as we minister among you. May God's blessing be upon you.

Bishop Greg Mohr

Rev. Kathy Martin, Assistant to the Bishop for Missional Renewal and Congregational Support

Pastor's Report for 2019 AGM

To God's people of Living Faith,

Grace, mercy and peace be to you all, now and always.

2019 was a year filled with gifts, blessings, sorrows and joys—pretty much like every other year in our individual lives and our life together as a faith community.

Thanks to the members of our parish council who, under the leadership of our chairperson, Terry Byrnes, proposed, planned and carried out a number of ventures that benefit us: Replacing the church roof (actually, three roofs) to guarantee that our building would be dry, safe and sound for years to come; drawing up our new (revised) constitution in order to fulfill the requirements of both the BC Synod and the Societies' Act; carefully and thoughtfully going through our membership list to keep it current and accurate; discussing and then pursuing the best ways of making sure our financial situation is not only stable and reliable but, even more important, that we use our dollars to help carry out our mission and ministry to those within and outside of our congregation; doing our best as a council to meet the various needs of the people in this congregation effectively, efficiently and pastorally. I can assure you that every member elected to lead and serve us seeks to carry out their responsibilities with skill, compassion and commitment.

Thanks, too, to the members of the worship committee who oversee a variety of duties and tasks which enrich our Sunday morning gatherings—whether that involves those who “read and lead” on the Sundays I am not presiding and preaching. . .to finding ways of demonstrating our hospitality and welcome of members and guests (greeters, readers, ushers, fellowship hosts and other necessary but often “behind-the-scenes” services). What a wonderful and gifted cadre of lay preachers we have in Nicholas, Terry, Connie and Nikki (as well as those others who fill in at the last moment when special needs arise).

I am particularly grateful to Lisa Moore, our Administrative Assistant (and a “jill-of-all-trades”) who not only makes sure the bulletins are laid out, printed and folded every week but also spends a fair bit of time making sure that all the rental/user-groups are happy with their arrangements (even to driving down to the church when the door code is forgotten and nobody can get in). I should also mention my gratitude to Gordon Bone whose “technological” knowledge and skill keeps council on track and keeps the church office equipment updated.

And, of course, thanks to the members of the Craft group whose hard work, talents and generosity of time and money has benefitted people in the community and around the world-- as well as those of us who, on Sunday morning, get to look out of the new windows and sit underneath the now-and-non-leaky sections of the roof repairs paid for by the Craft group.

In terms of my personal and pastoral callings, 2019 was a rich and fruitful (and quite busy) year. Although as of this past September I am now employed under a new contract which increased my monthly hours and my monthly compensation, I am doing my best to set up and follow a realistic and yet pastorally-responsible-and-caring "work/life balance" since I am part-time.

For instance, in 2019, I made 25 member visits (mostly to homes but, on occasion, at coffee shops or at the church office before or after meetings or Sunday worship)—and most of those visits were in response to specific needs or requests for pastoral care or counsel; 20 visits to bring communion to those shut-in or housebound; 28 hospital visits (including a couple of occasions when members were in VGH or Lion's Gate); and 11 prospective member home visits (a kind of "follow-up" with those who worshipped with us as guests).

I also prepared and delivered three major presentations to several different groups; attended 10 synodical/ministerial meetings in Vancouver—mostly to maintain relationships with my clergy colleagues as well as "show the flag" to both pastors and parishes in Greater Vancouver indicating that Living Faith is an active, vibrant and growing community and therefore deserving of the attention, and the commendation, of the synod; several other meetings were to fulfill requirements of the ELCIC in regard to part-time rostered clergy); and two others dealt with information related to parish financial issues (such as the bequest from the estate of Finn Mikkelsen).

I also officiated at 1 wedding; 1 baptism (Chloe Nicole Ma); 3 Memorial services: Rick Kiel, Trevor Birch (at the Sechelt Legion), and Finn Mikkelsen's internment; and I was asked by family members to either preach at or deliver the eulogy at Memorial services for Pastor Ken Harris and Bishop Marlin Aadland.

I presided at 24 Sunday services plus Christmas Eve along with participating in joint worship services with St. Hilda's Anglican and/or St. John's United on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

I am grateful to God for being able to carry out my calling as a servant of Jesus Christ in, to and with this congregation. . . and am grateful for the care, affection, encouragement and support I receive on a regular basis from the people in this part of the household of faith.

I am also thankful beyond words to Trudy, my beloved partner and best friend of 51 years, for her love and her willingness to continue "sharing" me and my time, energy and gifts with "the church" (as she has done since my ordination in 1973). I simply could not, and would not, be your pastor (even part-time) without her at my side and in my corner.

May Christ's continued presence and blessing be upon and among us in 2020.

Pastor Hergy

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT 2019-20

Jesus stands before us and says to us, "Come with me and let me have your life and make it mine". With those words, we are confronted with the choice - to be with and to go with Him, or to be without and go our way without him. We at Living Faith have chosen to go with Him. That's not to say the path is easy, but together, we can make the journey a fulfilling one.

This has been another busy year for our church. We have had some people leave, some that have been unable to attend for medical reasons and we have regretfully seen Rick Kiel and Pastor Ian Nestegaard-Paul pass away. We also have had new members join us and become an integral part of our church community.

We have been blessed to have Pastor Richard Hergesheimer be our half-time interim pastor again this past year. We are grateful that Pastor Hergy has agreed to shepherd us through 2020. Pastor Hergy has brought great energy, spirit and commitment to this congregation as we move forward on our path. He has also visited those in need at hospitals here and in Vancouver as well as attending to those in need in their homes. To supplement the Sundays he is not with us we have been fortunate to have lay members of congregation step forward to lead service and deliver sermons; many thanks to our ongoing stalwart, Connie Landstrom. We also wish to thank Nikki Schmidt, Nicholas Bone, Lisa Moore, Terry Byrnes and Linda Byrnes for stepping forward to assist in leading us.

There have also been numerous people who have stepped forward to offer their time and talents to ensure that each Sunday service runs smoothly. Thank you to Sharon Jones for her dedication in organizing this throughout many years.

Once again the craft group have outdone themselves by providing much of the money to re-do our roof. Unfortunately, there has been an incredible amount of work to be done and a limited number of members. Therefore, the craft group gave us notice that this past year will be their last. We totally understand and are extremely grateful for all they have done for us these many years past.

The quilting group did another wonderful job in making the most beautiful and creative quilts this past year. Many thanks for all your generosity and hard work.

We also had our annual work party clean our building and property and are in the process of planning the next one. Many thanks.

We have also been active in supporting our larger community. We participated in the march for LGBTQ Rights. We also have encouraged our community to join with Pastor Hergy and us on Tuesdays for sharing and learning.

Our sister church, St. Hilda's, has a new Pastor and we have welcomed him and had an invitational morning where he shared his story and spiritual journey with us.

We have had a most successful year with our church rentals. Many different and new groups and individuals have availed themselves of our church for a variety of events and meetings. In fact, rentals and revenues are way up from the previous year. Many thanks to Lisa Moore for making this happen.

We have had Synod meetings which Pastor Hergy and myself have attended. Pastor Hergy has and will be attending upcoming meetings at the Provincial level. We have also been asked to participate in talks with other church councils in this upcoming year.

Council met monthly and we wish to thank those who give up their time and talents as congregational leaders. They include: Karen Brummet, Dorothy Morse, Phil Jones, Merv Burgess, Gordo Bone, Peter van Deursen, Linda Byrnes and Terry Byrnes. Also thank you to Pastor Richard Hergesheimer for his spiritual leadership within Council.

Many thanks to all of you for your spiritual and material support. The contributions of the whole congregation help make Living Faith our spiritual and physical home. Each of you helps make this our Church by giving your talents, your time, your creativity and your finances. As we move forward we anticipate becoming more involved with our larger community and our Synod. Thank you all.

Many blessings and warm regards to all.
Terry M. Byrnes – Chair

Worship Committee Report

The worship committee has continued to maintain the leadership schedule of Living Faith. In addition to Pastor Hergy Living Faith is blessed to enjoy the willingness and skill of Connie Landstrom, Terry Byrnes, Nicholas Bone and Nikki Schmitt in a leadership role. I know I speak on behalf of the congregation when I express my sincere gratitude for these individuals and the gifts they bring to us all.

Val Rutter continues to bring much meaning to our worship through her gift of musical ability. Additionally, Jon Ericsson has been invaluable in assisting us occasionally in Val's absence. Again, the congregation is grateful for their gifts as well as their willingness to serve.

Further development of the committee's scope has not been explored however the goal going forward is to expand and enhance opportunities in our worship life in 2020.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of committee,

Lisa Moore

Social and Outreach Committee Report

As the lone member of this committee I can report that the congregation of Living Faith continues to be a friendly and welcoming one. The past year has seen new regular visitors and I believe this reflects our desire to reach out and bring others to the knowledge of the good news of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We enjoyed another successful church bbq at the Byrnes' home in the autumn. It was well attended despite unpredictable weather and we thank Terry and Linda for their gracious hospitality. A good time was had by all.

The social calendar could certainly use some additions in 2020. If anyone has ideas and a will to help make the ideas a reality I am very happy to take these to council.

Respectfully submitted by

Lisa Moore

Church Administrator's Report

This past year has seen a further interest in rentals at Living Faith. We have acquired new weekly as well as single use renters. Living Faith now has regular users of the building on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Feedback from all parties continues to be very positive. Additionally we have three groups who meet here monthly: Chinese Christian Mission, Grandmothers and Grandothers as well as the Sechelt Hospital Auxiliary. These groups continue to be very happy with the space we are able to offer them. I believe the rental arrangements to be a form of outreach and am very pleased that we have the flexibility to offer our building to such a variety of groups.

The office administration remains basically unchanged. Weekly duties including the creation and printing of the worship bulletin as well as miscellaneous tasks keep me busy and I believe an active personal presence provides a sense of vitality to the site.

In my role I continue to work closely with Pastor Hergy as well as members of the lay leadership and council. This arrangement works well and each provides their unique and engaging approach to our weekly worship.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Moore

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Property Manager's Report to the AGM March 22, 2020

As this is my first report to the AGM since assuming the position of Property Manager in 2018, I will include all significant activity since then.

April 2018

Spring cleanup. Siding pressure washed. Gutters cleaned and repaired, windows washed, yard cleaned up.

September 2018

The roofing shingles were replaced on the roof over the Sanctuary and Belfry. Metal fascia was added to those areas that had not had metal cladding applied.

March 2019

Gutters cleaned.

June 2019

New roofing installed over kitchen, washrooms and meeting room. Plywood decking replaced as needed. New plywood and roofing shingles installed over breezeway, storage trailer, and storage shed. It should be noted with great appreciation that the money for the roof repairs was raised by the Craft Group.

September 2019

Gutters cleaned.

November 2019

Annual fire inspection completed. Smoke alarm in meeting room replaced. No other defects noted.

January 2020

A large tree limb fell into the parking lot following winter storm. Limb bucked and removed. No damage was caused to the building or surroundings.

An arborist, Andy Sloss, was hired to inspect the tree and write a report. The Arborist's recommendation is to hire Bill Davis to climb the tree and remove any dead or injured limbs. Bill Davies has been contacted and will provide a recommendation and an estimate for the work needing to be done.

Sincerely,

Peter van Deursen

REPORT OF THE LIVING FAITH LUTHERAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Women's Bible Study Group meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday. This past year we enjoyed studying the inspiring story of Esther from the Old Testament, and then we embarked on a study entitled "No Hard Feelings" based mainly on the Psalms. We are looking at the feelings of our hearts in the midst of times of anger, grief and lament, and joy. These emotions are natural, a gift from God. The language of the Psalms especially, speak to those times, and so often become the language of our hearts.

For several years the offerings from this group are used to support the ministry of the Tanzania Project and other needs of women locally. We also have an interest in the Yew Transition House in Sechelt, as well as other local projects. The project in Tanzania that has caught the interest of this group is the new Sewing Project in the Northern District of the Arusha Diocese. This is a project where women can come together to sew items for sale and therefore earn some money for school fees, food, clothing for the needs of their children. Some of the young women are learning to sew. Our LFLW bought the first four sewing machines for this project in 2018 and have now purchased an additional four machines.

Several members of the group enjoy knitting pneumonia vests and hats for newborns in Tanzania, as well as making dresses for young girls, and gathering small stuffed toys for kindergarten children. These precious items fill two large hockey bags when Connie travels to Tanzania. The maternity wards of the remote hospitals really value the vests and caps. In most cases the new mothers have nothing for their newborn babies, so the soft sweaters made by loving hands are a true gift.

The Living Faith Lutheran Women's Bible Study group is small and the times of sharing are really life-giving for those who participate. We would welcome more women to come and study God's Word together. No experience is necessary! The fellowship is relaxed, tea and coffee are excellent, and we each bring our own lunch. We encourage you to enquire of any one of the group ... we cherish our time together and would certainly welcome YOU!

Cordially,
Connie Landstrom

REPORT OF THE TANZANIA PROJECT 2019

The year 2019 is the year the Tanzania didn't happen. Sadly, a medical issue made travel to Tanzania impossible for me. While I had spent months preparing studies and activities for Pastors, Evangelists, Women, Church leaders and youth, those studies now sit unused for hopefully a trip in the not-too-far-off future. Also waiting to be given to mothers and newborns, are more than one hundred and fifty knitted vests and caps, almost 20 pretty dresses for young girls ... all made by the loving hands of the Bible Study group of women and other generous friends. And well over 100 small stuffed toys for kindergarten children and 20 baby quilts. Steinar has made a hundred or more beautiful crosses for Evangelists, Pastors and Women leaders. All this is ready to go!

Disappointment ... the only word that filled my heart and mind when I heard my doctor tell me ... "You should not travel to Tanzania this year." For seven weeks (the time I had planned to do ministry in Tanzania) I lived each day as if I was there ... praying for the dear folks I would have been with on each particular day and in each place I would have been teaching. This time of staying home became an opportunity to connect through prayer and memory, recalling names, places and responsibilities of those friends I have come to know after 12 years of partnering in ministry with them.

In anticipation of travel to Tanzania, I had sent ahead \$5,800.00 which is something I usually do. This enables me to carry less cash as I travel. The money has been designated and spent for the following:

School fees (Eli Huruma) designated by a donor	2,000.00
Bible School fees (Sia John) evangelist student – donor	1,000.00
Widows Project in Komakundi	1,000.00
Porridge Program in Komakundi - donor	800.00
Sewing Machines for Arusha Women – LFLW	<u>600.00</u>
Total spent in 2019	\$5,800.00

Money Advanced from Tanzania Project:	\$20,000.00
Money spent in 2019	<u>5,800.00</u>
Returned to Tanzania Project Fund:	\$14,200.00

I am grateful to the many supporters of the Project. Most of these are long-time personal friends who share with me a deep interest in global Bible ministry. Many thanks to friends at Living Faith who have also shared generously in this ministry.

Gratefully,
Connie Landstrom

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – 2019-20

Traditional Stewardship activities, as done by larger churches, have not taken place this past year. We know that most church stewardship activities revolve mainly around increasing monetary funds. Stewardship also includes, however, discovering and utilizing the gifts of the congregation.

We recognize that the demographics of our church are that we are small in numbers and many are on fixed incomes. We know that we are giving what we can. So we have concentrated more on examining what our church can do in our community, locally and abroad.

To this end, Council has taken time each meeting to examine our church culture, our priorities and where we go from here. We also anticipate rekindling church events for the purpose of cultivating fellowship and having us examine our future direction as a whole group. Just recently, the Council Chair and Pastor Hergy met with other churches in Vancouver to discuss issues of stewardship and directions.

We also started a Men's Breakfast Meeting with St. Hilda's and St. John's that was very successful. My apologies if I have missed anything.

Thank you to all for all you do.

Many Blessing to all.

Terry M. Byrnes on behalf of Council.

CALL COMMITTEE – 2019-20

The members of the Call Committee include Karen Brummet, Linda Byrnes, Steinar Haugen, Gwen Hawkins, Connie Landstrom and Nikki Schmitt.

The Call Committee was created at the retirement of former Pastor Ian Nestegaard-Paul. The Call from our congregation has been and continues to be for a part-time pastor. The Bishop's answers to our requests for updated information continue to be that with very few pastors being available and several vacancies existing and continuing to arise, there is still little likelihood of a candidate in the foreseeable future. For many reasons, the Call Committee has not had much contact with the Bishop since June 2019, although there have been recent telephone conversations.

Last year we were advised by Bishop Mohr that there might be some chance of securing a pastor if our call were for a full-time pastor, however the decreasing availability of pastors now makes even that a slight possibility.

With an increase in membership over the past two years, we may have new discussions within the Call Committee and Council about whether we might reasonably expect to accrue the resources necessary to secure a full-time pastor. The Bishop advised previously that we need to have resources at hand sufficient to sustain a full-time pastor for a two-year period (the minimal that the Bishop advises we must be able to offer).

We would like to express our gratitude to Pastor Richard Hergesheimer for the blessing he has been to this congregation since he first answered our Call for a part-time pastor, but we are well aware that his commitment to us is necessarily temporary.

In our most recent discussions with the Bishop we were informed that many congregations are facing our difficulty in having a pastor answer their Call. In answer to our question as to other options for spiritual leadership and Sunday service, he responded that congregations are increasingly sharing a pastor with another congregation or developing lay Sunday service leadership. He advised that there are some options with regard to having the Host provided for occasional communion but that weekly communion on that basis poses difficulties.

Pastor Hergesheimer has been supportive of our efforts as a congregation to augment his services with lay leaders on the Sundays when he is not available to us, and we thank him for his assistance in developing those leaders from within our membership. Our next conversations with the Bishop will also include a request for direction in further developing our lay leadership. We continue to pray for guidance in our Call, knowing that our desire for a pastor is robust; we must be led by God's answer to our prayer, we must be diligent and we must be resourceful.

Report submitted by Linda Byrnes on behalf of the members of the Call Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to all for your continued support with your offerings.

Also, thank you as well for seeing to the need for bathroom, kitchen and other supplies, taking the initiative to purchase as required, and many times paying for supplies out of pocket. As a result, the cost of kitchen and bathroom supplies remains low.

Kathy Rietze continues to be employed as bookkeeper for Living Faith, providing monthly financial statements to the Treasurer and Church Council. During 2019, Kathy's duties were expanded to include posting the offering gifts, providing monthly statements to the Treasurer for review, and the preparation of the Official Donation Receipts for Income Tax Purposes at year end.

The extra ordinary expense of building repair and maintenance for the year included the removal and replacement of the roof over the kitchen, office, washrooms, as well as the back entry, portable building and shed roof. This cost was paid out of our general account together with the generous support received from Craft Group's balance of funds in the amount of \$1,400. Therefore, our Investment Savings Contingency Fund carried over from 2018 has remained intact.

The Craft Group's remaining funds were contributed to the cost of power washing the siding and gutter cleaning on the church and trailer, resulting in a lower cost of the annual Repair and Maintenance for the buildings.

Another successful Mother's Day Bake Sale was held last May and many thanks go out to all who contributed the baking and their time at the Sale, resulting in the raising of \$570.25 in funds.

In August, 2019, a bequest to Living Faith was received from the Estate of Finn Mikkelsen in the sum of \$8,000. Suggestions have been received by Council to use some of this bequest towards the grounds and gardens, and music in some manner.

Memorial Funds that were carried over from December, 2018, were donations to Living Faith received in memory of Rev. Frank Schmitt and in 2019, a contribution was made to Arrowhead Centre Society disbursing these funds.

In August, the Council and Pastor Hergesheimer signed a new contract as our part-time interim Pastor, and as a result our congregation has been blessed with his support in our efforts to maintain our church and for continued growth. We appreciate the gift he has been to our congregation.

Respectfully submitted: Karen Brummet - Treasurer

**Living Faith Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet As at 12/31/2019**

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash	200.00	
SCCU Bank account	42,206.30	
SCCU Invest Savings	33,021.47	
SCCU Desg. Savings	31,899.32	
SCCU Class B Shares	236.33	
SCCU Class C Shares	107.62	
		<u>107,671.04</u>
Total Cash		107,671.04
Accounts receivable		<u>73.79</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>107,744.83</u>

Capital Assets

Office Furniture & Equipment	60,200.00	
Net - Furniture & Equipment		60,200.00
Computer	1,285.06	
Net - Computer		1,285.06
Building	34,220.00	
Net - Building		34,220.00
Land		<u>83,780.00</u>
Total Capital Assets		<u>179,485.06</u>

TOTAL ASSET 287,229.89

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	41.10	
EI Payable	96.58	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>137.68</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY 137.68

EQUITY

Owners Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	263,780.83	
Current Earnings	23,311.38	
Total Owners Equity		<u>287,092.21</u>

TOTAL EQUITY 287,092.21

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 287,229.89

**Living Faith Lutheran Church
 Operating Fund Income Statement
 As at December 31, 2019**

Donations - receipted	58,454.00
Donations - Loose plate	1,804.05
Fund Raising Revenue	1,970.25
Interest Revenue	271.53
Rent Income	4,526.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 67,025.83

Pastor's Wages	19,134.44
Secretary Wages	3,276.00
EI Expense	508.33
CPP Expense	4.18
Pastor's travel	2,222.95
Medical & Dental benifits	1,860.00
WCB Expense	86.58
Advertising & Promotions	995.51
Bank Charges & Interest	78.50
Business Fees & Licenses	40.00
Conventions	660.00
Missions Local	144.45
Benevolence - BC Syn.	2,500.00
GST expense	332.36
Insurance	1,675.54
Ministry general expenses	711.01
Office Supplies	948.99
Property Taxes	375.67
R & M - Kitchen & Bathroom supplies	116.02
R & M - Building	7,661.94
Sub - Accounting	1,922.50
Sub - Cleaning	860.65
Sub - Pianist	6,745.00
Sub - Pulpit Supply	1,600.00
Telephone & Internet	1,206.31
Travel	59.25
Utilities	2,980.14

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 58,706.32

NET OPERATING INCOME: \$ 8,319.51

Living Faith Lutheran Church
Income Statement 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

REVENUE

Revenue

Donations - receipted	58,454.00	
Donations - Loose plate	1,804.05	
Total donations		60,258.05
Desg - Memorial	8,565.00	
Desg - Food Bank	1,804.00	
Desg - Tanzania	13,695.00	
Desg - CLWR	700.00	
Desig. - Women's \$	345.00	
Total Desg. donations		25,109.00
Total Revenue		85,367.05

Other Revenue

Fund Raising Revenue	1,970.25	
Interest Revenue	271.53	
Interest Income on Desiganted F...	3.23	
Rent Income	4,526.00	
Total Other Revenue		6,771.01

TOTAL REVENUE 92,138.06

EXPENSE

Payroll Expenses

Pastor's Wages	19,134.44	
Secretary Wages	3,276.00	
EI Expense	508.33	
CPP Expense	4.18	
Pastor's travel	2,222.95	
Medical & Dental benefits	1,860.00	
WCB Expense	86.58	
Total Payroll Expense		27,092.48

General & Administrative Expe...

Advertising & Promotions	995.51	
Bank Charges & Interest	78.50	
Business Fees & Licenses	40.00	
Conventions	660.00	
Missions Local	144.45	
Benevolence - BC Syn.	2,500.00	
GST expense	332.36	
Insurance	1,675.54	
Ministry designated expenses	10,120.36	
Ministry general expenses	711.01	
Office Supplies	948.99	
Property Taxes	375.67	
R & M - Kitchen & Bathroom su...	116.02	
R & M - Building	7,661.94	
Total: Repair & Maintenance		7,777.96
Sub - Accounting	1,922.50	
Sub - Cleaning	860.65	
Sub - Pianist	6,745.00	
Sub - Pulpit Supply	1,600.00	
Total Subcontracts		11,128.15
Telephone & Internet	1,206.31	
Travel	59.25	
Utilities	2,980.14	
Total General & Admin. Expen...		41,734.20

TOTAL EXPENSE 68,826.68

NET INCOME 23,311.38

Living Faith Lutheran Church
Designated Fund Income Statement
As at December 31, 2019

Memorial	8,565.00	
Food Bank	1,804.00	
Tanzania	13,695.00	
CLWR	700.00	
Women's ministry	345.00	
Interest Income on Designated Fund	3.23	<hr/>
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>\$ 25,112.23</u>
Ministry expenses		<u>10,120.36</u>
NET DESIGNATED INCOME:		<u><u>\$ 14,991.87</u></u>

BUDGET PROPOSAL – 2020

EXPENSES	<u>2019 (Actual)</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
Payroll Expenses		
Pastor's Wages	\$19,134.44	\$21,200.00
Administrator's Wages	3,276.00	3,600.00
EI Expense	508.33	600.00
CPP Expense	4.18	25.00
Pastor's Travel	2,222.95	2,500.00
Medical & Dental	1,860.00	5,000.00
WCB Expenses	86.58	45.00
Pulpit Supply	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<u>28,692.48</u>	<u>34,970.00</u>
General & Administrative Expenses		
Benevolence – BC Synod	2,500.00	3,500.00
Ministry General Expenses		
Worship & Music, Outreach/Hospitality,		
Education, Stewardship	711.01	1,000.00
Missions – Local	<u>144.45</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>3,355.46</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
Advertising & Promotions	995.51	1,200.00
Bank Charges & Interest	78.50	100.00
Business Fees & Licenses	40.00	45.00
Conventions, Ferry Travel	719.25	1,080.00
GST Expense	332.36	400.00
Insurance	1,675.54	1,875.00
Office Supplies	948.99	1,000.00
Telephones & Internet	1,206.31	1,250.00
Utilities	2,980.14	3,100.00
Gardens	0.00	200.00
Kitchen & Bathroom Supplies	116.02	200.00
Repair & Maintenance		
Building	366.94	1,500.00
Parcel Tax, Waterline & Recreation	<u>375.67</u>	<u>380.00</u>
	<u>9,835.23</u>	<u>12,330.00</u>
Sub-Contracts		
Accounting	1,922.50	1,600.00
Cleaning	860.65	950.00
Pianist	<u>6,745.00</u>	<u>6,950.00</u>
	<u>9,528.15</u>	<u>9,500.00</u>
Extraordinary Expense		
Roof	<u>7,295.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>58,706.32</u>	<u>62,300.00</u>

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