

# Annual Report 2017-2018



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# 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 24, 2018

RockPointe Bowridge Site

- 6:00 pm Finance Information Meeting (lower level)
- 6:45 pm Member Registration
- 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting
- 7:00 pm Song of Worship – *You are the Only King Forever*  
Declaration of God’s Goodness to RockPointe This Past Year  
Song of Worship - *We Are Here for You*
- 7:15 pm Call to Order and Rules of Engagement – Andrew Tritter (chair)
- 7:20 pm Adoption of Agenda for the 2018 Annual General Meeting  
Adoption of Minutes from 2017 Annual General Meeting  
Mail Ballot for our 2018-2019 Budget from June 25, 2018
- 7:25 pm Lead Pastor’s Report – Matt Boda
- 8:05 pm Nominating Committee Report and Election – Bill Cozens
- Pause for Prayer
  - Nominees for Elders Board
  - Nominees for 2019 Nominating Committee
  - Nominees for 2018-2019 Official Tellers
- 8:15 pm Elders Board Report – Andrew Tritter
- 8:20 pm Property Stewardship Team – Steven John
- 8:25 pm Treasurer’s Report – Shauna Bygrave
- 8:40 pm Voting Results  
Vote for Destruction of Ballots
- 8:41 pm Time of Intercession – Matt Boda

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017

September 25, 2017

RockPointe Church (Bowridge Site)

Chair: Tim Moore  
Secretary: Brian Klammer

Jeff Watt opened the meeting with a worship song and Tim Moore followed with prayer.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was convened to deal with the business of RockPointe Church (RPC) including: election of Elders, election of membership representatives for the 2017/2018 Nominating Committee and Tellers, approval of the 2016/2017 Financial Statements, and review of Ministry Reports.

The AGM was preceded by an information session on Monday, September 25 at 6:00 PM to review in detail the 2016/2017 Financial Statements.

## 1. Call to Order

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

After confirmation of a quorum (greater than one-third of the active membership represented in person or by proxy), the Chair called the 2017 AGM to order at 7:10 PM. Representation included 143 members in person and 43 by proxy for a total of 188 members out of a total active membership of 367 (51%).

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved to accept the 2017 Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented. Carried.*

## 3. Adoption of the Minutes and Mail Ballot Reports

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the minutes of the RockPointe Church Annual General Meeting of 2016, and the Mail Ballot Report dated June 27, 2017, as presented in the 2016-17 Annual Report, be approved. Carried.*

## 4. Lead Pastor's Report

- AGM's are like a medical "scope": they allow us to dive into a body's health.

- There are both objective and subjective health measures; the written Annual Report is primarily the objective aspect, whereas Lead Pastor Matt Boda noted his verbal report (including some stories to be told by others) will be more subjective.

Jeff Watt, Pastor of Worship & Creative Arts: An “Up” story

- Jeff recalled a C&MA gathering in February 2015 that involved “unscripted” worship, largely unplanned, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead, as those gathered listened to God.
- In the RockPointe Fall Worship Arts retreat, we held a similar gathering. This carried on into Western Canadian District gatherings, and into smaller gatherings in homes and families. Jeff shared a testimony from Janel Heth in this regard.

Jordan and Asa Rachar (Bears paw site): An “In” story

- Relocated from Edmonton recently.
- Got connected via a small group, Asa in worship, Jordan in Men’s Ministry.
- Encouraged us at RockPointe to continue a warm, welcoming environment.
- Simple things matter: show up early and engage with people over coffee, remember names, follow-up with the person you met during greeting time.

Katie Bowler (Westhills site): A “Global Out” story

- Just returned from Senegal Africa; this may be a permanent missions destination for her in the coming year.
- Katie served with the C&MA in Africa after her bachelor’s degree, returned to Calgary, and is now concluding her Masters.
- God is “accelerating” the growth of Christ followers, after many years of slow growth, in Senegal. Seeds planted years ago are now being harvested.
- Our relationship with Jesus is very valuable. Katie talked of wanting to spend time with Jesus, and seeing heavenly changes due to our collective “all in” commitment.

Ric Gilbertson and Erik McRitchie (Missional Communities Pastor): A “Local Out” story

- Why a “missional community” in Tuscany? Erik spoke of 3 aspects to this journey:
  - Erik’s own story: a sense his years in Youth Ministry were drawing to a close.
  - Erik’s photography hobby: this became a connection point to many people who shared this hobby, and who were also far from Jesus.
  - RockPointe leadership had a discontent about too few people coming to know Jesus; what will it take to address this?
- This all led to Erik being offered a new opportunity. This led into a season of prayer, learning, and listening.

- The “new expression” is something alongside of what RockPointe is already doing at our existing sites. Those involved (from an initial 3 people to about 24 now) are seeking to live daily as missionaries within the community of Tuscany.
- The approach is more of a “going to” the community, rather than expecting people “to come” to an existing RockPointe gathering.
- Examples:
  - Erik joined the Tuscany Community Board, and was asked to host a youth event. The missional community of people raised funds, volunteered, and hosted an event for about 200 youth.
  - People are involved in building intentional relationships where they naturally have connections. (e.g. sports teams, hobbies)
- The process is slow and not “flashy”, but reaching these “unreached people” is happening.
- The dream for Tuscany is that people there would experience the love of Jesus, through the love and lives of Christ followers around them; ultimately to see Tuscany transformed.

There were more stories shared (e.g. Brandon Trotter building relationships into the Arts Community, baptisms Choi Naim has hosted at Bowridge). RockPointe’s best days are still ahead, not because of us, but because of God’s work in and through, and sometimes in spite of, us. God is at work far beyond what we know and see. Stop striving, and live. Step into our authority as believers. Lean into loving others. This is also a season of much suffering and pain for some; we are to comfort others with the comfort we have received.

Matt reminded us of the “Five Arenas” of RockPointe directional focus at this time:

- Prayer
- Missional Engagement
- Discipleship
- Service
- Multiplication

Matt thanked the outgoing Elders, staff, and the priests of RockPointe (I Peter 2: 9) for their prayers.

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved to accept the Lead Pastor’s Report as presented in the Annual Report. Carried.*

## 5. **Nominating Committee Report**

Elaine Oostwouder, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Report.

Elaine presented the nominees for the Elders Board. The Chair advised that no further nominees for the position of Elder were received by the Nominating Committee prior to the deadline.

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that Steven John, Jim Johnston, Sean Miller, Andrew Tritter, Allan Willms, Aileen Cowan and Myrna Waddell be elected to the Board of Elders. Carried.*

The results of a vote by secret ballot were reported to the membership by the Head Teller. All nominees received a favourable vote of greater than 50% plus 1 of the ballots cast.

Elaine presented the nominees for the 2018 Nominating Committee and advised that Elder representation on the Nominating Committee would be appointed. The Chair opened the floor for additional nominees for the 2018 Nominating Committee. There were no further nominees.

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that nominations for the 2018 Nominating Committee cease and that Laureen John, Ken Bygrave and Bill Cozens be declared as the congregational representatives on the 2018 Nominating Committee. Carried.*

Elaine presented the nominees for the 2017/2018 Tellers. The Chair opened the floor for additional nominees for the 2017/2018 Tellers. There were no further nominees.

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that nominations for the 2017/2018 Tellers cease and that Suzyn Allens, Peggy Anderst, Wes Baillie, Anna-Dawn DeMaere and Lorraine Storm be declared as Tellers for any Membership Meetings and Mail Ballots for the upcoming year – through to the conclusion of the 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting. Carried.*

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee as presented, with thanks to those who served. Carried.*

## **6. Elders Report**

- Matt directed attention to the Elders Report in the Annual Report
- Matt thanked the Elders, and encouraged us to pray for them regularly.

Tim Moore opened the floor to questions.

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved to accept the Elders Report as presented in the Annual Report. Carried.*

## 7. Treasurer's Report

Shauna Bygrave (Treasurer) presented the 2016-2017 Financial Report. Shauna thanked God for His blessings, thanked the Finance Team and Finance Staff, thanked donors, reviewed financial highlights of the past year, provided a summary financial review, and provided an overview of the fund balances.

Shauna invited Kristi Hopf (back from Niger) to share some stories about Missions investment in Niger:

- Meeting needs like water wells, health education, and development training
- As this is done, it provides her a forum for telling Bible stories
- RockPointe has been instrumental in providing a home for Kristi in a village. As she moved into this village, people have grown to trust her and come willingly to her (asking for Bible stories, asking for prayer, sharing their fears)

Shauna invited Myrna Waddell, and others from the People Care team, to share some stories from People Care:

- There are many, many small acts of love and kindness that RockPointers exhibit on a regular basis
- Subsidized counselling
- Help for seniors
- Gift cards when people are going through crisis
- Partnership with agencies including Bowness Boys & Girls Club, Bowmont Seniors

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was moved to approve the unaudited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017, with the review engagement report attached, as presented to the members. Carried.*

## 8. RockPointe Westhills Property

- The Meeting Chair noted an information meeting has already been held at Westhills on September 17, as well an information package has been mailed/emailed to members
- Executive Pastor Ric Gilbertson covered the “what”, offer details, confidentiality clauses, possible scenarios if the property was sold, the “why”, and the “way” forward
- Ric advised that in the near term, the current Ambrose lease has been extended until August 31, 2020
- Ric invited Matt Boda, Aileen Cowan (Property Stewardship Chair), and Wayne Heth (Treasurer of the Western Canadian District) to help facilitate a Question & Answer (Q&A) time; there were also some comments made by members, as noted:

Q: What happens with the sale proceeds? Is it used for General Revenue? Was the land (and thus the funds) designated for a particular purpose?

A: Whereas the motion does not include debt repayment, it is likely that the first use of the funds would be for debt repayment. Remainder would be invested in a fund; and the expenditure thereof would require further decision making/voting by the membership (in accordance with RockPointe by-laws). Wayne Heth also reviewed the history of Strathcona/Westhills, noting that the land was initially purchased with funds that originated from the Strathcona facility sale.

Q: What would be the probable cost of replacement land?

A: The Property Stewardship Team (PST) believes there is appropriate land available, in the Westhills area, for less cost. The existing land is in a desirable location for commercial purposes, which is likely driving the value of offer.

Q: Do we have price comparables to the offer?

A: The last formal appraisal was several years ago.

Q: We have been offered \$6.5 million plus, yet the motion cites \$6.25 million. Why is this?

A: This was intended to provide a minimum sale price, in the event that something is found during the buyer's investigation that lowers the value. It gives the Elders Board some room to negotiate, should something be found. The Elders Board would obviously seek the highest sale price.

Q: What is Matt Boda's sense of the impact to the Westhills congregation, should they be without a "home church"?

A: This would be unlikely, as we are not on a rushed timeline. We don't feel forced to do this, but the Elders felt this opportunity should be brought to the RockPointe membership for decision.

Q: What is the plan for the current approved budget debt reduction line item, which would become available?

A: No decision has been made to this point. Also, this sale would not close until early 2018, thus could fit into our next budget planning cycle

Q: A 3-year lease extension at Westhills was noted. What pre-work has been done to scout possible replacement land?

A: The intent would be to accelerate doing more detailed scouting. However, no specific replacement direction has been made. It may be bare land, it may be an existing building.

Comment: let us remain mindful of the fact that the “seed” money for this land, came from the original Strathcona facility sale, and continue to honour the intention for a replacement facility in the Westhills area

Q: The money could be available by early 2018. How fast could we move?

A: This would be a catalyst to move Westhills into a building sooner. Next step would likely be to look for land, and then what would we do with a specific piece of land. There would be membership decision making as required per the by-laws. There is no set timeline for this.

Q: Is this the first offer we have received? How has the value increased? What is the risk in waiting?

A: The initial offer was low, and was negotiated upward. As Wayne has tracked land values for the district, land values have generally been flat since 2008. Exceptions would be properties with unique characteristics, impacting value.

Q: This seems like a good property. Is this a property we want to give up, or want to keep? How do the Westhills people feel about potentially losing the property?

A: The property does have a significant slope, also with a 30m setback for LRT Expansion. We believe there is other suitable land for a church facility, in the area.

Comment from Dwayne Peterson, Westhills Site Pastor: Though he stated he cannot speak for all from Westhills attenders, he noted he believes there is a strong sense of excitement, and a sense that “God is in this.” He is not aware of any dissenting opinions from Westhills people.

Comment from Ryan Healey, Westhills member: It would be good to hear from a Westhills person who also came from Strathcona. Also, should this sale happen, we don’t want to lose the serving culture Westhills has. However, the reality is use of the Ambrose facility also requires a lot of ongoing, regular work, therefore a permanent home would be desirable.

Comment from Cheryl Flieger, Westhills member. There is a sense of excitement about this opportunity. A sense that this is from the Lord.

Comment from Murray Moore, as a long time and legacy founding member of Bow Valley Alliance: A reminder that, from the earliest days at Bow Valley, whenever we reached out and moved, the Lord met us in in miraculous ways. Let us test the Lord and allow Him to show us if He is once again in this.

Matt Boda led a time of intercessory prayer for the decision.

*It was moved and seconded that the membership approve the sale of RockPointe's Westhills Property located at 7755 – 17 Ave SW, Calgary, for no less than the amount of \$6.25 million dollars.*

The results of a vote by secret ballot were reported to the membership by the Head Teller. A favourable vote of greater than 2/3 of majority of the ballots cast was received (100% of the votes were in favour).

#### **9.0 Destruction of Ballots**

*On the motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved to destroy the ballots from the election of Elders at the 2017 AGM, the mail ballot of June 27, 2017, and the Westhills Property sale. Carried.*

#### **10.0 Adjournment**

*Upon hearing no objection, the 2016 Annual General Meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Tim Moore, Chairman

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Brian Klammer, Secretary

Attachments:

Presentation Slides

# Mail Ballot Report

June 25, 2018

## Report of the Tellers

The Membership of RockPointe Church recently conducted a vote via mail ballot regarding the following motion:

### **Motion #1:**

**It is moved and seconded that the membership approve the 2018-19 Ministry Fund Budget and 2018-19 Missions Fund, Compassion Fund and Development Fund Targets as presented.**

A total of 230 of a possible 376 ballots were received. We need a total of 125 ballots to establish a quorum.

We received 217 ballots in favor of the motion, 5 against and 8 spoiled. This motion requires a simple majority support of all ballots in order to be approved. The actual support achieved on this vote was 98%. Therefore the motion is carried.

In order for Motion #1 to be 'passed' we must:

- Have at least 1/3 of the total number of ballots returned to the church office no later than June 25, 2018, and
- Of the ballots received, 50% plus one must be in favor of the motion.

## Mail Ballot Tellers:

Lorraine Storm (Chair)

Suzyn Allens

Peggy Anderst

# 2018-19 RockPointe's Direction: Five Arenas

**OUR MISSION:** Helping people find and fully follow Jesus.

**OUR VISION:** By God's grace and for His glory, we long to become a community that is passionately devoted to God, deeply committed to one another and relentlessly focused on the lost. To move toward the achievement of this vision, we will pray, plan and execute our plans in the following arenas in our ministry areas this year.

## **ARENA ONE - PRAYER**

Unless our understanding and commitment to allowing prayer to lead the way changes, we will never become the prevailing church God desires. So this year, let's build a monstrous foundation of prayer that's never been built at RockPointe that undergirds all we long to become and accomplish.

## **ARENA TWO - MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

Unless we lose our myopia and overcome our reluctance to participate in becoming a blessing to the nations, we will never become the prevailing church God desires. So this year, let's help RockPointers embrace our role in becoming a blessing to reach our neighbourhoods and the nations.

## **ARENA THREE - DISCIPLESHIP**

Unless our understanding and commitment to living as disciples who disciple disciples changes, we will never become the prevailing church God desires. So this year, let's champion disciple-making as our Main Thing.

## **ARENA FOUR - SERVICE**

Unless we repent of our consumerism, materialism and self-centeredness and begin to live as kingdom contributors who use our resources for others, we will never become the prevailing church God desires. So let's challenge and equip our people to step into their God-given place of service to Christ so that each part does its own work.

## **ARENA FIVE - MULTIPLY**

Until the confusion of our fog about multiplying clears, we will never become the prevailing church God desires. So this year, let's get down on our knees and ask God to put a people, a place, a priority or a partner in front of us so that we cannot miss it or avoid it. And then let's strategize as to the who, what, where, when and how that will happen.

*May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17)*

# 2018 Elders Report

You have likely read the story adapted from *The Star Thrower* by Loren Eiseley.

*A man was walking on the beach one day and noticed a boy who was reaching down, picking up a starfish and throwing it in the ocean. As he approached, he called out, "Hello! What are you doing?" The boy looked up and said, "I'm throwing starfish into the ocean." "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the man. "The tide stranded them. If I don't throw them in the water before the sun comes up, they'll die." came the answer. "Surely you realize that there are miles of beach, and thousands of starfish. You'll never throw them all back, there are too many. You can't possibly make a difference." The boy listened politely, then picked up another starfish. As he threw it back into the sea, he said, "It made a difference for that one."*

This story is such an encouragement when we think about living into the mission at RockPointe that is *"to help people find and fully follow Jesus."* Sometimes this calling can seem very difficult or other times we feel we have lost the passion in this area. As followers of Jesus each of us have been given the gift of having a personal, guilt free, relationship with our Saviour and the immense privilege of introducing others to Him. The good news is that we are not meant to do this alone. The great commission given to us by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 declares *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* As an Elders Board, we are on a journey to fulfill this more in our personal lives and we continue to hear stories of RockPointer's leaning into this call as well. We encourage you to continue making this a priority in your walk with God and your relationship with others.

This past ministry year has been a great season of connecting, praying, listening and learning together as a board. We are very thankful to God for all the ways He is active in our church through leadership, staff, people and ministries. At our monthly meetings we have been blessed to hear stories from people who call RockPointe home about the ways that they are faithfully obeying God's call in their life to serve others. Be encouraged! God is at work among us, changing hearts and lives and we give Him praise and all the glory!

The board went away in the fall of 2017 and again in the early part of 2018, taking time to listen, reflect on the Scriptures, look back at where we have been as a church and seek God for wisdom on the future vision of RockPointe. As part of this process the board invested time reading and discussing the book "Church Unique" by Will Mancini. God affirmed in us that we are one church with multiple expressions and that our focus on making disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples is critical. This book has been beneficial in understanding the uniqueness of each of our sites and the needs that God has placed before us. We desire to have a deeper understanding of how our culture is changing and how to remain relevant to those in our community, while holding on to the core values and spiritual

truths of the Bible. Please continue to pray for the board as we continue the journey on defining our vision.

The board also invested time equipping each other in our roles as Elders, so we can better serve RockPointe. Specific areas of focus included prayer, healing prayer, financial administration, discipleship, bylaws and policies. We had the privilege in our monthly meetings of praying for our staff and we encourage RockPointers to continue to keep our staff lifted high in prayer. We are blessed with a very talented and committed staff and while we have experienced several changes this past year, God continues to provide. The Elders also committed to Seamless Link agreements (partnership agreements) with Elizabeth Lim, Kristi Hopf, Tim and Natalie Souster and Katie Bowler, all of whom are now serving overseas in a variety of ways. We are very impressed with our workers who sacrifice much, so that the good news of what Jesus has done for us can be shared with least reached people groups around the world.

We continue to pray over property stewardship opportunities and challenges such as what God would have us do with our Westhills land and long-term opportunities for our Westhills community. While we were disappointed that our sale of land in Westhills fell through, we know that God has something else in store. Please continue to pray for wisdom and direction for our Property Stewardship Team, leadership and Elders as God continues to provide options for us to explore.

On behalf of the board we are very grateful for the generosity of RockPointers who see God actively at work in our community, city and around the world. God continues to provide for our financial needs as a church and in turn we can serve others. Our staff continue to focus on ways to simplify and realign related to our changing priorities and we appreciate this very thoughtful and intentional approach.

I would like to thank the board for serving well this past year. To our leadership, staff and volunteers, we say well done and thank you for your ongoing commitment to all that God is doing and has yet to do.

In closing, these words in Ephesians are very fitting for RockPointe. *“When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”*

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Tritter - Elders Board Chair

# 2018 Lead Pastor's Annual Report

Many of us who belong to the RockPointe community are aware that we are part of a network of churches known as *The Christian and Missionary Alliance* or simply "*The Alliance*." Our association of 440 churches and some 250 international workers from across Canada seeks to equip people to live on mission locally and globally with the goal of fulfilling the Great Commission.

We have a vision prayer in the Alliance: *Oh Lord, with all our hearts we long for You. Lord Jesus, come, transform us to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, mission-focused people multiplying disciples everywhere.* This is one powerful prayer! And from the outset of this year's annual report, I'd like you to ponder three questions related to that prayer, questions I'll return to as I end my report. They are: *Does this prayer resonate with the desires of your heart? Are you willing to pray it? And are you willing to do whatever God calls you to do to see that prayer fulfilled?*

## **What Is An Annual Report?**

And now, on to my report. An annual report is an interesting genre of literature. Its purpose is to report to its church's members regarding its activities over the past year. This is accomplished via reports from those in key positions of leadership. It functions in many ways like Paul and Barnabas who returned to their sending church at Antioch to share of what God had been doing through them. Today, in fulfillment of this purpose, you hold in your hands RockPointe's 2018 Annual Report giving you insight into what God has done in our RockPointe community this past fiscal year of 2017-2018. I trust that you'll take time to read the various aspects and perspectives of God's work among us.

## **RockPointe by the Numbers**

One of the important ways in which we report is what long-time Christians often refer to as nickels and noses reporting. This relates to financial giving and attendance at our worship gatherings. While not the entire picture, these numbers are very important in terms of tracking our success in specific areas of ministry as well as accounting for our operating costs and effectiveness. Here is our 2017-2018 nickels and noses report.

Our giving this past fiscal year was exceptional at RockPointe. We had a challenging budget for our ministry year and we came very close to fully subscribing each of our four funds. For this I am very thankful. A huge thank you to all who are faithfully supporting the ministries of RockPointe, both here in Calgary and around the world. As of the end of our fiscal year on June 30th, 2018, our giving was as follows.

- Ministry Fund - \$3,134,002 (budget of \$3,200,000)
- Missions Fund - \$404,338 (budget of \$420,000)
- Compassion Fund - \$211,657 (budget of \$220,000)
- Development Fund - \$49,169 (budget of \$50,000)

- Total giving to RockPointe's ministries both local and global - \$3,850,296 (as compared to \$3,896,908 the year previous)
- At fiscal year's end, an underspending of our budget combined with RockPointe's giving, we had a surplus of \$73,732.

Attendance at our worship gatherings was down 4.5% from our previous ministry year. Each weekend we hold five gatherings. The attendance for these gatherings this past year was as follows.

- Saturday at 6:30 PM at Bowridge - 179 average (199 the year previous)
- Sunday at 10 AM at Bowridge - 206 average (206 the year previous)
- Sunday at 9 AM at Bearspaw - 344 average (356 the year previous)
- Sunday at 11 AM at Bearspaw - 470 average (474 the year previous)
- Sunday at 10:30 AM at Westhills - 270 average (303 the year previous)
- Total attendance for the ministry year - 1429 (1496 the year previous)

### **God, What Do I Know?**

There is, however, much more to keep track of than simply our giving and attendance statistics. Allow me to share a personal story. One day this past spring, I found myself contemplating what I knew of what God was doing in this community called RockPointe. I thought about the stories I inevitably hear from RockPointers as they share about their daily lives. I pondered the privilege that accompanies serving as a pastor in a local church, the privilege of participating in a multitude of conversations each week along with the many e-mails and texts that I receive.

The thought crossed my mind: *I wonder how much I really know of what God is doing among us?* 20% came to mind. I thought to myself: *I wonder if I know 20% of what God is doing among us?* My immediate response was: *Not a chance! There's no way with all those who call RockPointe their spiritual community that I know one-fifth of what God is doing.* I cut my original guess in half to 10% and almost as quickly rejected that number as well. In the end, I settled on the fact that I, serving as RockPointe's lead pastor, know somewhat less than 1% of what God is up to. And that may be giving me the benefit of the doubt.

This was bad news to me until Romans 11:33-36 came to mind where the Apostle Paul boldly declares the person and work of our God: *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counsellor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay them? For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.*

I love Paul's words. He makes several bold declarations about who our God is, declarations which remind us that our God is unlike any other god. There's no one like Him. He's above all gods. His wisdom and knowledge surpasses all. His ways are beyond understanding and yet always for our good. He does so much for us that we could never repay Him. And as our lives - both out there as we scatter in all directions as a body and together as we gather as a body - are filled with His work.

He's ever at work in and through and in spite of us. What happens among us happens because of who He is and what He does. And as with my experiment with percentages, it's true that we're often unaware of all God is doing all around us. His agenda is not always obvious to us.

### **Let Me Help You See**

The role of a spiritual leader is to move people onto God's agenda. Henry Blackaby in his book Experiencing God makes the bold statement that those who follow Jesus need to find out where God is working and join Him. As I look over the past year, I can see so many ways in which God has been at work.

I've seen Him at work in the various age group ministries we have. Children learning who Jesus is and how to hear the Spirit's voice as they read Scripture and listen to God. Our youth ministries becoming more focused on becoming a discipling community in which students are invited to take bold stands for God as they listen to His leading. Young adults who have engaged in a long obedience in the same direction as they have joined our CRAVE community, a group devoting themselves to a year-long discipling experience. Adults who are leaning into discipling lifestyles, participating in small groups that lean into becoming true Biblical community and leaning into living missional lives as never before.

I've seen God at work in the various initiatives and experiences we've created to help RockPointers of different ages become more like Jesus. Our *Hearing God*, *Set Free*, *Live Full*, *Doctrine Night*, *Living a Generous Life* and *B.L.E.S.S.* experiences have all been offered this past year. We also held four *ASCEND* events - evenings of worship, intercession and story-telling that help us to engage as a body in living into our vision and mission.

I've seen God at work in the people that He has sent out to serve Him, both here in Calgary and in far-off spots on the globe. God is calling us to take part in the blessing of the nations that our ancient ancestor Abraham was called to. I see more RockPointers taking an interest in building relationships with others in the places where they live, work and play. We are taking advantage of opportunities to reach out via youth and adult ALPHA, our Clothing Giveaway in Bowness, Calgary's Neighbour Day, the Tuscany Harvest Fest, our downtown Sandwich Serve and local and overseas missions trip by our youth and young adults. And the development of our Tuscany Missional Community under the leadership of Erik McRitchie has seen some wonderful results as people from all kinds of backgrounds are becoming part of that community and moving toward Jesus. There are so many other ways in which God has been at work among us. Allow me to highlight five specific ways in which God has been at work in us. I want to unveil these five ways and invite you to join God in His work.

### **One: We've become more and more clear about who we are**

We take our teaching series at RockPointe seriously as a means by which we shape and change our culture. In recent years, our schedule has included a number of teaching series to help us focus in on who we are

called to be as this spiritual community called *RockPointe*.

You may recall our *Ripple Effect* series in which we used the book of Acts as the blueprint for who we are to become. We followed that with a series we called *ReMarkable*, a study of the gospel of Mark and what it teaches us about our lives as disciples of Jesus. And then we followed that with a series from 1 Peter 2 entitled *Priests*, to help us understand what it means to live as mediators of Jesus to a lost world that needs Him.

Walking through these various series (and others), our understanding of our identity in Christ has been shaped. We've come to know who we are ourselves as the people of God, those redeemed by Jesus' death, the church of Jesus Christ, mediators and priests. We've developed a greater understanding of the identity we hold as those who are called to be a blessing to all peoples, from our neighbourhoods to the nations.

As I talk with RockPointe leaders and parishioners, the effects of these Scriptures on our lives has been obvious. All of us - leaders included - are well aware that we are a beautiful, imperfect body. And more and more of us are living into and walking with the identity God designed for us. We belong to the good and beautiful God and as His possessions, we live for Him, becoming more like Jesus in our very being.

### **Two: We're becoming more clear about what we're to be about**

Not only do we understand more of who we are, but as a community, we're becoming more clear about what we're to be about. These days, churches seem to exist for a variety of reasons: as social clubs, for entertainment, to make human beings into better people, for babysitting and/or moral training for their kids.

At RockPointe, we've been working hard to remind ourselves that the church exists as part of human life for three specific reasons: To bring glory to God, to encourage and build each other up as co-followers of Jesus, and to share with those who don't know Jesus the good life He has offered us. We sum up these three reasons for our existence as being our *Up*, our *In* and our *Out*.

Living into these three directions of life - up, in and out - has become our way of defining what it means to be disciples. The gospels make it clear that a disciple is someone who is moving toward Jesus - someone who hears God's voice, obeys and influences others to do the same. It is toward this priority - living as disciples - that we're asking God to help us live. And we've been consistently calling RockPointers to the same priority. Each time a RockPointer embraces this calling to live as a disciple who is discipling others, we lean a little more into what God has called us to be about.

From children's to senior's ministry, our goal is to grow disciples. This past year, as in years previous, we've been working hard to develop rhythms and experiences that will help us become more like Jesus.

We've developed experiences that will help us to live into life rhythms that become life-long practices as disciples. The experiences we've developed are never intended to stand alone.

### **Three: We're beginning to embrace the mission God has for us**

In truth, our vision is to become more than a community, although that is important. What we really dream of becoming - the picture of what we want to become in the future - is a community of disciples on mission together. And the mission that we want to share together is to *help people find and fully follow Jesus*.

We are calling and teaching RockPointers to make space in their lives for others who do not know Jesus. The *long form* of our vision statement expresses our desire to become a community that is *relentlessly focused on the lost*. More than one RockPointer has shared with me that those words have not always felt true of how we are living in our mission and I would agree with them. But something has begun to change. We have become more concerned about lost people. We are beginning to lean into building relationships with those who don't know Christ in order to build relationships that will one day be able to bear the weight of sharing the gospel. And our concern for the nations has risen. We are living to help people find and fully follow Jesus.

It's important for you to know that our children's and youth ministry has always had a focus on seeing kids and teens come to Christ as a result of their ministry. They have regularly prayed that God would use them to bring others to Christ in and through their ministries. I cannot say this has always been true of our ministry to adults. We have lacked the white-hot passion - a relentless focus on the lost. But this is changing. We're beginning to live out this priority - you might call it our *Out* priority - as we have been concerned about the low numbers of adults we see coming to Christ. I invite you to pray with us about this. Jesus is the hope of the world and through His people, He makes His message known. There is no other way. Please join us as we lean into living into this mission to help people to find and fully follow Jesus.

### **Four: As a community, we're becoming a sending community**

All churches go through seasons as any living organism does. When I began leading at RockPointe six years ago, we were in a low season in regards to our sending people into mission. Our awareness of being a *sent* people to those we engage with in the places where we live, work and play was low. Your average RockPointer's understanding that they are God's means by which the world hears of His love needed to grow. And the list of RockPointers who had experienced a calling to reach out to the nations was quite short.

Over the past few years, we've made it a priority to share of this calling and this has been changing. In particular, it's amazing to me the number of RockPointers who have experienced God's call on their lives to go to the nations. We are quite careful these days about publishing names of those who are

serving in other sensitive spots across the globe, but I am very thankful for what God has birthed out of RockPointe as numerous ones from among us have *headed out* to places of service in areas where there is a very low percentage of followers of Jesus.

We now have RockPointers serving in multiple points around the globe - in the Middle East, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia to name a few. And more are in line to go and participate around the globe in God's plan to bless the nations, the plan He unveiled to Abraham so long ago. I am very thankful for this change. Oh Lord, continue to call all of us to play our part in *going*, whether our assignment is to our neighbourhoods or to the nations across the globe.

**Finally: As a community, we're experiencing more of the abundant life Jesus offers**

In John 10, verse 10, Jesus says something that is very important for us to hear. He speaks of those whose voices compete with everything Jesus has to offer us as His sheep, voices we constantly hear of on websites, in books, via the media and in conversations that we hear every day. Jesus says: *The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

You may know this rich and satisfying life as "abundant life." A literal translation is absolutely stunning in what this rich, satisfying and abundant life is all about. Jesus is saying: *I came in order that believers in Me might continuously have an all-encompassing, never-ending, beyond-what-is-expected, more-than-enough life.* That's what our Shepherd wants us to experience.

As we have become more clear about our identity, vision and mission over the past couple of years, we've become aware that God wants these things for us for a very specific reason: He wants us to experience real life. That's what He is at work doing in us - He's giving us real life, abundant life, more-than-enough life. The experience of that kind of life is why He's done everything He's done for us and why He's at work in us. And He knows (and He wants us to know!) that there is someone who doesn't want us to experience that real life. Jesus calls him a thief and a robber. He's speaking of our enemy, Satan, the devil. I believe at RockPointe, we're becoming more aware of our enemy's ability to keep us from experiencing this real life. And we're working harder to ensure that everyone can experience this abundant life.

God is doing beautiful things among us to lead us into this experience of abundant life. A few come to mind.....

- Kids in our children's ministry learn what it means to hear God's voice and obey what He says in ways that change their lives.
- A bunch of students in our youth ministry participate in a local missions trip and experience the joy of giving their lives away to others as they spend a week serving in a variety of ways in the Calgary area loving on lost people.
- A group of young adults covenants to get up early two mornings each week to pursue God and be disciplined through our CRAVE ministry and they find it changes their lives.

- People of all ages get up the courage to obey God and get baptized. And as they prepare and share their story and are baptized, they experience the joy of obeying God even more than the joy of being baptized and they experience real life.
- A small group of men of a variety of ages finds incredible joy by encountering community together as they eat, laugh, share life, search the Scriptures, apply them and pray together. It becomes their place to know others and be known by others as part of God's people. And it changes their lives.
- Musicians find their place of service as part of a team of people who lead worship at one of our sites. In using their gifts and talents to help others worship, they experience the joy of giving away their time and talent.
- A young couple takes the challenge of asking God what to do with their financial resources. They begin with a tithe of 10% of their income and over time, come to realize the gift of giving God has given them. And they experience joy in doing so!
- A single mom and a grieving widower and a young adult (and many others) attend a RockPointe worship gathering. They lean in and choose to become part of the body and this choice pays amazing dividends in their lives spiritually. Real life is theirs!

I could go on and on, telling story after story of what God is doing in the midst of the beautiful, imperfect body that is RockPointe. The key is what we are becoming. It's so clear, as you look at our body, that we're becoming a community of disciples on mission together. And we're more clear than ever about who we are, what we're to be about, what our mission is and how we're called to send.

And because of it all, God is blessing us with the abundant life that Jesus promised. Irenaeus, a church leader in the early days of the church, was a hugely influential leader in his day. Perhaps the most striking thing he ever said was a little eight-word sentence that reminds us of how much God wants us to experience the abundant life He offers. That sentence reads: *The glory of God is man fully alive.* Irenaeus got it right. When men, women and children experience the real life Jesus offers, God is glorified.

And I praise God for the abundant life He is bringing to our lives. He is making amazing things happen through unlikely people in unlikely places.

### **Three Questions**

I return to the questions I posed at the beginning of this annual report. The words of our vision prayer are crucial for every RockPointer to embrace. Again it reads: *Oh Lord, with all our hearts we long for You. Lord Jesus, come, transform us to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people multiplying disciples everywhere.*

In most cases in our world, the reading of an annual report requires only one thing - reading. But I'm wondering if you would add one more action to your reading of my annual report this year. Would you

take a few minutes to think back through what you've read and then pray into the three questions our vision prayer raises?

- *Would you like to see the fulfillment of this prayer?*
- *Are you really willing to pray it?*
- *Are you willing to do whatever God calls you to do to see that prayer fulfilled?*

We have a saying in the Alliance we often use. It reads: *On mission. Everyone. Everywhere. All the time.* This is a call to action. It sounds great and isn't all that difficult to remember. But at times, I forget the magnitude of those words because they represent a huge shift in how we think about God's mission in the world and how we take part in it. But if a majority of RockPointers ever grabbed it and lived by it, there's no telling what might happen with God's power behind us.

Pray about that would you?

### **Conclusion**

There is so much more I could and would like to write about in this report. But I will close with this: Thank you to the Elders with whom I am privileged to lead at RockPointe Church. And to the staff I get to work with every day. And to you - all RockPointers - who are leaning into participating in the Kingdom life we share as part of this wonderful, beautiful, imperfect community. I love being part of it all.

RockPointe's best days are still ahead of us.

Blessing

Matt Boda - Lead Pastor

# Report of the 2018 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, as selected by the Elders Board and by congregational election, is charged with selecting nominees for various offices, to fill the vacancies for the upcoming term. The process of seeking God's chosen leaders for RockPointe Church requires wisdom, discernment and prayer along with an assessment of key needs and dialogue with the nominees.

The mandate of the Nominating Committee as we operate in a multi-site reality included fulfilling the following recommendations from the Elders Board:

- To ensure the election process provides a minimum of one member on our Elders Board from each established site
- To ensure the election process provides a minimum of one member on our Nominating Committee from each established site

We are pleased to advise the congregation of the following:

## **New Elder Nominees**

Joy Berner	Bowridge	Beginning first term - 2018-2020
Norma Reynolds	Westhills	Beginning first term - 2018-2020

## **Nomination for a Second Term**

Terence Jellema	Westhills	Beginning second term - 2018-2020
Tim Moore	Bowridge	Beginning second term - 2018-2020

## **Continuing Elders**

Aileen Cowan	Westhills	In second term - 2017-2019
Steven John	Bearspaw	In first term - 2017-2019
Jim Johnston	Bearspaw	In first term - 2017-2019
Sean Miller	Bowridge	In first term - 2017-2019
Andrew Tritter	Bowridge	In first term - 2017-2019
Myrna Waddell	Bearspaw	In second term - 2017-2019
Allan Willms	Bearspaw	In first term - 2017-2019

## **Elders Concluding Service**

Shauna Bygrave	Westhills	Concluding second term
Rick Richards	Bowridge	Concluding second term

Elders may serve up to two consecutive two-year terms but must be re-nominated and elected to do so. The second term of office can be for one or two years. After serving two consecutive terms, an Elder is ineligible for nomination and election for one year.

Profiles of the new Elder nominees are available online and at the Info Desk at all sites. According to our Constitution, the new Elder nominee names, along with any additional nominees brought forward by the Membership will be submitted to the Membership for a secret ballot vote at the Annual General Meeting, Monday, September 24, 2018 in order to secure an Elder for each vacancy.

Any additional nominations by the Membership must be made in writing, be supported by the signature of two other Members and delivered to the Chair of the Nominating Committee (Matt Boda) prior to 1 PM, Sept. 10, 2018. All potential Elder nominees must be Members in good standing. An information package regarding the role and responsibility of an Elder is available at the info desk or on our website [www.rockpointe.ca](http://www.rockpointe.ca).

### **2019 Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following three Members serve as the congregational representatives on the 2019 Nominating Committee:

1. Brian Klammer - Bearspaw
2. Joanne Janzen - Bowridge
3. Cheryl Flieger - Westhills

### **2018-2019 Official Tellers**

Additionally, the Nominating Committee recommends that the following five individuals be affirmed as our Official Tellers for any congregational business meetings and for mail ballots in the upcoming year:

1. Lorraine Storm
2. Suzyn Allens
3. Cheryl Flieger
4. Peggy Anderst
5. Wes Baillie

Opportunities to nominate additional names for the 2019 Nominating Committee and the Official Tellers will be given at the Annual General Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2018.

We are pleased with the slate of nominees we have the privilege of bringing forward to the Membership of RockPointe Church and trust you will join us in praying regularly for those individuals whom we elect.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Matt Boda (Chair)

Ken Bygrave

Aileen Cowan

Bill Cozens (Secretary)

Laureen John

Jim Johnston

Rick Richards



## Elder Profile

Joy Berner, Bowridge Site (First Term 2018-2020)

**How did you become a Christian?** *I was raised in a Christian family and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour at nine years old. I grew up on a farm and my parent's faith was very practical, helping and being helped by neighbours, giving even when it hurt.*

**How is God presently working in your life?** *I am on an exciting faith journey right now, exploring and slowly learning what it means to abide with Jesus. I am relying on Jesus to help me develop a closer friendship with Him, rather than a transactional relationship. Trying to remember to involve Him in all areas of my life has become transformational.*

**How did you come to RockPointe Church?** *During a period of transition, I was looking for a new church. I decided to visit Bow Valley Alliance in the fall of 1998. The greeting was warm, the worship was familiar and upbeat, the preaching was timeless in its message and contemporary in its presentation, the atmosphere was family-like. I knew I had found my new home!*

**Tell us about your family, children, your education and hobbies:** *I have been married to Lorenz for six years and we are fortunate to live on an acreage between Cochrane and Calgary. I love living in the country! Much of our time in the summer is spent working to complete the yard and gardening—we love to grow our own vegetables! For fun, I love a wide range of outdoor fitness activities like running, hiking, kayaking, and biking. Over the last several years I worked part time on an MBA and graduated in September 2016.*

**Where are you presently employed and what are the major areas of challenge you have in your present employment?** *I am the Director of Operations at Garmin Canada Inc. Managing change has always been part of my role—I started working 17 years ago for a little high tech start up. I grew the operations department to 16 people and then had to shrink it again when the manufacturing was moved to Taiwan. Managing people within a constantly changing environment has been a rewarding but also very challenging aspect of my role.*

**List the major areas of your previous ministry experience:** *It was almost a decade ago when I decided I wanted to start volunteering at RockPointe, and I thought that being a camera operator would be fun and*

*would fit with my interest in photography. I changed sites from Bears paw to Bowridge, and started attending Saturday night instead of Sunday. A few years after that, I found the role of producer and I absolutely loved it! I was so surprised and happy to be able to use my gifts and abilities in the church!*

**What personal strengths do you have that will serve as assets in the Elder role?** *Rational and logic based, I like to know as many details as possible prior to making a decision. I am organized, detail oriented and an effective delegator.*

**What personal weaknesses do you have that will serve as liabilities in the Elder role?** *While I am good at process improvement, I rely on other team members to do a lot of brainstorming. Generating possibilities is challenging for me.*

**What do you believe your spiritual gift(s) is (are)?** *Several spiritual gift inventories have confirmed that administration and giving are two of my gifts. I am quite comfortable with and I find a lot of joy when I am exercising them. A third gift, discernment, is one that I am in the process of exploring and learning more about.*



## Elder Profile

Norma Reynolds, Westhills Site (First Term 2018-2020)

**How did you become a Christian?** *I grew up in a loving but unchurched family. As a child and teenager I had no exposure to the Lord, the church or faith. I was raised to be very independent and self-reliant. I was introduced to Christ through a dear friend and work colleague. She faithfully witnessed to me and invited me to Christian Business and Professional Women's Club dinners. Through her witness and testimony of other women the Holy Spirit captured my heart and I made a decision to invite Christ to be my Lord and Saviour on January 26, 1989. My family (husband and son aged 4) and I started attending Hillside Alliance Church (Regina, SK), again through the invitation of my friend. One of the first changes the Lord brought into my life was to flood my heart with His Love. Being filled with His deep and abiding love, enabled me to love others freely and unconditionally. My life had been profoundly changed.*

**How is God presently working in your life?** *About three years ago, I asked the Lord to show my heart – the hidden sin, the area of unbelief and all the issues of “self”. When I asked Him for this, I wanted to truly understand how ugly my sin was and how it grieved the Holy Spirit, I wanted to fully grasp what Jesus had done for me at the cross and the price He had paid for my salvation. That journey has been hard. It is not easy to see and grasp your sinfulness and yet I was so grateful, not only to confess and receive forgiveness, but to come to know just how much God loved me and was willing to die for me. In this journey, God was up to even more. He brought inner healing and freedom as He walked me through places and times when my heart had been wounded and broken. He showed me what was true about who I am and who He is and where He had been during those times of pain and disappointment. The journey continues. I am grateful. God has also been revealing Himself to me through the scriptures. In January 2017, I began an in-depth study of the Bible. My goal was not just to understand the scripture but to really come to know the God of the Bible. I have always loved the Word, but this focused time of reading, studying, meditating and listening has been wonderful. The Word is life and nourishment to my soul.*

**How did you come to RockPointe Church?** *In 2015, I retired and subsequently moved to Calgary in January 2016 to be close to family (children and grandchildren). I had heard of RockPointe Church during my time on the National C&MA Board and had dear friends (Cal and Bev Ross) who attended the Westhills site. On my first Sunday in Calgary, I attended Westhills with Bev and instantly felt welcomed. Although I had fully intended to*

*visit several other churches, I found myself just continuing to attend Westhills. On that first Sunday there had been a Welcome Lunch and I had been privileged to meet the Site Pastor, Dwayne and several members of the Leadership Team. I appreciated the preaching, the worship, the focus on prayer and felt this was a church led by the Holy Spirit.*

**Tell us about your family, children, your education and hobbies:** *I am a single woman and have two adult children. My step-daughter Jen and her husband have two children (Josiah-15, and Abby-12). They live in Chilliwack, BC where Dwayne teaches high school at Unity Christian School. My son Chris and his wife Tash have two children (Cameron – 7, and Evelyn -4). They live in Calgary. My son works at Suncor. I have a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Saskatchewan (1978) and have a 38-year career in the public sector of Saskatchewan (Executive Government and the Health sector). I held several senior management positions in HR and was the Executive Director of Labour Relations for the Exec Government for 15 years before I retired. My hobbies are fitness related, reading, cooking, entertaining and of course spending as much time as possible with the grandkids.*

**Where are you presently employed and what are the major areas of challenge you have in your present employment?** *I am currently a part-time instructor at Bow Valley College teaching two courses, Labour Relations and Employment Law. The position is very enjoyable and has given me the opportunity to meet a very diverse student population (over 95% of these students in my classes are international). I don't currently have a lot of challenges in my present employment.*

**List the major areas of your previous ministry experience:** *Womens Ministry, Seniors Ministry, Prayer and Intercession, Leadership (National Board, Site Leadership Team, Westhills, Adult Ministry Leadership Team)*

**What personal strengths do you have that will serve as assets in the Elder role?** *I believe my senior leadership experience will serve as an asset in this role. I am a good communicator and listener. I am organized, disciplined, I take initiative and ensure follow through. I work well in a team environment, respecting others and seeking to understand.*

**What personal weaknesses do you have that will serve as liabilities in the Elder role?** *I am an introvert and sometimes “shut down” after extended periods in a group setting. I sometimes rely on my own intellect and abilities to problem solve and don't quiet myself to discern what the Holy Spirit may be saying to me. This is a “work in progress” for me.*

**What do you believe your spiritual gift(s) is (are)?** *I believe they are administration, encouragement, wisdom and intercession.*



## Elder Profile

Terence Jellema, Westhills Site (Second Term 2018-2020)

**How did you become a Christian?** *I was born into a Christian Reformed family in Montreal, Quebec, but only really saw my faith start to grow after we moved to Portugal when I was 8, and we started attending an Evangelical Christian church. It was through the teaching and life of the pastor and his family at that church that God started working on my heart as I started questioning my faith, and why I believed what I believe. At 10 years old, after feeling caught between the theology of the CRC and the Evangelical church (especially in regards to baptism & communion), I invited Jesus into my life. I was excited, yet still apprehensive about baptism, as I was already baptized as an infant! It was not until attending RockPointe, some 30 years later that I finally decided to get baptized. It was an exciting day, and another milestone in the growth of my Christian life.*

**How is God presently working in your life?** *Ever since we started attending RockPointe in 2002, God has been working in my life to make my faith more real and relevant on a daily basis! We have become way more involved with our church family, God has focused more time on spiritual development, and has made me more confident in my faith. Through a recent work assignment in the Middle East, God has continued to challenge the depth of my faith as I was given opportunities to discuss what and why I believe with people from a wide spectrum of cultures and religions; within the context of an extremely Muslim country. This prompted me to want more formal training in the Christian faith, and resulted in signing-up to do a Masters Degree in Intercultural ministries at Ambrose University.*

**How did you come to RockPointe Church?** *Prior to having children, Carala and I were looking for a church that would help grow our faith. We started attending Country Hills Community Church while they were meeting in the movie theatre. We then left to Edmonton for a year-long work assignment, and upon returning to Calgary (after the CHCC & BVA merge) we started attending the RockPointe Bowridge site. Our first few years at RockPointe coincided with having our first children, and we therefore did not get very involved. It was only after I started helping Tim Bergmann with making videos, that I really started getting involved. That decision to get involved stirred a love for RPC, the leaders, staff, visions, and values! Ever since then I have always been involved in some aspect of the ministry of RPC.*

**Tell us about your family, children, your education and hobbies:** *Carala and I met in Calgary in 1998, and were married in 2000. We have three kids and as a family love to spend time doing adventurous activities & trips abroad. Our two boys Trennon & Ryden are biological and born in Calgary, and our daughter Caate was adopted from Russia in 2010. My father worked in the pharmaceutical industry and had a few overseas work assignments. I therefore went to elementary & middle school in Lisbon, Portugal and high school in Miami, Florida. After returning to Montreal, I completed a University degree in engineering at Concordia University in Montreal. This overseas experience as a child prompted me to want to do the same with our own family and resulted in our living in the Middle East for several years. I love working with my hands; and am continually doing projects in our yard or around the house. Camping (backcountry and trailer) is also a big part of our life.*

**Where are you presently employed and what are the major areas of challenge you have in your present employment?** *I presently work for SNC-Lavalin, a Canadian global Engineering & Construction company. My role is Director of Projects for Canada. In that role, I am responsible for overseeing all of our Oil & Gas projects in Canada. The role requires some travel to our offices throughout Canada, and adjusting to a life of traveling for work has been one of my challenges. We are also integrating a few new acquisition companies following a large merger, and therefore managing people's expectations through this process is also a challenge. Our hope is that this job will eventually lead us to another overseas assignment within the next few years.*

**List the major areas of your previous ministry experience:** *The following are the areas that I have served at RockPointe, or through a RockPointe partnership:*

*Serving / Leading:*

- *Small Groups Lead team*
- *Westhills Catalyst Lead team*
- *Sunday service Producer*
- *Small Group leader*
- *GO team*
- *Media operator – Westhills*
- *Video production*
- *RPC Adoption & Foster Care ministry*
- *Calgary Area AFC group (with First Alliance, Centre Street, Glamorgan church, others)*
- *RPC Men's ministry (only in Fall 2015)*

*Participation:*

- *Cambodia missions trip*
- *Compassion in Action I & II*

- *Grenada mission trip (RPC / Samaritans Purse)*

**What personal strengths do you have that will serve as assets in the Elder role?** *I tend to be a big-picture thinker, but with a strong desire to set goals & plans that translate dreams and visions into action. In that regard I am also very organized, and like to have a plan for everything!*

**What personal weaknesses do you have that will serve as liabilities in the Elder role?** *We travel a lot as a family, and I tend to get involved in many different ministries! Making sure that I am available will be a challenge, but can be done by planning ahead! I tend to need someone other than myself to push the limits of my abilities, and challenge me to try new things.*

**What do you believe your spiritual gifts are?** *Generally, I see my gifts in the following areas:*

- *Administration*
- *Giving*
- *Leadership*
- *Mercy*
- *Service*



## Elder Profile

Tim Moore, Bowridge (Second Term 2018-2020)

**How did you become a Christian?** *I am thankful for the Christian heritage afforded to me by my parents. We were raised on Bible stories, Bible songs, and church from the “cradle roll”. In my childhood I think I made several commitments to Christ as Savior at Sunday School, Youth Retreats, and Daily Vacation Bible School. At twenty two years of age and a senior in university at Houghton College in up-state New York, a longtime friend and caring Moody Bible School student called me and challenged me with lifestyle choices I was making. Her concern and truthful challenge greatly convicted me of my sinful lifestyle, as well as the shirking of all the faith commitments I had made as a younger person. On knees before God that evening I surrendered my entire life and future to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The caring Moody Bible College student became my wife.*

**How is God presently working in your life?** *It is easy to say God continually sustains (emotionally and physically) our lives. I welcome the work of the Holy Spirit in conviction of sin, counsel in all matters, and comfort in living for His Kingdom. Our Lord Jesus continues to mercifully and graciously forgive me and indwell my being. Maybe that is too theological eh? The work that God daily works in my life is reminding me of His very indwelling presence in the person of Jesus Christ. Now, perhaps more self-revealing facts... He works in the personal areas of self-acceptance, humility, and He must be the ever present guard of my mouth, teaching me I don't need to say the first thing that pops into my mind.*

**How did you come to RockPointe Church?** *In 2003 the University at which I teach relocated to Calgary. In that family move we needed to find a new church home. Bow Valley Alliance Church (RockPointe Church) was a “no brain” decision for our family. Pastor Dave Brotherton and his wife Lisa, longtime friends, enthusiastically welcomed my three teenage children into the Youth Ministry at RockPointe. We committed to the vision, leadership, and core values of RockPointe.*

**Tell us about your family, children, your education and hobbies:** *My wife, Nancy and I met in the church nursery where our love story began. Nancy announced at age 13 during Pioneer Girls that she would marry yours truly. So we officially began dating at 13 or should I say courted until at 23 we were married. We have three adult children. Joel works for AHS, Matt married to Keara and their son Judah, serve as pastors at Lake Windermere Alliance Church. Katie serves as a children's Pastor at Foothill Alliance Church. I earned a*

*Bachelor of Science Phys. Ed, from Houghton College in New York, a Masters in English Bible from Columbia International University in South Carolina, and a Doctor of Ministry from Providence Seminary in Manitoba.*

**Where are you presently employed and what are the major areas of challenge you have in your present employment?** *I am currently employed at Ambrose University as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Field Education. The greatest challenge in my work is carefully guiding a student's course of study that serves best what the Lord Jesus has called them to in their life.*

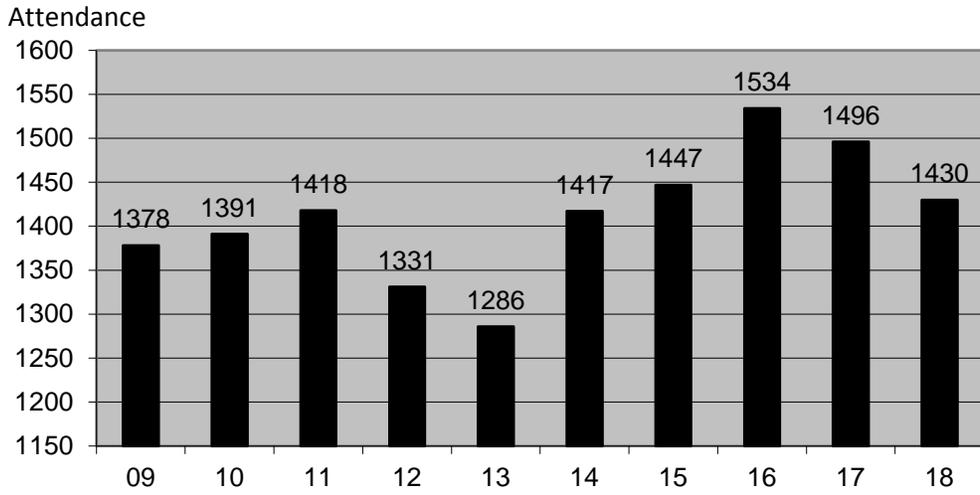
**List the major areas of your previous ministry experience:** *I began serving at Canadian Bible College as the Director of Athletics and assistant professor, moved from there to ordained Associate Pastorates at Glencarin Alliance Church (Regina) and Unionville Alliance Church (Markham On.). I have been serving fulltime again at Ambrose University since 2001. Since moving to Calgary, I have served as part-time youth pastor at RockPointe, Elder's Board of RockPointe, volunteer youth ministry staff, ushers ministry, and preaching pastor at First Korean Presbyterian Church of Calgary English Ministry. I have taught in Davao Alliance Bible College, Pastoral Theology, in Davao Philippines. I serve on our Canadian Midwest District Ordination Committee and the Christian & Missionary Alliance National Youth and Discipleship Teams.*

**What personal strengths do you have that will serve as assets in the Elder role?** *One word-descriptors, which come from the "Leading From Your Strengths Assessment" include; conservative, demonstrative, persuasive, warm, convincing, polished, poised, optimistic, trusting, sociable, deliberate, steady, stable, and balanced judgment.*

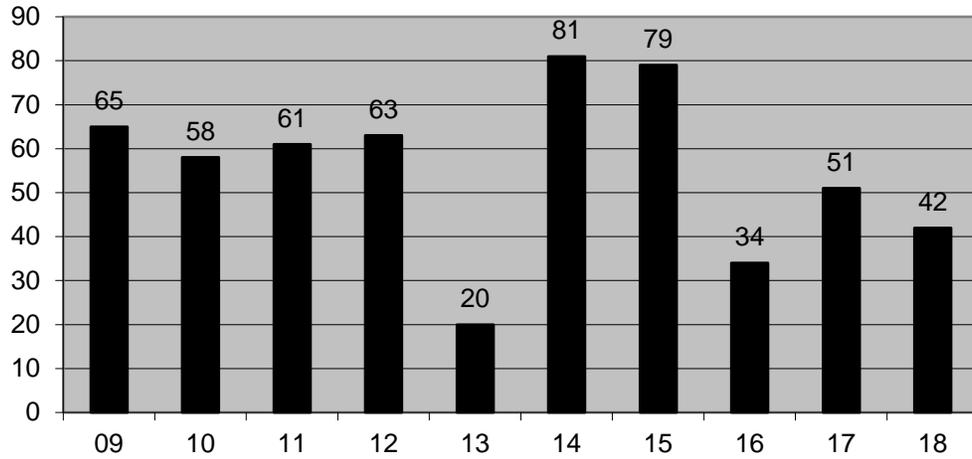
**What personal weaknesses do you have that will serve as liabilities in the Elder role?** *I too often make decisions based on surface analysis. I am often optimistic regarding possible results of projects or the in potential people. I can be too verbal in expressing criticism. I can be so enthusiastic that I can be seen as superficial. I can overestimate my ability to motivate people or change others' behavior. I can be inattentive to detail unless that detail is important to me or if detail work is of a short duration.*

**What do you believe your spiritual gift(s) is (are)?** *The spiritual gifts the Lord Jesus seems to continually graciously grant and which have been confirmed by the Body of Christ are, teaching, evangelism, discernment, and shepherding.*

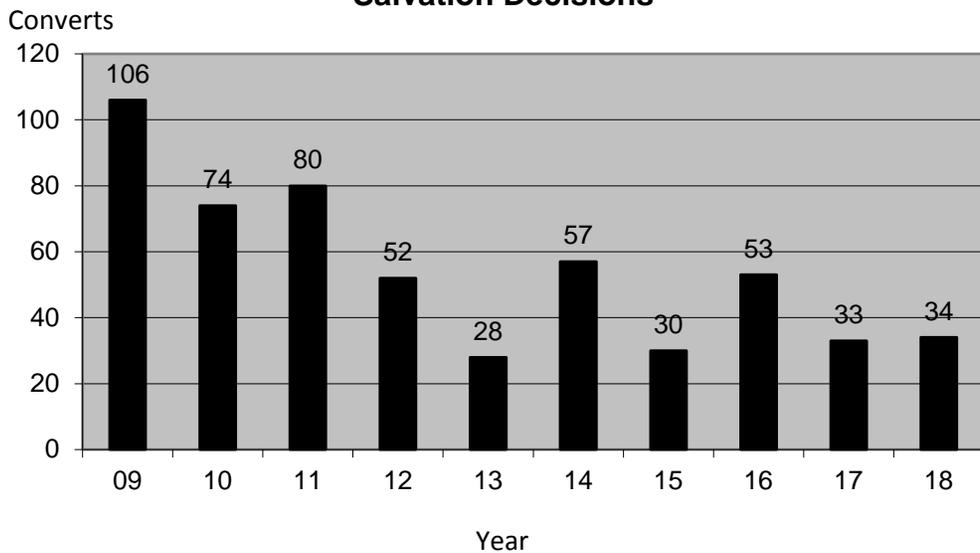
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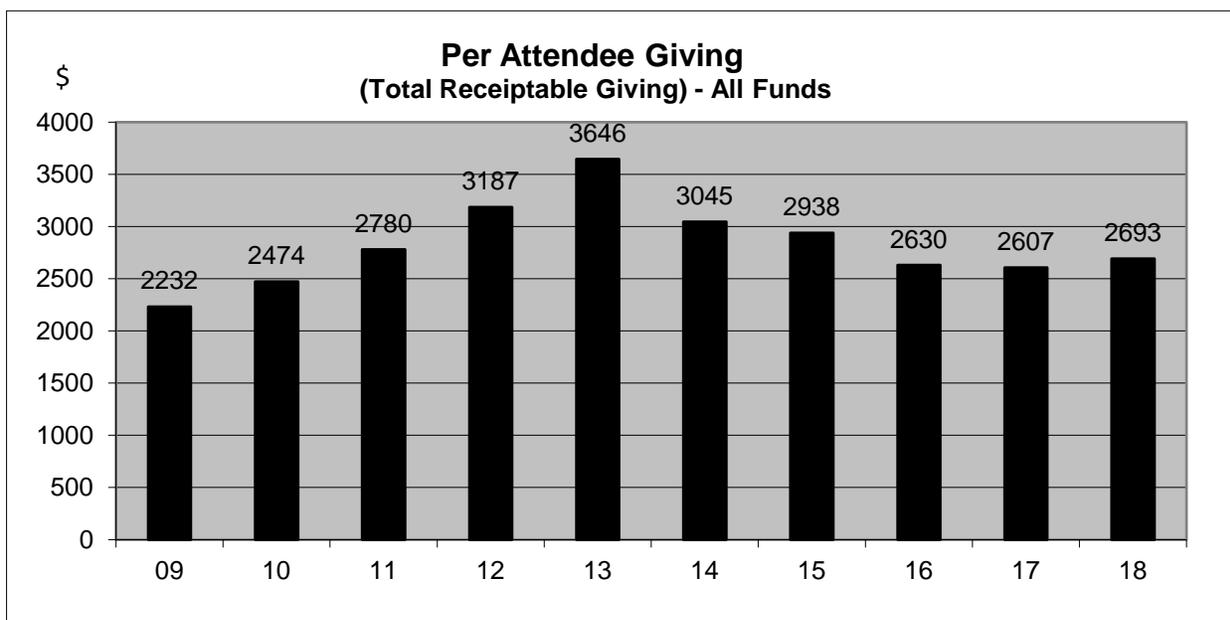
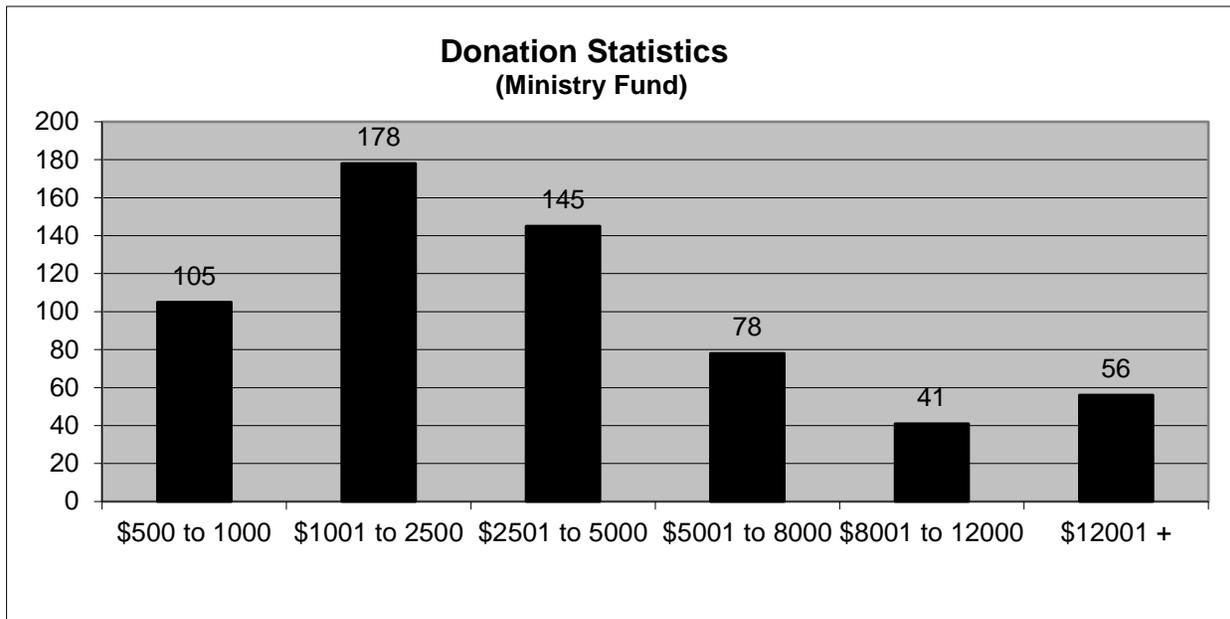
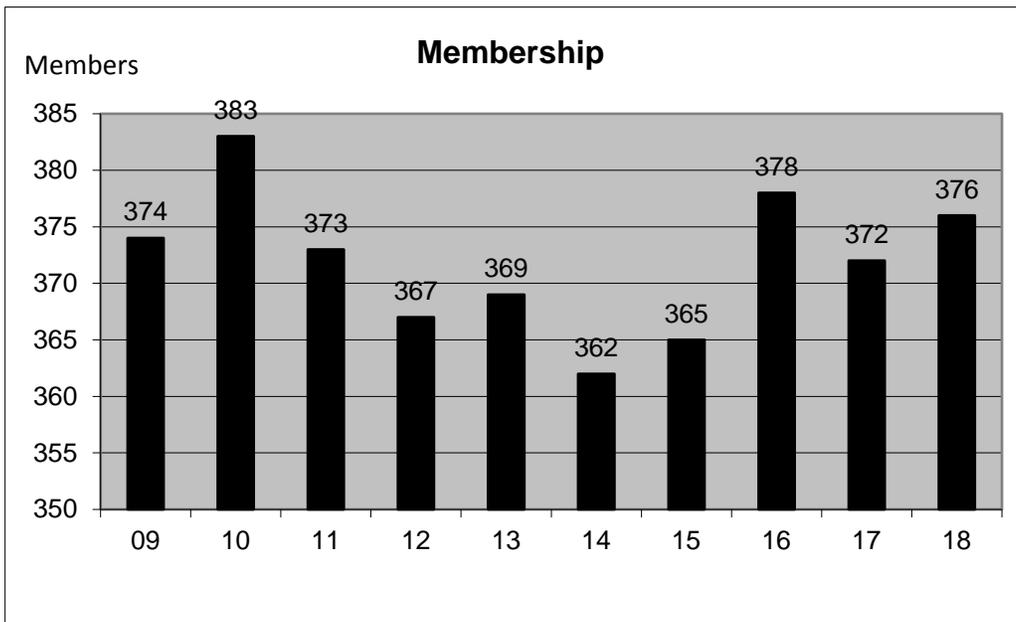


### Baptisms



### Salvation Decisions





## 2017-18 Financial Summary

(Summarized from externally reviewed financial statements which are available upon request)

### Condensed Statement of Financial Position at June 30, 2018

	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Bank and short term investments	\$ 1,188,604	\$ 1,009,027
Other assets	151,341	138,823
Capital assets net of accumulated amortization	9,743,411	10,097,800
	<u>\$ 11,083,356</u>	<u>\$ 11,245,650</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund balances:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 160,066	\$ 122,739
Unearned revenue	54,782	34,021
Loans payable	1,721,204	1,877,937
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,936,052</u>	<u>2,034,697</u>
Ministry	473,685	399,953
Capital asset equity	8,022,207	8,219,863
Internally restricted	597,335	582,967
Externally restricted	54,077	8,170
<b>Total Fund balances</b>	<u>9,147,304</u>	<u>9,210,953</u>
	<u>\$ 11,083,356</u>	<u>\$ 11,245,650</u>

### Condensed Statement of Operations year ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Ministry Fund	\$ 3,364,000	\$ 3,535,140	\$ 3,391,362
Missions Fund	420,000	518,767	495,334
Compassion Fund	220,000	248,156	270,533
Development Fund*	220,000	49,260	168,610
Other	-	295,380	314,111
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>4,224,000</u>	<u>4,646,703</u>	<u>4,639,950</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Ministry Fund	3,364,000	3,263,618	3,340,147
Missions Fund	420,000	512,432	531,335
Compassion Fund	220,000	234,295	265,302
Development Fund*	220,000	93	65,335
Other	-	292,802	247,321
Amortization	-	394,192	380,508
Capital Replacement Reserve Fund	-	12,920	36,560
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>4,224,000</u>	<u>4,710,352</u>	<u>4,866,508</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (63,649)</u>	<u>\$ (226,558)</u>

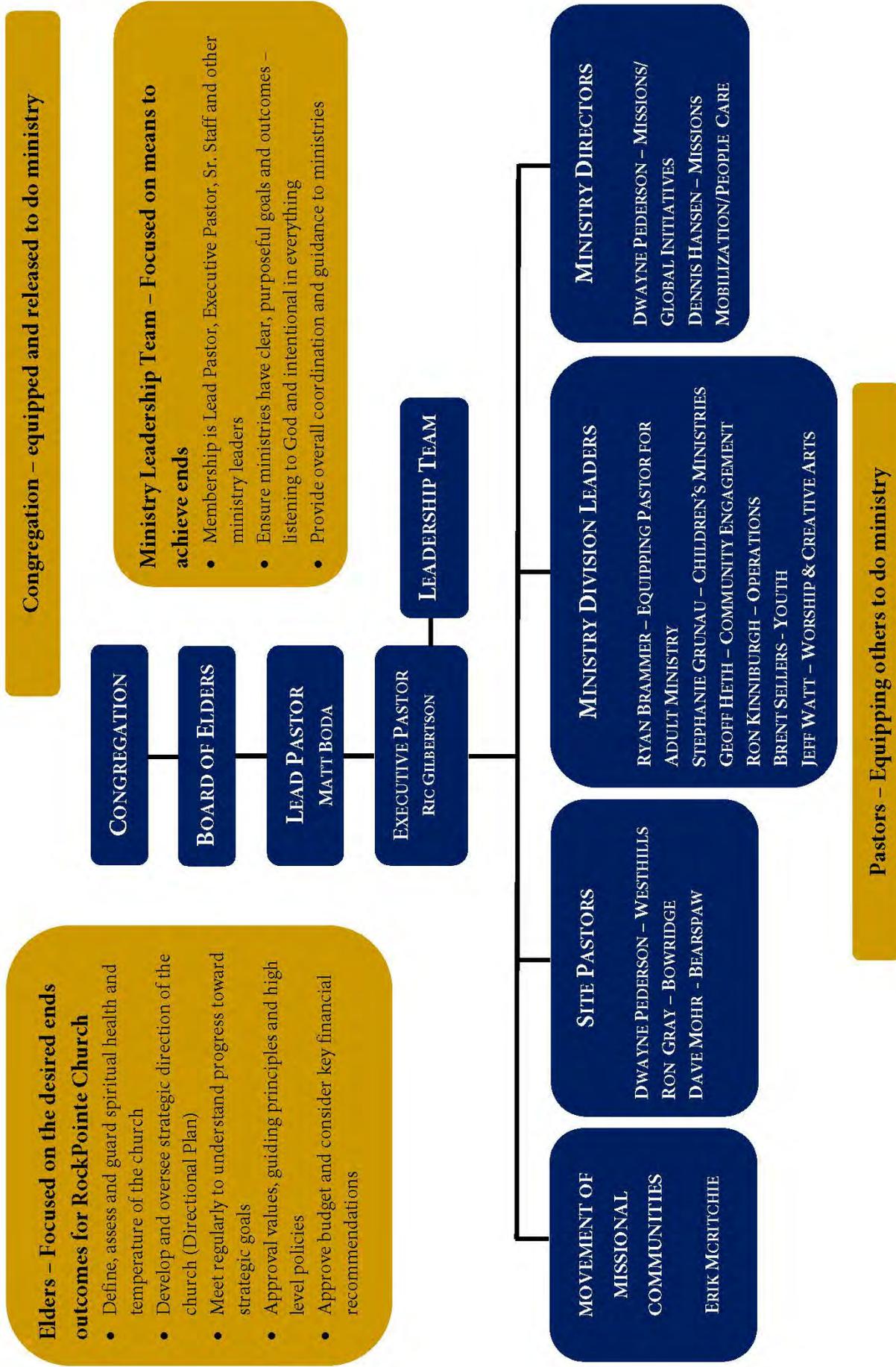
\* Development Fund Income relates only to principal, Development Fund Expenditures relate only to interest

# RockPointe Church

## 2018-2019 Budget/Targets Ministry, Development, Missions and Compassion Funds (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

<b>MINISTRY FUND BUDGET</b>		2017-18 Budget		2018-19 Budget	
		\$	% of	\$	% of
<b>INCOME</b>					
	Donations	3,100,000	92.2%	3,280,000	94.7%
	Dev Fund Transfer	100,000		-	0.0%
	Rental Income	156,000	4.6%	167,500	4.8%
	Other	-	0.0%	-	
	Interest Income	8,000	0.2%	15,000	0.4%
	<b>Ministry Fund Income</b>	<b>3,364,000</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>3,462,500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES</b>					
	Administration	180,380	5.4%	181,330	5.2%
	Facilities	387,800	11.5%	410,100	11.8%
	CRRF	53,000	1.6%	53,000	1.5%
	IT/Tech AV	106,755	3.2%	120,040	3.5%
	Communications	18,300	0.5%	26,810	0.8%
	Mortgage - Interest	61,000	1.8%	67,000	1.9%
	Mortgage - Principal	143,000	4.3%	137,000	4.0%
	Personnel	2,189,550	65.1%	2,228,250	64.4%
	<b>OPERATIONS Expenditures</b>	<b>3,139,785</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>3,223,530</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
	Less: Operations Cost Recovery	(5,000)	-0.1%	(1,000)	0.0%
	<b>OPERATIONS Expenditures</b>	<b>3,134,785</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>3,222,530</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>MINISTRY EXPENDITURES</b>					
	Community Engagement	25,500	0.8%	25,000	0.7%
	Site Ministry	58,250	1.7%	64,250	1.9%
	Worship	26,340	0.8%	30,420	0.9%
	RockPointe Kids Ministries	31,800	0.9%	31,800	0.9%
	Youth Ministries	84,700	2.5%	86,550	2.5%
	Adult Ministries	75,000	2.2%	72,130	2.1%
	Partner Engagement	6,800	0.2%	7,000	0.2%
	Global Outreach Team	4,500	0.1%	3,580	0.1%
	Boards & Teams	12,500	0.4%	10,650	0.3%
	<b>MINISTRY Expenditures</b>	<b>325,390</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>331,380</b>	<b>9.6%</b>
	Less: Ministry Cost Recovery	(96,175)	-2.9%	(91,410)	-2.6%
	<b>MINISTRY Expenditures (Net of Recoveries)</b>	<b>229,215</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>239,970</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
	<b>Total Expenditures (OPERATIONS &amp; MINISTRIES)</b>	<b>3,364,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,462,500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	<b>Ministry Fund : Excess of Income over Net Expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND TARGET</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>		2017-18 Target		2018-19 Target	
		\$	% of	\$	% of
	Development Fund Donations	50,000	100.0%	50,000	100.0%
	<b>Total Development Fund Income</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
	Mortgage Principal Payments	(50,000)	100.0%	(50,000)	100.0%
	Transfer to Church Planting				
	<b>Total Development Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	<b>Development Fund : Excess of Income over Expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>MISSIONS FUND TARGET</b>					
<b>Donations - Missions Fund (to be allocated)</b>		2017-18 Target		2018-19 Target	
		\$	% of	\$	% of
	C&MA Global Advance Donations	310,800	74.0%	329,500	74.0%
	WCD Canadian Ministries Donations	16,800	4.0%	17,811	4.0%
	RPC Global Outreach Donations	92,400	22.0%	97,959	22.0%
	<b>Total Missions Donations</b>	<b>420,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>445,270</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
*forecast does not include designated specials					
<b>COMPASSION FUND TARGET</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>		2017-18 Target		2018-19 Target	
		\$	% of	\$	% of
	Total Compassion Fund Donations	220,000	100.0%	230,000	100.0%
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
	Total Compassion Fund Expenditures	(220,000)	100.0%	(230,000)	100.0%
	<b>Compassion Fund : Excess of Income over Expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
*forecast does not include Housing Secure					

# Organizational Structure for 2017-18





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### BEARSPAW SITE

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Calgary, AB

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Sunday 9:00am  
Sunday 11:00am

### BOWRIDGE SITE

12 Bowridge Drive NW  
Calgary, AB

**Service Times:**

Saturday 6:30pm  
Sunday 10:00am

### WESTHILLS SITE

Ambrose University  
150 Ambrose Circle SW  
Calgary, AB

**Service Time:**

Sunday 10:30am