

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



**RIVER OF LIFE  
ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**CONNECTING WITH GOD, ONE ANOTHER, AND OUR WIDER WORLD**

**A CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE OF CANADA**

## CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Daniel Kang (Lead Pastor)  
Rev. Arnold Magtulis (Associate and Community Life Pastor)  
Pastor Fe Vecino (E.KIDS Children's and Worship Pastor)  
Pastor James Kricken (NextGen Youth Ministry Pastor)

## SUPPORT STAFF

Rev. Shawn & Mrs. Iris Kelly (New Canadians Ministries)  
Pastor Jack Gonzales (Volunteer Community Pastor)  
Mrs. Dory Florendo (Part-Time Bookkeeper)  
Paula Jireh Sampang (Young Adults Ministry Coordinator)  
Szarina Rose Cabling (Volunteer Administrative/Media Asst.)

## BOARD OF ELDERS

Mr. Julian Sampang, Jr., Chairman  
Mr. Wilfredo Amante  
Mr. Allan Belano  
Mr. Adrian Bustamante  
Mr. Carlos Movilla  
Mr. Oliver Sicat, Treasurer

Mr. Wilfredo Abella (Elder in Training)  
Mr. Marcelo Paulo (Elder in Training)

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# RIVER OF LIFE'S VISION PICTURE HELPING PEOPLE FIND AND FOLLOW JESUS!

## COMMUNITY

Shaping a people who are intentional in their relationship with family and fellow believers  
Acts 2:41-47 People

**CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER**  
I Peter 4:10-11  
Romans 12:9-13 |  
Corinthians 13:  
Colossians 3:18-4:1  
Acts 2:41-47

**CONNECTING WITH OUR WORLD**  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Matthew 5:13-16  
Acts 1:8  
Romans 10:8-15  
Philemon 6

LOVE

GODLY  
SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP

LOVE

LOVE

## MISSION

Shaping a people who are intentional in their relationship with the wider world - loving / serving /reaching people  
Matthew 5:13-16

**CONNECTING WITH GOD**

Matthew 22:34-40  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Galatians 5:22-26;  
II Timothy 3:16,17  
Matthew 6:33  
Proverbs 3:5-10  
II Corinthians 9:6-11

## WORSHIP

Shaping a people who are intentional in their relationship with God.  
Matthew 6:33 People

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 17, 2021

Opening Prayer

Introduction and Rules for the Meeting

## **General Business**

Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of the Minutes for 2019 AGM

Report on Church Membership

Elder Nominations for 2021

## **Financial Reporting**

2019 Budget Report and Q&A

    Motion to Accept 2019 Budget Report

2020 Budget Report and Q&A

    Motion to Accept 2020 Budget Report

2021 Budget Proposal and Adoption

## **Ministry Reporting**

Board of Elders Report and Q&A

Pastoral Team and Ministry Reports and Q&A

Lead Pastor Report and Q&A

    Motion to Accept all Ministry Reports

Results of Elder Nomination

    Prayer for Elders

General Q&A

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

on MARCH 23, 2019\* at RIVER OF LIFE ALLIANCE CHURCH

\*due to Covid-19, the 2020 Annual Meeting was postponed to 2021

## 1. Call to Order:

All members were requested to attend the AGM and the Chair verified that there was a quorum with ninety (90) attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Prayer: Julian Sampang, Jr.

Adoption of 2019 Meeting Agenda by members Marissa Caparino and seconded by Elsa Gile.

Adoption of 2018 Meeting Minutes by members Eva May Belano; seconded by Florencio Dionisio, Jr.

## 2. Recordors and Counters:

The Recorder for 2019 AGM – Elder Gilbert Portugues and Marcelo Paulo

The Counters for 2019 AGM – Adrian Bustamante and Allan Belano

## 3. Affirmation of New Elders:

Returning Elders: Allan Belano and Julian Sampang, Jr.

Incoming Elders: Oliver Sicat, Willy Amante. Carlos Movilla, Adrian Bustamante

Outgoing Elders: Gilbert Portugues, Enrico Ibe, Edwind Uy, and Rey Balatbat

## 2019 BOE

Mr. Julian Sampang, Jr., Chairman

Mr. Oliver Sicat, Treasurer

Mr. Allan Belano

Mr. Carlos Movilla

Mr. Wilfredo Amante

Mr. Adrian Bustamante

Mr. Wilfredo Abella (Elder in Training)    Mr. Marcelo Paulo (Elder in Training)

## 4. Financial Report presented by Enrico Ibe

Adopted by Oliver Sicat; seconded by Wilfredo Amante

## 5. 2019 Budget Presentation and Plans

## 6. Pastoral Staff Reports

Adopted by Iris Kelly; seconded by Donna Escartin

## 7. Questions and Answers Segment

No questions or concerns were raised

## 8. Closing Prayer and Adjournment:

Annual General Meeting ended at 8:00 pm

Closing Prayer: Rev. Daniel Kang

Adoption by Jeannette Podador; seconded by Eva May Belano

Minutes prepared by: Elder Gilbert Portugues



# INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH STATISTICS IN 2020

Names of members who have not attended church  
for more than six months in 2020 have been removed from the list

## MEMBERS (186)

Abella, Jenny	Capati, Alice	Engel, Evelyn	Rowan, Wesley
Abella, Wilfredo	Capiral, Arnold	Jost, Olivia	Rowan, Yolly
Alarcon, Edd Vincent*	Capiral, Darlene	Jost, Logan	Rubiano, Lorna
Albania, Aniebeth	Cardinoza, Amy	Kang, Rev. Daniel	Rubiano, Ronaldo
Albania, Arfel	Cardinoza, Eduardo	Kang, Jin*	Sampang, Ava Joy
Albania, Athaley	Casiano, Jay*	Kang, Sara-Lynn	Sampang, Doris
Albania, Felicidad	Casiano, Roda	Kang, Sue*	Sampang, Jayson
Albania, Louridale	Cay, Juliet	Kelly, Iris	Sampang, Julian, Jr.
Albania, Titus	Crispin, Mercedesita	Kelly, Rev. Shawn	Sampang, Paula
Amante, Laila	Crispin, Valentin	Kricken, Pastor James	Sampang, Rosita ***
Amante, Wilfredo	Davis, Maximiliano	Kricken, Kayla	Sicat, Carlo Elijah*
Ang, Gloria	Davis, Victoria	Labao, Erwina	Sicat, Christian Eliel*
Ang, Jinny	De Guzman, Cecille	Labtingao, Shelby	Sicat, Cyril Ezekiel*
Ang, John Robert*	De Guzman, Mercuria	Lebaquin, Chiquie	Sicat, Jan Claude Emmanuel*
Arellano, Paz ***	Diaz, Abner	Lebaquin, Dennis	Sicat, Oliver
Arguelles, Rex ***	Diaz, Isabel Ruth*	Li, Ben*	Sicat, Rhoda
Avila, Elizabeth	Diaz, Lilia	Liberato, Lorie	Tadena, Cheryl
Avila, Ferdinand	Dionisio, Christine	Lomboy, Cristobal	Tadena, Cirilo
Awa, Ariel	Dionisio, Florencio, Jr.	Lomboy, Joyce	Teves, Joan
Awa, Erwina	Dulay, Leila	Lopez, Francis	Torres, Jelyn
Awa, Ever Lee	Dulay, Luisa	Macalam, Letty	Torres, Jocelyn
Awa, Rosana	Elumir, Roanne	Macalam, Rubin	Tubig, Angelina
Balatbat, Marieta	Escartin, Donna	Magtulis, Rev. Arnold	Tubig, Ester
Balatbat, Reynaldo	Escartin, Petronilo	Magtulis, Daisy	Tubig, Sanasael
Balbin, Marcela	Fajardo, Domingo	Manalo, Jay	Udaundo, Gil
Balocating, Celeste*	Fajardo, Olivia	Manalo, Lorraine	Udaundo, Patricia
Balocating, Randy*	Felescoco, Elizabeth	Mangahas, Efren	Uy, David, Jr.
Baluya, Joyce	Florendo, Dory	Montoya, Alfredo	Uy, Edwind
Baluya, Roldan	Florendo, Rolando	Montoya, Emily	Uy, Jeannette
Barril, Magdalena	Florendo, Ronaldo	Morena, Roel	Uy, Kaye Trina
Batara, Luisito, Jr.	Galicia, Ma. Allonichah*	Morena, Rowena	Vallon, Pamfila
Belano, Allan	Galicia, Alvin John*	Movilla, Carlos	Vallon, Zenaida
Belano, Eva May	Galicia, Ian Jasper*	Movilla, Virginia	Vecino, Dan
Bilbao, Don	Gamba, Romeo	Pascual, Angelee	Vecino, Pastor Femarlyn
Bilbao, Lovella	Garcia, Abigail	Pascual, Gerald	Villa, Freddie
Borja, Eden	Garcia, Francis	Paulo, Besia	Wipf, Happy
Borja, Romulo, Jr.	Garcia, Jacqueline	Paulo, Christine	Wipf, Joe
Bustamante, Adrian	Gile, Elsa	Paulo, Marcelo	Zavalla, Joseph***
Bustamante, David Joseph*	Gonzales, Nieva	Peregrino, Analis	Zavalla, Lorie***
Bustamante, Gabrielle Nicole*	Gonzales, Pastor Jack	Podador, Jeannette	
Bustamante, Maria Socorro	Gonzales, Rowena	Podador, Tobias	
Cabling, Szarina Rose*	Henningsen, Cirila	Portugues, Gilbert	
Caingcoy, Jerry	Henningsen, Paul	Portugues, Sarah	
Caingcoy, Mary Ann*	Hilario, Ma. Therese	Portugues, Steffany*	
Caingcoy, Sean Nicololo*	Hilario, Rosalia	Pulido, Leah Allieson	
Cajayon, Alicia	Ibe, Enrico	Pulido, Maxel	
Capariño, Cesar	Ibe, Marife	Pulido, Medel	
Capariño, Cynthia	Ilagan, Rhoda	Pulido, Rosemarie	
Capariño, Marissa	Ilagan, Timothy	Ricasata, Mario***	

22 Members added in membership \*  
Members who left church/inactive \*\*  
Members on Leave \*\*\*

## INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH STATISTICS IN 2020

The names of adults and teens who regularly attend RLAC until this year but have not taken up membership are on this list. Names of those who have become adherents during the year may not appear on this list.

The utmost care has been taken in completing the list;  
if your name has been missed, kindly alert any of the pastors.

### ADHERENTS (200)

Abella, Maxevan	Capiral, Josiah	Graza, Arturo	Pagalan, Justin
Abella, Psalm	Capiral, Tristan	Graza, Brent Matthew	Pagalan, Kathleen*
Adviento, Ian	Casiano, Theodore	Graza, Grant Harold	Pagalan, Mary Grace
Adviento, Leah	Cay, Armand Tyler	Gunville, Sherry	Panes, Chona
Albania, Bibiana	Cay, Armando	Gutierrez, Mary Genevieve	Panes, Sam
Albania, Camille	Cay, Elijah	Irwin, Greg	Pascual, Clemen
Albania, Eric Carlos	Ciriaco, Faith Joy	Irwin, Linda	Pascual, Rodel
Albania, Hannah	Claveria, Roshel	Isip, Mark	Pasquale, Emmanuel
Albania, Joshua	Cortez, Francin Adeline	Isip, Ruena	Paulo, Sofie
Albania, Meagan	Crewe, Anthea	Jost, Christopher	Paulo, Tomas
Albania, Oliver	Crewe, Terrence	Jumawan, Zeizel	Portugues, Gerome
Albania, Sean Raphael	Daro, Elliexiah	Kelly, Josiah	Ramirez, Darren
Ang, James	Daro, Elma	Kostyniuk, Henry	Ramirez, Jomely
Arceo, April	Daro, Joselito	Kostyniuk, Pam	Ramirez, Junar
Arceo, Ren	Davis, Gabrielle	Labtingao, Benjie	Realubit, Jemiah
Avila, Mico	De Guzman, Ariel	Labtingao, Jieshel	Realubit, Rodolfo Jr.
Avila, Nathalie	del Rosario, Anglia Joy	Largueza, Jefferson	Revereza, Alexa
Awa, Adriel Elijah	Dela Cruz, Aaron	Largueza, Mechelle	Ricasata, Daniel
Awa, Chantelle Dorothy	Dela Cruz, Francis	Lechadores, Alex	Ricasata, Eunice
Badayos, Ma. Sheila*	Dela Cruz, Nya	Lechadores, Mildred	Rubiano, Sharmian
Balandang, Keen	Dela Cruz, Rianna	Legaspi, Jenny *	Sabado, Joanna
Balatbat, Joanna	Diaz, Evan	Luzentales, Mary	Salak, Araceli
Balatbat, Joseph	Diaz, Isabel	Macapili, Jane	San Pascual, Geronimo, III
Balbin, Richard	Dionisio, Bianca	Manalo, Malachi	Santos, Jayson
Baltazar, Roel	Dionisio, Sean ***	Manalo, Micah	Santos, Nina
Baluya, Danielle ***	Dionisio, Vince	Mangahas, Dara	Sebastian, Sonia
Baluya, Gabrielle	Dulay, Julie Ann	Minguera, Carmela	Shallari, Murat
Banaag, Joy	Edu, Carmel Ann*	Minguera, Lito	Shallari, Tani
Barbon, Albert	Edu, Kryves Sean*	Montoya, Alfred John	Sotelo, Carmelita
Barbon, Maria	Elumir, Angel	Morena, Althea	St. Pierre, Ashton
Batara, Quinn***	Elumir, Mike	Morena, Alyanna	Sugpaten, Liway
Belano, Abijah Matthew	Esguerra, Ivy	Morena, Alyssa	Sugpaten, Maera
Bermeo, Donald	Espinosa, Norberto ***	Navalta, Gloria ***	Tadena, Cesar
Bermeo, Melinda	Eves, Brian	Navalta, Salvador ***	Tadena, Jan Klyde
Bishop, Audrey	Fajardo, Oksana	Negradas, Aaron	Tadena, Josefina
Bishop, Howard	Fajardo, Samuel	Negradas, Andrew	Tadena, Josiah
Borja, Joshua Bryan	Felescoco, Mechelle	Nuqui, Darwin	Teves, Angel
Bracewell, Belinda	Florendo, Joone	Nuqui, Gretchen	Teves, Ghenesis
Bracewell, Bryan	Garcia, Judea	Ong, Leilanie	Thompson, Drena
Brennan, Chad	Garcia, Julia	Paculan, Christien	Tubig, Angelic Jheroine
Bugayong, Sophia	Garcia, Kimberley	Padua, Marites	Tubig, Benjamin
Cabalu, Maeralene	Garcia, Leymer ***	Padua, Val	Tubig, Christ John
Cabalu, Rhylan	Garcia, Micah Angela	Pagalan, Gido*	Tubig, Lhean Jerick
Caingcoy, Caitlin Sophia	Gonzales, Hannah ***	Pagalan, Janela	Tubig, Kristine Joy
Cajayon, Elisha	Gonzales, Monica ***	Pagalan, Jerica Joelle	Tubig, Mark Gian
Capariño, Hannah	Granda, Bettina	Pagalan, Joel	Udaundo, Eliza
Capariño, Sarah			

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### ADHERENTS (CONTINUED)

Uy, Danielle Klarisse  
Uy, Justin  
Vecino, Christine  
Vecino, Darren Miles  
Vecino, Daryll Kyle  
Vecino, Derrick  
Villa, Araceli  
Villa, Grace

Viray, Czarina\*\*  
Viray, Maria  
Viray, Raymond  
Wipf, Althea \*\*  
Yip, Lexia  
Yoon, Jenny

*\*New Adherents added*  
*\*\*NextGen (Youth) added*  
*\*\*\*Adherents who left the church*  
*Spring to Fall of 2020*

The names of children ages 12 and under who attend RLAC until this year are on this list.

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### CHILDREN (79)

Albania, Elyanna  
Arceo, Kalel\*  
Avila, Eliezer  
Awa, Abriel  
Awa, Leeanaelle Beatriz  
Balbin, Ivan  
Balbin, Janzen  
Balocating, Sebastian  
Balocating, Sinead  
Bermeo, Jeremiah  
Bermeo, John Michael  
Bracewell, Isaac  
Bracewell, Isaiah  
Bracewell, James Gabriel  
Casiano, Julia  
Casiano, Samuel  
Daro, Disney Rain  
Daro, Jorja  
Edu, Cloud Ezekiel\*  
Floendo, Cameron Carter  
Floendo, Nicholas  
Galang, Lorinne Danielle  
Garcia, Asher Gabriel  
Garcia, Freddy Elijah  
Garcia, Isla Yzabel  
Gunville, Saphira\*  
Isip, Olivia  
Isip, Sophie  
Isip, Ysabelle

Jost, Maricel Kaira  
Kang, Micah Jude  
Kang, Rivers Josiah  
Kemoh, Juma  
Largueza, Asher Joshua  
Largueza, Ella  
Lebaquin, Cayden Matthew  
Lebaquin, Dana Matthea  
Legaspi, Matteo Horcajo  
Legaspi, Mikaela  
Lomboy, Kiana  
Lomboy, Micayla  
Lomboy, Rylee Sofia  
Manalo, Ezra Logan  
Mangahas, Brandon  
Montoya, Hannah  
Nuqui, Eira  
Nuqui, Ellie  
Nuqui, Nathan  
Padua, Vaness Adriel  
Pagalan, Jhon Mark  
Pagalan, Marco Larey  
Pascual, Althur Ged  
Pascual, Zion Ithiel  
Paulo, Jada  
Ramos, Daniel  
Ramos, Gabriel  
Ramos, Joana

Realubit, Jlemon Skype  
Sampang, Nathaniel  
Sampang, Noah  
Santos, Gabrie\*  
Santos, Glara \*\*\*  
Santos, Jacey Jax\*  
Santos, Jaymar\*\*\*  
Tadena, Carylle  
Tadena, Cyrille  
Tadena, Janelle  
Udaundo, Joshua  
Uy, David Kristoffer, III  
Uy, Jillian  
Vecino, Mason G. D.  
Vecino, Mila Charlene  
Villa, Audrey Frencine  
Villa, Ezekiel Jayden  
Viray, Abihail\*  
Viray, Bethel\*  
Wipf, Ariana Faith  
Zavalla, Francis \*\*\*  
Zavalla, Matthew \*\*\*

## IN 2020...

04

## BAPTISMS

**2 Adults**Jay Casiano  
Joy del Rosario**2 Youth**Althea Wipf  
Emmanuel Pasquale

01

## CHILD DEDICATION

Zion Ithiel Pascual

02

## WEDDINGS

Chinley and Jordan Tacder  
Luisito and Mary Batara

03

## WEDDING REDEDICATIONS

Adrian and Maria Bustamante (January 5)  
Edwind and Jeannette Uy (June 4)  
Roldan and Joyce Baluya (October 17)

02

## FUNERALS

Eduardo Juat  
Andrew Maningas

## REPORT OF BOARD OF ELDERS

### ELDER JULIAN SAMPANG, JR.

***Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Psalm 115:1 NIV***

*In spite of the biggest and painful challenges in 2020 God has been faithful in providing resources and wisdom to the Board of Elders. Praise God for these challenges that builds our character and opportunity to minister to people during this unprecedented times.*



- In January 2020 Elder Willy Amante left the board for work in Houston, Texas. We appreciate the dedication and contributions of Elder Willy in serving for 10 months. We welcome Elder Rey Balatbat into the Board and cover Elder Willy's unfinished term. Elders in Training, Boyet Marcelo and Dong Abella are still in progress in their training and have been exposed to board resolutions for the last 20 months.
- In April 2020 the 20-20-50 Capital project fund raiser was put on hold but instead the Covid19 support fund raiser was initiated and approved by the Board. This is to support RLAC families financially impacted by the economic downturn due to the pandemic.
- The Board of Elders in 2020 met for at least 11 times to review and make decisions on church related matters. Due to the covid19 restrictions the board was unable to meet physically in person but instead met on line via ZOOM.
- Elder Rey coordinated improvement set up of the WIFI access hardware installation in collaboration with Pastor Dan and Joseph to increase WIFI bandwidth to support the livestreaming of our Sunday worship services.
- Elder Allan coordinated with the Calgary Fire Department inspection of RLAC facility to check for safety compliance. The latest inspection report indicated no issues related RLAC's safety compliance.
- Alberta Health Services(AHS) in October 2020 opened a COVID19 testing center at the former RONA store near our church. Thanks be to God, this created an opportunity for AHS to lease our parking lot for 70 stalls for their employees. Elder Allan in collaboration with Pastor Dan set up an agreement for this parking lot lease. This agreement provided extra income for the church to support our outreach and benevolent ministry as well as capital projects.
- In November 2020, the Board of Elders have recognized Pastor Arnold Magtulis for his 20 years of outstanding service to the church. We appreciated his significant contributions and service to the body and at times beyond the call of duty.
- In December 2020, the Board reviewed and approved the 2021 Financial Budget. Kudos to Elder Ollie, our church Treasurer for the valuable time and hard work in spearheading the preparation of the budget in collaboration with the Pastoral staff and ministry Leads.
- In addition to above the Elders have continued to be involved in many ministry activities in 2020 such as prayer, worship, Leading small groups and coordinating the Covid19 compassionate ministry.

All for God's Glory! We are blessed and privileged to be able to work with our Pastors and committed volunteers who have demonstrated dedication and passion in accomplishing significant things for the furtherance of God's kingdom. Thank you for the River of Life Alliance Church, for your support and prayers for the Elders.

To our Pastoral team --- Lead Pastor Daniel Kang, Pastors Arnold Magtulis, Fe Vecino, James Kricken, thank you for your love for this church and tireless efforts in serving the Lord. Special mention to Volunteer Pastors Jack Gonzales and Shawn Kelly for always being ready to help. We also thank the spouses and children of our pastors for your partnership and releasing them to serve the body.

To our committed RLAC Volunteers – We are grateful for your dedication, hardwork, and support to accomplish 2020 programs, events, and goals in your respective ministry areas. Thanks very much dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

From your Elders and our Spouses, Once Again THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHURCH! TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY.

**REPORT OF OUR LEAD PASTOR****REV. DANIEL KANG**

Dear River of Life Church family,

I write you this report with a sense of gratitude in my heart for all the ways that you have faithfully supported the church and one another, in such a difficult and strange year. 2020, was a year that none of us anticipated, and quite frankly none of us wanted. It was a year of tremendous loss, a year of tremendous anxiety, a year filled with the sense that the world is fragile. But despite our present circumstances, the Lord is faithful. In the words of the Apostle Paul, "He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope" (1 Cor. 1:10).

***"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Prov. 19:21).***

As I have reflected on 2020, this proverb of Solomon seems to ring true. Our pastoral staff had set ambitious plans for the 2020 calendar year, and the majority of those plans had to be drastically dropped, readjusted, or postponed. In the early days of the pandemic, our pastoral staff in conjunction with the Elder's board had to make some drastic decisions on how to conduct our worship services. In hindsight, we may have been too cautious, but at the same time, little was known about the nature of the Covid-19 virus at that time. We erred on the side of caution, and in the middle of March, we decided to move our services completely online. Aside from a few weeks in the summer, our services for the majority of 2020 were conducted as a Livestream.

I certainly understand that some may have viewed this decision to be too cautious, and there are concerns and conversations about the government infringing upon our religious right to worship, I'd like to clarify in this AGM report why I felt it necessary to move towards restricting our physical services, and move towards the Livestream platform.

In 1 Corinthians 8:9, Paul writes, "Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak." Now I am aware that this verse is used in the context of whether it's permissible to eat meat that has been sacrificed to idols. But I'd like to point us toward the broader implication of what Paul is instructing to the Corinthian church. It seems as though; Paul is indicating that one of the ways that we show love for one another is by restricting our own rights in an attempt to protect vulnerable individuals in our community (Paul uses the phrase "weaker conscience" or "weaker brother" (v.9,10)). In other words, one of the ways that we show Christian love is through sacrificing our own wants and even our own needs for the benefit of others. In fact, this is the same kind of love that we see in Jesus. He looked out for our interests even above his own interests (cf. Phil 2:1-10). One of the ways the church shows the love of Christ is in how they take care of those who are most vulnerable. It was with this line of reasoning as to why I felt it was the best decision (though unpopular) to move almost exclusively to the Livestream platform.

I would like to personally thank all of our worship teams. Your continued willingness to serve, and how flexible you have been with all of the changes we've had to make this year has been so appreciated! Thank you so much. I would also like to thank our Tech Team, a small group of people in our church who serve so diligently and faithfully to ensure our Livestream is up and running each week. We truly couldn't have done this year without your help.

I'd also like to thank our small group leaders, men's ministry leaders, women's ministry leaders, youth leaders, young adult leaders, intercessors, and missions committee. This year has been a huge test of leadership, and many of you have had to jump into a greater season of responsibility. The way you have shepherded and provided stability for others in our community has been outstanding! I thank God for your dedication to disciple and support others in our church.

I would also like to thank your continued financial support to the ministry of River of Life Alliance Church. Though our giving has dropped in 2020, we were still able to finish the year with a modest surplus. (Please look at the Treasurer's report for details of the figures.) I also am pleased to report that through your generous giving our church was able to disperse over \$20,000 through our benevolence and Covid-19 Support Fund to help out individuals and families who have been financially burdened by these trying times. Thank you for your continued generosity towards compassionate giving.

2021 is shaping up to be yet another challenging year. With delays in vaccine production and distribution, it looks like our life in Calgary is going to be another year marked by continued social distancing and various levels of isolation. As soon as the Alberta government eases the current restrictions on places of worship, we will work towards reintegration to safe socially distanced services inside our church building. We will also explore other creative avenues for how we can gather together as the people of God. I am glad that the church is not a building, but rather it's the gathered people of God. This means that our worship of God is not predicated on having a physical building. As soon as the weather warms up, we will explore other ways we can safely gather together outdoors. So please be on the lookout for some of the other creative avenues that our pastoral leadership team will provide to bring us back together face-to-face.

As many of you are aware, we were unable to celebrate RLAC's 30th anniversary because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are still planning on celebrating this year, but are looking at alternative ways that we can celebrate. I am thankful that we were able to secure Dr. Rev. David Hearn (The President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada) to be our guest speaker this year. Please be in prayer for our team as we explore how to push forward with the anniversary celebration.

Lastly, I would like to speak about finances before I close my report. Since 2021 is looking like it's going to be yet another challenging year for us, the Elder's board in conjunction with the Pastoral staff have had to make necessary adjustments to the 2021 budget. We decided it was wise to use the actual revenue figures of the 2020 budget as a base for what we project our financial situation is going to look like in 2021. As a result, we had to make several large cuts to our 2021 ministry budget. In addition to this, we made the decision to finish the 2021 year aiming for a surplus of around \$35,000. We normally aim for a surplus of at least \$70,000, as this amount is then used to pay down the principal balance of our mortgage with the District Office. Thankfully the District Office has given us flexibility in paying the principal balance of our mortgage, and we made the decision to pay 50% of the principle for the 2021 year in order to retain funds for ministry endeavors. My hope is that our giving will exceed that of 2020 and that we will be able to finish the year still on track with our amortization schedule with the District Office.

River of Life Church family, it is an honor to be your pastor. I thank you for your dedication to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brighter days are ahead of us, but this next year will require more diligence than even the previous year. Please press in, even though the days are difficult. The Apostle Peter says that it is in our suffering and in our trials and grief that the proven genuineness of our faith is revealed (1 Pet. 1:6-7). It's the seasons of difficulty and hardship that the Lord does his best refining work in us to become the image of Jesus. So the call is to press in, to hold fast to Jesus, to hold fast to one another as God's people, and to support each other as we seek to follow Jesus earnestly even in the midst of trials and hardship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Daniel Kang



## REPORT OF OUR ASSOCIATE & COMMUNITY LIFE PASTOR REV. ARNOLD MAGTULIS

Our dear River of Life, we are praising God for His faithfulness in our church. What a challenging year for all of us of what we went through because of this Covid-19. We can still look back and have reasons to celebrate because of God's goodness in our life and ministry. We are so blessed to serve you for 21 years and what a joy for us to see the fruits of our labor. We rejoiced that we reached 30 years as Calgary Filipino Alliance Church and now River of Life Alliance Church. Indeed our God is good to all of us for preserving our lives in spite of this Covid-19. We know that it is hard to meet in our physical church because of so many restrictions and we were missing each other. Praise God for keeping our faith stronger as we continue to minister to one another through our live stream worship service, our online prayer meeting, and studying God's Word.

Here are some highlights from 2020

- As we welcomed the New Year, we think of having a vision for 2020. What a year to start as we faced different calamities. We still praise God for allowing us to be the hands and the feet of Jesus. Our small groups have been mobilized to help in our own little ways. We partnered with churches and NGOs to send relief goods to those who been devastated by the Taal Volcanic eruption, floods in the Philippines, and helping our countrymen in Brooks and High River distributing food packs during Covid.
- What an honor for me to officiate the milestone wedding re-dedications of a few couples in our church. Celebrating 25th Anniversaries were: Adi and Apang Bustamante, Edwind and Jeannette Uy, and Roldan and Joyce Baluya.
- Officiating the wedding of Efren and Dara Mangahas at Palliser Hotel last February 8, 2020 before Covid.
- On February 21st, our inter-small group Basketball Ministry.
- Last June 30, what a joy for us as a staff to deliver goodies to our church volunteers to their homes as our way of appreciating their labor of love.
- On July 17th, we held a memorial service in our church to our former elder Andrew Maningas
- On August 30th was our church baptism and picnic at Camp Chestermere. There were 4 people who were baptized. Two youth (Emmanuel Pasquale & Althea Wipf) and two adults (Joy del Rosario & Jay Casiano).
- On September 30th, I was honored to speak at our 30th Church Anniversary and also celebrating our 20 years of service as Community Pastor. Thank you our dear RLAC for giving us 3 days for getaway moments at Fairmont Banff Spring Hotel.
- Our Men's Ministry (Kalalakihan) launched last October 10. They met every second Saturday of the month.
- On October 12, I had an opportunity to dedicate Zion Pascual and to officiate a house blessing for Gerald and Angelee Pascual.
- October 25 – taught membership class through zoom and there were 23 people who attended (Alarcon, Edwin; Ang, John Robert; Balocating, Celeste and Randy; Bustamante, Nikki and Joseph; Cabling, Szarina; Caingcoy, Ann, Nico and Caitlin; Casiano, Jay; Diaz, Isabel; Galicia, Nicah, Alvin & Ian; Kang, Jin & Sue; Li, Ben; Portugues, Steffany; Sicut, Carlo, Jan Claude, Cyril, Christian). Our BOE interviewed them.
- Meeting with our RLAC seniors every Monday afternoon through Messenger and Zoom. It was a challenge for them to learn how to use these platforms but it was worth it to have time to connect with one another, pray and study God's Word together.
- We know that we usually have our small group annual Christmas parties, but this time we did the unconventional way of doing it. And we did it virtually and we still have fun.

I still stand in awe of the greatness of our Loving Heavenly Father. We are grateful for all your support and prayers that through the years you have been good to us. We are still excited to harvest more souls into God's kingdom. Thank you to all our hardworking pastors: Dan, Faye, James, Jack, and Shawn, to our Board of Elders, Small Group Leaders, Intercessors, and ministry leaders.

I thank God for my wife, Daisy who loves to drive me and to pray with me as we intercede for you our congregation. All for the glory of God!



## REPORT OF OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AND WORSHIP PASTOR PASTOR FEMARLYN VECINO

We all know how the year 2020 turned the world upside down and caused unprecedented challenges in every aspect of our lives, church ministry included.

It was in mid March 2020 (at least for me) when we first heard of the COVID 19 pandemic, and we were forced to suddenly change the way we did ministry. Just like everyone else, I struggled and scrambled to find a way to still continue on doing Children's Ministry in a way that was unfamiliar and uncomfortable to me. But it was during those times that God had truly reminded me that it is God's work, not mine; and that He has called me to remain faithful in every season.

*John 15: 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."*

So here are the highlights that happened in the midst of a very challenging year!

### March

- March 28 was our first ever E.Kids Church @Home (online Sunday school), through Zoom with about 50 percent in attendance. This was the beginning of our every Saturday online Sunday school. We also created a Facebook page for all parents with children in the RLAC Kids Ministry to serve as communication and engagement platform.

### April

- Had an Easter Egg Painting Challenge for kids to participate in. They posted pictures of their painted eggs on our FB page for everyone to see.

### May

- Had a Memory Verse Challenge. Kids posted videos of themselves reciting the bible verses that they have memorized.
- Did my **first** Socially Distanced Home Visits. It was such a delight to be able to see the kids face to face, especially their big smiles as I handed them some treats (McDonald's, Timbits, Pizza)

### June – August

- We continued on with our weekly online Sunday school but took a break in the summer.

### September

- Did my second socially distanced home visits to drop off not just treats but also materials (lesson guide, activity, and craft supplies) that the kids can use alongside our online Sunday school.

### October

- We had our first ever Trunks of Treats. Due to the pandemic, we were not allowed to hold our annual church Family Fall Festival indoors. So we opted for an outdoor event where about 30 families decorated the trunks of their vehicles into different themes and handed out candies and treats.
- We had about 75 children attend together with their families.
- We invited a magician to entertain the kids through a clean and kid-friendly magic show.
- We even had a member of the Calgary Police Service come and hand out treats to the kids as well.

### November

- Did my third home visit and also Kids Sunday school supply bag drop-offs.

### December

- Prepared Christmas treats bags for kids

### Blessings of COVID

- Opened opportunities for me to minister to the moms. As I did my home visits, it gave me a chance to talk to some of the moms. It was a wonderful way for me to connect with them, to listen to the things that they were going through (especially how COVID has affected them), and especially to be able to spend time praying with them.
- New families/children joined our Online Sunday School. As the distance was no longer a challenge, there were some families whose children were able to join. One family that used to attend RLAC, but because they had to move due to work, was no longer able to attend RLAC for a while. But with a virtual platform, their children were now able to join again.

### Looking ahead...

- Depending on how much of our families feel comfortable going back in person, the E.Kids Church @ Home might continue on.
- In the light of the 3 Pillars of the Church (Presence, Formation and Mission), I plan to be more intentional in:
  - Providing more opportunities for the kids to “practice the ways of Jesus” (not just the words, and works of Jesus, but how Jesus modeled his way of life). Examples of this would be challenging the kids to participate or engage in practical ways where they can apply the lessons we are learning.
  - Providing opportunities geared towards families (not just the kids), and where they can invite their unchurched friends too.

## REPORT OF OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY

The beginning of 2020 seemed normal enough.. then 11 weeks later, the Pastoral team and Elders decided that we needed to cancel service due to an unknown and fast-moving virus. **What, close the church???**

But it was just for two weeks then everything would be back to normal, right? Yet a whole year later, we are still adapting to this "new normal", with church at home and limited in-person services when possible.

It was a marathon to get to where we are now: learning how to livestream, getting equipment and putting it together and "how do we get rid of that glare from the Plexi-glass??" There were early mornings and late nights, and a lot of redoing and Googling. We are so thankful that we were able to purchase the materials and equipment that we needed and for the support and patience of our congregation as we learned how to bring church to you.

We are so thankful to all our band and tech volunteers who helped us keep services running. With the uncertainty of some weeks, we had leaders and instrumentalists stepping in as replacements. A special thank you to the livestream team (aptly called Dream Team) who faced numerous challenges this year, constantly adapting to solve the next thing, and making it through! (Big thank you to God and his faithfulness!)

Looking ahead, we prayerfully ask for patience and wisdom as we encounter coming changes. and to build on what we have been blessed with. Thank you all for your willingness to be part of this ministry week after week.

I realize that thanks was mentioned a lot in this short update but after this year, I don't think we can really get too tired of saying it. So thank you thank you thank you!

We look forward to being able to sing and be together in one place again!

*On behalf of Pastor Fe*

## REPORT OF OUR NEXTGEN YOUTH MINISTRY PASTOR PASTOR JAMES KRICKEN

Next Gen experienced a highlight year during 2019, where we were able to start our first calendar year on Friday nights, had our intern Josh Rice from Ambrose, had an amazing retreat at Camp Chestermere, many memorable events, and we are excited to see new faces join the youth ministry. Excitement was building, and then, as we all know in early 2020, COVID-19 entered the scene. The transition was difficult, as we had to cancel our annual youth leaders' retreat scheduled for March and our youth nights were quickly moved to Zoom.

While 2020 did limit how our community of youth could interact and gather, I am grateful for the patience and commitment of our youth leaders, the access we have to technology, and the faithfulness of our God. Some notable highlights worth sharing are:

**SOAR YYC 2020** - We were training and preparing a team of youth to leave for Montreal again in the summer for the SOAR program. Since the opportunity was postponed, we decided, along with the support from Rowena Gonzales and the MISH Committee, to have an alternative week of ministry for the team in Calgary. The discipleship program ran for a week in July and was amazing! In short, the week included teachings on mission, ministering to the homeless in our downtown core, serving our local neighbours in Bannister, praying for each other, and having fun bonding as a team. Looking back on 2020, this was a definite highlight, and am grateful we were able to have this week as an alternative to our planned trip. God was moving in very cool ways and am excited for that group of students.

**SMALL GROUPS** - While 2020 forced a lot of change, a positive outcome from large gatherings being cancelled was that we were able to shift our focus to smaller, intentional discipleship. During the Fall when restrictions were light and COVID infections were down, we launched 8 different youth small groups that met throughout the city. Some met in homes and others in public places in safe ways. This season was critical for our youth, who despite being able to see their classmates, were for most of the year unable to see friends in Next Gen. Next Gen was able to meet and grow in their faith together which really strengthened the youth ministry. I am so grateful for the youth leaders that led these groups and the parents that hosted the youth in a safe way.

**ZOOM** - Most of our calendar year in 2020 was run on the Zoom platform. I am grateful that we are still able to gather even under difficult circumstances, and that many of the youth were hopping online every week. Another aspect of Zoom that has been helpful was the Breakout Rooms to go deeper with a few after the large group gatherings. We have had fun running many different games, challenges, and activities. Our theme for 2020 was "The Kingdom" and most of our teaching/devotionals on Fridays were centered around this topic.

As we begin 2021 and a possible re-entry, our direction for the youth ministry will continue to be discipleship-focused. Our hope is to equip not only our young adults that lead the discipleship groups but also to equip the youth to become disciple-makers and impact those around them. We hope to continue our shift from a "consumerism" culture to a missional culture with a kingdom focus. Despite the many challenges in our season, I truly believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and believe that He has much more in store for the next generation.

- Psalm 78:4

Pastor James

## REPORT OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY PAULA JIREH SAMPANG

After a long break, the Young Adults Ministry started up again in September 2020; this time, with a new leadership team. The new team is: Paula (Jih) Sampang, Christ John Tubig, Athaley Albania, Szarina Cabling, Ben Li, Darren Vecino and Christine Vecino. The team came up with a vision and mission.

**VISION:**  
**A GENERATION OF YOUNG LEADERS MADLY IN LOVE WITH JESUS**  
**AND MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS**

**MISSION:**  
**TO PURSUE JESUS, BECOME LIKE JESUS AND LOVE THE WORLD LIKE JESUS DOES**

The team also renamed their gathering to “Room to Commune”. We declare that each time we gather will be a time to commune with God and with each other.

Every Wednesday from September-December, the young adults of RLAC studied spiritual disciplines. Some of these spiritual disciplines include: Silence in Solitude, Fasting, Lectio Divina (a structured way to read Scripture), Mediation, Listening prayer and Examen prayer. All our young adults were encouraged to practice that spiritual discipline each week on our own, and we would come back to debrief our experiences. Each week 10-15 young adults would attend. At the end of our series one person testified, “Coming to Room to Commune is really helpful and nice, by that I mean I feel like I am definitely building back my relationship with Jesus”.

For 2021, the leadership decided to embark on the journey of Soul Care. As you read this report, we are likely just finishing up going through the Soul Care principles found in the book by Rob Reimer. We are seeing God move each week and we are anticipating deep healing and transformation for our young adults group.

In a couple weeks we will also be conducting our relationships conference called **Love Reframed**. This is the first RLAC young adults conference! We will be discussing topics like dating, singleness, pornography, friendships, and marriage. (Attendance was at 42, PTL!!)

The young adults leadership is not looking to hold back because of COVID-19. We want to develop a place of community, transformation and encounter even online. In the future, we hope our young adults group can engage missionally with our local community. The young adults leadership desires to create a missional culture, where young adults feel confident to represent Jesus in their workplaces and schools.



*Room to Commune: Zoom Christmas Party (December 2020)*

## REPORT OF OUR NEW CANADIANS MINISTRIES

### REV. SHAWN KELLY

Iris and I are Blessed to be part of and minister in our Church, through prayer, visitation, counseling, encouragement, Missions Committee, leading a small group, and other ministry opportunities. Iris helped lead 6 RLAC groups who fasted & prayed for 21 Days. This led RLAC into Next Door Neighbor Outreaches: Iris was part of the team in an Evangelistic Outreach-giving out Bibles, Toys & McDonald Cards, growing a community garden and a sports Outreach with our Youth Pastor. Since our Young People Missions Trip to Soar Montreal was cancelled in the summer of 2020 due to COVID, we prayed for direction, then encouraged and joined the Young People in a Calgary Glenmore Park Outreach handing out Bibles & Water. The whole team was encouraged as the team prayed for many people and 4 or 5 people received Jesus.

One thing I can say about this Year was that COVID really threw the Churches & People into a New Mode, with many Churches shutting down & going online. However, I was still able to deliver about 450 - 30 Day prayer guides & help some Churches with the Call to Prayer in their neighborhoods in Calgary. I am continually helping Churches, Pastors & Individuals to love, pray & reach out to our Cross-Cultural Neighbors. In 2020 I became part of some Networking & Prayer Groups: Biweekly PALM Prayer; 2x month CFAM (Filipino Alliance) Pastors; Calgary Pastors Forum Group (mainly non-caucasian, 2x month on Sat's); joined twice a Calgary Connect Pastors on Wed Am (long term Caucasian Pastors); Ignite Pastors & Ministries Network(Pentecostal) Met Biweekly for connecting & to share about my CC Ministry & for encouragement & Prayer & prayed for others; and Calgary Cross-Cultural Workers Prayer time & connecting with different workers monthly. In August 2019, God Blessed me with the opportunity to have a PALM booth at the World Pentecostal Conference in Calgary to share about our ministry & hand out resources to help others reach out. I became Very Good Friends with a Bishop in Pakistan (30 Churches) and we connected bi-weekly in 2020 and I shared with some of his Church Pastors a devotional through Zoom & we are preparing to teach English to a group of them. Life is very hard for Christians under an "m" government. He gives me great insights into "Is la" and we strengthen each other in our ministries.

My brother accepted Jesus May of last year. In late August 2020, he had a major heart attack and needed a triple bypass in the Vancouver area. I was able to visit him and my mother in Vancouver for one week. Since my car was on its last leg my mom gave me her car that only has 160,000km on it. What a blessing from our Lord. My brother is recovering well and quickly.

#### **Ministry Highlights:**

- Because of COVID & the different lock downs & restrictions, this determined if my Cross-Cultural Friends would get a Phone call or a Visit with a Mask on, throughout the week. Regularly I kept in touch with 7 families and shared about Jesus. At Christmas, I was able to drop off RLAC (River of Life Alliance) food cards, Christmas Hamper, gifts & bibles & Jesus CD to 4 of our families, who were especially needy.
- **N & Family:** I helped his friend to buy a car and helped them buy a new battery and installed it for them. N & another M friend started a new immigrant office & asked me for three hours of advice of helping their Community. I encouraged them to have a board of Directors including two Christian members from their community and I advised them how to apply for non-profit status with the federal government. They asked me to be one of their volunteers, to which I agreed. They know I am a follower of Jesus.
- **R & W & family:** We continued to visit them monthly outside & call bi-weekly due to Covid. After we dropped off the Christmas Care Cards gifts & food & Jesus Movie (he said that he had watched that Jesus movie I gave him many years ago 12x already). Pray for their Salvation.
- **O & family:** - I help him with English and visited them at their home monthly. He is a mechanic and used to own the same car as the one my mom gave me. God is Amazing. He fixed my car a couple of times already. Pray that he & his family will come to know the real Jesus.

- **Ehsan & Maryam** – an Iranian couple we led to Jesus in our dining room two years ago before they moved to Ottawa, sent us baby pictures of their daughter born. Due to their work schedule, it is hard to connect but we are praying they will connect with other Iranian Christians in Ottawa.
- **Ahmed** died last December after 15 years of being Ahmed's main caregiver outside of his nursing homes, He had multiple system atrophy with Parkinson's. The PALM Team in Edmonton led him to Jesus and they asked me to walk with Ahmed. When he was stronger, I would visit him weekly for about six years and take him out (eg, outings, a few times with his 3 children, Bible Studies, and medical visits), then it became monthly visits. However In December, God laid Ahmed upon my heart and two weeks later, I received a call from his nursing home; Ahmed could not eat or drink. I was so happy to see Ahmed again, I talked and prayed with him before his ex-wife and children came. I counseled them to say their last goodbye and thanks to Ahmed while he could understand them. I visited Ahmed a couple of times afterward and prayed for him and cleaned the room of Christian material. The nursing home called to let me and his family know that Ahmed had passed away. I was the first to arrive and I thanked God for Ahmed's life and dedicated his body and spirit to our Lord, even though he would be buried by the M community. His family arrived and said thanks to me for caring for Ahmed. It was enough to know Ahmed was in Heaven, but this precious gift of thanks will always be remembered by myself to keep following and serving our Lord regardless of what is happening in the process.
- Helping my adopted Iranian Mommy twice a week with different needs and for encouragement -- mentally, socially, and spiritually. She needed help walking as both her knees make it painful to walk
- At the Beginning of Covid-19, God guided us through Ignite Pastors group to be introduced to a Pakistani Christian Family in Moscow Alliance Church. I ended up being the main Sponsor under First Alliance and God led me to ask Capstone Alliance Church here in Calgary to be part of the team to bring the Pakistani Family to Calgary. We are walking through the steps. The Moscow team raised most of the Finances for the Sponsorship.

Presently I am helping two other groups in their sponsorship of families overseas. I am checking their documents and helping them to get others to help be part of the sponsorship. I praise God for the opportunity to be part of the City-Wide Prayer Rally Committee these past 10 years. It both encouraged & challenged my Prayer Life. It has been great to meet many Prayer Warriors in our City. Iris and I went through Soul Care again with 2 other couples and Emotional Healthy Spirituality with our Church (RLAC).

God led Iris and me on January 2, 2021, to join a team of 8 that were handing out Gospel of John tracts to people & the Jesus DVD at Bowness Park. We prayed that God would lead us to those that were seeking Him and He led us to 3 Pakistani families, a Nepali couple, an Arabic family, a Spanish couple whom we prayed for, a First Nation Family, an East Indian family, two Chinese or Japanese young ladies, a few Canadian people, and some Filipinos, all who received the Gospel of John & some the Jesus DVD. We prayed with some of them. We found this is the time most people are so open. **We ran out of Bibles, what a good problem to have. It was even a Beautiful day to do it.** We are Looking Forward to what God has in store for us and the Canadian Church to reach the Nations at our Door Step in 2021.

Thanks Again for all your Faithful Support, Prayers, and Encouragement!

Gratefully Submitted

Shawn & Iris Kelly (PALM Ministry Calgary)



## REPORT OF OUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### LUISA ROWENA GONZALES

*Psalm 9:1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

Indeed we will give thanks to God despite Covid in 2020!

Let's claim the thwarted missions related plans to be redeemed:

1. A sister to minister while hiking through the villages of Nepal with Samaritan's Purse
2. A young adult to return to the Philippines for an extended ministry post-YWAM
3. Two of our young ladies to attend the Envision Summit in New York
4. A team of NextGen to be trained and minister with SOAR Montreal

The SOAR Montreal team pivoted and did SOAR YYC RLAC style during their summer break. They included some team building and learning activities at church.

Our young people also ministered to Bannister Manor families through music, games, and snacks. At the same time, a couple of the Mish Team gave the families some potted plants grown at the church property. The team capped this summer event by going to the Peace Bridge to offer people prayer and healing. In addition, they served the homeless, prayed for more people, and safely handed out packaged food.

Rhonda Wilson and Rachel visited RLAC to give ministry update reports in October.

Members of the Mish Team made efforts throughout the year steering their respective small groups to consistently incorporate missional principles.

RLAC posted a least-reached people group (LRPG) during worship services for us to pray that the gospel is shared with them.

In late summer, the Mish Team lead gave her notice to the pastoral staff and board of elders that her term will end in 2020. As the Lord has not pointed to a successor, the RLAC staff and board will provide leadership hereon.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the RLAC Mish Team

## REPORT OF OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### JEANNETTE PODADOR

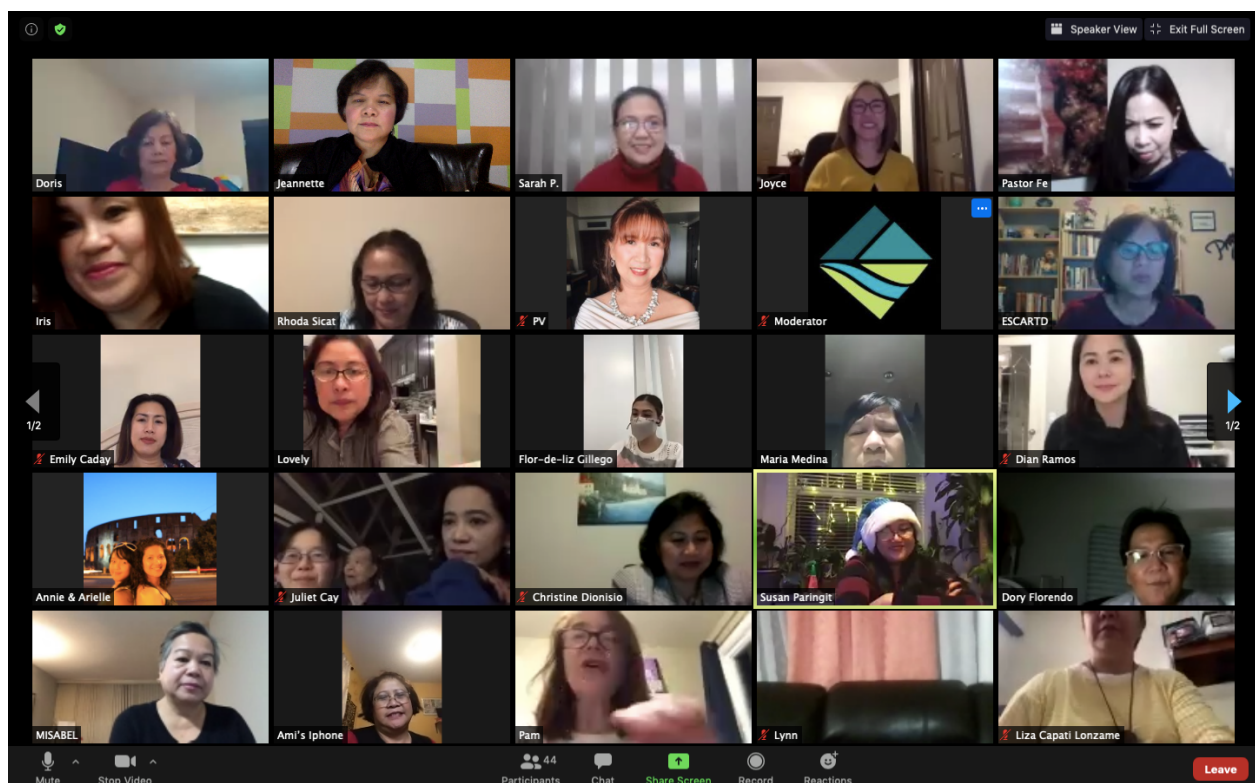
*The RLAC Women's Ministry desires to be a vibrant community of women seeking spiritual growth (Col 1:10), meaningful friendships (Proverbs 13:20), community connection (Hebrews 10:24) and opportunities to identify and use our gifts for the furtherance of the gospel (Romans 12:6-8).*

The Women's Ministry had its very first Online Conference on June 5, 2020. We were originally planning an in-person conference for April 2020 but due to the pandemic, we had to think outside the box and still proceed with the plan. In spite of the challenges and the inevitable learning curves, we successfully had the 2020 Women's Heart Talk attended by 65 ladies with Rhonda Wilson and Sara-Lynn Kang as guest speakers. Being able to connect with the women during these unprecedented times was timely and significant and through the Holy Spirit's guidance, we were able to pull it through.

On the third month of the pandemic, we started the RLAC Care team, a temporary committee whose main task was to phone the members of our congregation especially those living alone, those who are sick, those who lost their job, the elderly, and anyone that the Holy Spirit put in our hearts. The purpose of our call was to ask how they are doing, to encourage them, and to pray for them.

In December 2020, the ministry spearheaded an online Christmas gathering with Pastor Vivian Chin sharing how to celebrate the season with the ongoing pandemic. All Season Jesus was the theme of her message where she tackled specific challenges faced by women during this time.

We are still faced with uncertainties but what is certain are the promises of God. By God's grace, we will continue to seek wisdom from the Holy Spirit and follow His leading.





## REPORT OF OUR FACILITY UPDATES ELDER ALLAN BELANO AND DAN VECINO

2020 Area of Focus:

In order to keep spending to a minimum, we focused on maintenance and repairs.

Below is a list of completed improvement projects:

- **Sanctuary** – Repaired HVAC, installed plexiglass shields on stage, repaired lighting fixtures, repaired fiberglass for the drummer's booth, constructed a new sound room used for live streaming.
- **Hallway** – Repainted foyer walls, replaced all light bulbs in the main hall into LED lights, constructed an extension space in Pastor James' office to create storage for foldable chairs and tables, refilled fire extinguishers, repaired fire alarm system, installed a box for tithing in the main foyer, replaced magnetic lock keypad and improved the quality of the main entrance door magnet, painted the booth canopy in front of the building, posted COVID 19 signs in the hallway, main entrance doors, kitchen, etc., added social distancing directional arrows on the floor, installed hand sanitizer dispensers.
- **Outdoors** – Replaced billboard sign with LED bulbs, installed LED lights at the front and back parking area, installed a new gate at the back of the parking area for easy access to clear snow at the back alley, purchased a new snowblower to clear snow front entrance and back alley.
- **Washrooms** – Installed slightly used water closet in men's washroom with high-efficiency flush toilet unit, repaired the right side urinal from acid build-up in men's washroom, repaired rear gutter from dirt build-up.
- **Improvements** – Changed all air filters in the 5 HVAC units including rooftop units, installed new doorbell transformer, replaced all lights in Pastor Dan's office, installed new flooring inside the prayer chapel (room 105), replaced broken window in the meeting room, installed new ethernet cable for live streaming, and purchased motion sensors.

### Future Recommendations for Improvement:

Get accurate cost estimates for the following:

- Repave parking area
- Repair exterior wall sidings
- Replace existing bulbs inside the sanctuary and kitchen with LED bulbs to control temperature of bulbs
- Purchase of two additional monitors for media booth
- Replace ceiling lights with LED lights on the second floor
- Stage backdrop
- Install metal gate for the main entrance
- Change carpet flooring to vinyl in Pastor James' office (carpet is not in good condition anymore)
- Repaint lines in the parking lot
- Make spot repairs around the building
- Minor maintenance and repairs around the building as required
- Replacement of chairs inside the sanctuary
- Removal of the carpet and replaced flooring inside the sanctuary
- Minor maintenance for the sanctuary furnace

## REPORT OF OUR TREASURER

### ELDER OLIVER SICAT

The River of Life Alliance Church continues to receive God's blessings in the financial realm, making possible the carrying out of the Church's mission. We thank God for His continuing provision. The needs are always great, and we know that it is in God's power to provide more than we even ask.

The most significant factor that have impacted the church operation in 2020 was the pandemic. Despite that, 2020 was a positive year for the RLAC. We ended the year with receipts exceeding operating expenses by \$98,549, before allocation of the surplus for designated purposes. The total gross receipts were \$564,588 against operating expenses of \$466,039. Total allocation for designated purposes amounted to \$82,001. For the year 2020, we realized a net surplus of \$16,548 after depreciation of \$67,237 (est.).

2019 was a positive year for the RLAC. We ended the year with receipts exceeding operating expenses by \$124,892, before allocation of the surplus for designated purposes. The total gross receipts were \$618,745 against operating expenses of \$493,853. Total allocation for designated purposes amounted to \$117,659. For the year 2019, we realized a net surplus of \$7,233 (after depreciation of \$67,041).

### 2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2020	2019
<b>Total Givings</b>	<b>\$564,588</b>	<b>\$618,745</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$466,039</b>	<b>\$493,853</b>
<b>Surplus Before Expenses for Designated Allocations</b>	<b>\$98,549</b>	<b>\$124,892</b>
<b>Total Expenses for Designated Allocations</b>	<b>\$82,001</b>	<b>\$117,659</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$16,548</b>	<b>\$7,233</b>

### 2020 GIVING SUMMARY

	2020	2019	INC(DEC)	%INC(DEC)
General Offering	\$480,621	\$523,940	(43,319)	-8.3%
Building Fund	\$34,108	\$38,637	(4,529)	-11.7%
Global Advance	\$17,423	\$26,493	(9,070)	-34.2%
Benevolent & Compassion	\$16,533	\$6,203	10,329	166.5%
Others	\$15,903	\$23,471	(7,568)	-32.2%
<b>Total Givings</b>	<b>\$564,588</b>	<b>\$618,745</b>	<b>(54,157)</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>

## 2020 SPENDING SUMMARY

<b>OPERATING &amp; ADMIN EXPENSES</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% TOTAL</b>	<b>INC(DEC)</b>	<b>% INC(DEC)</b>
Pastoral & support staff comp	\$266,227	\$269,512	48.6%	(\$3,285)	-1.22%
Depreciation	\$67,237	\$67,041	12.3%	\$196	0.3%
Building maintenance	\$65,829	\$73,737	12.0%	(\$7,908)	-10.7%
Administrative & office expenses	\$41,161	\$45,273	7.5%	(\$4,113)	-9.1%
Mortgage interest	\$25,585	\$38,290	4.7%	(\$12,705)	-33.2%
<b>Total Operating &amp; Admin Expenses</b>	<b>\$466,039</b>	<b>\$493,853</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	<b>(\$27,814)</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>MINISTRIES &amp; OTHERS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% TOTAL</b>	<b>(INC)DEC</b>	<b>% INC(DEC)</b>
Mission & outreach	\$26,623	\$44,080	4.9%	(\$17,457)	-39.6%
Church ministries	\$11,410	\$23,089	2.1%	(\$11,679)	-50.6%
Special events	\$2,910	\$21,154	0.5%	(\$18,244)	-86.2%
Benevolent & compassionate	\$21,469	\$7,696	3.9%	\$13,773	179.0%
Professional development	\$2,764	\$7,368	0.5%	(\$4,603)	-62.5%
Bible students scholarship	\$3,500	\$4,980	0.6%	(\$1,480)	-29.7%
Others	\$13,325	\$9,293	2.4%	\$4,033	43.4%
<b>Total Ministries &amp; Others</b>	<b>\$82,001</b>	<b>\$117,659</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>(\$35,657)</b>	<b>-30.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>\$548,040</b>	<b>\$611,512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(\$63,472)</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>

The 8.8% decrease in 2020 giving compelled us to an average 10.4% decrease in spending. The only increase in spending was in Benevolent & Compassionate that allowed the church to provide financial support to those in need and whose livelihood were greatly affected by the pandemic and job lay-off.

<b>Special Offering</b>		
20-30-50		\$ 8,395.00
Olivia Jost Run		\$ 2,385.00
Covid-19 Support Fund		\$ 10,536.00

Due to the Pandemic, the church focus in 2020 was to maintain and sustain its usual church operations. One key action item was to upgrade the church live-streaming system to sustain the week-end worship services and to support other ministry activities.

<b>2020 CapEx Campaign: "20-30-50" (Year 2020, 30th RLAC Anniversary, Raise \$50K):</b>		
Intended to upgrade chairs, carpets & lightings in the sanctuary, upgrade sound system, & purchase long tables		\$52,000.00
Actual Donation/Amount raised:		\$8,395.00
Actual Spend:	Long Tables	\$3,199.99
		\$5,195.01
Diverted to:	Upgrade Live Streaming equipments	\$6,252.64

### CHURCH BUILDING MORTGAGE

<b>MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL AT CHURCH BUILDING ACQUISITION - SEPTEMBER 9, 2016</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>
<b>PRINCIPAL PAYMENT TO DATE (from October 2016 to December 2020 @ \$5,833/month)</b>	<b>\$297,498</b>
<b>MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$752,502</b>
Payable to The Western Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance	
15-year term ( \$5,833 per month)	
Interest rate : RBC Prime Rate + 0.50%	
<b>Current Interest rate</b>	<b>2.95%</b>
Acquisition Interest rate	3.20%
<b>Interest rate increase since Church Acquisition</b>	<b>-0.25%</b>

For the year 2020 surplus realized, we were able to generate a cash inflow of \$86,467, that enabled us to pay off \$70,000 of our mortgage principal, and capital expenditure of \$10,913.

### CONCLUSION

We continue to praise God for the generosity seen throughout the year. We pray that we continue to depend on God to meet our needs in the years to come.

In closing, I want to thank our Bookkeeper, who have been of great assistance in allowing me to perform the treasurer's role. Our deepest gratitude goes to all Church members and adherents for the generosity shown despite the difficult year.