







river of life alliance church annual report 2022

## RIVER OF LIFE ALLIANCE CHURCH

14910 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, AB T2X 1Z5

## 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)

Rev. 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)
Edd Vincent Alarcon (Volunteer Worship Coordinator)
Szarina Rose Cabling (Volunteer Admin)
Dan Vecino (Facilities Coordinator)

## BOARD OF ELDERS

Julian Sampang, Jr., Chairman Oliver Sicat, Treasurer Allan Belano Adrian Bustamante Carlos Movilla Titus Albania

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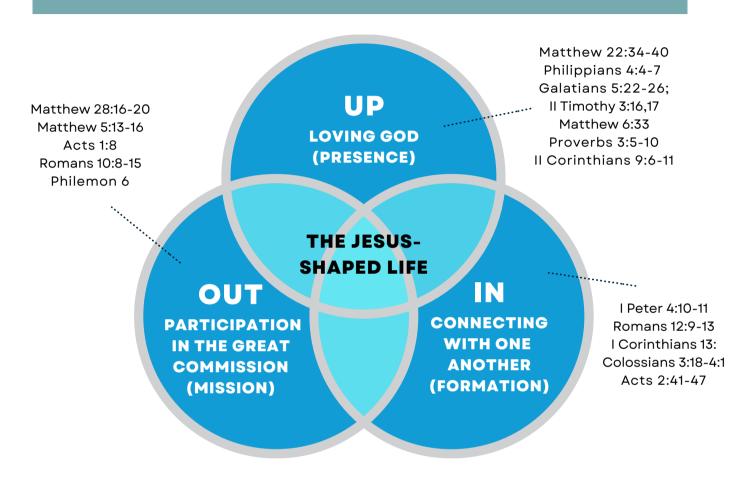
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## CHURCH VISION PICTURE



## PRESENCE (Worship)

We desire to be a community that hungers for the presence and power of God to move in our time.

# FORMATION (Community)

believe We that spiritual formation is a community-project. God does his best refining work in the context of а community. We are committed to learning what it means to walk in the way of Jesus, and not in the ways of the world.

## MISSION (Missio Dei)

We believe that Missions is something that God has initiated. We don't have our own mission. rather we participate in God's mission to redeeming and restoring all things through the message and mercy of Jesus Christ.

## AGM AGENDA

## JUNE 11, 2023

Opening Prayer Introduction and Rules for the Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call for Quorum

#### General Business

Approval of Agenda
Approval of the Minutes of 2022 AGM
Report on Church Membership
Nomination Committee Report (Pastor Dan)
2024 Nomination Committee Appointment - 2 RLAC members needed
2023-2025 Elder Nomination vote:

- Roldan Baluya (2 years)
- Jayson Sampang (2 years)
- Joe Wipf (2 years)
- Henry Ibe (1 year)

#### <u>Financial Reporting</u>

2022 Budget Report and Q&A Motion to Accept 2022 Budget Report 2023 Budget Review and Q&A

#### <u>Ministry Reporting</u>

Board of Elders Report and Q&A
Prayer for Elders
Pastoral Team and Ministry Reports and Q&A
NextGen Youth Ministry
E.KIDS Children's Ministry
Community Life Ministries
Lead Pastor Report and Q&A

Motion to Accept all Ministry Reports

Results of Elder Nomination Prayer for New Elders

General Q&A

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

ON MAY 14, 2022 AT RIVER OF LIFE ALLIANCE CHURCH

#### 1) Call to Order

All members were requested to attend the AGM and Ariel Awa and Gilbert Portugues verified that that there was a quorum with seventy-three (73) and Pastor Daniel Kang called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Arnold Magtulis
Adoption of the 2022 Meeting Agenda by Members
Adopted by Wesley Rowan; seconded by Elsa Gile. All in favor
Adoption of the 2021 Minutes of the Meeting
Adopted by Gloria Ang; seconded by Henry Ibe

#### 2) Recorders and Counters

Recorder for 2021 AGM: Adrian Bustamante

Counters for 2021 AGM: Ariel Awa and Gilbert Portugues

#### 3) Affirmation of Elders

<u>Returning</u>: Julian Sampang, Titus Albania, Allan Belano, Adrian Bustamante, Carlos Movilla, and Oliver Sicat

#### 4) Financial Reports presented by Oliver Sicat

Motion to Accept the Financial Report of 2022

Adopted by Marissa Vallon Caparino; seconded by Edwind Uy. All in favor.

#### 5) Elders Nomination Committee

Two (2) church members and Two (2) Elders will join together to form as the Elders' Nomination Committee to nominate members to serve as the Board of Elders for the outgoing Elders Julian Sampang and Allan Belano

## 6) Adoption of the 2021 Ministry Report by members

Adopted by Athaley Albania and seconded by Ariel Awa. All in favor.

#### 7) General Q & A

• Edwind Uy - what can we pray for Pastor Dan?

Answer: Pray for Pastor Daniel for his studies which is almost over. He is studying for Master of Divinity.

• Alice Cajayon - Can we nominate or elect women as part of the Board of Elders?

Answer (Pastor Daniel Kang): We will talk about this question in the coming months as most of the members agreed to discuss this area.

#### 8) Closing Prayer and Adjournment of AGM

Closing Prayer: Pastor Daniel Kang

Adopted by Szarina Rose Cabling; seconded by Adriel Awa. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Minutes prepared by Elder Adrian Bustamante

# INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH STATISTICS

Names of members who have not attended church for more than six months in 2022 have been removed from the list

## MEMBERS (185)

On Leave and Inactive (-12) for voting (173)

Abella, Jenny Abella, Wilfredo Alarcon, Edd Vincent Albania, Aniebeth Albania, Athalev\*\* Albania, Felicidad Albania, Titus Ang, Gloria Ang, Jinny Ang, John Robert Arellano, Paz \*\* Arguelles, Rex \*\*\*\* Avila, Elizabeth Avila, Ferdinand Awa, Adriel Elijah Awa, Ariel Awa, Erwina Balbin, Marcela Baluya, Joyce Baluya, Roldan Barril, Magdalena Batara, Luisito, Jr. Belano, Allan Belano, Eva May Bilbao, Don Bilbao, Lovella Bustamante, Adrian Bustamante, David Joseph Bustamante, Maria Socorro Cabling, Szarina Rose Caingcoy, Jerry Caingcoy, Mary Ann Caingcoy, Sean Nicolo Cajayon, Alicia Capariño, Cesar Capariño, Cynthia \*\*\*\* Capariño, Marissa Capati, Alice Capiral, Arnold Capiral, Darlene Cardinoza, Amy Cardinoza, Eduardo Casiano, Jay Casiano, Roda Cay, Juliet Cortez, Francin Adeline

Crispin, Mercedita

Crispin, Valentin

Davis, Maximiliano Davis, Victoria De Guzman, Cecille \*\*\*\* De Guzman, Mercuria Diaz. Abner Diaz, Isabel Ruth Diaz, Lilia Dionisio, Christine Dionisio, Florencio, Jr. Dulay, Leila Dulay, Luisa Elumir, Roanne Escartin, Donna Escartin, Petronilo Fajardo, Domingo Fajardo, Olivia Felescoso, Elizabeth Florendo, Teodorica Florendo, Rolando Galicia, Ma. Allonicah Galicia, Alvin John Galicia, Ian Jasper Gamba, Romeo \*\*\*\* Garcia, Abigail Garcia, Francis Garcia, Jacqueline Gile, Elsa Gonzales, Nieva Gonzales, Pastor Jack Gonzales, Rowena Henningsen, Cirila Henningsen, Paul Hilario, Ma. Therese Hilario, Rosalia (Sally) Ibe, Enrico Ibe, Marife Ilagan, Rhoda \*\*\*\* Ilagan, Timothy \*\*\*\* Ingel, Evelyn Jost, Olivia Jost, Logan Kang, Rev. Daniel Kang, Jin Kang, Sara-Lynn Kang, Sue

Kelly, Iris

Kelly, Rev. Shawn

Kricken, Rev. James Kricken, Kayla Labiano, Edwin\* Labiano, Raquel\* Labtingao, Shelby Lebaquin, Chiquie Lebaquin, Dennis Li. Ben Li. Gabrielle Nicole Liberato, Lorina Liberato, Rizal Lomboy, Cristobal Lomboy, Joyce Lopez, Francis Luzentales, Mary Macalam, Letty Macalam, Rubin Magtulis, Rev. Arnold Magtulis, Daisy Manalo, Jay Manalo, Lorraine Mangahas, Efren Montoya, Alfredo Montoya, Emily Morena, Roel Morena, Rowena Movilla, Carlos Movilla, Virginia Ordonez, Demetrio \*\*\* Ordonez. Mercedita \*\*\* Panes, Chona Pascual, Angelee Pascual, Gerald Paulo, Besia Paulo. Christine Paulo, Marcelo Peregrino, Analis Podador, Jeannette\*\* Podador, Tobias \*\* Portugues, Gilbert Portugues, Sarah Portugues, Steffany Pulido, Leah Allieson\*\* Pulido, Maxel John\*\* Pulido, Medel Pulido, Rosemarie

Reyes, Marie Cris

Reyes, Reynante

Rowan, Wesley Rowan, Yolly Rubiano, Lorna Rubiano, Ronaldo Sampang, Ava Jov Sampang, Doris Sampang, Jayson Sampang, Julian, Jr. Sampang, Paula Jireh\*\* San Pascual, Christine Dayle\* San Pascual, Geronimo III\* Sicat, Carlo Elijah Sicat, Christian Eliel Sicat, Cyril Ezekiel Sicat, Jan Claude Emmanuel Sicat, Oliver Sicat, Rhoda Tadena, Cheryl Tadena, Cirilo Teves, Joan Torres, Jelyn Torres, Jocelyn Tubig, Angelina Tubig, Ester Tubig. Sanasael Udaundo, Gil Udaundo, Patricia Uy, David, Jr. Uy, Edwind Uv. Jeannette Uy, Kaye Trina Vallon, Pamfila Vallon, Zenaida Vecino. Dan Vecino, Pastor Femarlyn Villa, Freddie Wipf, Happy Wipf, Joe Yerro, Jeana\* Yerro, Ryan\* Zavalla, Joseph \*\*\* Zavalla, Lorie \*\*\*

New Members added \* (8) Members - On Leave \*\* (7) Members - Returned \*\*\* (4) Members - Inactive \*\*\*\* (6) Members Left (1)

# INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH STATISTICS

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 of this report 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 (168)

Abella, Maxevan Abella, Psalm Albania, Bibiana Albania, Eric Carlos Albania, Joshua Albania, Meagan Albania, Oliver Albania, Sean Raphael Ang, James Arceo, April Arceo, Ren Avila, Eliezer \*\* Avila, Mico Avila, Nathalie Awa, Abriel Eugene Balbin, Janzen Balbin, Richard Baltazar, Elder \* Baltazar, Jessica\* Baluya, Danielle Ann Baluya, Gabrielle Belano, Abijah Matthew Bermeo, Donald Bermeo, Melinda Bishop, Audrey Bishop, Howard Borja, Joshua Bryan Bracewell, Belinda Bracewell, Bryan Brennan, Chad Caingcoy, Caitlin Sophia Cajayon, Ellisha Capariño, Hannah Capariño, Sarah Capiral, Josiah Capiral, Tristan

Casiano, Theodore

Cay, Armand Tyler Clare, Joy \*

Coburn, Benjamin\*

Clare, Judy\*

Daro, Elma

Daro, Elliexiah

Daro, Joselito

Davis, Gabrielle

De Guzman, Ariel

Del Rosario, Waldy Del Rosario, Anglia Joy Dela Cruz, Aaron Dela Cruz, Nya Dela Cruz, Rianna Diaz, Evan Dionisio, Bianca Dionisio, Sean (OL) Dionisio, Vince Dulay, Julie Ann Dulay, Charna\* Edu. Carmel Ann Edu, Kryves Sean Elumir, Angel Elumir, Mike Fajardo, Oksana Fajardo, Samuel Felescoso, Mechelle Garcia, Asher Gabriel \*\* Garcia, Freddy Elijah \*\* Garcia, Gabriel\* Garcia, Judea Garcia, Julia Garcia, Penata\* Batara, Mary Isip, Mark Isip, Ruena Jost, Christopher Jost, Kaira Jumawan, Jeizel Kelly, Josiah Kostynuik, Pam Kostynuik, Henry Labiano, Alyssa Camille\* Labiano, Angelo Elisha\* Labtingao, Benjamin Labtingao, Jieshel Larratt, Richard \* Largueza, Jefferson Largueza, Mechelle Larratt, Richard \* Lechadores, Alex Lechadores, Mildred Legaspi, Jenny

Lomboy, Micayla

Macapili, Jane Manalo, Malachi Manalo, Micah Mangahas, Dara Minguera, Carmela Minguera, Lito Montoya, Alfred John Montoya, Hannah Morena, Althea Morena, Alyanna Morena, Alyssa Navalta, Gloria Navalta, Salvador Negradas, Aaron Negradas, Andrew Ong, Leilanie Ordonez, Clarose Paculan, Christien Joy Padua, Marites Padua, Val Panes, Sam Pascual, Clemen Pascual, Febe\* Pascual, Rodel Pascual, Saturnino\* Paulo, Jada Paulo, Sofie Paulo, Tomas Pollescas, Christine\* Pollescas, Dan Ezra\* Pollescas, Keeyanah\* Pollescas, Kirk\* Portugues, Gerome amirez, Darren Ramirez, Jomely Realubit, Jeliah Realubit, Rodolfo Jr. Ricasata, Daniel Rubiano, Sharmian Sabado, Joanna Salak, Araceli Sampang, Dan Lester \* Sampang, Princess\* Sampang, Noah \*\*

Shallari, Murat RT

Susvilla, Marco\* Susvilla, Sheena\* St. Pierre, Ashton Tadena, Cesar Tadena, Jan Klyde Tadena, Janelle \*\* Tadena, Josefina Tadena, Josiah Teves, Angel Teves, Ghenesis Tubig, Angelic Jheroine Tubig, Benjamin Tubig, Christ John Tubig, Lhean Jerick Tubig, Kristine Joy Tubig, Mark Gian Udaundo, Eliza Uy, Danielle Klarisse Uy, Justin Vecino, Christine Vecino, Darren Miles Vecino, Daryll Kyle Vecino, Derrick Villa, Grace Viray, Abihail \*\* Viral, Bethel \*\* Viray, Czarina Viray, Maria Viray, Raymond Vong, Claire\* Wipf, Althea

\*New Adherents added (23)

Yerro, Chans \*\*

\*\*NextGen (Youth) added (8)

# INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP & CHURCH STATISTICS

The names of children ages 12 and under who attend RLAC until this year are on this list. The utmost care has been taken in completing the list; if a name has been missed, kindly alert any of the pastors.

## CHILDREN (65)

\*New Children added (12)

Largueza, Asher Joshua

Arceo, Kalel Balbin, Ivan Bermeo, Jeremiah Bermeo, John Michael Bracewell, Isaac Bracewell, Isaiah Bracewell, James Gabriel Coburn, Colette\* Coburn, Hunter\* Casiano, Juliah Casiano, Samuel Daro, Disney Rain Daro, Jorja Edu, Cloud Ezekiel Galang, Lorinne Danielle Garcia, Isla Yzabel Isip, Olivia Isip, Sophie Isip, Ysabelle Kang, Micah Jude Kang, Rivers Josiah Kricken, Henry Kricken, Isabel Kricken, Jack \*

Largueza, Ella Larratt, Nathan\* Lebaquin, Cayden Lebaquin, Dana Matthea Lebaquin, Daphne Legaspi, Matteo Horcajo Legaspi, Mikaela Lombov. Kiana Lomboy, Rylee Sofia Manalo, Ezra Logan Mangahas, Ehren Kai Padua, Maria Padua, Vaness Adriel Pascual, Althur Ged Pascual, Zion Ithiel Pollescas, Daniel Euzjan\* Pollescas, Kaeden \* Pollescas, Keegan\* Pollescas, Millie\* Realubit, Jlemon Skype Realubit, Jnoel Sampang, Nathaniel

Tacder, Caleb Joash\* Tadena, Carylle Tadena, Cyrille Udaundo, Joshua Uy, David Kristoffer, III Uy, Jillian Vecino, Maya\* Vecino, Mason G. D. Vecino, Mila Charlene Villa, Audrey Frencine Villa, Ezekiel Jayden Viray, Abihail Viray, Bethel Wipf, Ariana Faith Yerro, Genre\* Yerro, Jaron\* Zavalla, Matthew Zavalla, Francis

#### BOARD OF ELDERS' REPORT

## ELDER JULIAN SAMPANG, JR.

 $Know\ therefore\ that\ the\ Lord\ your\ God\ is\ God;\ he\ is\ the\ faithful\ God,\ keeping\ his\ covenant\ of\ love\ to\ a\ thousand\ generations\ of\ those\ who\ love\ him\ and\ keep\ his\ commandments.$ 

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV

In April 2022 we praise God that finally all COVID19 restrictions were lifted in Alberta. This allowed the Church to All worship in person from a regular booking for a spot to worship live at Church. Truly God is Faithful to Us the Church in answering our prayers.

Praise God for the provision of the resources and wisdom to the Board of Elders to sustain the church operations. God is indeed Faithful and His loving kindness never ends.

In October 2022 Titus Albania ended his Term as a Board Member. We thank Titus and appreciate his contributions to the Board.

Praise God for being a Great provider. in 2022 the Church was able to fully pay our mortgage and interest cost resulting to a reduction to \$594K owing amount from a purchase cost of \$2.3M in 2016. This was brought about by surplus cash flow in 2022.

- In December 2022, the Board reviewed and subsequently approved the 2023 Financial Budget. The most challenging part is the inability to budget for mortgage principal payment due to the more than 3X increase in mortgage interest cost and in order to prioritize supporting ministry spend. Trusting in God for the provision of at least \$60K of surplus to pay out the mortgage cost in 2023.
- The Board approved the release of \$8,494.00 in Compassionate Funds to financially help those who are in need in our Church.
- In the 1Q22, the Digital Copier Agreement was re-negotiated for better pricing with RGO supplier following 62% reduction in utilization. Kudos to Elder Allan and Titus.

The Board is 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.

2022 was a challenging time for the Board of Elders and by God's grace we were able managed to overcome and feeling very grateful. Thanks very much 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. Thanks as well 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, hard work, and support to accomplish 2022 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

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#### LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT

### REV. DANIEL KANG

Dear River of Life Church Family,

The Lead Pastor's report is an opportunity to take some time to look back introspectively on the previous year and reflect on what Jesus is accomplishing in our midst. 2022 was a year of both triumphs and challenges for us as a church family. A personal triumph for me was that 2022 was the year that I finally was able to cross the finish line on my Master's degree. The completion of the degree felt like a yoke being lifted off of my shoulders. It was also a year of challenge, as we had issues of communication breakdown that resulted in hurt and misunderstanding on a staff level. This challenge/crisis led me personally into a season of deep introspection asking the Lord to reveal how he wants to strengthen our church family. I just want to say that Jesus is so good to his people. He's so faithful, and fierce in his loyalty and commitment to refining and maturing his people. In the midst of this challenge, providentially, Jesus brought Dr. David Chotka back into our relationship with River of Life Alliance Church. Dr. Chotka lead us through a workshop on Hearing God's voice, and I felt

that the workshop was so timely given all the internal challenges we were facing as a church community. Our time together in the workshop felt like an invitation to grow in our capacity to know how God speaks to each and every one of us, and how he speaks primarily through his presence. I am grateful that our church resonated with Dr. Chotka's teaching and ministry, and I'm already eagerly anticipating another time when Dr. Chotka can be with us to teach us more about healing prayer.

Other highlights for 2022 include but are not limited to the following:

- The Launch of a new ministry geared towards Young Professionals (ages 25-up)
- Our Annual Picnic and Baptism service at Camp Chestermere (August 14, 2022)
- Our Fall Launch in September
- Finishing a 1-year discipleship path learning missional theology through 3DM ministries
- Personally finishing a 2-year coaching journey with 3DM ministries



I'd like to spend time in my report to talk about what's around the corner for us as a church community. In the final quarter of 2022, our staff gathered together, praying and discerning how to organize the ministry calendar for 2023. We all felt strongly that our ministry at RLAC needed to be organized around 3 vision objectives.

# Missional Discipleship Multi-Ethnic Ministry Discernment Conflict Resolution

This is the first time our staff has organized a ministry calendar around three shared vision objectives. What this means is that in the 2023 calendar year, these three objectives will take precedence in our organization of the yearly calendar.

I'd like to report to you how these vision objectives are currently being accomplished.

#### 1. Missional Discipleship

- Our vision as a church is to train and equip anyone who considers River of Life Alliance church their home, to be active participants in the mission of God.
- Last year, we spearheaded an initiative where we invited over 60 congregants to come into a learning season to learn more about missional theology.
- This year, our goal is to start a Leader's Huddle where we invite congregants to into a discipling community where our theological learning is moved towards praxis. Pastor Faye has agreed to start a leader's huddle, and there will be more information coming soon about how you can participate.

#### 2. Multi-Ethnic Ministry Discernment

- From January April A core team made up of all our pastors, elders, and core leaders within the church was asked to enter into a season of discussion, discernment and prayer about Multi-Ethnic direction for our church community.
- Our core discernment team met twice a month for 3 months to gather together, and discuss and pray about how the Lord is calling us to move towards River of Life becoming a Multi-Ethnic church.
- Our team discerned that we needed to start with a shared and agreed-upon definition of what a Multi-Ethnic church is.

- Our team also discerned that we need to choose a specific vehicle that will help lead the church into moving in this direction.
- Starting on April 26 The Core Discernment Team has extended the invitation to the rest
  of our congregation to come and discuss and pray about the multi-ethnic expression of
  our church.
- The hope is that by our Annual General Meeting, our church will have clarity and a sense of ownership on both the definition of what it means to be a multi-ethnic church, as well as the chosen vehicle that helps our church move into this expression.

#### 3. Conflict Resolution

- Due to the challenges that our staff and elders experienced in 2022, our staff felt prompted to help our church in the area of conflict resolution. We live in a broken world where conflict is inevitable, and because of Jesus reconciliation is always possible.
- In the Fall of 2023, Pastor Arnold will be leading small groups into a series on conflict resolution.
- Our hope is that as our church learns tools for how to have conflict in a way where relationships are not only retained but that relationships within our church would be strengthened.

As a final word, I do want to say that 2023 is shaping up to be a financially challenging year for us at River of Life Alliance Church. Giving has been stable, but expenses and in particular interest on our mortgage have exponentially increased. I want to express my thanks to you as a congregation for faithfully supporting the work of the ministry here at River of Life. God has been so kind to us over the years, and as we continue to be faithful in his purposes, I have no doubt that he will continue to sustain us and provide for our needs as a church community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Daniel



#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

### REV. ARNOLD MAGTULIS

I will start my report by reflecting from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:11, 15 which says "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. 15 Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account."

Thank God for His wonderful plans for all of us and our time here on earth is really short. And that is why we need to make the most of everything we have. Indeed everything He made is beautiful. There is no wasted time when we do it for His glory. I praise God for year 2022 that in spite of the pandemic we were able to continue serving Him and do what was expected for us.

There were many stories that I could narrate and some of it put marks in my heart. How could I forget a young girl who battled brain cancer whom I brought to the Lord and experienced the power of God by extending her life and touching lives in our congregation. It was on March 5 when we had Soraya's celebration of life here in our church. Another one that I was able to minister to the community was when I was asked to officiate the wedding of a dying lady in Peter Lougheed Hospital, which I never did before. Praise God for the opportunity to share the gospel during her funeral service, which led to the salvation of many. Thank God that our church was open to hold memorial services for families and friends of their departed loved ones. It was a way of inviting unchurched people to attend and hear the gospel and for us to show our love by being His disciples.

It was also my joy to do pre-marital counselling and officiate weddings and renewal of vows of our church members and outside the church and doing child dedication in homes, restaurants and even in our church. It was good to see families being together celebrating the faithfulness of God not being scared to be infected by COVID after we had opened our church to have our worship services in person. It always inspired me to do things I loved to do knowing that I'd see lives be changed. I felt the supernatural strength to minister either in counselling, teaching and equipping in spite of my health conditions. My dependency in God grew stronger and deeper especially when I had my two liver procedures to threat tumors that grew in my liver and even had problem in my thyroid. Indeed, He is worthy to be praise knowing that I have nothing to worry when He is in control of my life and continue to enjoy serving our people.

Our God is always up to something especially when you have plans that won't work out. I did plan to have a seminar for our small group leaders to invite a guest speaker and it did not work out. Instead, Pastor Dan suggested that we invite Dr. David Chotka to do the seminar of "Hearing the Voice of the Shepherd." Truly I'm grateful for how God orchestrated everything for His glory and honor. What a great opportunity it was to have our 3DM huddles and what an experience to facilitate my own huddle reflecting every week by using the book "Jesus Shaped Life". It was good to learn and know our identity in Christ.

I am grateful every year that our church always has an annual baptism which gives opportunities for our people to show their obedience by following the Lord through water baptism. On August 14, 2022, we had 6 people baptized: Waldy del Rosario, Dayle San Pascual, Gerome Portugues, Chans Yerro, Max Abella and Fern Mehi. We also had six adherents that were received as new members of River of Life: Jeana and Ryan Yerro, Dayle and Gino San Pascual, and Edwin and Raquel Labiano.

I am looking forward to having a seminar and training for our Small Group Leaders when it comes to Conflict Resolution. And it will be good to have this seminar to equip our leaders in facilitating or teaching by helping their small groups to nurture a better relationship. I will continue discipling new believers and newly married couples. I believe God in what He can do in our church and just trusting Him to bring new people in His vineyard and to go out touching lives wherever we go. Let us remain steadfast, and being faithful in doing what God has entrusted for us to do, knowing that we are accountable to what he has given us.

Thank you for all your support, care, and encouraging us to be steadfast in serving Him fully until He comes.

Lovingly Submitted, Rev. Arnold Magtulis



#### E.KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

## PASTOR FEMARLYN VECINO

As people started to feel at ease with how Covid first affected the world in 2019, we saw some growth in families getting their children back to EKids Ministry in RLAC. Although, the number of Saturday attendees changed dramatically since pre-Covid, we saw a steady growth in terms of attendance. During the first half of 2022, Saturday attendance was very difficult to predict and thus made it also difficult in terms of preparation. But as the months progressed, and continued on to the last quarter of the year, the number of children for both Saturday and Sunday services started to be more balance and therefore made it so much better.

Here are some highlights of the year 2022!

September - We started the schoolyear by trying a new Sunday school curriculum called Wonder Ink. We held a family event during RLAC's Fall Launch as a way to introduce the families to this new curriculum, wherein the parents were invited to join their children before the Sunday school time for the Saturday service, and after the Sunday school time for the Sunday service. This new curriculum enabled even the families who can't make it to church physically, to still participate through our online lesson platform.

We also held a teacher's training prior to starting this new curriculum to help our volunteers get familiar with Wonder Ink. This training was very helpful especially because of the fact that this was the first time we gathered all the volunteers again since 2019 (because of Covid).

October - For the third time in a row we held our Trunk of Treats event for the children in RLAC and our neighbors. And just like last year, we again invited Joe Goslin from the Joe Show to provide entertainment for the kids. This vear, we held entertainment portion indoors as we had indoor laser tag. It was such a blast! Not only did it bring so much fun to the kids, but I'm pretty sure it made some adults feel like a kid too @





#### Other Highlights

Invited to be part of the Nominating Committee for WCD

One of the highlights in my personal life and growth is my involvement in the Nominating Committee for our district denomination, the Western Canadian District. As this year marks the end of tenure for our present District Superintendent, the NomCom was tasked to pray for and nominate a new District Superintendent. This journey that I was a part of (June 2022-May 2023), was indeed very humbling as it reminded me of how much we need the Father's wisdom and the Spirit's guidance in carrying out this task. It was such a privilege to be a part of this group of people from whom I tremendously learned from.

#### 3DM

As I continued on with my 3DM learning experience, I am so thankful for the privilege of growing together with people that clearly understands God's call and challenge to the church... to be His very presence as we the church bring His kingdom here on earth. The things I've learned and continually learn each day is shaping me to be more and more like Jesus, and thus fans this desire in me to be able to share and live out this Jesus' shaped live with others.

#### Dreams and Goals for 2023

As I write this report, 2023 is almost halfway done. But as I think ahead here are some of my dreams and goals:

- Encourage and empower more E.Kids Ministry Leaders, so that through them, our children will experience Jesus personally.
- Be more intentional in carrying out our missional call to people who do not know Jesus yet through the ministry of the RLAC E.Kids.
- Be more intentional in discipling kids through our E.Kids Ministry who are empowered to share Jesus with their families and friends.

Jesus said in John 15:5 "Yes, I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing."

As I dream of what is ahead, it is in this posture of complete surrender and abiding that I look forward with great anticipation, that through the Holy Spirit who empowers me, I can participate in bringing God's kingdom presence here on earth; particularly in the lives of the precious little children in River of Life E.Kids Church.

#### Pastor Fe



#### NEXTGEN YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

## REV. JAMES KRICKEN

I love the youth ministry here at River of Life. The year 2022 was full of great highlights and memories with our Next Gen. It was great to see the youth be able to enjoy our time and activities together without the effects of Covid and continue our journey with Jesus together as a Next Gen family. They are so much fun and I am grateful for them and our leadership team that gave so much throughout the year.

We were able to have our first retreat since Covid at Camp Chamisall in May. We were also privileged to have Josh Rice as our speaker, who interned with our church until 2020. This was an exciting experience since this was the first youth retreat for many of our current Next Gen. The youth were reminded of their identity in Christ, and learned to trust in who God says they are, rather than listening to other voices trying to shape them. The games, campfire, and food made the retreat a special one to remember! I was happy to see youth deciding to get baptized after experiencing the camp.

Another highlight worth noting was that we were able to have our first "student core" ministry. Throughout the year, our small team of youth that wanted to dive deeper into mission and leadership gathered weekly to study God's word (including 3DM teachings) and be on mission as a team. I am happy to see students excited about God and leading their peers. Several of these students are now leading a prayer ministry in their highschool (Bishop Grandin).

In September, Next Gen was able to return to their inperson worship gatherings. We had a lot of fun this semester, and kicked off the Fall with a dunk tank for our launch! We had many large events into the semester where youth could invite their friends, including a locked-in sleepover, basketball at Bishop O'Byrne, and our first Christmas Banquet since Covid.



I am grateful for all of the parents that helped volunteer and bring food as well. It was a big success! We began a new series called "All Things New" where the students learned how God brings change into different areas of our lives because of Jesus.

Another encouraging aspect to see in the Next Gen, was that there were many younger youth that were eager to be engaged in our worship ministry. With the gracious help of Edvin, we were able to host another Worship Workshop for the youth that have a heart for worship and are musically gifted. I am grateful to see younger youth taking on leadership in this area as well, such as Gabbie Davis and Jieshel Labtingao. The future is bright in our worship ministry. We also had youth starting to share the devotionals in our weekly Friday gatherings. I was so encouraged to see 6 of our Next Gen share throughout the year from their hearts what God has been teaching them.

As I look back on 2022, the most notable aspect of the year was the youth that were beginning to lead their peers in the ministry. This makes me excited because a lot of our younger students have moved beyond observing and are actively participating in what God is doing!

THANK YOU to all of the youth leaders and parents that have been supporting the ministry and praying for the Next Generation! Our leadership team has been the backbone of this past year and so appreciate each one of you. (You know who you are).

Psalm 78:4

Sincerely, Pastor James



#### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY REPORT

### REV. DANIEL KANG

Two years ago, I had been approached by 5 young adults separately seeking personal mentorship. With the demands of ministry, family and at that time graduate studies, I mentioned that I didn't have the time to personally mentor them individually, but would be able to mentor them if they'd be willing to enter into a group mentorship/learning huddle.

All of them agreed.

Over that 2 years, I mentored the group talking through personal issues, but also training them in 3DM missional discipleship concepts.

During the 2022 calendar year, this group had completed the 3DM materials and we spent the spring of 2022 discerning what could be next for the mentorship huddle. After a season of prayer and discussion, the group felt that they needed to bring others into a mentorship/learning community. This mentorship group became the leadership core of our new Young Professionals ministry.

This new ministry launched October of 2022, and we host events around the following rhythm.

- Week 1 Core Leadership Team Night This is a time for our core team to debrief, plan, and pray for the Young Professionals ministry.
- Week 2 Teach Night We gather our Young Adults and enter into a time of teaching and discussing relevant topics to their world.
- Week 3 Teach Night October December these teach nights were dedicated to teaching concepts from 3DM ministries.
- Week 4 Reach Night This is a night where we gather to enjoy fellowship, while also challenging our group to invite friends and coworkers who don't know Jesus.

Teaching themes we have covered so far:

- October The Jesus Shaped Life The Rhythms of Up In Out
- November Covenant and Kingdom
- December Covenant and Kingdom continued.

Special thanks to: Gheeno, Dayle, Elder, Jessica, MJ, and Chen.

Our group meets Tuesday nights at RLAC from 7pm - 9pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Daniel Kang



#### NEW CANADIANS MINISTRIES REPORT

## REV. SHAWN KELLY

I, am grateful to continue to minister in our Church, RLAC. We mnister through prayer, visitation, counseling, encouragement, Men's Ministry, Missions and other ministry opportunities. I enjoyed our "Listening to God 'Speaking'" Course by David Chotka in our Church.

#### <u>Updates & Highlights of 2022</u>

Apart from Christ I can do nothing, but in Christ I can do all things (he asks me to do). Thank You Lord. Not to us O Lord, Not to Us, but To YOUR NAME be the GLORY, because of Your Love & Faithfulness. (Psalm 115:1)

We are VERY GRATEFUL for our PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS in this ministry. For the Past few Years I have been a tutor to a young man regarding his life skills, education & driving. In 2022, I helped him with his TVP Program (Entering the Work Force) at Mount Royal University.

An update Regarding my Sponsored family, the Nadeems, (originally from Pakistan) and their year of settling into Life in Calgary with the Help of the Capstone Church Team, led by Pastor Jordan Abbott. The Nadeems did quite well, and the Capstone Team and myself helped them through their life of adjusting to life in Calgary, even though they had some struggles. Their son has been attending school & both Sonil & Zarish are working. It was great to help the Nadeems & the Team during this process and it became a very Positive Experience for the Team as well.

N (Oromo), who I helped settle in Calgary Sept 2018, is still in pain and receiving treatment to his back and neck from his car accident in Feb 2021. N Always asks me to pray to Jesus to help him & his family, because N saw Jesus answers prayer & is a healer. N's family has been going through a very hard time since his wife was preparing to leave the family, last spring. N brought in community leaders to try to help the situation, but to no avail. I also have been walking with the family this year during the breakup, it is very hard on the whole family, but especially for the 3 younger children. I was able to help the wife find a Lady African Christian Pastor to help her after she left the family. Pray for the Family & myself.

This Year "N" asked myself to help 3 more Oromo Families with their needs. I was able to help one of the families, whose 2 children had the Wrong Birthdates (3&5 Years older) on their UNHCR Documents, which affected their bodies development in Junior & Senior High School. They were able to get the Original Birth Certificates from their Country and then we had to work with the Calgary Board of Education and the Canadian Federal Govt to correct their Birthdates this past summer.

This Year, I have had the Blessing of Learning about Afghans and ministering to them under the leadership and mentorship of Brother Aziz. I am also helping Brother Aziz get connected to Different Calgary Pastors. It was a Nice Blessing when Jerin Thomas & Nick Kadun came to meet myself and Brother Aziz for Lunch to learn about Afghan ministry. I am meeting regularly with "R" and sharing about Jesus, the Bible, Christianity and I brought him to RLAC Christmas Men's Breakfast, brought him to Our Home Christmas Party Outreach to our Neighbors, gave him a Christmas Gift Card from RLAC and Brought him out on Christmas Day for Lunch. I am helping "R" to become a Truck Driver in Calgary. This Year I also met regularly with 2 Afghan Husbands to help them improve their English and shared about Jesus & Christianity.

My Wife and I are continuing to visit, Pray and Share about Jesus with R & W, our Iraqi friends for 20 years.

In Oct & early Dec, I had the Joy of bringing some of the Christians (10-12) from a "M" Background that I knew to Join others as they Gathered some the Christians from a "M" Background together for a time of Praising God and encouraging each other.

In 2022, I connected with my other cross-cultural friends as well through visits.

Monthly, I visited & helped (Mommy) Khorshid (Iranian). However, her son (who is in Ireland) & her daughter (who is in Iran) are the ones ordering her groceries online and having them delivered, so I have not had to visit Khorshid Weekly. Her health & strength is getting much better.

I still manage the house (16years) for our Bangladeshi Friend (29 year friendship) here in Calgary. The Bangladeshi renter calls me his good Friend. Pray for openness of heart to talk more about Jesus.

I was able to hand out less 30 Day Prayer Guides due to most churches being closed.

In Sept 2022 Iris & I had the Blessing of Iris' Friend [who worked at West Jet] gave us Very Cheap Buddy Passes to fly to Rome and to visit Italy & Switzerland for 15 Days. It was our first time to be in Europe. It greatly opened our eyes to the NT with the aspect of Rome (Cesar Augustus time) & the Catholic Church & the Spirituality of the Catholics. We went to Basel Switzerland to be at Irasmus' Church where he Lit the Fire in Martin Luther's Heart to start the Reformation. We led our Hotel Receptionist to Jesus and shared with others about Jesus including some Bangladeshis. We also saw the plight of many of the refugees & immigrants in these two countries.

I Praise God for the opportunity to be part of City Wide Prayer Rally Committee these past 12 years. It both encouraged & challenged my Prayer Life. It has been great to meet many Prayer Warriors in our City

I am part of different Network groups: 1) Ignite Global (Pentecostal Global Group that meets online every other Tues night), 2) Calgary Pastors Network (mainly African) 3) 403 Pastors Group from southern Alberta, and 4) I continue to connect with my Bishop friend in Pakistan once a month.

In Sept 2010 I was introduced to Babar (A Pakistani Christian, who is good in evangelism, who fled to Canada as a refugee) & it was a joy to help him bring his family to Canada. During COVID he began reaching out & Ministering online to over 150 Pakistani Families around the World & leading many of them to Jesus, even some here in Calgary. He is working towards starting a Pakistani Church in Calgary, he is asking myself for some help & some insights.

God has been laying on our Hearts to Pray for my Mom's Growth in Christ and for her hunger for the Word of God. This Summer she bought her first Bible and has begun reading it.

Personally: I am Applying the "Stages in the Christian Life" – All in & Dying to Self & Living for our Lord

We are Looking Forward to a Greater Harvest and to see what God has in store for us & the Canadian Church to reach the Nations at our Door Step in 2023.

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

Gratefully Submitted
Shawn & Iris Kelly PALM Ministry Calgary

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### REV. DANIEL KANG

<u>"It is He who changes the times and epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives</u> wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding." - Daniel 2:21

The Nomination Committee comprised of the following members: Daniel Kang (Chair), Julian Sampang, Allan Belano, Edwind Uy, and Ariel Awa

#### Preamble:

I think it's important to acknowledge that we've had a very challenging year as a church. Fall 2022 was a year where issues of staffing tensions needed to find peaceful resolution and reconciliation. I am grateful that we were able to get through 2022 into 2023 completely intact as a pastoral staff.

At the start of 2023, Pastor Daniel organized a discernment committee to pray into the mission and vision of our church. The team consisted of all the Elders, the pastoral staff and key ministry leaders.

This discernment committee spent time praying, discerning and discussing from January to March of 2023. Out of these times of prayer together, we have thankfully come out with greater clarity for the direction that we feel Jesus leading us.

It was out of this time of discernment that shaped the following rationale for the next batch of elders at River of Life Alliance Church.

The Nomination Committee's Rationale for Eldership:

- 1. Chemistry The Next Board needs to be able to work with the Lead Pastor.
- 2. Courage to make difficult decisions due to inflation and interest increase, the next season for our church looks challenging.
- 3. Larger is not necessarily better Our bylaws stipulate that the maximum size of the board is 8 members (including the Lead Pastor). Our Local church constitution stipulates that the board cannot be less than 4 members (Including the Lead Pastor.)
  - We need to focus on men of integrity and men who have a good rapport with the congregation. We need 1-2 Seasoned Elders
  - It would be wise to have a mix of Older and Younger on this new board; a recommendation 1-2 New Elders
  - A team of 5 including the Pastor could be a good size for this next year.

#### 4. Men of Prayer

As the Nomination Committee prayed and discussed, we felt that bringing on a new mix of seasoned leaders and emerging leaders would be helpful for our church's future.

The Nomination Committee is happy to present the following names as Elders for the upcoming season:

Roldan Baluya - 2 year term Jayson Sampang - 2 year term Joe Wipf - 2 year term Henry Ibe - 1 year term

#### Personal Thanks

I'd like to thank our current elder's board. Each of these men has served with compassion and care. Each of these men has sacrificed time, resources, and much sleep, to serve our church through many seasons.

Jun Sampang - Thank you for the stability you have provided for our church. Your compassionate and generous heart is seen and felt by all. You have served so well.

Allan Belano - Thank you for your constant willingness to go above and beyond, to take on extra work on behalf of the board. Thank you for knowing our people in the church so well, and always notifying us of the needs that exist within our congregation.

Adi Bustamante - Thank you for your gentleness and patience. You have served the board for so many years, and your willingness to serve is outstanding. You have been such a faithful friend and co-worker for Jesus' church.

Oliver Sicat - Thank you for your diligence. You have been an indispensable asset to our board. You have helped each of us bring clarity into complex issues and situations. Thanks for supporting and checking in on me frequently.

Caloy Movilla - Thank you for your commitment to prayer, your love for the scriptures, and your heart for evangelism. Thank you for having a strong vision for what the church is supposed to be.

Titus Albania - Thank you for your friendship and the love and support with which you have constantly extended towards me and my family.

I'd be remiss to point out, that Jun and Allan have both completed 3 terms as elders. They have served this season with fortitude and longevity, well done good and faithful servants.

I'd also like to point out, that Adi, Oli, and Caloy have graciously made room for others a new board to step into leadership, but have graciously allowed the new board to retain them as advisors for our new oncoming board.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Daniel Kang Chair of the Nomination Committee

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

## OLIVER SICAT

For 2022, the total gross receipts were \$564,350 against operating expenses of \$494,621 which includes depreciation of \$69,149. With a total allocation for designated purposes of \$91,855, year end was a net deficit of \$22,125.

#### 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2022	2021	2020
Total Givings	\$564,350	\$585,676	\$564,588
Total Operating Expenses	\$494,621	\$459,507	\$468,026
Surplus Before Expenses for Designated Allocations	\$69,730	\$126,169	\$96,562
Total Expenses for Designated Allocations	\$91,855	\$90,452	\$82,001
Total Expenses	\$586,475	\$549,959	\$550,027
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$22,125)	\$35,717	\$14,561

#### 2022 GIVING SUMMARY

	2022	2021	INC (DEC)	% INC (DEC)
General Fund	\$519,071	\$501,073	\$17,998	3.6%
Building Fund	\$22,346	\$45,926	-\$23,580	-51.3%
Missions Fund	\$18,353	\$24,232	-\$5,879	-24.3%
Benevolent & Compassionate	\$3,400	\$12,465	-\$9,065	-72.7%
Others	\$1,180	\$1,980	-\$800	-40.4%
Total Givings	\$564,350	\$585,676	-\$21,326	-3.6%

#### 2022 SPENDING SUMMARY

OPERATING & ADMIN EXPENSES	2022	2021	% TOTAL	INC (DEC)	% INC (DEC)
Pastoral & support staff comp	\$289,079	\$270,838	49.3%	\$18,241	6.74%
Depreciation	\$68,149	\$69,035	11.6%	(\$886)	-1.3%
Building maintenance	\$62,147	\$56,368	10.6%	\$5,779	10.3%
Administrative & office expenses	\$45,048	\$41,613	7.7%	\$3,435	8.3%
Mortgage interest	\$30,198	\$21,653	5.1%	\$8,544	39.5%
Total Operating & Admin Expenses	\$494,621	\$459,507	83.6%	\$35,113	7.6%
MINISTRIES & OTHERS	2022	2021	% TOTAL	INC (DEC)	% INC (DEC)
Mission & outreach	\$28,092	\$27,754	4.8%	\$339	1.2%
Church ministries	\$23,914	\$14,539	4.1%	\$9,375	64.5%
Special events	\$5,964	\$10,576	1.0%	(\$4,612)	-43.6%
Benevolent & compassionate	\$8,494	\$10,360	1.4%	(\$1,866)	-18.0%
Professional development	\$12,320	\$8,508	2.1%	\$3,812	44.8%
Bible students scholarship	\$3,500	\$3,600	0.6%	(\$100)	-2.8%
Others	\$9,570	\$15,115	1.6%	(\$5,545)	-36.7%
Total Ministries & Others	\$91,855	\$90,452	16.4%	\$1,403	1.6%
TOTAL SPENDING	\$586,475	\$549,959	100.0%	\$36,516	6.6%

Total Giving has decreased by 3.6% in 2022 compared to 2021 giving.

The increase in Operating & Admin spending is attributed to:

- Salary increase of our Pastoral and Support staff;
- Higher Building maintenance (increased cleaning & repair services required, and Utilities usage as we went back to in-person worship services post pandemic); and
- Mortgage interest increased to 7.20% in January 2023 from 2.95% as of January 2022 (almost 250% jump).

#### CHURCH BUILDING MORTGAGE

MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL AT CHURCH BUILDING ACQUISITION - SEPTEMBER 9, 2016	
PRINCIPAL PAYMENT TO DATE (from October 2016 to December 2022 @ \$5,833/month)	\$437,498
MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022	\$612,502
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%	
Current Interest rate	7.20%
Acquisition Interest rate	3.20%
Interest rate increase since Church Acquistion	4.00%

#### 2022 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN):	2022	2021
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	-\$22,125	\$35,718
Items not involving cash: Depreciation	\$68,149	\$69,035
Net changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations		
Goods and services tax recoverable	-\$512	-\$165
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$4,880	\$2,279
Payroll remittance payable	-\$89	-\$779
Deferred contributions related to capital assets	-\$1,180	-\$1,180
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$49,123	\$104,908
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets using unrestricted funds	-\$5,154	-\$7,316
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Mortgage repayments	-\$104,000	-\$36,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	-\$60,031	\$61,592
CASH BEGINNING	\$193,206	\$131,614
CASH ENDING	\$133,175	\$193,206

Despite 2022 being a tough year, God has been gracious that the church generated a cash inflow of \$49,123, that enabled us the capital expenditure of \$5,154, and to pay off \$104,000 of our mortgage principal, and year end cash on hand of \$133,175.