



# Members Report.

OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

Dear Member,

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm. At this AGM we will be voting on a new Constitution and Bylaws.

You can either participate in-person at the Langley campus, online, or join the watch party at either the Maple Ridge or Sooke Campus. If you are wanting to participate online, or at a campus watch party, I would encourage you to get a set of instructions as soon as you can, so that your involvement is as seamless as possible. You can get those instructions in one of 3 ways:

- By email: contact [info@clachurch.com](mailto:info@clachurch.com) and we will email them to you
- Pick up a copy on Sundays from your campus welcome desk
- Pick up at your campus office during their working hours

I would like to remind you of the privilege it is to be a member at CLA and that your participation at the AGM is vital and expected. Business cannot be conducted without the necessary number of members participating.

You will also find within this information packet the following:

- Agenda for the October 22, 2023, AGM
- Pastor Derrick's report
- The minutes of last years AGM
- Board Nominee Profiles
- Annual Financial Statement summary

Please have this booklet ready at the AGM for you reference.

Blessings,

Neil Muth  
Church Manager

# Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome, On-line registration
2. Affirmation of Quorum
3. Appointments
  - Parliamentarian
  - Recording Secretary
  - Scrutineers
4. Previous AGM Minutes / Motion
5. Ratification Vote of Board Members
6. Pastor's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. New Business - Constitution and Bylaws
9. AGM Reports
  - Sooke Campus
  - Rev Youth
  - CLA Housing Society
  - Maple Ridge Campus
  - Redevelopment of Maple Ridge Campus
  - Recovery Church
10. Motion to Accept AGM Reports
11. Motion to Destroy Ballots
12. Adjournment

# AGM Pastoral Report 2023

I think the people of Christian Life Assembly can be very proud of the work God allowed us to accomplish over the past year. We emerged from COVID with a clear vision. The prayer, disciple making, outreach and leadership development at all campuses and within each of the Langley congregations has been strong. We welcomed a new Thrive Pastor, Lynette Beutel and she has done a wonderful work among our seniors. Pastor Doug Frederick became our permanent (part-time) Recovery Church Pastor. Many staff are part-time, but both Pastor Debbie Tonn, (Women's Pastor), and Pastor Breanne Newton (Middle School) became full-time in their hours. Our healthy finances allowed for these adjustments as well as the hiring of a High School Pastor, Brendan Meade.

One of the big highlights for CLA was the Langley Campus celebrating their 85th anniversary and the Maple Ridge Campus celebrating their 75th anniversary. Maple Ridge has been part of CLA for twenty years. The October weekend allowed us to have a groundbreaking on the new affordable housing complex in Langley. We will call the complex Jenny Gaglardi Place. It will welcome about a hundred individuals or families to our site in 2024. At the AGM we welcomed Jody Wandzura and Valerian Crasto to our nine member CLA board. In addition, Fred Fulford joined us to complete Vicki Yeats's two-year term. The board helps me oversee the CLA finances, protect the vision and values of CLA and run administrative functions through committee work. This year Peter Fassbender will be stepping down from the board after six years of service; he is such a wonderful servant of God. He will remain the chair of our CLA Housing Society.

This year CLA Missions returned to sending short term mission teams, this included two teams to the Canadian Arctic, support for Peter Paluch to go to Poland and Ukraine, a team to Chennai, to Israel and to Guatemala. Additionally, we raised the number of monthly subscriptions to our newsletter and were able to send a million dollars of support into local, national, and international contexts. In February we raised over \$200,000 for the "Least Reached & Most Vulnerable" donating significantly to projects in Chennai, India, Laos, Egypt and locally to Wagner Hills. Each month CLA has remained faithful to 30 Global Workers. Your monthly support of these workers to be the hands and feet of CLA around the world in humanitarian aid, church planting, leadership development and evangelism is a huge blessing. The world is better because of you! City Serve in Langley and Maple Ridge continues to be a wonderful gift to our local communities.

One of our prayer requests this year has been for people to "Reconnect to the Church – to be known and to find authentic relationships in community". I've marveled at how this prayer has been answered. We welcomed people "home"

last fall and observed strong attendance while still allowing room for over 500 devices online for morning service in Langley. CLA is changing, there is a growing ethnic diversity and socio-economic change. We've hosted many refugees and opened our lives to people from around the world. Our altar prayer team, calling team and Life Groups have worked to embrace the newcomers and their many needs. Our Welcome to Church Parties and Discovery classes were very strong. Our community outreaches, including our Christmas events, were attended by many new Canadians. Langley hosted a fantastic Easter event for our Ukrainian refugees. Over 100 water baptisms give evidence of changed lives. It's thrilling to see many who have joined CLA this year venture out to become volunteers.

As we turn our attention to the future, we continue to welcome new modifications to our team like Pastor Bryce Lefebvre taking over from Pastor Chad Langerud as our Gather Pastor in Langley (all things Sunday), his wife Rachelle Lefebvre returning from maternity to take over First Impressions and to help with Care Ministries. In Langley we also welcomed Pastor Matt Bender as Young Adults Pastor and this year we will see transition at our Sooke Campus, with Pastor Marty Mittelstaedt leaving and Pastor Branden Holmquist coming. After ten years of church partnership in planting (The Way, Avant Life Surrey, and Resonate Church in Coquitlam) now we turn our attention to campus multiplication in Abbotsford and Surrey. We're also examining important next steps in campus property redevelopment for Sooke and Maple Ridge. In 2024 I would love to hire a new Associate Pastor and desire to build roads of ministry towards both Jenny Gaglardi Place and Sharon Village. Exciting times, with many great opportunities in front of us.

Of course, my life is busy, and I would never be able to carry on the heavy duties of pastoral oversight without Sara-Lee. We celebrated our son's wedding this year and our grandkids moved to northern Alberta. I'm so grateful for her ministry involvement. This month I've been asked to speak at the PAOC Global Workers Retreat for Southeast Asia; she will accompany me and speak as well. Over 130 global workers will be blessed by her as I am every day. Thank you to our board, MLT (ministry leadership team that helps me guide the day-to-day ministries of CLA) and staff for their constant prayers and hard work. We are all indebted to our volunteers who come week after week to serve. I'm grateful for you; for your faithful prayer, generous tithes, and offerings as well as your love for Jesus Christ. CLA is a healthy church because of your engagement.

Pastor Derrick Hamre

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# Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

October 30th, 2022 at 12:30

In-person at the Langley Campus as well as via live-stream

1. **Opening** – Pastor Derrick Hamre welcomed all members and adherents from Langley, Maple Ridge and Sooke campuses as well as those attending via live-stream.
  - Time of prayer, worship, and devotional
  - Welcome to New Members – Pastor Derrick acknowledged and welcomed new members accepted into CLA during 2021/2022.
2. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Derrick presented his Pastoral report verbally as well as included it with the AGM document package, which was distributed to all members prior to meeting.
3. **Affirmation of Quorum** – 145 members registered; 25 online and 120 in-person.
4. **Appointments**
  - **Parliamentarian** – Peter Fassbender was introduced as the meeting parliamentarian.
  - **Appointment of Recording Secretary** – Mallory Elvis-Obukowho was noted as the recording secretary for the meeting.
  - **Scrutineers** – Team located in the board room at CLA Langley Campus to count the ballots.
5. **Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes** – The minutes of the October 24, 2021, Annual General Meeting, which were distributed to all members as part of the AGM notice and document package, were accepted with no follow-up business required. Moved and seconded. Carried – 99% approval.
6. **Ratification Vote of Board Members** – Pastor Derrick explained the process conducted by the Board Nominating Committee and introduced the four nominees and the motion for ratification of Board nominees. The nominees for a two-year term on the Board are:
  1. Mallory Elvis-Obukowho
  2. Benjamin Neff

3. Jody Wandzura
4. Valerian Crasto

Jody Wandzura and Valerian Crasto are new nominees. Mallory Elvis-Obukowho and Benjamin Neff are eligible for an additional two-year term. The results of the eligible ballots were:

- Mallory Elvis-Obukowho - 100% approval
- Benjamin Neff – 99% approval
- Jody Wandzura – 97% approval
- Valerian Crasto – 99% approval

Moved and seconded. Carried. The four nominated candidates were ratified to a two-year term on the CLA board.

Pastor Derrick noted the departures of Board Members Ian Martens, Jeff Chapman, and Vicki Yeats, with Fred Fulford completing a one-year term in place of Vicki.

*Note: Ballot #1 had 1 Ballot Spoiled (99% participation; everyone except the 1 spoiled ballot)*

**7. Treasurer's Report** – The audited financial statements for CLA for the year ending June 30, 2022, were distributed to all members prior to the meeting as part of the AGM document package. Jeff Chapman, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report and highlighted noteworthy figures

- Moved and seconded a motion for the acceptance of the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022. Carried – 100% approval.
- Time of Q&A

**8. Ratification of the Auditor** – Jeff Chapman recommended KMPG Chartered Professional Accountants, LLP be appointed again as the auditors for CLA.

Be it resolved that the membership of Christian Life Assembly hereby appoints KPMG, LLP as the auditor for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year in accordance with By-Law 14.3.

Moved and Seconded. Carried – 100% approval.

*Note: Ballot #2 had 4 Spoiled Ballots (96% participation; 139 ballots received after removal of the 4 spoiled ballots)*

**9. AGM Reports** – Reports were presented by the following live (in-person) or via video:

- Sooke Campus – Pastor Marty Mittelstaedt
- Maple Ridge Campus – Pastor Mark Colwell
- Family Ministry – Pastor Jenni Colwell
- CLA Housing Society – Peter Fassbender
- Women's Ministry – Pastor Debbie Tonn

Moved and seconded a motion for the acceptance of the AGM Ministry reports.  
Carried – 100% approval.

**10. Destruction of Ballots** – Motion to destroy the ballots, both online and physical

Moved and Seconded. Carried – 99% approval.

**11. Adjournment** 2:13 pm

Recorded:

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Mallory Elvis-Obukowho, Secretary

Dated October 30, 2022



# Nominees to the Board



## Ian (Danielle) Martens

Ian and his wife Danielle have been attending CLA for 13 years, along with their 3 children, Bentley (11), Willow (9) and Lou (7). Ian has previously served as a Board Member and Building Committee Chair and is currently involved in the CLA Affordable Housing Project. As a family, the Martens love to travel, play sports and games, and just be together. Ian works as a Development Consultant and his life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" NKJV.



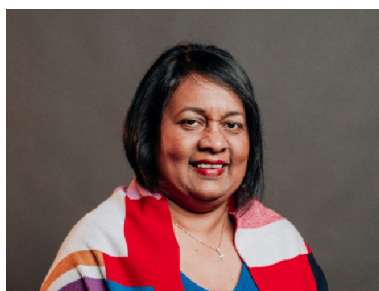
## Blair (Lorraine) Whitmarsh

Blair and his wife Lorraine have attended CLA for 27 years. Over their years at CLA they have served in Kids Ministry on Sunday mornings and led a Life Group. Blair and Lorraine love spending time with their 3 adult (married) daughters and their 6 grandchildren. Blair is employed at Trinity Western University as the Dean and Professor of Human Kinetics and Athletics and previously held a position in public service. His life verse is Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men..." NKJV. It is a passage that outlines how Blair tries to live his life and it has carried him through good and challenging times.



## Elaine (Dick) Barendregt

Elaine has attended CLA for 48 years and Dick for 30 years. They host a Life Group at their home and Elaine serves as the Governance Committee Chair, a Board Member, as well as serves on the Finance Committee. Dick and Elaine have two adult children, Rio and Leah, and as a family they love to play games and go for hikes. Elaine works as the Senior Accountant at The Great Commission Foundation. Elaine's life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight". She remembers learning this verse as a song when she was a young child. It was deeply embedded on her heart back then and is still a verse that she often recites and meditates on.



## Debbie (Derrick) Mohamed

Debbie and her family have attended CLA for 7 years. Debbie and Derrick have hosted Life Groups, volunteered at Guest Services and various special events, attended prayer meetings and Debbie currently sits on the Board and heads up the Refugee Committee. They have one adult son, Josiah, and as a family they love to travel and spend time by the lake or the ocean. Debbie is the Director of Student Academic Services, MA Leadership at Trinity Western University. Her life verse is Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well". This verse helps Debbie to keep everything she does in perspective. In her own words "My Lord and building His kingdom comes first".



## Catherine (Glenn) de la Rambelje

Cathy and Glenn have attended CLA for 5 ½ years. During this time, Cathy has served on the Finance Committee, led the Marriage Ministry, Pre-marriage mentoring, First Impressions, various Kids Ministry events and as a Board Member & Treasurer/Finance Chair. Glenn and Cathy have four adult children, Mallory (Elvis), Brendan, Cheryl (Logan) and Sarah. This year they happily welcomed their first grandchild Zikora. Cathy is the Director of Finance and Operations for the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. She loves that 90% of her work revolves around missions and ministry. Cathy's life verse is Psalm 143:8 "Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I entrust my life". In her words, "I love to pray this every morning; giving my day to the Lord, thanking Him for His unfailing love, asking Him to empower me to do His will, and to trust Him, that as I journey through this broken world, He will, by His Spirit, sustain, guide, and protect me and my family."

# **Financial Statement Summary**

# Report From the Treasurer

I am pleased to present CLA's Treasurer's Report and audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2023. We have successfully completed our first full fiscal year outside of COVID – that is, without government subsidies! The reality is that the financial repercussions of the world pandemic will linger, and many challenges remain for all of us. Yet, this past year was marked by unexpected grace, much of it originating in the generosity of our CLA Family.

Our combined operations saw an increase of 10% in revenue (excluding Missions) from the previous fiscal year, which was 6% ahead of budget. Not only did we make up for all the COVID subsidies previously received, but also revenue surpassed our expectations! *Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think! (Ephesians 3:20-21).* As a Board, we were very encouraged to see the faithfulness of CLA's family through a small increase in tithes – an upward trend that we pray will continue.

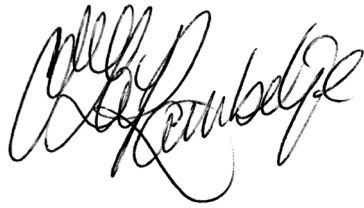
I am also very proud of Pastor Derrick, Neil Muth our Church Manager, and the CLA staff, who endeavored to find efficiencies and cost savings wherever possible, while ensuring an effective level of serving and sustainable ministries. The reality of an aging building amid a harsh winter meant that upkeep & maintenance became a priority this last year: we replaced a boiler and had unusually high costs due to snow removal, etc. There were other capital additions as well, all of which were thankfully covered by our cash operating surplus of \$375K. After deducting some non-cash items (amortization of our capital assets which are written off over several years), the net result for the fiscal year, as shown in the financial statements, is a deficit of \$69K.

Our financial position remains solid, as cash only decreased slightly from the previous year, despite all the unplanned yet necessary expenditures. A reasonable operating cash surplus is appropriate and helps cover unexpected expenses and future capital expenditures.

It has been inspiring to see your response to the Heart for the House appeal to pay down our mortgage. As of the end of September 2023, we have already received \$127K and have made 2 significant payments! The current balance of the mortgage is \$534K and we continue to trust that, together, we will meet the matching donations of up to \$350K – which could potentially alleviate this debt altogether!

I am honoured to serve along side all of you in this capacity. It has been a blessing to support Pastor Derrick, Neil, and our Controllers (@ControllershipPlus), and I have been amazed with more insight as to what God is accomplishing through CLA. Pray with me, as we trust our Lord for His provision in this current fiscal year, for another effective year of ministry, reaching the lost with the Good News of Jesus!

Catherine de la Rambelje

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## Balance Sheet

2023

2022

### ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$1,240,975	\$1,243,582
Investments and other assets	\$529,925	\$463,583
Capital assets	\$5,700,575	\$5,940,346

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### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable & Other current accrued liabilities	\$1,537,565	\$2,289,255
Deferred capital contributions	\$1,151,408	\$1,035,572
Long-term debt	\$587,107	\$57,885
Net assets	\$4,195,395	\$4,264,799

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## Statement of Operations

### REVENUE

Langley	\$5,095,568	\$4,554,394
Maple Ridge	\$544,532	\$512,629
Sooke	\$101,387	\$129,967
Missions	\$928,157	\$1,193,066

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	\$6,669,644	\$6,390,056
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### EXPENSES

Langley	\$4,708,883	\$4,401,296
Maple Ridge	\$535,550	\$491,607
Sooke	\$121,961	\$127,605
Missions	\$928,157	\$1,193,066

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	\$6,294,551	\$6,231,574
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Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before the under-noted - operating	\$375,094	\$176,482
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## NON-CASH ITEMS

	\$(477,612)	\$(536,853)
Net Amortization	\$33,114	\$53,866
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets		

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	<b>\$(444,498)</b>	<b>\$(482,987)</b>
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(Deficiency) of revenue over expenses	<b>\$(69,404)</b>	<b>\$(306,505)</b>
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