

Board of Management Report

We praise God for His continued goodness to our Conference over this past year. Our member churches have rallied behind the work of the Conference with their finances, allowing us to record a budget surplus of \$17,400. Total contributions from churches exceeded the income target set last March. At the same time we experienced lower than anticipated expenses.

We have again seen God work through a number of changes in the Conference. 2005 can be categorized as the year of the acquisition.

- Living Hope Church brought in the New Year with discussions of making a purchase offer on the building they have been leasing. Although their plans were sidetracked over the summer by the untimely illness of Pastor Duane, they finished the year strongly and have completed the purchase.
- Faith River Christian Fellowship came to the Board in May with a request for mortgage approval to purchase the Rock of Ages Lutheran church on Preston Avenue.
- Redberry Bible Camp finalized their purchase of the adjacent farm land, paving the way for an expanded influence.

The insurance project is still ongoing. Forest Grove Community Church and West Portal Church have contributed greatly to drawing up a Draft Safe Church Policy for Children's and Youth Ministries that we are proposing will be mandatory for all churches.

What will 2006 hold for the Board of Management? We will continue with the drafting of a Safe Place Policy related to our Adult Ministries.

Another project we are planning is to look into alternate methods of soliciting funds from our member churches to replace the Norm. Several provincial conferences are also exploring this topic in hopes of finding a more equitable method of sharing ministry costs and we plan to collaborate with those conferences.

Another upcoming issue will be how we will fund anticipated leadership training initiatives. The overall funding formula adopted last year has prepared a sturdy foundation that will need to be fine tuned as opportunities arise.

I want to thank my Board members for their continued support and wise counsel. My thanks also go to Pat Dergousoff for his dedicated service as our Secretary Treasurer.

Humbly Submitted as His Servants

Maurice van Nes, Chairman

Members: Bob Beesely, Todd Hardy, Albert Klassen, Derek Oatway, Shaun Schellenberg

Board of Management Recommendations:

1. To accept the Auditors Report for 2005
2. To accept the Financial Statements for 2005
3. To accept the 2006 Budget as presented
4. To accept the suggested Conference norm of \$55.00 for 2006
5. To adopt the Safe Place Policy as a standard for all member churches.