



October 2023 COE Report

It's been a busy and productive fall at Northview so far, and it looks like it will continue to be.

Early in September, Pastor Mark announced that we would be adding a second Saturday evening service (now 4 and 6 pm), with a meal in between, to encourage attendees from Sunday morning to make the change. This would create empty seats on Sunday, so we could continue to invite friends and family to join us at our main Downes Road Campus.

As you know, the congregation approved the construction of a new worship centre, but that's going to take approximately three years, and our mandate to make disciples has not been set aside. God is good, but these are the challenges of a growing, Gospel-focused, Bible-based church.

You may find these stats interesting when we compare attendances between one Saturday evening service and now that we have added a second service. When we compare Sept. 10-11 with Oct. 21-22, total Saturday attendances have increased by 362, our Sunday attendances have only decreased by 143.

In other words, most of the empty seats created by people giving up theirs on Sunday morning have already been filled.

Please continue to pray for your leaders, as we/they work together to fulfill God's vision for Northview.

And speaking of prayer, it's always good when the COE meets to spend time with members of our congregation who come to see us, as we pray for those who have submitted prayer requests through Carrie (cklassen@northview.org), and for our church and its many ministries.

Regarding our new worship centre, the most recent conceptual drawings have been approved although more work is yet to be completed regarding a code compliance review. We have asked our architect to proceed with next steps in the completion of the package, engage with the consultants, and return with a more refined cost estimate. We estimate the total seating capacity at 2000, and that the drawings to go to the city will be available around the end of the year.

On the financial side, God continues to provide through you, His people. This year's budget is faith-based and stretching, but we continue to believe that our income and expenses will balance over the year. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!



Every month, we receive an update from one of our Campus Pastors, and this month it was Jesse Schellenberg from Mission. God continues to bless the Mission community through the ministry of so many north of the river. You may already know that our two newest elders, Jim Bird and Dan Burslem, are from the Mission Campus.

Northview's Personnel Policy Manual has been updated, and was approved for implementation.

Unfortunately, Marv Klassen's health has required him to take a medical leave from the COE at this time, but we continue to pray for his healing and recovery and trust in the Lord's plan. In the interim, I (Phil) was asked to fill in as Chair of the Governance Committee. We will miss Marv's thoughtful contributions during our meetings.

As we move forward and grow as a church, we continue to discuss and implement our strategic governance plan. The structure that worked when we were a church of 3,000, and continues to work at 5-6,000, most likely will require adjustments as we continue to grow beyond that.

Don't forget that our Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 28th, at 7:00 PM in Centre Court. All attendees are welcome to be there, and to contribute, although only members are able to vote on motions. Three of our current COE members will be presented for reaffirmation as Elders for the next three-year term.

Thank you for all your prayerful support for those who are charged with leading our church.

God bless!

Phil Routly