



April 2022 COE Report

It's been really good to see Northview returning to "normal" over the last few weeks. Easter attendances were fantastic, God has blessed us in so many ways, and we had more people coming for prayer at the beginning of our April meeting than we've seen in over two years. Thank you, Lord! In case you didn't know, whenever we gather as Elders, we encourage attenders in need of prayer to contact the church and let us know that they plan to come. One of our privileges is to follow the words of scripture, "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14). So, do you need prayer? Let us know by calling the church office at 604-853-2931.

By the way, if you missed [Pastor Mark's message](#) on April 23 or 24, make sure you go back and see it online. It was a great reminder of where we have been, where we are, and where we are headed. We've received lots of very positive feedback.

We had an unexpected guest, when one of our former Associate Teaching Pastors, Jon Pasiuk, arrived to give us an update on what's been happening at [Whistler Community Church](#) over the last few years. Jon grew up at Northview and has been the Lead Pastor at Whistler for the last 8 years. They had worshiped in a school for many years, but recently moved into their newly built church. It was good to reconnect.

Our desire is that the Elders who form our Council are as well equipped to serve as possible, so we set time aside to evaluate how we are doing. The goal is annually, and last night we began a process of discerning how strong our relationships and effectiveness are on the Council.

There are a number of committees which help the COE to do its job. One of the most important is the Discernment Committee, led by Matt Yarema, which is responsible for identifying, interviewing and discerning all potential members for all committees, and for Council of Elders itself. Because it is so crucial, the Elders interview potential members of the Discernment Committee, and last night we had the privilege of meeting and affirming the newest member, Jackie Graham. Next month, we will be interviewing another.

It's budget season, so we discussed and recommended the budget which will be brought to the members of Northview at our June Congregational Meeting.



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God has been good to us, and our people have been generous. We look forward to seeing how he will continue to encourage us in the year to come!

And speaking of the Congregational Meeting - it will be held on Tuesday, June 21, this year at our Downes Road Campus. Watch for more information. There will be four elders who will be up for affirmation by the membership.

We also said thank you to Clayton Tuffnell who attended his last Elder's meeting. Clayton has been an invaluable member of our Council, providing theological wisdom through leadership of the Theological Committee. It has been a pleasure working together, and he will be missed.

The repairs and renovations to the front lobby on Downes Road continue, so it will look something like this in the months to come. As attendance across our campuses recovers, we don't think it will be too long before it's time to kick off the plans for a new worship center. Stay tuned, and please be praying for discernment!



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It was good to have Aaron Goulet with us, who has been serving as the pastor of our Real Life campus in Surrey. Pastor Ezra has supported this ministry with his regular attendance and is inviting others to join him. Aaron was able to bring us an update on the blessings and challenges they are facing, while hoping and praying for a Church Planting Pastor to be discerned in the coming months. Please be praying for them as well!

God has been very good to us, and continues to use us to proclaim the gospel, make disciples, and serve our community. We're all in this together, and we are thankful for all who make it a joy to be part of the family of God.

May the Lord bless you, and His church.

Phil Routly

