

October 2022 COE Report

It's always a privilege to begin our monthly meetings with prayer. Throughout the month, there are many prayer requests that come into our pastors and leaders. We review those needs, and we gather in groups to pray for the needs of our attendees, and our community. Some also visit us in person, and some of us get to learn their story, anoint them with oil, and pray for their needs. As I said, it's a privilege! If you have a need, please email requestprayer@northview.org.

Many in our congregation financially support our Care Fund, which allows us to provide for the needs of our community. Whether that's with food, clothing, housing or counseling, we're able to help because of your generosity. Please keep it up! The needs aren't going away.

There are still a lot of questions that need clarification before the COE can give a thumbs up to the new worship centre. The need is there based on being at or above 80% capacity on Sunday mornings, and there is concern that growth could be stifled if we don't make the move soon. We will be discussing this at our AGM next month (November 22nd - 7:00 pm) and seeking the input of our membership. There are so many details, but we'll work them through, and hope to have our recommendation in the first part of 2023.

One of the concerns we have right now is that our leaders find it a real challenge to find meeting space throughout the week. It seems that every room is booked almost all of the time. A new worship centre would alleviate this problem, as well as providing much needed community space, so people have the opportunity to linger before and after services. Many see this as a real need. In addition, the long-term plan is that half of the current worship centre would be turned into meeting rooms, so some of the pressure would be taken off.

Praxis, the church in Kelowna which is under our umbrella, continues to be stretched in its existing rental space, so they are looking for a permanent solution. With the right solution, we're committed to helping them financially, as well as with sharing the wisdom of our experienced team with them. Our intent of supporting church plants will not be limited by our own building plans. We are committed!

Finally, Jesse Schellenberg and Frank Sawatsky updated us from the Mission Campus. Things are really growing there, with many contacts through the Pantry, their Sunday afternoon ministry of providing food, etc. for the community - so much so that people are lined up first thing on Sunday mornings, with the Pantry open from 1 to 3 pm in the afternoon. There are so many participating that they have a system where people come every second week. More and more are joining in worship, and being exposed to the Gospel. Pray for this ministry!



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Don't forget that the Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 22nd, in person at 7:00 o'clock. We hope to see you there!

God bless you.

Submitted by Phil Routly

