

November 2022 COE Report

Our November Council of Elders meeting began as usual - a meal together, and prayer with members of our congregation, and then we prepared for the AGM that would be happening that evening. Besides the usual annual reports, we had planned to bring forward our progress toward making a final recommendation regarding a new worship centre, which you would remember was approved by our membership just before Covid shut the world down, and the plans were put on hold.

We have been carefully working our way through the many details and concerns which have to be addressed for Northview to make the right decision. It was announced that in the first quarter of 2023, we expect to come to the congregation at a special meeting to present our recommendation, and seek affirmation from the membership, but don't be surprised if we hold a town-hall earlier in the year to make sure we have lots of input, and that all relevant questions are answered. Keep praying!

If you've been around lately, you would know that Northview was left a significant give by an estate of one of our members, in the amount of \$10 million. We determined that we ought to practice what we teach and look for church planting efforts that we could be supporting with a tithe, while setting aside the other \$9 million for our future capital plans. The tithe will be focused toward multiplication efforts throughout Canada, and I'm sure you'll be kept in the loop as the funds are dispersed.

Thanks to everyone for their reports, slides, details, questions, and answers. We are indeed a blessed church! After 2-1/2 hours, we returned to the Atrium to debrief, and to complete our meeting.

Josh Dool was then given the opportunity to bring us an update on the ministry of Praxis Church in Kelowna, which comes under Northview's umbrella. God has richly blessed this new church plant, and has given them an opportunity to purchase an existing church building which has been placed on the market.

We heard from the Development Committee about a recent inspection of the original buildings at our Mission Campus, and what and when it ought to be renovated to expand its usefulness.

And that's about it! Short (except for the 2-1/2 hour AGM) and sweet.

Have a wonderful Christmas, and God bless you!

See you in the New Year. Phil Routly

