

May 2024 COE Report

Our May meetings included both the annual Pastor/Elder/Family retreat at Rock Ridge Canyon, and our regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday.



(Ezra took some incredible pictures at the retreat, so I've added more of them at the end of this report.)

Some of our conversations at Rockridge focused on transitioning toward an Elder model based on a maximum 3 terms, at 3 years each, before being required to take at least a year off of the Council of Elders. It will take a few years for this to come into effect, as we try to balance bringing in younger members while maintaining a high level of institutional memory.

In addition, we reviewed the requirements for a new Society which will encourage legacy gifts as well as a way to better manage real estate ownership. This matter is still under development, but you'll be hearing a lot more in the months to come.

There was also considerable discussion around the recommendations from the Theology Committee, which will be clarified to the congregation at our upcoming Ministry Leader Training.

Finally, we discussed chairmanships for our various committees (which are created by the COE) and commissions (which are created by Northview's Senior Leadership Team).

Our regular Tuesday meeting took place on May 28th, and began with a shared meal, followed by prayer for a number of congregants. Those prayer times are always a blessing, and a high-light of the evening.

To no one's surprise, we received an update on our current "All In" building project, as well as plans to improve the facilities of our Mission Campus over the next few years. I would strongly suggest that you put Tuesday, June 25th, 7:00 PM on your calendar, and plan on participating in our Congregational Meeting, where you can be brought up to date on the many moving parts of our development plans.



We will also be contributing to the HVAC upgrade at Cyrus Centre, if our funding is required. Most of the cost will be borne by BC Housing.

Advokate Life and Education Services was approved as a Formal Partner of Northview, as it faithfully ministers in an area where Northview does not. If you're not familiar with this ministry which brings hope to women and families through pregnancy counselling and resources, please check out their website at <https://advokate.ca/>

We also approved John David Wallin, of Three Peaks Recreational Outreach, as a Local outreach worker.

To learn more about our Local Outreach, and the organizations that are currently Formal Partners of Northview, visit <https://northview.org/local-outreach/>

Finally, in preparation for the Congregational Meeting (don't forget - Tuesday, June 25th, 7:00 PM), we discussed the very positive and yet challenging state of our finances and giving. We are in an extremely positive position, but God has also given us an extremely large vision. You'll get lots more details at the Congregational meeting.

And just one more personal thing...

After 13 years as a member of the Council of Elders, my time will come to an end in June. It has been one of the great privileges of my life to serve with this incredible team of Elders and Pastors. I will miss our prayer, discussions, strategic planning, and fellowship more than you can imagine. Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement over those years.

So that also means this is the last COE Report to the Congregation that I will be writing. Thank you to all you faithful readers, and for your many kind words and questions over the last three years.

God bless you all.

Phil Routly.

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