

Treasurer & Vice Chair Annual Report

It has been an honour and privilege to serve our church but also to see and experience the passion, love, dedication and servant focus of the staff and so many of the Cornerstone family. Although there have been disasters, losses and grief over the past year, God's steadfastness and compassion remain as our solid foundation. We exist to praise God and work to spread His love and salvation to the end of spending our eternity in heaven with those whom we have impacted. There is a place for all in our church family, no matter where they may be in their faith journey. And we do have a GREAT family and we are truly blessed!

Your time, skills and finances all play a part in enabling what Cornerstone can accomplish. Stewardship Month (aka Money Month) in March provides us instruction about how we use our wealth. The pledge cards received are what are used when it comes time to develop the annual budget. We don't use "magic money" as our programs are funded by the faithful donations of our congregation. The commitment cards are how our family determines what kind of church programs we will be able to offer. Pastor Denn will mention more on this in his report and our bookkeeper will provide a good financial overview in her report. So, thank you for being part of that process and for your intent to fulfill that estimate of giving, as far as you are able.

This year was time to review our Lead Pastor's actions in the church, as happens every four years in the Wesleyan denomination, for pastors on extended calls. The District Superintendent (DS) takes the lead role in that process and all Board (known locally as the Leadership Team) members not only completed a detailed survey on Pastor Denn's attributes and actions but were also somewhat surprised in that we had to complete a self-assessment on our own spiritual health. When the results were tallied, it was no surprise that Pastor Denn was very highly rated, not only in Cornerstone but across the District. This was fully supported by the DS. The Cornerstone Board voted enthusiastically and unanimously to endorse a continued extended call (another four years) to Pastor Denn as our Lead Pastor. He and his team are part of the large blessings that we have as a church.

On behalf of the congregation, I want to thank all the staff for the many & varied ways that you use your gifts and passion to make Cornerstone what it is. Also, I want to recognize the continued assistance and support throughout the year by our church Administrator, Glenda Lush. She has really provided yeoman service in the preparation of the annual budget. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted by:
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