

# Annual Report 2022

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VantagePoint  
Community Church





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# Annual Meeting Agenda

Chair – Pastor Garry Mullen

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Call to Order and Setting of Meeting Requirements
  - a. Set Board of Tellers
  - b. Acceptance of the Agenda (Any additional items to be added)
- 3) Introduction of the Church Board
- 4) Nominating Committee Report and Vote
- 5) Finance Report
  - a. Presentation and Acceptance of the Financial Report
  - b. Presentation and Discussion of the 2022-2023 Budget
- 6) Question and Answer
- 7) Thanks to the Board, Leadership, and Volunteers
  - a. Property, Tech, and First Impressions
  - b. Small Groups, Youth, JWerx, and Evangelism
  - c. Spiritual Formation, Personnel, Worship, and Drama
  - d. Board Secretary, Finance, and Board Members at Large
- 8) Motion to Destroy the Ballots
- 9) Motion to Adjourn Following Prayer
- 10) Prayer of Commissioning over the New Church Board
- 11) Meeting Adjourned

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# Report of the Nomination Committee

## Finance Chair (One-year Term)

Jones, Karen

(Declined or No Response: Daniel Rysdyk, Alice Janczyn, Robert Wyse)

## Personnel Chair (One-year Term)

Eyestone, Sarah

Groenink, Andy

(Declined or No Response: None)

## Property Chair (Two-year Term)

Clark, Judy

(Declined or No Response: Robert Wyse)

## Secretary (Two-year Term)

Peacock, Lynn

(Declined or No Response: Donnell Wyse)

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# Report of the Nomination Committee - 2

## Spiritual Formation Chair (Two-Year Term)

Fedora, Tanya

## Member at Large (Two-year Term)

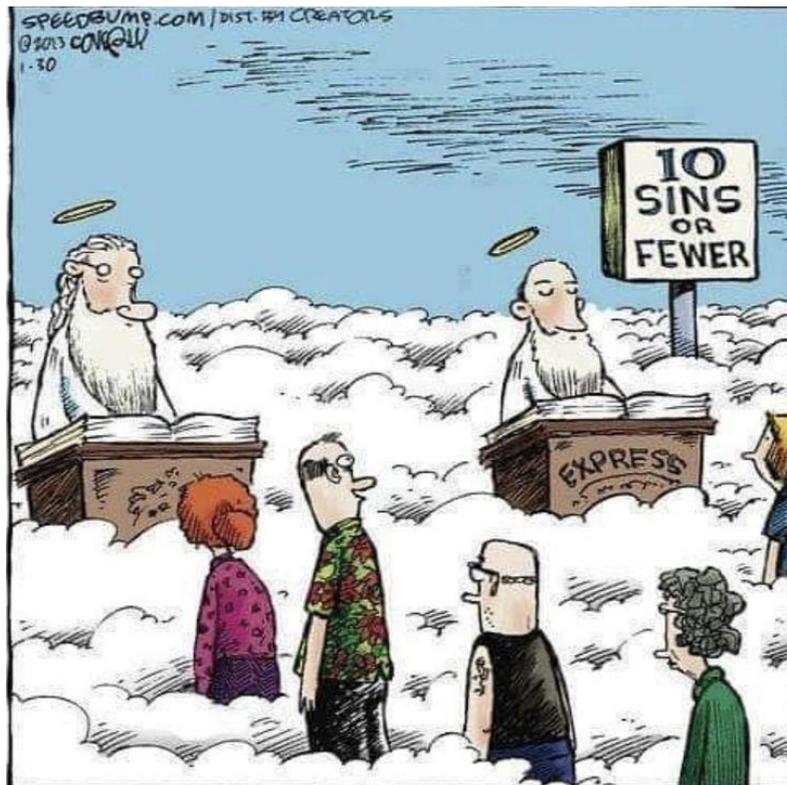
Cochrane, Mark

Cozens, Brenda

Epp, Lynda

Fodchuk, Lillian

(Declined or No Response: Paula Groenink, Elaine Woroschuk, Donnell Wyse)



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# Financial Summary

## Summary of Church Accounts

		Balance
General Church		<b>3,449.78</b>
Mission Accounts		
Faith Promise	720.00	
Evangelism	1,038.56	
Benevolence Fund	405.15	
Child Sponsorship	10.00	
Total Mission Accounts		<b>2,173.71</b>
JWerx (Children's Ministry)		<b>1,067.44</b>
Capital Accounts		
New Building Fund	17,762.25	
Kitchen Renovations	1,316.95	
Chairs	8,157.18	
Unapplied	4,312.99	
Total Capital Improvement Accounts		<b>31,549.37</b>
Youth		<b>225.00</b>
Drama		<b>1,069.77</b>
Bank Balance (Alberta Treasury Branch)		<b>39,535.07</b>

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# Financial Statements

## 2021-2022 Revenue

Tithes and Offerings	62,735.93
Misc. Donations	1,518.07
Rental Income	2,900.00
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>67,154.00</b>
Faith Promise	720.00
Child Sponsorship	281.00
<b>Total Mission Income</b>	<b>1,001.00</b>
<b>Total JWerx Income</b>	<b>55.60</b>
<b>Total Youth Activity Income</b>	<b>220.00</b>
Government Grants	3,591.00
Capital Improvements	5,706.00
Building Maintenance	818.10
Sound System	2,380.00
<b>Total Capital Income</b>	<b>12,495.10</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>80,925.70</b>

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## 2021-2022 Expenses

Office Supplies	556.00
Worship	677.66
Salary and Related Expenses	51,667.34
Accounting and Legal	2,152.50
Insurance and Security	6,538.37
Bank Fees	58.99
Telephone and Utilities	8,871.46
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>70,522.32</b>

Evangelism	503.11
Child Sponsorship	451.00
<b>Total Mission Expenses</b>	<b>954.11</b>

**Capital Improvement/Maintenance**      **8,695.21**

**Total Expenses**      **80,171.64**

## General Church Account

Income	67,154.00
Expenses	70,522.32
Total Expenses over Revenue	<b>3,368.32</b>
Opening Balance	3,954.15
Accounting Adjustment	2,863.95
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>3,449.78</b>

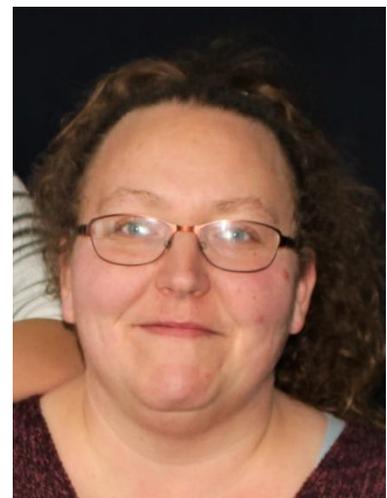
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# 2022-2023 Budget

Office Supplies	600.00
Worship	680.00
Building Maintenance	2,000.00
Senior Pastor Base Salary	31,007.04
Senior Pastor Housing	13,200.00
Senior Pastor Benefits	4,600.00
El and CCP	2,620.00
Contingency Fund	500.00
Accounting and Legal	2,200.00
Insurance and Security	6,100.00
Bank Fees	60.00
Telephone and Utilities	9,600.00
Denomination Initiative	6,000.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>79,167.04</b>

Respectfully Submitted;

**Tanya Fedora**



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# From the Desk of the Pastor

I have to admit that I never know what to write when it comes to year-end reports. Our great volunteer staff and leaders cover most of the high-impact events. So I get to talk about whatever seems important to me as the year ends. But this year, I want to continue a practice that we have followed since the beginning of VantagePoint. At every board meeting, we take some time to go over our “Bouquets” and “Broken Windows.” “Bouquets” are the things that are going right for us at VantagePoint. And “Broken Windows” are the things that we need to fix. Normally the “Bouquets” we talk about at our board meetings outnumber the “Broken Windows.” So, I will try to continue that tradition. Presented here is my look back at the year that was; it is a glance at my “Bouquets” and “Broken Windows” for VantagePoint 2022.

## **Bouquets**

**Picnic At the Point** – It was a cold, wet, and miserable day. But we had fun, and while we didn’t have the crowds that would normally attend “Party at the Point,” we made some important contacts, especially with some kids who have become regular attenders of our ministries. Part of the purpose of the Picnic/Party is just to let the community know that we are here and we are interested in them and their lives. It is important to know that because of Picnic/Party, we have some community people who feel that this is their church even though they have never been to a worship service inside the building. And it was good to get out on the lawn and greet these people once again.

**Trunk or Treat** – I have to admit that I love to watch all of the ghosts and goblins as they come to the church to get some candy. And each year, we seem to see more. We can also see some other churches in the city that have followed our example and started Trunk or Treats of their own. It was good to get into a deep discussion over “Pokemon” with one Trunk or Treater as she and her friend dressed as “Pokemon” came for candy. And once again, we had some people from the community who wanted to become one of our “Trunks” and hand out candy. Trunk or Treat has become a great way to make another connection with our community.

**Service Streaming** – What started as a necessity at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to be an important part of what we do. We started with a phone placed on a box in front of the stage, but because of the expertise of Les Eyestone and his talented team, we are getting better at the product that we are delivering online. We aren’t perfect yet, and we still have some growth areas, but we are getting better.

**New Faces** – We are seeing some returning faces that we haven’t seen since the beginning of the pandemic, as well as some new faces. And every face that we see, new and old, is extremely important, both to God and us. As we emerge from the pandemic shut-down, we need to grow if we are going to survive.

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**Small Groups** – Again, after a season when we couldn't get together, it has been really encouraging to see the groups getting back together again. Christianity is so much more than just showing up on a Sunday morning. Christianity is about being willing to meet in community so that we can grow our faith, and I am so grateful to all of our wonderful Small Group leaders.

**The Team** – The church is not a bunch of programs, It is people, and we have some of the best. Thank you to our board; Lynn Peacock, Judy Clark, Tanya Fedora, Alyssa Gerdes, Pat Bishop, Corey McArdle, and Sarah Eyestone. I can't tell you how often your words have encouraged me when I needed them most. Thanks to the Tech Team led by Les Eyestone and Tanya MacArdle, supported by Shonna Mitchell, Isaac Eyestone, and Lynda Epp. Thanks also to our Camera Crew, John-Luke Eyestone and Connor Dmetruck, among others. We couldn't run our services without you. Thanks to the Worship Team, skillfully led by Greg Gerdes and assisted by Alyssa Gerdes, Nelda Mullen, Marc Cochrane, Daniel Rysdyk, and Eric Niyonzima. We have some amazing Small Group Leaders, including Tanya Fedora, Andy Groenink, Tanya McArdle, Stan Clark, Judy Clark, Donnell Wyse, Rachael Rysdyk, and Greg Gerdes. The JWerx team cares for our children, led by Alyssa Gerdes and Sarah Eyestone. Judy Clark has led our amazing property team, assisted by Stan Clark and Rick Dmetruk. And finally, thanks to the First Impressions Team. They are the first people you see on a Sunday morning. Thank you to Rick and Ramona Dmetruk and Pat Bishop for leading this team of great people. I depend on every one of you. And there are so many more that I need to thank. The church is all of us working together. And it always will be.

### **The Broken Windows**

**Volunteers** – We still need more volunteers. Some departments are still working with a skeleton staff that we had during the pandemic. We need you!

**Finances** – We operated with a deficit over the past few years, and we need to change that. We have survived because a few have given generously above and beyond the tithe. I don't know who you are, but thank you. And thanks to everyone who gives sacrificially to the church so that we can minister to our community. And if you are not giving, why not give it a try. Everything that we do, we do together.

But one more Bouquet; You. Thank you for being on this journey with me. You are a treasure that God is using to build his Kingdom. And I love each and every one of you.

Respectfully Submitted;

**Pastor Garry**



# Pastoral Hours

Preaching	48
Blog Entries	365

## Visitation

Pastoral Care #/hours	153/153 hours
Office #/hrs	192/195.5 hours
Connections #/hours	83/139.5 hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>428/488.0 hours</b>

## Ministry Meetings

Abuse Protection Policy Meeting	1
Ash Wednesday Service	1
Baptist Union (Big Tent Baptists)	11
Board Meeting	9
CBWC Assembly	1
Christmas Eve	1
Clergy Conference	4
Denomination Meeting	1
Good Friday Service	1
Launch Sunday Meeting	2
Men's Brunch	1
Picnic at the Point	1
Story of the Bible	25
Trunk or Treat	1
Town Hall (Kenney)	1
Worship Practice	50
Total Meetings	111
Total Hours	241.5

## Ritual

Funeral	1
Wedding	1

## PASTORAL HOURS SUMMARY

Administration	179.0
Blog Prep	468.0
Church Service	99.0
Future Development	35.0
Maintenance	4.0
Ministry Meetings	241.5
Sermon/Worship Prep	1771.5
Small Group Prep	122.0
Visitation	488.0
Website Prep	68.0
<b>Total Pastoral Hours</b>	<b>3476.0</b>



## Children's Ministry Annual Report 2021-2022

We would just like to kick off this report by saying how blessed we have been this past year to be together once again. It has been so nice to see the kids as well as be able to gather in the class room.

### A Peak into J-Werx

J-Werx meets during the pastors message every Sunday. During this time the kids learn about God's love through bible stories, memory verses, crafts, games and activities. Each class is structured to help the kids relate what the Bible says to their own life and to remember that they are an important part of the Body of Christ. So far, the kids have learned about:

- The Characters of Christmas
- The importance of God's Word; The Gospel
- The Body of Christ - Building Community
- Lent: The three aspects of lent; Lament, Repent, Anticipate
- Fail Forward - Keep Learning

Our Average attendance for this past year has been: 5.2 Kids plus at least two leaders.

### Leadership

As a team we strive to lead the kids of VantagePoint Community Church in their relationship with God. Helping them grow and learn more about His word. Each Sunday we have 2 leaders scheduled and we are leading up others to take lead in the class. We are in need of more volunteers to lead as well as help out in class.

### Highlights

- The children joined the worship team for a Christmas Song during the morning worship experience.
- Growth in numbers
- Easter Party on March 17th

In closing, we would just like to thank everyone for their support, for their love, and for taking the time to be a part of these kids lives. And a very special thank you to the J-Werx team! Thank you for taking the time to sow into these kids and to teach them about God's love. You are an influential member in the lives of these kids and in the plan that God has for them. We are looking forward to the coming year and the continual growth of God's ministry.



Respectively Submitted,

***The J-werx Ministry Team***

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



The exchange was not clean, the offering plate hit the floor, and momentum was lost for the remainder of the service.

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# Report of the Personnel Chair

This annual meeting seems to come fast and the year even though it's had its ups and downs was a blessed year.

The position of personal chair was a new challenge for me and one I took with great pride. Thank you VPCC for this opportunity.

We continue to grow our volunteer group in every department and we are still in need of volunteers.

One of my goals was to have every team meet for a team building activity, as well have the leaders of the groups checking in with each other. Spiritual growth is very important, and I wanted to make sure we were given opportunities for this. As well, we completed some training and had two seminars which focused on our Abuse Prevention Policy and the care for the most vulnerable among us.

As mentioned, Abuse Prevention training was offered twice this year thanks to the wonderful leadership of Tanya Fedora. The Sunday School leaders have met periodically, as well the team has met and will continue to meet for team building. Youth and Young adults meet and have had many conversations about their group. Worship team meets and checks in with all Worship Service-related departments. This is just a small example of VPCC support and growth. All of our departments are working hard to worship Christ. There is a great opportunity for growth and improvement, and we continue to learn and grow continuously.

I look forward to continuing my comment with VPCC in whatever way God plans.

Respectfully Submitted;

**Sarah Eyestone**



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# Report of the Property Chair

Welcome. It is good to gather together again after a long shut down.

EPCOR requires back flow device be put on our water meter. We had one installed a couple of years ago, but were informed that the device needs to be checked every year. As a result, our back flow device was checked in October and it passed so our water system remains up to code.

Waste management (city) was getting rid of their contract with the business garbage bins which is a requirement for all non-residential properties. We went with a private company Waste Management at \$45.50 a month with two pickups every month. We have had a lot of other people dropping garbage in the bin and outside the bin. It has been suggested that we put a lock on the bin. But we are afraid that then they would drop all the garbage on the ground around the bin causing our workers to pick all up, rather than just some of it. So, we have decided to put up with the mess and the occasional big dumps of community garbage.

We put two new furnaces into the church in November, using some money raised for the purpose with the rest coming from a grant given to us by the provincial government. After the installation, a city inspection was required which was completed in December. The furnaces passed that inspection and so were deemed ready for use.

Seasonal decorating of the church has been done more this year than in previous pandemic years. We are planning to buy new chairs for which we have been fundraising for a while. It will be good to complete that project before the next Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted;

**Judy Clark**





## **2021 – 2022 Annual Report**

### **Who Are We?**

We are a committee of members with one goal in mind - to be God's Hands and Feet. As a church we have a mission; "Being the Church in the World" and as a committee our goal is to put that mission into action. We are here to spread God's Love and His hope to others. This mission starts with our community right here in Edmonton. We are community outreach focused. We believe that our ministry goes far beyond the walls of our church building and that our congregation is much bigger than those who occupy the seats on a Sunday Morning.

### **Highlights from 2021-2022!!**

#### **Picnic @ the Point - August 22, 2021**

In 2021 we made the decision to host a smaller version of Party @ the Point and called it Picnic @ the Point. The weather might have been not ideal but it was a GREAT DAY! We went forward and hosted the picnic outside with lots of tents for shelter. We encouraged everyone to come dressed warm. We served hot chocolate as well as chips and juice boxes/water. There were games, live music and activities for the kids. It was an amazing day as we saw some people from our neighbourhood as well as invited friends join us. For the service we had 43 in person and then 17 online. Which is almost double from our normal week (at that time). We are looking forward to getting back to Party @ the Point this coming year but all and all we would call this event a success!

#### **Trunk & Treat - October 31, 2021**

Once again, this event was a huge success! Not only did we exceed our numbers from last year but we exceeded peoples expectations. We are so grateful to everyone who volunteered for this event as well as to those who were able to donate candy. We came close to running out but we made it to the end.

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### **Some Highlights from the Event**

- We saw approx. 340 kids come through the line which we are averaging to about 400 people when counting parents.
- We had one guest from St. Albert join us for the event. She mentioned that she has wanted to be a part of an event like this for a while and was so excited to be a part of ours. She is looking forward to joining us again next year - with more candy!
- We also had a family come from downtown who is hoping to join us next year. They got our contact info. So hopefully we will hear from them again.
- The Hot Chocolate and Fire Pits were a huge hit with everyone especially as the sun got low. We went through lots of Hot Chocolate!
- There were comments from the community about how it was a cool that a church would be putting on an event like this.
- In total we had 10 Vehicles and 16 Volunteers for this event

For sure we will be looking to continue this event in the future as this event has now matched numbers with Party at the Point!

### **Charity Events**

#### **Stuff the Turkey**

- During the months of September - October we as a congregation collected non perishable items for our Local Food Bank. These items were delivered to the food bank at the end of October. Thank you so much to all who helped us in collecting items.

#### **Mitten Tree/Christmas Food Hampers**

- In the months of November and December, we collected winter items (hats, scarves, and mittens) to be given to those in need. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate.
- Also during these months, we, as a congregation, donated food items to be put together in hampers to be given to some families who we thought could use a little extra help. We are happy to report, due to the overwhelming donations of our congregation, we were able to bless 3 families with hampers. Thank you so much for your love and support and helping us make someone's Christmas just a little better this year.

#### **Christmas Cards for St. Michaels**

- This year we decided to try something new. We decided to come together and write Christmas cards to St. Michaels Nursing Home. We were able make 150 cards to bless all the residents at St. Michaels. We are looking to continue this with some groups of people wanting to do this throughout the year so that we can bless more.

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## Looking Ahead 2022-2023

Here are some of the events you can look forward to in this coming year!

- Ladies Tea - Saturday, May 07<sup>th</sup>
  - Canada Day/Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, July 03<sup>rd</sup>
  - Party @ the Point - Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Trunk & Treat - Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Family Fun Day - Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- ... And So Much More!

Again, we would just like to thank everyone who has supported these events and who has helped where they were able. And to the committee, none of this would be possible without the dedication each of you have given. Thank you for your time and for your willingness to go above and beyond. This is going to be an amazing year and we can not wait to see what God does in our church as well as our community.

Respectively Submitted,

**Alyssa Gerdes**  
**Director of Community Connections**



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# Worship Report 2021/2022

It's been another great year being a part of the VantagePoint worship team. I have had the privilege of seeing members of the team grow in their confidence and skill over this past year. Everyone, whether with the band on stage or apart of the congregation, has a part to play in making our Sunday morning services an incredible worship experience. I would like to thank the team, as well as everyone one of you for being intentional in doing your part to make that a reality this past year.

With the Covid-19 restrictions being lifted we have been able to open our doors and welcome people into the building for Sunday morning services. This past summer we were also able to do a smaller version of our Party at the Point event, which we called Picnic at the Point and we are looking forward to doing Party at the Point as usual this year.

Also, with things getting back to normal with in-person services, we are still streaming online every Sunday. This means that even more that usual we need volunteers. If you'd like to help out, whether it be on the platform with the band or behind the scenes with Tech, please come talk to me. You don't need any special skills to contribute, a heart to serve and a willingness to learn is all it takes. I am looking forward to the things God has in store for us this upcoming year, and I am grateful to be a part of this great worship team and this great church team as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gregory Gerdes**

