

Congregational Life Centre



Annual Report: Year 17 Sept. 2010—Aug. 2011

Leadership, Leadership, Leadership...

It has been our mantra for 17 years and over the last year we have really had an opportunity to explore and share the concept more deeply. We had a learning circle last year with a clergy team and put our program into practice. It was a very rich experience for all of us. The format was simple – share some readings and then together unpack them from our individual perspectives. The conversations were always enlightening.

What does it mean for us to practice leadership? That became the focus of our discussion over the summer as we were planning what we would share this fall. We have long believed in the value of mission and vision and the importance of re-examining their relationship to the current situation. That's what we did. Our original mission has stood the test of time, but we are aware that our focus has and is changing, so we spent several days discerning what the message was for today.

Our mission is to encourage possibilities.

It is a simpler message than what we had before. It supports our philosophy that you have to take the time walk, talk and pray in order to get clear about who you are and what you want to do. We did struggle with the individual versus the community wording and that's why we settled on the words we did – they encompass both. For us it also nests within Jesus message about being the best we can be as we create God's new community.

We wrote a vision statement for the first time. Visions are grounded in values and need to reflect the community so it takes more words to share that message.

It was a very fulfilling exercise to take the time to share and develop a clearer understanding of who we are and what we are about. It was not done in one afternoon – we spent some dedicated time every day for a week. This was also a good learning for us. When we do a workshop or event with a congregation or community we are really introducing the participants to a common language and some concepts to explore. We are planting seeds that they need to nurture to enrich their lives.

The new year is off to a great start – we are going to do our leadership circle again. This time with a more diverse group so the conversation should again provide a rich learning experience for all of us.

We invite you to look at our Vision statement on our website and to make an opportunity to discern and share yours.

Joyce Madsen



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 12
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

at

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Edmonton, AB
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Profit & Loss Statement (Unaudited)

INCOME	
College Programs	2,900
Congregational Programs	4,200
Denominational Events	250
Centre Programs	<u>250</u>
Total Event Income	7,600
Congregational Contributions	200
Individual Contributions	<u>4,206</u>
Total Donated Income	4,406
Resource Sales	4,332
GST Refund	<u>285</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,443
EXPENSES	
Bad debts	322
Bank Charges	108
Conferences	1,155
GST Paid	556
Library & Subscriptions	218
Marketing/Internet	187
Workshop Expenses	65
Office Supplies	670
Office Equipment	572
Postage	821
Printing, Photocopying	474
Telephone	440
Misc. Expenses	<u>403</u>
TOTAL Operating Expenses	5991
Travel Expenses	1,440
Payroll Expenses	4,397
Cost of Resources for Sale	<u>2,885</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,673
NET INCOME	\$ 1,770

Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

ASSETS	
Checking Account	3,379
Accounts receivable	412
Undeposited funds	140
Incorporation Costs	<u>135</u>
Total Assets	\$4,066
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	0
EQUITY	
	\$ 4,066

Note: Inventory of books for sale is an asset but has not been included.

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change
you want
to see in
the world.*

—
*Mahatma
Gandhi*

Thank You

A special "Thank You" to all those who have supported the work of the Centre with their contributions over the past year. Donations help to cover the cost of our Congregational Life Newsletter, make information available through our website, and help subsidize travel to distant congregations.

We keep improving our website, and make every effort to keep it accessible and relevant. Join us on Facebook.

Our Newsletter is going out to approximately 1,000 people each issue. We invite congregations with a story to tell to submit an article to our editorial board.

To top it all off, we are excited about our newest book, *A New Take on an Ancient Story*, which many congregations are using with youth and adult study groups.

Clair Woodbury

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