

SARGENT AVENUE MENNONITE CHURCH

**ANNUAL REPORT BOOK**  
**2021**

**Annual Meeting**  
**February 10, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

*Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church*  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 10 – 7:00 pm (Zoom)**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Welcome (Victor Kliewer)
  - 1.1 Explanation of Procedures
2. Opening Prayer (Jonathan Muehling)
3. Adoption of Agenda *Motion:*
4. Adoption of Previous Minutes
  - 4.1 Business Arising from the Minutes *Motion:*
5. Council Chair Report (Victor Kliewer) *Motion:*
  - 5.1 Appointment of Future Church Building Use Task Force *Motion:*
6. Pastor's Report (Marla Langelotz) *Motion:*
7. Finance Committee Report (Kris Kornelsen) *Motion:*
8. Committee/Team Reports
9. Elections/Affirmations/Appointments *Motion:*
10. Miscellaneous Items
11. Closing Prayer (V. Kliewer)
12. Adjournment *Motion:*

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## PART A – CHURCH LEADERSHIP REPORTS

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### 1. Congregational / Council Chairperson – Victor Kliewer

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Eccles. 3:1)*  
 As I was reflecting on this past year with its unusual “seasons” and preparing this annual report, I re-read the annual reports of 2019 and 2020. I was struck by the developments in our congregational life in these two years—as some of our life continued in “normal” ways but also as we began to feel the impact of COVID-19 from March 2020. Here are a few of the items:

<b>2019 Report (AGM, February 2, 2020)</b>	<b>2020 Report (AGM, February 4, 2021)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sunday afternoon, in-person meeting: “A time to mark progress and celebrate”</i></li> <li>• Revised Constitution, by-laws, and policies</li> <li>• Congregational statement on inclusivity: <i>all people</i> are welcome at SAMC!</li> <li>• BSC begins program of listening/speaking in the congregation</li> <li>• Worship, choir, education, etc., as usual</li> <li>• “Women in Mission” officially ended</li> <li>• Jonathan Muehling new associate pastor</li> <li>• Licensing of Andrea de Avila discussed</li> <li>• Support of Poovongs in Thailand</li> <li>• Support of Riverton Fellowship continued</li> <li>• Application for refugee family through MCC approved</li> <li>• New hymnals, <i>Voices Together</i>, ordered</li> <li>• Junior youth raise issue of climate change</li> <li>• New MCM/MCCan website being planned</li> <li>• Church building use reviewed, including future of church library</li> <li>• Finances positive with year-end surplus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thursday evening, “Zoom” meeting: “A year as we have never experienced it!”</i></li> <li>• New government regulations cause us to change or cancel programs, including worship, funerals, classes, and meetings</li> <li>• New live-stream worship services</li> <li>• Pastoral care by telephone</li> <li>• “Zoom” is new for teaching, meetings, and fellowship (e.g., Sunday morning)</li> <li>• All staff continue but tasks are revised</li> <li>• Licensing steps for Andrea de Avila continue</li> <li>• Support of Poovongs continues</li> <li>• Riverton Fellowship closes</li> <li>• No news on refugee family’s arrival</li> <li>• Arrival of <i>Voices Together</i> expected</li> <li>• Climate change issues not mentioned</li> <li>• Review of church computer and internet facilities (including MCM/MCCan website)</li> <li>• Church building use discussed further; rentals are down; Eritrean Church has moved out (as of January 2020)</li> <li>• Finances “remarkably stable” with a small year-end surplus</li> <li>• Donations by e-transfer begin</li> </ul>

That takes us to this past year, 2021, with its added experiences and, also new opportunities of faith and being the “church”. The big, overriding factor for all our activities has, of course, been COVID with its different variations—and as is becoming increasingly clear, this difficult experience may not be over for some time and will continue to affect our life together.

Some of our most important decisions and actions during the past year include the following:

- Congregational meetings on May 6 (by Zoom) and November 28 (combination of some 75 members in-person and another 10 via Zoom)
- Acceptance of a revised Safe Place Policy at our May meeting
- Development of the technological facilities and skills for live streaming our worship services
- Dedicating the new hymnals, *Voices Together*, and approving the disposal of most of the older ones (the German *Gesangbuch*, *Sing the Journey*, and *Sing the Story* will be kept)
- Agreement to continue our support of the Poovongs for another three years (@ \$3000/year)
- Agreement to support the Little Flowers Church in Winnipeg for one year (@ \$500/month)
- Approval of required repairs to the church roof and basement windows (the roof is temporarily repaired, the long-term repair will come in spring)
- At our November congregational meeting we had a lively conversation about our experiences with COVID and possible future directions for SAMC
- The ordination of Andrea de Avila on October 31 was a highlight
- As Council we met 11 times in 2021 (January-December), all meetings by Zoom
- Besides the items already mentioned, we spent a good deal of time discussing the implications of COVID for our worship services and other programs, and what kind of requirements we should apply when members and/or friends want to participate

Thanks to our staff members for continuing to provide leadership during this extraordinary time, even as job descriptions have changed during the year! We also do not want to lose our vision for what it means to be the church in our time as we consider various possibilities for internal and external programs and let us continue in the faith that God’s Spirit will continue to guide us throughout the seasons of the coming year!

## **2. Pastor – Marla Langelotz**

This morning I read a familiar Biblical passage from Exodus 16. The Israelite people are in the wilderness, tired, broken, and hungry. They complain to God (through Moses) and are told by God (again through Moses) that they will receive quail in the evening and bread in the morning. The next morning when they awake, there is a white powdery substance all over the ground and the people “do not know what it is”.

Part of me asks “How could they not know what it is? They had been told it would happen.” And yet, I understand how hard it is to see things that we either don’t fully expect or that don’t have a familiar form. As I look back at 2021, I wonder if in all the difficult stuff we

have had to live with, we have been slow to see and taste the “manna” that is on the ground each morning. The nourishment and grace that allows us to get through another day, week, month.

Here are some of what I would describe as Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church 2021 Manna Moments:

1. We met in person for about six of the 12 months in 2021. In those six months we were able to meet safely! This is no small thing.
2. In September we were able to worship in person and celebrate Linda Coolbear’s baptism and on October 31 we celebrated Andrea’s ordination, including cookies and coffee in the basement. On these days manna was experienced in the energy of the gathered body.
3. July and August, 20-40 people gathered each Sunday morning in an outdoor space to enjoy nature and each other. This was like a “hit” of manna for the week ahead.
4. After a few online congregational meetings we found a safe way to meet in person in the basement on November 28. Over 70 people (along with some on-line) were together talking about matters related to the church. For some it might have felt like just scratching the surface – that we hardly got to the important stuff. It was a taste, however. A taste of what can be possible if we take time for conversation with depth and purpose.
5. In March, the Seniors Faspa was lovingly made, neatly packaged and delivered to SAMC folk all over the city. The familiar food, along with pre-recorded shared stories and songs was another form of nourishment both for the body and the soul.
6. People kept saying “yes” when they were asked to contribute to some aspect of the Sunday morning Worship Service. This included: banner makers, story tellers, AV technicians, preachers, singers, accompanists, conductors, other musicians, decorators, and scripture readers. Each one part of the manna that is on the ground to feed people on Sunday mornings.
7. Conversations following a Sunday morning in-person worship times would be drawn out as people took in every bit of nourishment from the manna that presented itself in reconnection.
8. The beginning of in-person visits again this summer and fall season. Even a few without masks. What a gift!
9. On the last couple of Advent Sundays before the Christmas Eve shut down, the youth joined the one or two young children at the front of the church for the children’s time. In this case it was a representation of community and hope that came as a gift of grace on those mornings.
10. Zoom foyer conversation was pulled out again the last Sunday of the year so that there would be opportunity for personal connection. We could see each other’s faces and not be worried about physical distancing. We could share stories, laughter, and concerns. Two years ago, we would have said: “What is that?” and now we were glad to be back and nourished in this way.

I am very thankful for these **manna moments** during a challenging year that continued to see us physically separated so much. This considerable shift in how we have been able to be together as a community has allowed us to see both our congregational strengths and needed areas of growth a little more clearly. Pastoral staff have reflected on this in a few

designated meetings. Here are three observations and one question that comes out of our conversations.

1. We really struggled with finding avenues to draw most children, youth and their families to Sunday worship and programming of any kind. As time drew on it was apparent that everyone's energy was completely sapped in this regard. Committees struggled to meet and find creative energy. The level of stress in COVID families was high enough that they were content to stay at home and stick to a close circle of contacts. In the back of our minds, we wondered how long before families would lose contact with the church connections entirely. We asked the question if it is the role of the pastoral staff, or the SAMC community to create and drive these kinds of programs. We imagine that a new form of nourishment might be needed as we come out of pandemic times ... nourishment that allows creative space for re-connection.
2. We observed the feeling of disconnection that was a reality for many of the older members in the congregation. The absence of regular in-person services took away a weekly connection that is deeply ingrained and important to many. Those without certain types of technology would miss out on SAMC services for months at a time. There have been multiple shifts in strategy when it came to pastors connecting with congregational members over the past year. We wonder if this will be sustainable in the longer term. We may need to be attentive to new paths of caregiving as the demographic topography continues to change.
3. Worship is of central importance in the SAMC community. To this end, it is the easiest place to find willing volunteers. Perhaps this is because the commitment is often short and periodic. Despite the many transitions we needed to go through to provide worship services during the past year, we were most often able to find a wide range of volunteers to be a part of this. This is a very good thing! We do wonder, however if we need to pay attention to the fact that worship is drawing most of our volunteer energy.

The Question: Most of our congregational and pastoral energy has gone to maintaining in house programs and connections. Is this a balanced response to Christ's call to Kingdom Living?

I continue to be grateful for God's leading and the support of the congregation and colleagues. I have been blessed and encouraged through the hundreds of conversations I have had with SAMC folks – both in-person and by phone. I found energy and interest in many Zoom meetings with various committees. I have been reminded of the Spirit's continued presence as I have walked with families through times of grief. I have had enough strength and focus to plan, lead, and preach in worship. I have hope that we will find our way through this pandemic. The gathered community has always been God's plan for living into a new Kingdom ethic. I pray that we will keep looking for the possibility of nourishment and grace revealing itself to the SAMC community in new and exciting ways.

### 3. Associate Pastor – Andrea De Avila

Dear Sargent Family,

By the grace of God, we have made it this far in a pandemic. Some of us have had our difficulties along the way, coping, dealing with sickness, perhaps even dealing with the loss of loved ones in a time where we must mourn in isolation ... there are innumerable things that people go through in life that can make life hard; now add a pandemic to that!

Nevertheless, as cliché as it may sound, I look to God for strength in these times. I light a candle when I feel alone, I light a candle when I pray for people, I light a candle when I phone folks to remind myself of God's presence while we connect, I light a candle when I fold laundry to remind myself of God's presence even in the most ordinary of times in my life. So, when times get tougher, I know God has been with me all along, even if in that moment I can't feel it.

I am sharing this with you because I still struggle constantly to get out of bed, get work done, connect, deal with pain – both physical and mental – and I am exhausted most of the time. Of course, the pandemic doesn't help, but this has been a "longer than" reality for me.

This past year, I really appreciated the congregation's space and allowance to take time to heal at such a low point in my life. I hope to never be in that space again. Yet, maintaining my mental health throughout the pandemic has been even harder than before. At work, connections are tougher and less natural to make, restrictions are constantly changing and we are constantly having to adapt, and expectations and wishes from what folks want and/or feel comfortable with often pull you in very different directions.

\*Take a breath – Exhale\* *I stand in the hope of the Sunrise*

One of the things that keeps me going, and even excited about my job, is having and nurturing deep conversations with youth and young adults. Sometimes these happen in group contexts. I find that more often they happen on my one-on-one visits. I have a fair number of these with our youth and young adults, but I also find myself having a great number of these with young adults from the broader community. My title as a pastor who lives in a community house where there are often people coming and going (even during COVID, with its precautions, of course!) puts me in a position to be accessible to folks that want to have several conversations related to faith but find it too intimidating to step into a church. I often find that people feel the conversations they want to have about church would not be acceptable in a "church" context, so they find a house context with a pastor and several other Christians that they trust a less intimidating place to be open about their questioning.

Similarly, I meet Muslim individuals that often want to have conversations about the impact of religion in their lives, want community, and have questions about Christianity – often, but not always, misgivings just as we Christians would have about Islam – so we talk. I have developed friendships with a few of them; one even brought their mother so I could talk to her about some of the same topics.

Nate and I are also now rent the house next door to the Mennonite Voluntary Service Unit of Winnipeg. There have been six volunteers from Germany since the fall and we have tried to integrate them with our young adults. They typically connect more with Bethel



Mennonite Church, but they have still been very much part of the young adult events this past fall when we've gathered.

So, what has been happening with the young adults at our church? At the beginning of the year, it was hard to get things going; however, in the fall, we stuck with one event per month. Youth did have some events at the beginning of the year. We also stuck to one event per month. At times when an event didn't happen due to COVID, pastors tried to make care package deliveries or special connections. We started with Sunday school in the fall enjoying of the outdoors. Eventually, we moved back inside the building, and we started working through Michele Hershberger's book, *God's Story, Our Story*.

I want to thank Jen How for writing this year's annual report on behalf of the Y/YAMT. She has served in the team for a while and her support does not go unnoticed! I also want to thank Erica Nelson for being our constant minute taker. She is always up for the job and brings great ideas to the table. Finally, I want to thank Teresa Stewart for her years of service on this team. Thank you, Teresa, for helping provide a guiding voice for this ministry and an accountability group for me.

This past year I was added to the Missions and Service Team and have enjoyed so much getting to know and work more with the folks in that group. The discussions we are having there are very important for the impact of our congregation in our community and beyond. In addition, I connect with folks over the phone when able and greatly enjoy this time hearing their life experiences, their stories, their daily routines and all they have to offer me for wisdom. I also enjoy sharing messages, although miss doing that in person, of course. I continue to represent our church on the MCC Sargent and Selkirk Thrift Stores' Board, as well as represent MCM at the MC Canada Joint Council.

\*Take a breath – Exhale\* *God is my light, and God is in the darkness*

I hope you have a light that reminds you of God's presence, and I also hope that you remember that God is in the darkness too.

In Light, Andrea

#### **4. Associate Pastor – Jonathan Muehling**

On Christmas Eve I was talking with some of the choir members about the last-minute changes we had to make, and one of the singers said, 'pivot' seems to be the word of the year. Whenever I hear the word pivot, I can't help but think of the *Friends* scene where Ross, Chandler, and Rachel are trying to move a new couch up the stairs to their apartment. Around the first corner Ross is yelling at the others to pivot, but the couch is stuck and won't move any further. So, Ross just yells even louder. "PIVOT!"

In some ways, this is a rather fitting analogy for the past year. It seems like we're changing and adapting to something new each week. We're being told to pivot on a dime. Yet, sometimes we cannot pivot any more, and all we can do is sit down on our stuck couches, and hope that the grace of God will wash over us. This has certainly been my year at church. A year full of planning, and a year full of quick and unexpected changes. Rarely did things work out exactly as I envisioned them or hoped for them. Yet, I pivoted when I

could; and when I couldn't pivot anymore, I sat down and just let things happen as they came.

Even the usual duties came with added challenges. Along with the never-ending pivot of having in-person worship or not, this year we also pivoted to predominantly live-streaming instead of pre-recording. Overall, this was a good change, but it did add another layer to worship scheduling. We had to ensure that people were comfortable with participating based on the various restrictions, and we also had to adapt on the fly if ever anyone was ill. This led to some last-minute changes throughout the various weeks, including having to worship lead when I wasn't scheduled, having to move to a recorded video instead of live-streaming due to a COVID case at church, and having to change service orders around based on others' health or comfort levels.

The never-ending pivots also meant pastoral care continued to be done mainly through phone calls. As restrictions eased (and when my kids were healthy and I wasn't restricted to working from home), I was able to do some in-person visitations, but even these had to be rescheduled or postponed at times.

Another regular duty of mine was working with the Music and Worship Team (MWT), and the Technology Team. As the staff representative on the MWT, I found myself becoming an unofficial liaison between the staff and the choir. As restrictions eased this past autumn, the adult choir began expressing interest in singing again. I ended up being the person communicating with them and creating a plan for them to get back on to the worship schedule (including their Christmas program).

It feels like a very long time ago that we began live-streaming, but it was at the start of January 2021 that we began this new endeavor. My many thanks to the audio/visual team that keeps this running each Sunday morning. Along with their dedicated involvement, I continue to be involved through scheduling, and managing our YouTube account. I'm also creating many of the PowerPoint slides for the live-streams, but I am hoping to pass this off in 2022 as we look to create a .PPT database for the songs.

This past year I was also involved in the implementation of several "special services". I filmed and edited the Holy Week videos; Andrea and I led the Good Friday service where we had our first in-person communion service in over a year, which was also hosted over Zoom; I planned, organized, directed, filmed, and edited this year's children's Christmas pageant; and, along with the MWT, I helped plan and organize the Christmas Eve service. While the last-minute changes and the added technology aspect certainly created more work, it was an absolute joy for me to see these services come together.

I'm sure this year (2022) will continue to be full of pivots. But I'm hopeful that they will become fewer and farther between, and that the pivots will become easier as we become more used to them, and as we get a hold on this pandemic. Still, when we do get stuck as we must pivot once again, may we remember to sit down and allow for God's grace to wash over us.

## 5. Board of Spiritual Concerns (BSC) – Marla Langelotz, on behalf of all BSC members

This Board met seven times in the past year, even managing to have two of those meetings in-person! The advantages of meeting face to face with people came up often in our conversations as we discussed the importance of providing opportunities for people to gather either in worship or other community events. We see that people are strengthened when they can make meaningful connections in the community of faith.

Other conversations we discussed in our meetings included:

- What are themes we should consider for worship series. From this came the summer focus on “Food and Faith”.
- Why do we make a Land Acknowledgment at the beginning of many worship services? What is its purpose and are there other ways we can acknowledge our privilege as settler people?
- Is it safe, and do people have the energy to participate in mid-week or Sunday morning educational offerings? Should we consider offering a Bible study, book study, topical exploration (such as MAID) or further learning around issues of injustice and racism? If we offer something, do we do it in-person or on-line? Do we offer it during the day or the evening?
- How does SAMC “walk the talk?” around matters related to systemic racism and climate concerns? Do we need to dismantle some of our current structures and create time and space for interested people to put their energy into small interest groups that could lead the church in responding to these important matters?
- We created an addition to the Safe Place Policy which included wording around bullying behaviours. This was ratified along with the rest of the policy by the congregation at our May congregational meeting.
- We reflected on how pastoral staff can best make connections with people who have now been absent from congregational life for over two years. We wondered if questions like: “What might make you feel more connected to SAMC?” may induce discomfort or shame rather than encouragement and welcome? Do people who have been away just want casual conversation with pastors or do they want to be invited to consider participation once again?
- The end of a second lay ministry term for both Ken Derksen and Korey Dyck initiated an important conversation about lay ministry and its present role in SAMC. Questions like, “Should we continue with lay ministry?” and “Is lay ministry a title more than a practice?” were asked and discussed. In April we invited the congregation for feedback, receiving little. Both Korey and Ken completed their second terms and decided not to continue in this role. We are very thankful for the dedicated service they provided in this role during the past six years.

Based on congregational response BSC felt there was no clarity in terms of calling new lay ministers at this time. The Board noted that if SAMC has less paid staff in future years, the role of lay ministry may need to be revisited.

You will notice a common thread that runs through most of these conversations. There were almost always more questions than answers. We think this is okay. We trust that even when questions are plentiful, where two or three are gathered the Spirit of God is in our midst – revealing, encouraging, guiding us in important conversations that will lead to spiritual growth in the Sargent community.

***Board of Spiritual Concerns:** Marla Langelotz, Andrea De Avila, Jonathan Muehling, Ken Derksen, Albert Durksen, Korey Dyck, Mary Penner*

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## **PART B – COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **6. Personnel Committee – Douglas Durksen**

I would like to start by, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, thanking our staff for the dedication that they show to their work, and for the care they take in their ministering to our congregation. I would also like to thank the Personnel Committee for their work this past year.

This year, obviously, the major theme was dealing with constantly shifting guidelines regarding what is allowed for our church and aligning that with what our congregation feels comfortable with. Issues of workload, connection with church members, how to worship together, and how to use new technologies all had to be dealt with in one way or another. There were many conversations with Personnel, Staff and Church Council on how to deal with all of this.

I would like to commend our staff on how they adapted in the face of constantly changing rules that meant that they were physically isolated from the congregation they serve. They continued to be creative, constantly looking for ways to connect with the community, and to connect the community with each other.

I think that we need to be honest about the fact that this has taken a toll on the SAMC staff. While they have become adept at sudden shifts, such as the one that happened just before Christmas, shifts are not necessarily enjoyable or easy. Marla, Jonathan, Andrea, and Rose take seriously the questions of how to do church in a way that is safe, that connects us in worship and in community. That there are no completely right answers to how to accomplish this adds energy-draining complexity and lots of room for second-guessing to the process.

Brighter moments this year included the completion of Jonathan's formative review, which was largely affirming of the work he has done in the past two years here. We were also able to celebrate, in person, Andrea's ordination, and in doing so, to affirm her gift for ministry.

In the coming year, the Personnel Committee will be engaging in conversations with pastoral staff regarding job descriptions. The work our staff have done in the past years has

had to be done differently than before. We would like to consider what this means for how we might outline these roles going forward.

The Personnel Committee would like to thank Rose for her many, many contributions to our church. She is often the first person people encounter when contacting the church, and her role as the face of the church is valued. I would also like to thank her personally for her institutional memory, and her attention to detail, which remains when mine has been lacking.

Thank you also to Herta for keeping our church clean. It is easy to take that for granted, but we do not.

Thank you also to our congregation for your support of our staff, which comes in many forms. Please continue to support, especially by being involved. We invite your continued prayers and other expressions of support for our staff.

**Personnel Committee:** *Douglas Durksen (chair), Tracey Regeir Sawatzky, Herb Rempel, Elfriede Rempel, Marla Langelotz*

## **7. Cemetery Committee – Ken Derksen**

The Cemetery Committee is tasked with the management and operation of the cemetery. This includes mowing the grass, tending the grave plots, and organizing workdays.

In 2021 we had three burials and two ash interments. For each, I am tasked with staking out the plot and coordinating with the plot digger and funeral home.

As cemetery custodian, I oversee the overall management of the cemetery. Over the course of the summer, Saturday mornings were spent mowing and tending to the grave plots. Most days it was nice and sunny, giving ample opportunity to maintain the cemetery grounds. I want to thank Bill Guenter for his time and commitment in helping mow the grass at the cemetery. You know his commitment when he got to the cemetery before me and was already on the job mowing when I arrived. And coffee time isn't bad either. Bill's help is greatly appreciated.

With the pandemic still going on, spring and fall workdays at the cemetery did not happen, but that did not mean work stopped altogether. This year a new tool was built for the cemetery. I purchased some steel tubes and four trailer jacks to build some headstone levelers, with Nicolas Ewert welding all of the pieces together. These jacks allow us to raise the headstones safely and level them in about an hour and quarter. I have already leveled a dozen headstones with this new tool, and it works amazing. Leveling headstones is an ever-going task as many of the graves have sunk or become unlevel. These new levelers make the job easy to do.

I hope that when you visit our church cemetery, you enjoy your time spent. I feel enriched every time I go and as in other years it is time well spent. Thank you to all for your trust and kind words as we continue to take care of this treasured and hallowed land.

**Cemetery Committee:** *Marianne Sobie, Gerhard Dyck, Ken Derksen (custodian)*

**8. Nominations Committee** – *Ruby Zacharias, Chris Rempel, Michael Enns*

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**9. Records Management Committee:** *Larry Ens, Wes Dueck, Rose Enns*

No report

**10. Finance Committee:** *Kris Kornelsen (chair), Larry Ens, Bill Guenter, Henry Daniels*

(Finance Committee Report and Financial Statements will be distributed separately)

**Sunday Morning Collection Counters** (appointed by the Finance Committee):

Since early 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began disrupting worship gatherings, our traditional way of receiving offerings also changed. Many members switched to e-transfer, pre-authorized deposits, or other online ways of supporting the church budget. Cash or cheque donations are also still preferred, by a smaller number of households than before, arriving via Canada Post, or dropped off in person at the church. On Sundays when we were able to worship in person, baskets were made available in the foyers to receive donations.

The job of counting, and depositing the cash and cheque donations transferred from a group of volunteers, to the administrative assistant, for the time being. Entering donations into SAMC's accounting software is already part of the administrative assistant's job description, so the counting and depositing of donations made by cheque (and occasional cash donations) has meant only a small increase in the administrative assistant workload.

When in-person attendance and church activity return once again to pre-pandemic levels, the process of collecting, counting, and depositing the Sunday morning offering will be reviewed.

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## PART C – PROGRAM MINISTRIES REPORTS

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### 11. Music & Worship Team (MWT) – Sean Goerzen

Music continues to be an important part of Sargent whether we are together or not. The effort that has gone into live-streaming and pre-recording has been a huge undertaking, with many different parts. I am so thankful for all the different gifts that members bring to our worship services – I believe we are incredibly fortunate to have so many ‘hands’ willing to help!

The introduction of the *Voices Together* hymnal has been one of the more major differences in our worship this year. There are many new hymns to learn, and yet our favourites are there as well. I am excited to see which songs become favourites in our congregation in the coming years.

With the starting and stopping of in-person worship sometimes it feels like getting back to ‘normal’ at church is going to be difficult. However, with the resumption of semi-regular services this fall, the community came together again in worship, almost as if our congregation had regained our voice. This time also saw the adult choir restart again, with various restrictions in place for safety reasons. The adult choir presented a program during Advent; something we had been missing for a while. While the junior choir has not restarted yet, this is something we are keen to begin again once we feel like it is safe and practical to do so. I had hoped to do some singing evenings in January and February, singing songs from the new hymnal, but it looks like we are going to have to put that on pause for a little bit yet as well.

As we go into this year, perhaps let us keep Crüger’s words in mind: *Nun danket alle Gott, mit Herzen, Mund, und Händen – Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands, and voices.*

**Music and Worship Team:** Sean Goerzen (Chair), Lori Wiebe, Josiah Brubacher, Jonathan Muehling

### Adult Choir Report – Tina Bergen

After 19 months of not being able to sing, our choir was finally scheduled to begin rehearsals on October 3, 2021. What a joyous day that was! We started with about 12 singers at our first rehearsal but gradually more came and now we have about 21 singers registered. Proof of vaccination was required from all participants, masks were worn and physical distancing was practiced at all times.

The choir participated in the Thanksgiving celebration, Mission Sunday, and First Advent. The highlight for the us was the Christmas program on the Third Sunday of Advent where we could so joyfully sing the beloved songs of the birth of our Lord Jesus!

Thank you to Mel Braun, David Sawatzky, Nate De Avila and Kathryn Balacko for the time and energy you devote to the choir, and thank you to the congregation for your continued support.

**Sargent Adult Choir Account 2021**  
submitted by Gerhard Dyck, Choir Treasurer

<b>Opening Balance – January 1, 2020</b>				<b>\$1,706.02</b>
<u>Income</u>				
Bank Interest and Dividends	0.00			
Donations	<u>0.00</u>			
			0.00	
<u>Expenses</u>				
Honoraria	0.00			
Bank service charges	<u>0.00</u>			
			<u>0.00</u>	
Net Income over Expenses				<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance – December 31, 2021</b>				<b><u>\$1,706.02</u></b>

**Junior Choir Report** – Norinne Danzinger-Dueck, Conductor

For the 2021 choir year, there isn't much to say. With vaccinations only occurring for the older members of society beginning in February, music programs at schools, especially choir and bands screeching to a halt, physical distancing, programs being cancelled, the thought of Junior Choir beginning in September 2021 simply did not occur. Being both a parent and teacher, I could not in good conscience, begin the Junior Choir program, asking parents to send their children into an atmosphere where children came from different schools, cohort groups, who generally did not mix daily, then spend an hour singing together. As much as I love and promote this program, it just, in my mind, could not physically be done safely at that time.

I have tried to keep in touch with some choir members but have also struggled with physical illness as well as just the physical and mental burden of COVID and changes in our personal lives, so choir has been put on the back burner.

In some discussions with Music and Worship Team, with vaccinations available for ages 5-11 and hopefully younger in 2022, it is with hope and faith that we will begin Junior Choir again in September 2022. I am unsure what the program will look like, how we will do a musical (which is a highlight of the program), or what changes will need to be made to accommodate this changing world. Only time will tell.

**12. Missions & Service Team (MST) – Jason Caners**

This year we continued to have challenges brought on by restrictions that continue to make getting together and having regular services difficult. The congregation continued to provide amazing support through the new tools put in place for the children's offering which is our main fundraiser.



Our team was really happy that there was some relaxing of restrictions which allowed us to have a successful fundraiser for the Poovongs ministry in Thailand. The team decided to have an apple fritter bake. Thanks go out to Angie who tested multiple recipes to choose the best one, to Karl for getting the propane deep fryer allowing us to fry many apple fritters at once and finally, to Andrea and Carol for the icing of the apple fritters to finish off. It was a team effort to successfully pull off the fundraiser, raising in excess of \$3,000 for our support to MC Canada's Witness program.

Our team supported the following organizations with donations raised from the children's offerings this year:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>January 2021</b>	Trees for Life: Planting Peace in Palestine (changed from 2020)	\$ 475 donated
<b>February 2021</b>	Morberg House	\$ 475 donated
<b>March 2021</b>	House of Hesus	\$ 475 donated
<b>April 2021</b>	Camps with Meaning "Camperships"	\$ 575 donated
<b>May 2021</b>	MCC My Coins Count	\$ 500 donated
<b>June 2020</b>	Mamawi	\$ 500 donated
<b>July &amp; August 2021</b>	Mennonite Disaster Service	\$ 880 donated
<b>September 2021</b>	West Central Women's Resource Centre	\$ 580 donated
<b>October 2021</b>	Rosbrook House	\$ 765 donated
<b>November 2021</b>	Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)	\$ 665 donated
<b>December 2021</b>	THRIVE Community Support Services	<u>\$ 465</u> donated
<b>Total in 2021</b>		<u><b>\$6355</b></u>
<b>November Missions Offering Distribution</b>	Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Disaster Service,	<b>\$5320</b> donated (\$2660 each)
<b>Year End Budget Distribution</b>	1JustCity, Bethania Spiritual Care, Mama Bear Clan and Thrive	<b>\$2000</b> donated (\$500 each)

The MST team received a very generous donation this year, part of which will be used to support our refugee family when they finally get to Winnipeg. We continue to wait for their arrival.

Overall, our team has felt blessed being able to support so many local organizations, many of which are in the same neighbourhood as SAMC and we are open to getting names of other organizations that we could consider supporting.

In 2022, we hope that we will have more opportunities to get together and thank people in person for their continued support. Perhaps we will get to a point where the children will be able to once more walk up and down the aisles collecting coins for so many important community organizations.

**Missions & Service Team** – *Jason Caners(chair), Karl Langelotz, Angela Dyck, Carol Reimer, Andrea De Avila*

### **13. Children's Ministries Team (CMT) – Marla Langelotz**

Most of the children's ministry work this year was done from distance. The year began in full shutdown, so we put together "Easter boxes" that were delivered to families. These boxes included various readings and activities to help children and parents reflect on Palm Sunday and the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

The plan for an early June park event was cancelled last minute because of a COVID surge, and we went back to distributing "summer activity boxes" which included an activity for each Sunday during our sermon series entitled "Food and Faith." One of these activities was joining the walk/cycle/drive about in the West End on a Sunday morning.

We were thrilled to get in a church picnic at Camp Assiniboia in late August. Unfortunately, for numerous reasons, not many of our families with children and youth came to this event. Nevertheless, there were games, activities, and ice-cream!

In September we were finally able to dream about some safe in-person connections between kids and their families. We planned to meet outdoors following worship on Sunday morning. This time included a short time for a Bible story and "wondering". In the end there was little uptake of this initiative. We were learning that many families were still feeling uncomfortable with adding extra contacts for their unvaccinated children. After three weeks we dropped this initiative.

In mid- to the church to spend November when COVID was much quieter, families became interested in having their children participate in pre-recording for a children's Christmas pageant. Pastor Jonathan did the legwork in getting this all arranged and on two Saturdays, November 27 and December 4, families came some time together and have their children "record their parts". This effort was greatly appreciated by the congregation who was able to watch the pageant as part of the December 19 worship service. Goody bags were given to children who were at that service and delivered to those who were unable to be there.

We move into this new year, again in a holding pattern, wondering how we can encourage continued connections between SAMC families and encourage parents to be attentive to sharing and being in conversation about the Biblical story and faith at home.

***Children's Ministry Team:*** Christa Brubacher, Katherine Dubé, Rebecca Enns, Marla Langelotz

### **14. Youth & Young Adult Ministries Team (YYAMT) – Jennifer How**

This was a difficult year for all age groups and gatherings (in person and virtual) due to fluctuations in COVID restrictions.

#### **Youth Ministry**

**Winter Update** – Events were virtual due to restrictions but offered to continue to connect with our youth.

- **February** included a comedy night with Matt Falk (\$300).

- **March** offered the opportunity for youth aged 14 years and up to watch an online performance of Theatre of the Beat's *UNMUTE* (\$200). For the younger youth, an in-home scavenger hunt and sharing session on Zoom.
- **June** – Pastor Marla organized care packages for all youth. They were distributed by youth sponsors Nadya Langelotz and River Martin.
- **Books of Blessing** were shared with Eric Dueck and Chak Nass Kim to celebrate their graduations.
- **Fall** allowed us some opportunities to gather in person not only with Sargent youth but also with those from Bethel and Springfield Heights.
- **Sunday School**, with a focus on faith formation, was held outside at Sargent Park following church services for part of the fall.
- **Milestone Ministries** presented Bibles to three grade 6 (Felix, Bronwyn and Lexi) and three grade 7 (Dianna, Ashley and Caleb) students on September 19.
- **November 5** – A tri-church event (Sargent, Bethel and Springfield Heights) was held with five youth from Sargent participating.
- Initially, there was a plan to host a tri-church **Christmas party**, but with the shift of COVID cases, each church hosted separately.

### **Young Adults**

This has been a difficult year with online school and work. Events were held monthly in the fall and enjoyed by those able to attend. Andrea has continued to try and connect individually to offer support and have faith conversations. This group was also active in the Christmas Eve service, and this was appreciated. It is hopeful that this group will be able to connect more when conditions allow.

### **Youth Assembly and Mennonite World Conference**

Discussions have taken place regarding youth participation in a Youth Assembly in Alberta in summer 2022, and young adult attendance at MWC Indonesia 2022. This continues to be an evolving discussion from a participation and possible COVID restrictions standpoint.

**Mennonite Church Manitoba Retreats** – Winter retreats were planned but cancelled due to COVID.

Thank you to Pastor Andrea and our youth sponsors for their continued support and work to connect with our youth in these uncertain times. We are thankful for their work in the church.

**Youth and Young Adult Ministries Team:** *Andrea De Avila (chair), Jennifer How, Teresa Stewart, Erica Nelson.*

## **15. Administration Team - Nicholas Ewert**

The Administration Team oversees the operation, care, and maintenance of the church building and property. The work is done in conjunction with the Building Administrator and subcommittees of the Administration Team.

Over the course of the year, due to the continuing pandemic, the building got much less use than normal.

A new tenant has moved into the caretaker suite, and it remains occupied. In between the previous and the current longer-term tenants, the suite was rented for a shorter (six-week) term to the MCC area Directors for Central America during their visit to Canada.

The air conditioning unit servicing the sanctuary remains in a non-functional state, but given the large expense involved in repair or replacement and the fact that we would not be using the sanctuary, the decision was made to delay any repair or replacement until we have experienced a summer without it.

In late summer, several back lane facing basement windows of the building were vandalized. Replacement was contracted for the broken windows, as well as for the rest of the windows in the main basement. Work is scheduled to be done early in 2022.

In October, the sanctuary roof was discovered to be in poor repair. A decision was reached to replace the asphalt shingle with metal roofing. The project has been contracted and installation will occur in the spring of 2022.

### **Building Administrator – Rudy Enns**

In addition to items mentioned in Nick's report, I would like to add the following.

Early in 2021, the finishing touches were done in the washroom/shower renovation and this project is now completed.

During the summer of 2021, the City of Winnipeg rebuilt the back lane, from Sargent to Wellington Avenue. This included the resurfacing of a large portion of our parking area.

In September, our building served as a location for several polling stations for the Federal Election. We have also had inquiry about hosting polling stations for upcoming Civic Elections, as schools and community centers have become unavailable under pandemic restrictions.

With completion of the painting in the north/education wing of the basement, our caretaker was able to strip and wax those floors as well. Our caretaker continues to attend regularly to clean as needed. With reduced number of in person services and activities, the regular cleaning load is often lighter, however work time is filled with extra cleaning projects that might have been postponed in busier times, or with doing a thorough cleaning following one of the maintenance and/or repair projects that have been happening during the pandemic shutdown.

I want to thank the maintenance committee for always being on hand to take care of the routine, and sometimes emergency, maintenance and repair items that are sure to come up. Thanks also to Ken Derksen for repairing the plaster and painting the walls at the south end of the main basement and in the south basement foyer during the summer months.

Our rental agreement with the tenant in the caretaker suite includes a discounted rent in return for shoveling snow (sidewalks and stairs), cutting grass, and doing regular building security checks. In a winter that has given us a few significant snowfalls already, his help is greatly appreciated.

**Funeral Food Service Committee** – Alvina Enns

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were again not able to provide families with a fellowship meal at funerals that took place this year. We are sad for this and are hopeful that we will be able to provide this service to our members once again in the very near future. Member deaths this year included:

Maria Dyck – January 1, 2021  
Menno Wiebe – January 5, 2021  
Lydia Hummelt – April 17, 2021  
Lydia Richert – June 28, 2021  
Peter Zacharias – September 13, 2021  
Erna Hamm – October 7, 2021

**Administration Team:** *Nicholas Ewert (Chair to Sept 2021), Jake Harms, Rose Enns (Minutes)*

**Building Administrator:** *Rudy Enns*

**Maintenance Committee:** *Peter Dyck, Nate De Avila, Jake Harms*

**Audio & Technology:** *Dave Sawatzky*

**Kitchen Coordinator:** *Cathy Hummelt*

**Funeral Food Service Committee:** *Alvina Enns, Ruth Ens, Esther Fransen, Marianne Sobie, Lillian Dyck, Margaret Daniels*

**Usher Services Coordinator:** *Pam Poulter Friesen*

**16. Fellowship Groups:**

**Adult Friendship Group**

(No report: this group has not met since the start of the pandemic in 2020.)

**Potluck Group** – Tina Bergen

Our Potluck Group tried to stay in touch throughout this year of COVID-19 so when restrictions allowed, we tried to get together. Our first outing in April was a fasma at Kildonan Park that happened to coincide with the Seniors' Fasma put on by the church. In July we met at Headmaster Park for a picnic and in August some of us enjoyed a day at John Sawatzky's cottage in Manigotogan. September, November, and December were actual potluck suppers at church with measures in place for keeping everyone safe. The highlight in December was a book exchange (either one from your own collection or a thrift store find) involving a story in which you moved the book in your hand either left or right depending on the instructions. It was quite entertaining! It was also a very good way to end the year.

When we meet at church, we have a short devotional, take some time for sharing and celebrate the birthdays for that month. We have also had some Zoom meetings to keep in touch. We hope for the best in 2022!

## 16. Statistical Report

### Membership Changes in 2021

<b>Membership as of December 31, 2020</b>			<b>284</b>
<b>Members added:</b>			
<b>By baptism:</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
Linda Coolbear	Sept 19		+1
<b>Transferred In:</b>			+0
<b>Members lost:</b>			
<b>Transferred out</b>			
Alfred & Lina Woelke	June 13		
Levi & Tena Reimer	June 13		-4
<b>Died:</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>At the Age of:</b>	
Maria Dyck	Jan 1	94	
Menno Wiebe	Jan 5	88	
Lydia Hummelt	Apr 17	84	
Lydia Richert	June 28	91	
Peter Zacharias	Sept 13	72	
Erna Hamm	Oct 17	90	
Esther Epp	Nov 24	77	-7
<b>Membership as of Dec 31, 2021</b>			<b><u>274</u></b>

### Family Celebrations in 2021

<b>Babies born</b>	None in 2021
<b>Weddings</b>	
Maria Dueck & Evan Driedger	August 13, 2021

### Significant Anniversaries marked in 2021

#### **70 Years (married in 1951)**

John & Ellie Dyck Aug 4

#### **68 Years (Married in 1953)**

Peter & Kaethe Enns June 14

#### **66 Years (Married in 1955)**

John & Louise Dahl Oct 15

#### **63 Years (Married in 1958)**

John & Catherine Neufeld May 31

Cornelius & Dora Krause July 26

John & Martha Bergen Aug 2

Hans & Mary Klassen Aug 9

#### **62 Years (married in 1959)**

Frank & Irene Enns June 6

John & Nellie Nickel August 1

#### **61 Years (married in 1960)**

Henry & Hilda Schulz July 23

Victor & Linda Sawatzky Aug 26

Martin & Veronica Friesen Sept 3

#### **60 Years (married in 1961)**

Henry & Rita Guenther Aug 26

#### **55 Years (married in 1966)**

#### **50 years (married in 1971)**

Art & Brigitte Martens July 24

Vic & Val Kliewer July 31

Henry & Annelie Enns Aug 14

Albert & Esther Durksen Sept 11

Bill & Helga Guenter Sept 18

#### **40 Years (married in 1981)**

Henry & Margaret Daniels May 23

#### **25 Years (married in 1996)**

### We mourn the loss of SAMC members, and loved ones of the SAMC community

(SAMC members listed in bold print)

- January 1 **Maria Dyck**, long time member of SAMC
- January 5 **Menno Wiebe**, husband to Lydia Wiebe
- February 7 Margarita Fust, mother to Anita & Doug Durksen, grandmother to Annika and Felix
- February 8 Thai Yin, mother to Sam & Rany Kim, grandmother to Chak Nass
- March 4 Sherry Klassen, sister-in-law to Joanne & Reg Sawatzky, aunt to Logan & Liam
- March 13 Hildegard Regier, sister-in-law to Edna & Rudy Dahl, aunt to Kathryn & Robb Balacko
- April 17 **Lydia Hummelt**, mother to Bob & Cathy Hummelt
- April 28 Ron Smith, grandfather to Dan & Erica Nelson, great-grandfather to Kyla.
- June 28 **Lydia Richert**, long time member of SAMC
- June 29 Frank J Dyck, brother to John & Ellie Dyck, uncle to Ruth & Larry Ens and Lillian Dyck
- July 12 LaVerna Wescoat, aunt to Lori Wiebe
- August 23 Marianne Berry, mother to Vic Pankratz, sister to Bernie & Marg Neufeld
- September 10 Emily Edna Loehmer, great-granddaughter to John & Ellie Dyck, and great-niece to Lillian Dyck and Ruth & Larry Ens
- September 13 **Peter Zacharias**, husband to Ruby Zacharias, grandfather to Isaak Hildebrandt
- October 7 **Erna Hamm**, long time member of SAMC
- November 1 Henry Dyck, brother to Mary & Hans Klassen
- November 6 Rudy Pankratz, brother to Jake & Marg Pankratz, brother-in-law to Bernie & Marg Neufeld
- November 24 **Esther Epp**, long time member of SAMC

## An Overview of 2021

January	The new <i>Voices Together</i> hymnals are delivered to SAMC
January 10	SAMC's first live-streamed service
January 24	Online lesson/gathering for primary Sunday school children
January 31	Sunday School Zoom session for preschool children (and parents)
February 4	Annual Congregational Meeting takes place on a Thursday evening via Zoom.
February 11	Church Council agrees to postpone opening for in-person worship for a few weeks longer
February 16	Intergenerational participation invited for an online youth event featuring comedian Matt Falk
February 21	Sunday School Zoom session for preschool children (and parents)
March 6	MCM Annual Delegate (Zoom) Gathering
March 7	Church re-opens for in-person worship. Pre-registration and masks required. Live streaming continues.
March 3, 17 and 31	Bi-weekly Zoom conversations, exploring the 2021 weekly Lenten practices
March 29 – April 1	Holy Week Daily Devotionals available online.
April 2	Good Friday Service and Communion via Zoom.
April 4	Easter Morning in-person (by registration) and live-streamed worship service
April 10	Seniors Faspa – Home Delivery edition
May 2	Return to live-stream only services
May 6	Congregational Meeting, held via Zoom, included approval of a revised Safe Place Policy.
May 11	'Conversation in the (virtual) foyer' with SAMC Witness partners Tom & Christine Poovong in Thailand
May 16	Child Dedication (Zoom) service and 'dedication drive-by' the Enns and Peters homes
May 23	Zoom Communion service
May 30	Returned to pre-recorded worship services to reduce contacts with other households as much as possible.
June 13	Church picnic is postponed to a later date
June 19	MC Canada's AGM takes place online
June	Church Council decides to stay with pre-recorded services for the rest of the summer. Several outdoor gatherings are planned to allow for safe opportunities to meet and see each other.
June 27	Sunday morning Zoom 'conversations in the (virtual) foyer' are suspended for the summer months
July 4	Outdoor gathering at Frasers Grove Park
July 11	Outdoor gathering at Sargent Park School Playground
July 18	Outdoor gathering at Lindenwoods
July 25	Outdoor gathering and Communion at the SAMC cemetery in Springstein
August 8	Outdoor gathering at St Vital Park, with 'bicycle trip' option
August 12	Church Council meets to discuss church re-opening (once again) plans
August 15	Outdoor gathering at Kingsford Haus
August 22	West End walk/bike/drive about, stopping in on SAMC folks who live in the church neighborhood
August 29	Church picnic at Camp Assiniboia



- September 5 Return, once again, to in-person (masked and physically distanced) and live-streamed worship
- September 12 Worship service followed by outdoor coffee time and Sunday School in the park
- September 19 Linda Coolbear is baptized and received into membership at SAMC. Service was followed by another outdoor coffee time. Outdoor Sunday School continues.
- September 26 Service is cancelled, due to information about possible COVID exposé in the September 19 service. A pre-recorded service, featuring guest speaker Jamie Arpin Ricci was made available
- September 30 First National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) marked across Canada and in our Sunday service.  
Youth Sunday School (masked and distanced) starts meeting in the youth room (~30 minutes) following the worship service.
- October 3 World Communion Sunday, celebrated in person at SAMC.  
Adult Choir rehearses again after an 18-month hiatus.  
Rain cancels the outdoor coffee time.
- October 10 Thanksgiving Service, with Adult Choir providing music ministry
- October 24 International Witness Sunday, including Apple Fritter Fundraiser sponsored by MST in support of SAMC's Witness partners Tom & Christine Poovong in Thailand
- October 31 Andrea De Avila's ordination service, followed by celebration and fellowship over coffee and cookies in the basement. Proof of vaccination was required to attend the reception.
- November 7 Peace Sunday with worship led by the MCC Indonesia 2022 young adults group.
- November 21 Eternity Sunday
- November 28 First Advent service included communion. Advent 2021 theme is "Dare to Imagine".  
Fall congregational meeting, in-person, around tables in the basement, followed the worship service.
- December 12 Adult Choir Christmas Program
- December 19 Sunday School (pre-recorded) Christmas pageant included in morning worship
- December 24 Christmas Eve service, moved to live-stream service at last minute
- December 25 No worship service
- December 26 Christmas worship service, live-streamed only

The list of those lost and mourned includes names of SAMC members who died in 2021 (already listed in the statistical report), as well those of extended family and friends, as noted in our weekly bulletins during the year. This is certainly not a comprehensive list of all the losses experienced by members of the Sargent Church community, and the question arises as to the value or need to compile this list for the SAMC annual report book.

Likewise, the 'overview' of the previous year is a rather subjective list of events, perhaps including more, or fewer, than are relevant. Is there value in compiling the overview to include in the Annual Report, and who should be given the responsibility of doing so?

Your feedback is valued; there will be opportunity at SAMC's annual congregational meeting under agenda item #8 (or #10) to share your thoughts on including these items in future annual reports.

**SARGENT AVENUE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Nominations, Affirmations and Appointments – 2022**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM ENDING</u>	<u>CONTINUING</u>	<u>NOMINATED/ AFFIRMED</u>
<b>Congregational Chairperson</b> (2 year term)	Victor Kliewer (resigned)		Chris Rempel (2024)
<b>Congregational Vice-Chair</b> (2 year term)	Wes Dueck (2022)		Ruby Zacharias (2024)
<b>Past Congregational Chairperson</b> (1 year term)		Victor Kliewer (2023)	
<b>Secretary</b> (2 year term)		Naomi Ewert (2023)	
<b>Treasurer</b> (2 year term)		Kris Kornelsen (2023)	
<b>Church Council Members at large</b> (2 year term)	Michael Enns (2022)		Ruth Epp (2023) Elaine Enns (2024)
<b>Administration Team</b> (3 year term)	Nicholas Ewert (2022) Jake Harms (2022)		Jake Harms (2025) Michael Enns (2025) Nicholas Ewert (2023)
<b>Children’s Ministries Team</b> (3 year term)	Katherine Dube (2022)	Christa Brubacher (2024) Rebecca Enns (2024)	
<b>Music &amp; Worship Team</b> (3 year term)	Sean Goerzen (2022) Josiah Brubacher (2022)	Lori Wiebe (2024)	Sean Goerzen (2023) Josiah Brubacher (2025)
<b>Missions &amp; Service Team</b> (3 year term)	Angie Dyck (2022)	Carol Reimer (2023) Karl Langelotz (2024) Jason Caners (2024)	Melanie Muehling (2025)
<b>Youth &amp; Young Adult Ministries Team</b> (3 year term)	Teresa Stewart (2022)	Jen How (2023) Erica Nelson (2023)	Anita Durksen (2025)

	<b>Term ending</b>	<b>Ex officio / Continuing</b>	<b>Nominated/Appointed</b>
<b>Board of Spiritual Concerns</b>	Ken Derksen (Lay Min.) Korey Dyck (Lay Min.) Albert Durksen (2022) Mary Penner (2022)	Marla Langelotz (staff) Andrea De Avila (staff) Jonathan Muehling (staff)	Albert Durksen (2025) Mary Penner (2025) Karen Dyck (2025)
<b>Caregiving Coordinator</b> (annual appointment)			

## Council Appointments

Position	2021	Appointed for 2022
<b>Auditor</b>		
<b>Building Administrator</b> (3-year term)	Rudy Enns	Rudy Enns (2024)
<b>Chronicler</b> (3-year term)	Rita Schroeder	Rita Schroeder (2023)
<b>Historian</b>		
<b>Finance Committee</b> (Treasurer, plus 3 members appointed annually)	Kris Kornelsen, Chair Larry Ens Bill Guenter	Kris Kornelsen, Chair Larry Ens Bill Guenter
<b>Nominations Committee</b> (Council Members at Large)	Michael Enns Ruby Zacharias Chris Rempel	Ruth Epp (2023) Elaine Enns (2024)
<b>Personnel Committee</b> (four members, appointed annually)	Doug Durksen Herb Rempel Elfriede Rempel Tracey Regier-Sawatzky	Doug Durksen Herb Rempel Elfriede Rempel Tracey Regier-Sawatzky
<b>Records Management Committee</b> (members include SAMC's Congregational Vice-Chair, Admin. Assistant, Historian, and Finance Committee Rep)	Wes Dueck – Vice Chair Rose Enns – Admin Assistant Larry Ens – Finance Rep	Rose Enns – Admin Assistant Larry Ens – Finance Rep Ruby Zacharias – Council Vice Chair
<b>Cemetery Committee</b> (3-year terms)	Ken Derksen, cemetery caretaker Marianne Sobie (2022) Gerhard Dyck (2022)	Ken Derksen, cemetery caretaker Gerhard Dyck (2025)
<b>Safe Place Policy Response Committee</b>	Wally Plett Janet Peters Sean Goerzen	Wally Plett Janet Peters Sean Goerzen

<b>Nominations Committee Appointments</b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>APPOINTED for 2022</u></b>
<b>Correspondent (Canadian Mennonite)</b>	Tina Bergen	Tina Bergen
<b>Winnipeg Mennonite Seniors Care Inc.</b>	Wes Dueck	Wes Dueck
<b>Westgate Board Member</b> (3-year term beginning in Sept)	Joanne Sawatzky (to Sept 2020)	Joanne Sawatzky (to Sept 2023)

<b>Administration Team Appointments</b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>APPOINTED for 2022</u></b>
<b>Audio / Video Services</b>	Reg Sawatzky Robb Balacko Chris Rempel John Enns Dave Sawatzky Karl Langelotz Eric Peters Jason Caners Nick Ewert Emily Enns Ken Derksen Rudy Dahl Jonathan Muehling	Robb Balacko Chris Rempel John Enns Dave Sawatzky Karl Langelotz Eric Peters Jason Caners Nick Ewert Emily Enns Ken Derksen Rudy Dahl Jonathan Muehling
<b>Kitchen Coordinator</b>	Cathy Hummelt	Cathy Hummelt
<b>Funeral Food Services Committee</b>	Alvina Enns Ruth Ens Marianne Sobie Margaret Daniels Lillian Dyck Esther Fransen	Alvina Enns Ruth Ens Marianne Sobie Margaret Daniels Lillian Dyck Esther Fransen
<b>Maintenance (3 year term)</b>	Peter Dyck (2021) Nate De Avila (2022)	Peter Dyck (2024) Jake Harms (2024)
<b>Technology Committee</b>	David Sawatzky	
<b>USHER SERVICES</b>		
<b>Usher Coordinator (2021)</b> Pam Poulter Friesen  <b>Appointment of Ushers for 2022</b> will be confirmed at a later date.	<b>Ushers (2021)</b> Wendy Barkman Jason Caners Ken Derksen Albert Durksen Anita Durksen Henry Enns Sieg Enns	Larry Ens Edwin Epp Pam Poulter-Friesen Jen How Karl Langelotz Vic Loewen Johanna Wiebe

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