

ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
for the year 2022

February 26, 2023



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AGENDA

for the Annual Congregational Meeting of Ansgar Church
February 26, 2023, 12:30 pm

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Approval of Agenda
4. The minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 13th, 2022
 - a. The minutes were approved at the end of the ACM on February 13, 2022
5. Business arising from the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 13th, 2022
6. Reports presented in the printed ACM handout.
Danish Women's Club.
Camp Kuriakos.
Hyggeklubben.
7. Pastor's Report.
8. President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Proposed Budget for January 1st, 2023 – December 31st, 2023
11. Proposed Special Project Budget for 2023
12. Election of Church Board Members

Outgoing Board Members:

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| • President | Kirsten Olsen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | John Sørensen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Mette Rasmussen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Bent Skousbøl | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Susanne Reid | Term ending 2024 (early withdrawal) |

Current Board Members:

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| • Board member | Dorrit Morrow | Term ending 2024 |
| • Board member | Niels Hansen | Term ending 2024 |
| • Board member | Christopher Sørensen | Term ending 2025 |
| • Board member | Daniel Aalto | Term ending 2025 |

13. Election of Auditors

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| • Outgoing | Margith Hansen | Term ending 2023 |
| For ACM 2023: | | |
| • Current | Valerie Sørensen | Term ending 2024 |
| • New | TBD | Term ending 2025 |

14. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee:

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| a. Outgoing | Maria Hjort Guiney | Term ending 2023 |
| For ACM 2023: | | |
| • Current | Jeanna Baty | Term ending 2025 |
| • Current | Birgit Wildenhoff | Term ending 2024 |

14. New Business:

Ansgar 100th Jubilee in 2023 – 17 September

15. Review and Approval of Minutes of ACM February 26, 2023
16. Adjournment

MINUTES

of the Annual Congregational Meeting for the year 2021 February 13, 2022

21 voting members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 12:46 pm.

1. Opening Prayer by Pastor Lasse Hultberg
2. Election of Chairperson
Kirsten Olsen made the motion to nominate Jeanna Baty as the Chairperson, seconded by Dorrit Morrow. Jeanna Baty was elected by acclamation.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Daniel Aalto, seconded by Dorrit Morrow. All in favour and motion carried.
4. The minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 28th, 2021
Motion to approve made by Hanne Rømer, Alice Nickel seconded. All in favour and motion carried.
5. Business arising from the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 28th, 2021
No new business.
6. Reports presented in the printed ACM handout.
No comments or questions from the floor. Daniel Aalto made the motion to accept the ALL the reports including the reports in points 7 and 8, seconded by Hanne Rømer – all in favour and motion carried.
Danish Women's Club. The report was prepared by Jeanna Baty
Ansgar Men's Breakfast. Minimal activity in 2021 and no report was submitted
Camp Kuriakos. The printed report from Camp Kuriakos to Congregational Annual Meeting in 2022 had been prepared by Rev. Art Weiss, Executive Director of Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association.
Hyggeklubben. Minimal activity in 2021 and no report was submitted
Coffee Fund. Minimal activity in 2021 and no report was submitted
7. Pastor's Report – see point 6.
The report for 2021 was prepared by Pastor Lasse Hultberg.
8. President's Report – see point 6.
The report for 2021 was prepared by Kirsten Olsen.
9. Treasurer's Report
1) The Balance Sheet, 2) the Statement of Income and Disbursements for 2020-2021, 3) the Cash Flow Statement, and 4) the Statistical Report for 2021 Attendance were presented as prepared by treasurer Bent Skousbøl.

Bent started by appreciating the people who have been contributing to our church. The contributions through the online facilities have been crucial to the survival of our church and 27 members signed up for monthly donations.

Bent went on to stress that it is the responsibility of ALL the members of our church to ensure ALL the funds are available for our church. The 153 members who support the church financially is not enough and the online charitable events have been important and will need more like them. We thought we had 300 supporting members but we do not. Please ask family and friends to consider getting involved in the church.

Bent went through the reports – see attached for details.

We have \$73 000 in the bank account but keep in mind we owe \$35 000 to DSUK.

Attendance: we do not know how many people attended the online services.

Daniel Aalto motioned to accept the report which was seconded by Eia Aalto – all in favour and motion carried.

10. Proposed Budget for January 1st, 2022 – December 31st, 2022

Bent Skousbøl went over the proposed 2022 budget. Jeanna Baty asked why there was an increase in program expenses and what these expenses would cover? Bent answered it would be activities such as Camp Kuriakos, play school, confirmands, etc.

Motion was made by Valerie Sørensen to accept the proposed budget 2022 which was seconded by Kirsten Olsen. All in favour and motion was carried.

11. Election of Church Board Members

First a thank you to Daniel Aalto for having joined the board last year when we were short.

Chairperson Jeanna Baty then went on to thank outgoing and returning members for their service on the Church Board.

OUTGOING:

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| • President | Kirsten Olsen | Term ending 2022 |
| • Board member | Jette Badre | Term ending 2022 |
| • Board member | Christopher Sørensen | Term ending 2022 |
| • Board member | Daniel Aalto | Term ending 2022 |

RETURNING:

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| • Board member | John Sørensen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Bent Skousbøl | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Mette Rasmussen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Niels Hansen | Term ending 2024 |
| • Board member | Susanne Reid | Term ending 2024 |
| • Board member | Dorrit Morrow | Term ending 2024 |

Daniel Aalto nominated Kirsten Olsen for President, seconded by Alice Nickel. Kirsten Olsen accepted the nomination and was elected by acclamation.

Kirsten Olsen nominated Christopher Sørensen, seconded by Daniel Aalto. Christopher Sørensen accepted the nomination, was elected by acclamation and will serve the term ending 2025.

Valerie Sørensen nominated Daniel Aalto, seconded by Kirsten Olsen. Daniel Aalto accepted the nomination, was elected by acclamation and will serve the term ending 2025.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Alice Nickel who declined.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Valerie Sørensen who declined.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Lis Walker who did not outright decline but wanted to think about it.

The board still needs one more board member – please consider joining!

New Church Board of Directors as of February 13, 2022:

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| • President | Kirsten Olsen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Christopher Sørensen | Term ending 2025 |
| • Board member | Daniel Aalto | Term ending 2025 |
| • Board member | John Sørensen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Bent Skousbøl | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Mette Rasmussen | Term ending 2023 |
| • Board member | Niels Hansen | Term ending 2024 |
| • Board member | Susanne Reid | Term ending 2024 |
| • Board member | Dorrit Morrow | Term ending 2024 |

12. Election of Auditors

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| • Outgoing | Valerie Sørensen | Term ending 2022 |
| • Returning | Margith Hansen | Term ending 2023 |

Kirsten Olsen nominated Valerie Sørensen, seconded by Daniel Aalto. Valerie Sørensen accepted the nomination, was elected by acclamation and will serve the term ending 2024.

For ACM 2023:

- Returning Valerie Sørensen Term ending 2024
- Outgoing Margith Hansen Term ending 2023

13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee:

- Outgoing Jeanna Baty Term ending 2022
- Returning Maria Hjort Guiney Term ending 2023
- Returning Birgit Wildenhoff Term ending 2024

Valerie Sørensen nominated Jeanna Baty, seconded by Daniel Aalto. Jeanna Baty accepted the nomination, was elected by acclamation and will be serving the term ending 2025.

For ACM 2023:

- Returning Jeanna Baty Term ending 2025
- Outgoing Maria Hjort Guiney Term ending 2023
- Returning Birgit Wildenhoff Term ending 2024

14. New Business:

Ansgar 100th Jubilee in 2023 – 17 September

Kirsten Olsen spoke to this point. How will we mark this important date of our little church turning 100 years old? Please come up with ideas for how to celebrate and contact the board and Pastor Lasse Hultberg with your ideas. Think about good stories and pictures to share and forward to the Board. The General Secretary from DSUK is invited and will come. The Board are contemplating others to invite.

15. Review and Approval of Minutes of ACM February 13, 2022

The minutes were read up aloud by Mette Rasmussen.

Motion was made by Alice Nickel to approve of the minutes of the 2022 ACM, seconded by Bent Skousbøl, all in favour and motion carried.

16. Adjournment – 13:44 pm

Kirsten Olsen thanked Jeanna Baty for being the Chairperson and Daniel Aalto for setting up the Zoom, and the members for attending. Kirsten Olsen expressed how she and all of us are looking forward to sitting around a table together, sharing coffee and food. She then went on to thank Pastor Lasse for doing an amazing job in this trying time: "We could not be happier and we appreciate your and your family dedication to the congregation". Lasse Hultberg in return appreciated Kirsten Olsen for her work and that she was always there for him to turn to for support.

Kirsten Olsen, President

 Date: July 6, 2022

Mette Rasmussen, Secretary

 Date: July 6, 2022

Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2022

This past year, we were gratified to resume regular monthly meetings in the Fall and begin to catch up with each other on the changes in our lives. Some of our older members have either relocated or pulled back in their labours, while a few new members and "friends" from the Congregation have joined us, helping to fill out the work teams. We usually have fourteen or fifteen women at our meetings now.

It feels like we have had a robust year, with renewed group membership and several very successful fundraising events. The extended pandemic forced us to get more creative last year, as needed to try to make up for our losses of the previous year. Last April, we held another On-line Bakesale, as the Christmas one had worked so well, which raised \$2,740.00. In June, we hosted another Frikadelle Contest in the Church, the results of which were enjoyed by all! In addition to having a new winner, Liz Walker, we managed to raise \$1,474.00. Although we couldn't hold it on St. Morten's Aften, unfortunately, in October we hosted another Duck Dinner in the Church that raised \$2,123.34. Finally, this past December, we were once again able to hold the Ansgar Christmas Bazaar at the Dutch Canadian Centre. To our amazement and delight, it was very well attended. The Smørrebrød sandwiches and Kringle were enjoyed by all! Some people had pre-ordered their Christmas baking this year, but many rushed to the Bake Table as always. In addition, the Christmas craft table, the Silent Auction, the several Raffles, and the Children's Crafts and Fishpond activities were all busy and backed up by some great Christmas fiddle tunes. Best of all though, was the opportunity for many family members to gather along with friends for the first time "in ages". The room was abuzz with chatter and laughter throughout! This event netted us \$11,672.95: the best we've managed in many years.

Finally, the provision of a Funeral Reception for the families who requested one netted \$1,832.00 this year.

All in all, the Ansgar Danish Women's group has contributed a net total of **\$19,843.03** to the Church for 2022. Thanks to the women in the Group and the many friends who have helped to make our work successful this year!

Jeanna Baty, Secretary

Hyggeklubben

Really appreciate getting together again for Hygge and Hugging in 2022. It was a real joy to see everyone ones again and we had a few of our friends come to share some of their life history.

We are now in 2023 and hope and pray for another great year. Welcome to you all on the third Wednesday of every month at 12:00.

Randi Mark

Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2022



Kuriakos exists to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, encourage and disciple. Kuriakos is a community set apart for all people to grow together in Christ.



SYLVAN LAKE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP ASSOCIATION

Report to Congregational Annual Meetings - January 2023

Kuriakos seeks to be accountable to the people, congregations and church bodies the Association serves. This report is for publication in congregational annual reports or distribution in newsletters. Electronic copies are available online at <https://kuriakos.ab.ca/about/congregations>

Thanks for your support of Kuriakos. We're privileged to work with your congregation.

Together, we are growing the next generation of leaders in our world and Church. At Kuriakos, we provide an opportunity for members of the Church to live together in a way that isn't always found in the outside world. Outdoor Ministry provides programs and facilities that bring people together in community, for connection, renewal, and re-creation. We look forward to using this special place, this holy ground, to support your leaders and members.

Get involved! visit kuriakos.ab.ca

- Let neighbours and friends know about the great community at Kuriakos
- Invite Kuriakos to lead a Camp Sunday service
- Volunteer for a Service Project or Committee
- Donate items for auction at Kuriakos Gathers Together, and join us on April 29
- Suggest to young folks in your community to join our staff or volunteer teams

2022 in REVIEW:

- New Family Camp options (and new pricing model) allowed a much more diverse group of participants, with families of all ages.
- Outreach efforts are paying off... we had many new families discover this community.
- KOS participation surpassed summer programs for the first time!
- **View our Courier for more updates and messages from staff**
www.kuriakos.ab.ca/about/contact-us, scroll to Kuriakos Courier

Staffing

In the past year, we've welcomed Amber Allen (Winnipeg) as our Hospitality Director, and Alexa Gomez (Mexico) as Program and Hospitality Assistant. Kelly, our Property Manager, will be leaving us at the end of February. We're grateful for his service here (and would appreciate new referrals for this important role). Our Association continues to be served by Kendra as Program Director, Paul as Assistant Director, and Rev. Art as Executive Director.

2022 Membership Partners - 24 Members - 5

Many congregations provide financial support as part of their annual budgets or through special gifts. Program revenue covers roughly 40% of the cost of hosting campers. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless kids and families in need, giving them the best week of their year. Consider promoting a Kuriakos retreat as a congregational event, or sponsoring camperships for your local community.

Program Participation

- Summer Kids/Youth - 11 programs, with 145 campers and 755 camper-days
- Summer Family/Adult - 4 programs, representing 62 families with 161 campers and 774 camper-days
- Community Campground - 43 bookings raising over \$5000
- Retreats - 9 programs, with 171 campers and 513 camper-days
- KOS - we hosted 14 school events, with 571 students and 1223 camper-days
- Rentals - we hosted 88 events over 517 nights, for a total of 3059 individuals and 11,134 camper days. 227 guests joined us for programmed activities.
- Online Programs - 3 programs with 45 participants

Volunteer Support

Our community depends on volunteer involvement. We benefited from over 100 volunteers offering over 5000 hours! This includes nearly 500 hours for our governance Board and Committees, plus 1100 on Property projects and 3000 in support of programs.

AGM: The 2022 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2:30 pm, March 25, 2023 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer). Virtual attendance is available.

2023 Program Dates at Kuriakos and online

Winter

Weekly Wed Bible Study	Jan 18-Mar 8
Homeschool Days	Last Monday
Campus Student Retreat	Jan 20-22
Confirmation Retreat	Feb 3-5
Men's Retreat	Feb 3-5
Family Day Getaway	Feb 17-20
Youth Retreat	March 10-12

Spring

Renew Women's Retreat at Mulhurst Camp	Mar 24-26
Renew Women's Retreat at Kuriakos	Mar 31-Apr 2
Way of Christ	April 13-16
Kuriakos Gathers Together	April 29
Family May Days (volunteer)	May 19-21
Kuriakos Open House	June 25

Summer

Day Camps and Service weeks can be booked throughout the summer! Contact our office.

Week 1

Prime Time	July 2-7
Senior Youth	July 2-7
Jr Adventure Canoe Trip I	July 2-7

Week 2

Junior Youth	July 9-14
Leaders in Training	July 9-14
Kids' Adventure I	July 9-14

Week 3

Family Camp I	July 16-21
Jr Adventure Canoe Trip II	July 16-21

Week 4

Kids' Adventure II	July 23-28
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Week 5

Kids' Camp (5 nights)	Jul 30 - Aug 4
Mini Camp	August 2-4

Week 6

Skills Camp	August 7-11
Kids' Camp (4 nights)	August 7-11

Week 7

Family Camp II	August 13-18
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Weekend

Family Retreat	August 18-20
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Week 8

Family Camp III	August 21-24
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Fall

Retreat of Our Own	Sep 15-17
Family Adventure Weekend	Sep 22-24
Thanksgiving at the Lake	Oct 13-15
Women's Retreat	Nov 3-5
Fall Confirmation Retreat	Nov 24-26
Christmas Retreat	Dec 1-3
Monthly Online Bible Studies	Thursdays

FINANCES: The tentative budget for 2023 proposes an annual operational revenue of \$701,785.

While we continue to experience lingering financial stress from the pandemic closures, both programs and rentals seem to be moving back toward previous levels. We have seen increased costs, particularly in staffing and supplies, and have raised program and rental rates accordingly. We do not anticipate acquiring any new debt, and will be launching a capital campaign in the coming months to allow investment in land, programs, and facilities for the future of this community.

Percentage of Operating Revenue (as reflected in the 2022 preliminary statements)

Donations + Fundraising	25%	Programs	27%	Operational Grants	14%
Rental Groups	32%	Property Income	2%		

Kuriakos Debt Load	Dec 31/2022	Dec 31/2021	Dec 31/2020	Dec 31/2019
Total Debt Load:	\$465,835	\$523,535.12	\$540,323.23	\$516,103.38

CURRENT KURIAKOS BOARD (Term: March 2022 – March 2023)

Chairperson: Dave Christiansen (Rocky Mountain House) **Vice-Chair:** Kari Ree Grahlman (Calgary)
Treasurer: Rev. Phil Penrod (Beaumont) **Secretary:** Michael Gillingham (Sherwood Park)
Vision Committee: Leah Wetter (Calgary), Kurt Hanson (Calgary)
Risk Management Committee: Jim Allen (Rocky Mountain House), Debbie Kemp (Airdrie)
Sustainability Committee: Ron Bjorge (Red Deer), Anthony Woloszyn (Edmonton)

Board-level volunteer opportunities include the Kuriakos Board, the Vision, Sustainability, or Risk Management Committees. Additional working groups are established to assist staff with duties, including Program, Property, and Fundraising Work Groups. These committees are generally short-term and focused on a specific task or event. We'd love to add you to our teams!

Camp Sundays

Our team would love to join your congregation for worship, as a part of our partnership in ministry. We can help lead songs, share a devotional message, or lead activities for kids. Then we'd join announcements at the end and hand out S'More kits to go. Contact alexa@kuriakos.ab.ca to set up a date!

Kuriakos Day Camps and Service Teams

Partner Congregations are invited to request teams of 2-3 Kuriakos Summer Staff to come to their congregation for a week, to join in their ministry. As Jesus sent out his Disciples in Luke Chapter 10, staff will be sent out to serve in your congregation. Service Teams may serve in many ways, from leading a VBS group, to serving meals, leading worship, or participating in community projects.

For Day Camps, we're looking for congregations to partner with us in this local initiative. We'll take care of staff, activities, and registration; you help with marketing, volunteers and hosting staff.

Proposals for Day Camps and Service Teams can be submitted online at kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/service-teams.

Looking ahead to 2023

- **Congregational Staff Retreat Day on May 16** – We're hosting a free retreat and networking day. Enjoy lunch and the afternoon at camp, plus time to learn, reflect and share with colleagues and peers.
- **Community Camping** – Book a tent or RV campsite at Kuriakos for your family! Available on select weekends in the summer.
- **Online Bible Studies for adults** (Jan-Mar session can still be joined, and more sessions coming through the spring and next fall).
- **Kuriakos Gathers Together Fundraiser** - Join us in-person or online on April 29th for our annual celebration and auction.
- **Family Camps (including a new weekend option!)** – (4 in July and August). Come for 1 day or stay for the whole week. Perfect for Grandparents, large/busy families, or folks who have limited time.
- **Looking for Great Staff:** We appreciate referrals of summer staff, SITS (age 14-16), STANDS (age 16-18), GAPS (age 18+), Interns, spring and fall programmers, nurses, and resource people. Apply online or email kendra@kuriakos.ab.ca for more info.

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Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2022

Looking back at 2022, many of us will probably think of the war in Ukraine more than anything else. This war has been a great concern to most of us, and a stark reminder that the world will never be a perfect place to live. We live in a world with so much evil and with so many challenges. We can never, and maybe we should never even try to make the world perfect. We will inevitably fail. However, we must never lose faith and hope because of the hard realities of the world. There is after all in our lives also so much good and so many blessings. And our little Church is here to remind you of the immense joy in our world and to carry the burdens with you through times of trial.

Our Church is, for sure, here for you as for many other people in sickness as health, in times of grief and sorrow as in joy and happiness. Here in our Church, we have one day a funeral, but then the next a baptism. One Sunday, we remember our loved ones as at All Saints. Another Sunday, we worship with the kids in a fun manner as at Fastelavn. The Church is here for you in all aspects of life. The Church is here to support you and to enrich your life and bear it in all its ups and downs. The Church is here for you in whatever life God, the Almighty, has and will bestow upon you. Our Church must with the words of Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans always: "rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn," and be there in any life situation and for all people who find a spiritual home at Ansgar.

2022 has been the first post pandemic year. In the beginning of the year, more specifically February 27, the Fastelavn family service was unfortunately cancelled because of the Covid-restriction. Until the last days before the service, I still hoped for the regulations to be lifted or at least eased, but we were disappointed once again. However, soon after Fastelavn, we were all "released", and we have gone almost back to normal with weekly Sunday Services and many special celebrations. We have also enjoyed potlucks at Easter and Pentecost, and some Sundays we have had children's programs. I really enjoyed it all, but especially when we had a visit of staff from Camp Kuriakos. Many families came for this fun worship service. And it was great advertising for our own family camp at Kuriakos as well as for the programs run by the Camp Kuriakos.

It is also worth noting that we had two great services together with closest Lutheran neighbours at Saint John followed by fellowship. It is great to know that we are not an isolated island in the Canadian Church landscape, but that we have close friends and fellow Lutherans not even a block away from us.

There have been many other wonderful events and meetings in the past year, but should I mention just one more, it is the Church Family Service the 3rd Sunday in Advent, followed by "julestue" in the Church Basement. The highlight of the afternoon was the Nativity Pageant performed by children from the congregation. It was wonderful to see the kids in action. See how they engaged themselves in the story and gave us all a new perspective on the old story. Thank you, Mia, Isaac, Morgan, McKenzie, Hugo, Frederik, Linea, Thaddæus, Henrik. You gave us faith and hope, faith and hope for our little Church, and sparked a light in our hearts that will give us courage and strength to work hard for our little congregation for a long time to come. Please, all of you who care for your little Church, rise and join us in this wonderful and meaningful work.

God bless our little congregation. God bless our Church,

Pastor Lasse

President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2022

In 2022, we were finally able to return to in-person services, which were much needed and welcomed! Being together during the church service and socializing over coffee in the basement normalized things again.

As you are aware, in the last several years we have shown an operating deficit which has necessitated us using our reserve funds. This continues to be a concern.

Since then, we have received a very generous gift from Granly Church in Surrey, BC. Granly Church was forced to close as there are now too few members to support a congregation. The sale of their church made it possible to share funds with the other DSUK churches in Canada. We were told that the amount we would receive would be around one million dollars. At that time, the Board was asked what our needs are and to submit suggestions for how we might use the donated funds. The clear stipulation was that the funds should not be used for daily operating costs, but for special projects which would revitalize the Church.

The list the Board came up with included: parking space, musical instruments (organ and piano), audio visual equipment, better lighting in the Sanctuary, renewing the Church entrance (in need of repairs) and programs for youth. We also indicated that we want to review a possible extension to existing basement space, to enable hosting events in addition to the church services.

In May, Pastor Lasse, Frederikke and I were invited to the closing ceremony in Granly. On Saturday, we enjoyed a fine dinner with speeches and songs. Then, we attended the Sunday service which began in their small church and finished later in a tent with space for everyone. Closing the Granly Church after 60 years was of course sad, but also heartening because of the promise of funds to help other DSUK churches in Canada.

However, here at Ansgar we still need to generate a regular income to keep our Church afloat. A money-making initiative we have tried this year in collaboration with the Calgary congregation, is the Ansgar On-Line Market. Bringing this tasty bit of Denmark to Edmonton through the two sales we undertook this year, is one of the ways we've made money for the Church. In addition, our Women's Group produced liver paste and ryebread and special Marzipan Easter Eggs, which we sold on-line during the pandemic. Once we were able to meet again, they continued to put on a Frikadeller Supper, Duck Dinner and Christmas Bazaar to provide funds for Church daily operation. Of course, we still rely heavily on contributions from the congregation and the membership!

In the Spring, the owner of the house next to the Church (on the northside) came to us with an offer to sell the house. We had recently learned of the upcoming Granly donation, so we considered the possibility of using that lot for parking, which is much needed. At a Special Congregational Meeting in June we got the "go ahead" from the membership to purchase. However, after consideration the Board couldn't accept the seller's price.

Soon after that, the house to the east of the parsonage (across the alley) came up for sale and in the continued hope of providing parking there, we got permission from a SCM in August to proceed with the purchase of that property. In August, we also learned that the amount of funds we would be receiving from Granly would be 1.7 million dollars! The property was purchased and we took possession in mid-November. The house is currently boarded up and fenced-in while we investigate our options for use of the property.

In the Fall, our application to work at a casino was approved, although we don't yet know when in the next few years that will be. Providing volunteers to assist running a casino is another way for not-for-profit organizations like ourselves to earn operational funds.

Thinking back over 2022.... a lot has happened at Ansgar. Sunday Services in English and Danish are ongoing, but special activities have featured too: special Sundays like Candlemas, All Saints, Family Sundays, shared services with St. John's Lutheran down the street, General Prayer day (Store Bededag) Walk; as well as Family Camp Kuriakos at Sylvan Lake, musical concerts, Bible Study Group, the Nativity Pageant followed by Julestue and the various special events hosted by the Women's Groups. Both the Women's Group and Hyggeklubben have resumed their regularly monthly meetings now. It's been a busy year!

Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to work with a committed, active Board of Directors, and I am very grateful for that. Thanks to you all!

A big "thank you" also to Pastor Lasse and Frederikke for their tireless and dedicated work for Ansgar! We are so fortunate to have you here in Edmonton and appreciate all you contribute to our Ansgar family. Your children, Thaddæus, Ambrosius and Cordelius, have added a richness to our congregation by sharing their musical talents, by their zest for life and by their frequent presence. It has been a pleasure to see them grow and develop in our midst.

A big "thank you" also to all the volunteers who have put in countless hours fixing, baking, cooking, organizing, packing, cleaning, washing up, doing BBQ's, putting together a Newsletter, singing, organizing on-line sales, window washing, teaching Sunday School and much more. Our church would not be as vibrant as it is without all your efforts!

This next year promises to be just as busy, with ongoing planning for Church improvements and expectations for Ansgar's 100-year Anniversary to be celebrated in September 2023. I look forward to sharing time together with you all throughout the year.

Kirsten Olsen

President, Board of Directors

Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2022


BALANCE SHEET

For Period ended December 31,2022

Current Assets		
Cash on hand		4,140.00
Bank Accounts		139,157.41
T-Bill Savings Acct		38.45
Prepaid Expenses		7,440.28
Total Current Assets		150,776.14
Long Term Investments		
GIC Term Investments		1,400,000.00
Accrued Term Interest		7228.39
Enbridge shares		41,351.35
Total Long Term Investments		1,448,579.74
Fixed Assets		
Church Building	111,499.31	
Accumulated Depreciation	-106,759.31	4,740.00
Manse	227,062.40	
Accumulated Depreciation	-224,628.08	2,434.32
Elevator	127,305.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	-38,403.14	88,901.86
Equipment & fixtures	6,354.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	-3,960.63	2,393.37
Computer Equipment	1,292.84	
Accumulated Depreciation	-1,041.16	251.68
Land (includes parking acquisition)		350,900.00
Total Fixed Assets		449,621.23
Total Assets		<u>2,048,977.11</u>
Current Liabilities		
	-5,500.00	
Long Term Liabilities		
	0.00	
Total Liabilities		5,500.00
Equity		
Beginning Equity	367,219.66	
Net surplus for the year	1,676,257.45	
Ending Equity		2,043,477.11
Total Liabilities & Equity		<u>2,048,977.11</u>

Audited by:


Valerie Sorensen


Margith Hansen

Signed at Edmonton January 12,2023

Statement of Income & Disbursements

Receipts:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Open Donations Non Tax Receiptable	9,019.56	22,663.78
Donations Tax Receiptable	113,618.80	86,480.97
Church Service Fees	250.00	100.00
Fund Raising Events	5,376.46	15,285.85
Interest and Investment	2,551.29	10,717.69
GST Recovered Rebates	417.50	524.56
Gifts from other Charities	9,730.43	1,700,924.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	140,964.04	1,836,696.85
Disbursements:		
Activities Outside Canada DSUK	110,369.00	100,837.00
Charitable Activities Expense	6,437.68	5,458.96
GST Expense	881.79	1,490.71
Management & Administration Expense	8,388.67	13,697.06
Occupancy Costs	15,147.38	32,773.28
Depreciation expense	6,713.04	6,182.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	147,937.56	160,439.40
Surplus for the Year 2022	-6,973.52	1,676,257.45

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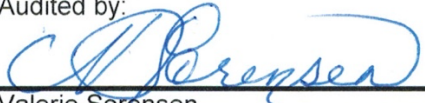
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Cash Flow Statement


For the period ended December 31,2022

Cash balance forward December 31,2021		74,234.69
Inflow		
Cash received from donations & fundraising	1,836,696.85	
Reduction of Prepaid Accounts	973.72	
Less Accrued interest GICs	-7,228.39	
Increase in Cash		1,830,442.18
Outflow		
Cash disbursements for operational expenses	160,439.40	
Less: Non cash depreciation expense	-6,182.39	
Reduction of debt	29,684.00	
Property Acquisition for parking	177,400.00	
Long term GIC Investments Aquired	1,400,000.00	
Decrease in cash		1,761,341.01
Net Increase in cash		69,101.17
Ending Cash Balance as at Dec 31,2022		<u>143,335.86</u>

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Statistical Report

2022 Attendance

		Service	attendance	holy communion
January	danish	2	26	23
	english	3	41	31
February	danish	1	19	16
	english	3	44	37
March	danish	2	36	31
	english	2	55	35
April	danish	2	27	21
	english	4	125	72
May	danish	1	42	30
	english	2	42	15
June	danish	2	34	19
	english	2	63	22
July	danish	2	32	25
	english	3	85	53
August	danish	1	13	9
	english	2	33	24
September	danish	1	13	12
	english	3	69	19
October	danish	1	17	16
	english	4	77	60
November	danish	1	22	21
	english	3	95	63
December	danish	2	60	21
	english	4	129	11
				0
Totals	Danish	18	341	244
	English	35	858	442
Totals	All services	53	1199	686

**All church services broadcast on You-tube and Facebook due to Covid 19
Attendance only recorded when services were held in the church**

Avg Attendance	Danish	19 per service
	English	25 per service
Avg Communion	Danish	14 per service
	English	16 per service
% of Services	Danish	28%
	English	72%

Proposed Budget for 2023

	PROPOSED <u>2022</u>	ACTUAL <u>2022</u>	PROPOSED <u>2023</u>
Charitable Activities	2,500.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
Programs Expense	6,500.00	3,058.96	10,000.00
GST Expense	1,000.00	1,490.71	1,000.00
Management & Administration Expense	30,000.00	44,845.34	50,000.00
Professional Expense	110,000.00	102,462.00	110,000.00
Depreciation Expense (non cash)	6,500.00	6,182.39	6,000.00
Provision for Congregation Assistance Fund	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	158,500.00	160,439.40	181,500.00

Approved by the Board January 10,2023

Proposed Special Projects Budget for 2023

		PROPOSED <u>2023</u>
Manse Improvements:		
New roof for house and garage	25,000.00	
Furnace & Air Conditioning	12,000.00	
Kitchen & Living Room open concept renovation	50,000.00	
Basement update and completion	10,000.00	97,000.00
Sanctuary Improvements:		
New Lighting	15,000.00	
Audio - Visual equipment	15,000.00	
New Organ	50,000.00	
New Piano	15,000.00	
Heating in Foyer	2,000.00	
Entrance Door and Stainglass Window	25,000.00	122,000.00
House and/or Parking Lot Project:		
Property Developement	150,000.00	150,000.00
100th Anniverssary Celebration Event	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Special Projects		394,000.00

Approved by the Board January 10,2023

2.3 Election to the Church Board of Directors

2.2 Qualifications

A member shall be qualified to be on the Church Board of Directors if:

- a) That person is an active Member who has been a Member of the Church for at least six months
- b) that person is over the age of 18 years
- c) that person does not have a status of a bankrupt; and
- d) that person is mentally competent

2.3.1. Nominations

Persons possessing the qualifications set out in Article 2.2 can be nominated for election to the Church Board of Directors.

2.3.3. Additional Nominations

Nominations for candidates for a position on the Church Board of Directors can also be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting by any active Member, providing that any candidate, so nominated, agrees to let his or her name stand for a position on the Church Board of Directors. These nominations can be made in addition to a slate of candidates made to the Nominations Committee.

2.3.4 Nomination and Election of the President

The President is elected by a simple majority vote, using ballot procedure. If the President is elected from the existing Church Board of Directors, another Member is elected to the Board as a substitute in this position for the one year he/she is President. If a substitute for the President is required, he who received the 4th highest number of votes is elected to that position.

2.3.5 Nomination of Remaining Board Members

In electing the other three Members, three names can be written on the ballot. The three who receive the most votes are elected.

2.4 TERM OF OFFICE

The President is elected for a one-year term at each Annual Congregational Meeting; the remaining nine Board Members are elected for a three-year term in such a manner that three are elected each year. The Pastor is a permanent Member of the Board.

Vacant Positions

Term Expires

President, 1 year term	February 2024
1 board member, 1 year term	February 2024
3 board members, each for a 3 year term	February 2026
1 auditor, 2 year term	February 2025
1 pastor selection committee, 3 year term	February 2026

New Business