

ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
for the year 2021

February 13, 2022



Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church



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# AGENDA

for the Annual Congregational Meeting of Ansgar Church  
February 13, 2022, 12:30 pm via ZOOM

1. Opening Prayer by Pastor Lasse Hultberg
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Approval of Agenda
4. The minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021
5. Business arising from the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021
6. Reports presented in the printed ACM handout.
7. Pastor's Report
8. President's Report
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Proposed Budget for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
11. Election of Church Board Members:
  - OUTGOING:*
  - 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:*
  - 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:
  - Outgoing Valerie Sørensen Term ending 2022
  - Returning 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
14. New Business:
  - Ansgar 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2023
15. Review and Approval of Minutes of ACM February 13, 2022
16. Adjournment

# MINUTES

## of the Annual Congregational Meeting for the year 2020 February 28, 2021 via ZOOM

19 voting members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 pm by President Valerie Sorensen who recognized a quorum of voting members.

1. **Opening Prayer** by Pastor Lasse Hultberg.
2. **Election of chairperson. Nominations from the floor.** The Board nominated Jeanna Baty who accepted. Jeanna Baty was elected by acclamation.
3. **Approval of agenda.** Jeanna Baty informed the meeting that there were 3 corrections to the agenda. The agenda was adopted as corrected.
4. **The minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**  
There were no questions or corrections. The minutes were for information only and accepted as presented.
5. **Business arising from the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**
  - a. **Financial Planning and Cash Flow.** Treasurer Bent Skousbøl gave a report detailing how ADLC has been working to improve participation by the membership in monthly giving plans.  
Questions and comments from the floor: Mette Rasmussen asked how many now participate and Bent replied 22. Mette then asked about support from DSUK and Bent clarified that ADLC receives no financial support from DSUK.
6. **Reports presented in the printed ACM handout.**

**Birthday Dollars.** The report was prepared by Bent Skousbøl  
**Danish Women's Club.** The report was prepared by Jeanna Baty  
**Ansgar Men's Breakfast.** The report was prepared by Kaj Nicolajsen.  
**Camp Kuriakos.** The printed report from Camp Kuriakos to Congregational Annual Meetings in 2018 had been prepared by Rev. Art Weiss, Executive Director of Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association.  
**Hyggeklubben.** The report was prepared by Randi Mark.  
**Coffee Fund.** No report was prepared due to no activity.

Questions and comments from the floor: Jeanna Baty enquired whether Birthday Dollars was still active. Bent Skousbøl replied that it was and explained how it works. Valerie Sorensen spoke of the history of the fund. Bent Skousbøl clarified the fund streams into General Revenue. No other questions to the Groups arose.
7. **Pastor's Report.** The report for the year 2020 prepared by Pastor Lasse Hultberg. No questions arose.
8. **President's Report.** The report for the year 2020 was prepared by Valerie Sørensen. No questions arose.
9. **Treasurer's Report.** 1) The 'Balance Sheet, 2) the Operating Statement and Disbursements for 2019-2020, 3) the Cash Flow Statement and 4) the Statistical Report 2020 were presented as prepared by treasurer Bent Skousbol.  
Questions from the floor:

Jeanna Baty inquired about Donations from Individuals and Bent Skousbøl explained that the amount was down due to the suspended activities because of the pandemic. Lasse Hultberg noted that the Board had decided early in year to minimize fundraising requests to the congregation because of the unknown financial effects of Covid on people. Kirsten Olsen mentioned that the Board had focused more of its efforts on making sure our membership was kept aware of the Church's availability to them rather than adding to their stresses. Jeanna Baty, Kirsten Olsen, and Lasse Hultberg all spoke about the Phone committee whose focus was on connecting with members during the pandemic.

Dorrit Morrow commented that while some members have been greatly affected, many of the congregation members are still able to help financially; that the Christmas Bake Sale worked well; and that similar fundraising efforts should be planned for 2021.

Alice Nickel inquired how many Active members ADLC has, to which Bent replied approximately 300, thus sparking a short discussion about the members/non-members and active/non-active status.

Dorrit Morrow suggested that the Board consider a one-time newsletter issue with a Financial Plea on the front page, which the Board agreed to consider.

***Motion: Alice Nickel moved to accept the Reports as presented. Kirsten Olsen seconded. The motion was carried.***

- 10. Proposed Budget for January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021.** Bent Skousbøl presented the proposed budget of 165,000.00 for the year 2021. Bent noted the expenses for 2020 were lower as was the income and that as much as possible was being done to keep the expenses down for the coming year. Several factors affected expected Expenses including a pay raise for the pastor and the DKK to CDN\$ exchange rate. There are no improvements planned for the coming year.

Questions from the floor:

Hanne Roemer expressed concern about the ability to generate the funds required in the budget; and questioned whether members are aware it is a commitment of the members to provide that funding. Bent Skousbøl replied that she is correct and that it is up to the members to provide the funds they have approved.

Robert Erling Hansen asked whether ADLC could set up a GO-Fund-Me page to generate donations. Bent said he is not overly familiar with the platform; that he is not certain of the CRA regulations in that regard; and that ADLC will not consider anything that could jeopardize its Non-Profit Charitable Status. Valerie Sorensen said she would investigate the possibility.

Lis Walker suggested fundraising by way of holding a Lottery or 50/50 Draw to generate income. Bent Skousbøl replied that ADLC isn't able to do it directly due to CRA restrictions but that many times in the past, various Groups have held lotteries/draws. The Group has then donated the profit to ADLC.

Hanne Roemer inquired as to the state of the other DSUK churches in Canada. Valerie Sørensen reported that all have varying issues. Lasse Hultberg said that Surrey church will possibly close due to a lack of members; Calgary has amalgamated their 2 churches, one of which was sold thereby providing them with a financial cushion. All of the churches have similar problems to ADLC with membership numbers and financial challenges.

***Motion: Bent Skousbøl moved to accept the Proposed Budget 2021. Valerie Sørensen seconded. The motion was carried.***

## **11. Election of Church Board Members.**

Chairperson Jeanna Baty thanked outgoing and returning members for their service on the Church Board.

### **Outgoing members:**

President Valerie Sorensen	Term ending February 2021
Board Member Gunnar K. Jensen	Term ending February 2021
Board Member Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2021

Board Member Brian Mogensen	Term ending February 2021
<b>Returning members:</b>	
Board Member Jette Badre	Term ending February 2022
Board Member Kirsten Olsen	Term ending February 2022
Board Member Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2022
Board Member John Sørensen	Term ending February 2023
Board Member Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2023
Board Member Mette Rasmussen	Term ending February 2023

### **Election of President.**

Valerie Sorensen nominated Kirsten Olsen. Alice Nickel seconded. Kirsten Olsen accepted the nomination and resigned from her position as Board Member. There were no other nominations and Kirsten Olsen was elected by acclamation.

### **Election of Church Board Members**

Jeanna Baty briefly explained the Board's responsibilities and stated that 3 board members would retire and 3 persons should be elected each for a 3-year term. Jeanna also reminded the meeting that Kirsten Olsen's resignation requires one person be elected to replace her for a one year term.

- Marina Allemano nominated Alice Nickel who declined.
- Bent Skousbøl nominated Marina Allemano who declined.
- Bent Skousbøl nominated Hanne Roemer who declined.
- Bent Skousbøl nominated Birgit Wildenhoff who declined.
- Kirsten Olsen nominated Susanne Reid who accepted (in writing as she was not in attendance).
- Kirsten Olsen nominated Niels Hansen who accepted (in writing as he was not in attendance).
- Kirsten Olsen nominated Dorrit Morrow who accepted

Nominations were closed.

The above slate of nominees: Susanne Reid, Niels Hansen and Dorrit Morrow as nominated by Kirsten Olsen were seconded by Hanne Roemer and elected by acclamation each for a 3-year term.

Chairperson Jeanna Baty clarified that the Board can appoint a Board Member for a one-year term if need be if no replacement for an out-going Board member is elected.

### **New Church Board of Directors as of February 28, 2021:**

Kirsten Olsen, President	Term ending February 2022
Jette Badre	Term ending February 2022
Christopher Sørensen	Term ending February 2022
John Sørensen	Term ending February 2023
Bent Skousbøl	Term ending February 2023
Mette Rasmussen	Term ending February 2023
Susanne Reid	Term ending February 2024
Niels Hansen	Term ending February 2024
Dorrit Morrow	Term ending February 2024

**12. Election of Auditors**

**Outgoing:**

Dorrit Morrow **Resigned** Term ending February 2022  
Margith Hansen Term ending February 2021

Kirsten Olsen nominated Margith Hansen. Dorrit Morrow seconded. Margith Hansen, who was absent, had accepted the nomination in advance of the meeting.

Bent Skousbøl nominated Valerie Sorensen, Dorrit Morrow seconded. Valerie accepted.

Nominations were closed.

Margith Hansen was elected for a 2 year term, Valerie Sorensen was elected for a 1-year term, both by acclamation.

**Auditors as of February 24, 2019:**

Margith Hansen Term ending February 2023  
Valerie Sørensen Term ending February 2022

**13. Election of Pastoral Selection Committee.**

**Returning:**

Jeanna Baty Term ending February 2022  
Maria Hjort Guiney Term ending February 2023

**Outgoing:**

Birgit Wildenhoff Term ending February 2021

Alice Nickel nominated Birgit Wildenhoff. Erik Wildenhoff seconded. Birgit Wildenhoff accepted and as there were no further nominations, was elected by acclamation.

**Pastor Selection Committee as of February 24, 2019:**

Jeanna Baty Term ending February 2022  
Maria Hjort Guiney Term ending February 2023  
Birgit Wildenhoff Term ending February 2024

**14. New Business.**

Valerie Sorensen confirmed that there was no new business for the ACM.

**15. Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of February 28, 2021.** The minutes were taken by Metter Rasmussen. Valerie stated that the Minutes of the Meeting would be available within 2 weeks.

**16. Adjournment**

Valerie Sorensen thanked Jeanna for acting as Chairperson. Kirsten Olsen thanked Valerie Sorensen for her service. Valerie Sorensen thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting at 3:15p.m.

Kirsten Olsen, Incoming President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mette Rasmussen, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Danish Women's Club Report to the Annual Meeting 2021

Unfortunately, the Danish Women's Group has been unable to meet in the Church since early 2020, because of COVID closures. The church women excel at working together preparing baked goods and crafts for sales, receptions for funerals and putting on dinners for special occasions. However, during this peculiar time, our efforts to raise money in support of the Church have been seriously impeded. We have held no Duck Dinner on Morten's Aften and no Spring Supper and Bingo for two years. But with the help of other members of the congregation, we have modified how we present the Christmas Bazaar, and carried it off with heartening success.

As we did last year, we ran the Bake Sale on-line, and this year added in the on-line sale of the Smørrebrød sandwiches. Twenty-one volunteer bakers prepared, donated and delivered several hundreds of baked goods to the Church and the Smørrebrød team prepared nearly three hundred open-faced sandwiches in the Church basement. On November 27<sup>th</sup>, people from all over the City and surrounding area picked up their purchased goods, had a chat on the front steps with each other and the Pastor, resulting in a very successful Christmas Sales event! Many thanks to the all the volunteers. We'd like to particularly to thank Alice Nickel and Birgit Wildenhoff who took on the leadership of the on-line Bake Sale and Sandwich Sale. Of course, we want to thank our loyal customers without whom this year's sales would not have been an all-round success!

The proceeds from the 2021 Bake Sale and the Sandwich Sale were \$6,577.30. An additional \$950.00 dollars was raised this year, mostly through the provision of funeral receptions. So, **\$7527.30** will be donated to the Church by the Women's Group this year.

Although we have been unable to meet for so long, we did enjoy two completely social events during the Summer and Fall. In July, Jeanna and Kirsten hosted a coffee party on a sunny day in their backyard, which everyone attended, including three new committee members. Then in September, we were able to combine Else Woller's long- anticipated Danish Fall Luncheon with the visit of the DSUK Bishop and her husband, who were visiting Edmonton briefly. We all utilized the chance to talk and catch up, as well as enjoy the excellent cuisine. Meanwhile, we're all looking forward to resuming regular meetings soon!

*Jeanna Baty, Secretary*  
*January 24, 2022*

## Ansgar Men's Breakfast

As there has been minimal activity in this group over the year 2021, no report will be submitted at this time.

## Hyggeklubben

As there has been minimal activity in this group over the year 2021, no report will be submitted at this time.

## Coffee Fund and Miscellaneous

As there has been minimal activity in this fund over the year 2021, no report will be submitted at this time.

# Camp Kuriakos Report to the Annual Meeting 2021



*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.*

# KURIAKOS

## SYLVAN LAKE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP ASSOCIATION

### Report to Congregational Annual Meetings - January 2022

*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 [www.kuriakos.ab.ca/about/congregations](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/about/congregations)*

This summer and fall have breathed life back into our buildings and site. Our summer team was amazing at hosting campers and camp-grounders, and they created new opportunities for joining the community at Kuriakos. Then at Thanksgiving, we finally got the party we've been waiting for! A year older, we celebrated our 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and joined in gratitude for the experiences we have shared here. With everyone pitching in, it was a perfect event for a place that is based on community!

**Get involved!** visit [kuriakos.ab.ca](http://kuriakos.ab.ca)

- Let neighbours and friends know about the great community at Kuriakos
- Join the SHOUT OUT Team to champion Kuriakos in your congregation
- Volunteer for a Service Project or Committee
- Donate items for auction at Kuriakos Gathers Together, and join us for dinner on April 30.

### 2021 in REVIEW:

This year, we successfully hosted summer, retreat, and school programs with appropriate precautions... plus our new slate of online offerings.

- 6 monthly Bible Study series with local and regional leaders.
- Summer offerings for all ages, mostly in small groups at the Wilderness Site.
- New Community Camping program, providing "campground" rentals and activities.
- 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Kuriakos Gathers Together (online) and Thanksgiving (in-person). Raised nearly \$80,000 for our Anniversary fund.
- Successful and busy fall school season, despite challenges in hiring internationally.
- **View our Courier for more updates and messages from staff**  
[www.kuriakos.ab.ca/about/contact-us](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca/about/contact-us), scroll to Kuriakos Courier

We're delighted to announce we have hired Amber Allen as our Registrar and Hospitality Manager. Our Association continues to be served by Kendra as Program Director, Kelly as Property Manager, Paul as Assistant Director, and Rev. Art as Executive Director.

**2021 Membership** Partners - 15 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. If your congregation is able to make a donation or finance a local Campership Fund (\$23k in 2019), please contact the office.

### Program Participation

- Summer Kids/Youth programs - 7 programs, with 99 campers and 495 camper-nights
- Community Camping program - 99 Bookings from 67 families
- Day Camp at Good Shepherd Red Deer - 15 campers, plus volunteers
- Retreats - 5 programs, with 101 campers and 212 camper-nights
- KOS - we hosted 8 schools over 10 nights, for a total of 383 students.
- Rentals - we hosted 35 events over 149 nights, for a total of 983 individuals and 2506 camper nights. Many groups chose to delay their event until 2022.
- Online Programs - 8 programs with 108 participants

### Volunteer Support

Our community depends on volunteer involvement. We benefited from 147 volunteers offering over 3200 hours! This includes nearly 500 hours for our governance Board and Committees, plus 1500 on Property projects and 1200 in support of programs.

**AGM:** The 2021 financial review will be completed and ready for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2:30 pm, March 26, 2022 @ Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (40 Holmes Street, Red Deer). Virtual attendance is encouraged (and may be the only option!).

### 2022 Program Dates at Kuriakos and online

Winter	
Connecting with the O.T.	Thurs Jan-Feb
Confirmation Retreat	Feb 4-6
Men's Retreat	Feb 4-6
Family Day Getaway	Feb 18-21
Youth Retreat	March 11-13
Monthly Online Bible Studies	Thursdays
Spring	
Renew Women's Retreat	April 1-3
Homeschool Days	Last Monday
Way of Christ	April 21-24
Kuriakos Gathers Together	April 30
Family May Days (volunteer)	May 13-15
Kuriakos Open House	June 26
Summer	
Week 1	
Prime Time	July 3-6
Senior Youth	July 3-8
Jr Adventure Canoe Trip I	July 3-8
Week 2	
Junior Youth	July 10-15
Leaders in Training	July 10-15
Kids' Adventure I	July 10-15
Week 3	
Family Camp I	July 17-22
Jr Adventure Canoe Trip II	July 17-22
Day Camp I*	July 18-22
Week 4	
Kids' Adventure II	July 24-29
SERVICE WEEK I*	July 24-29
Day Camp II*	July 25-29
Week 5	
Skills Camp (MAD, Sports, Photo)	August 1-5
Kids' Camp (4 nights)	August 1-5
Week 6	
Kids' Camp (5 nights)	August 7-12
Mini Camp	August 10-12
Week 7	
Family Camp II	August 14-19
Day Camp III*	August 15-19
Week 8	
Family Camp III	August 22-25
SERVICE WEEK II*	August 21-26
Day Camp IV*	August 22-26
Fall	
Retreat of Our Own	Sep 9-11
Family Adventure Weekend	Sept 9-11
Thanksgiving at the Lake	Oct 14-16
Women's Retreat	Nov 4-6
Fall Confirmation Retreat	Nov 25-27
Monthly Online Bible Studies	Thursdays

\*partnership opportunities

**FINANCES:** The tentative budget for 2022 proposes an annual operational revenue of \$694,795.

As with other organizations, COVID-19 has had severe impacts on our budget (as reflected in the revenue below). Fortunately, a combination of government loans and grants, plus careful management, staffing changes, and the generosity of our community, has stabilized our operations. However, 2022 will continue to be challenging as we work toward re-opening our programs and facilities.

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

Donations + Fundraising	29%	Programs	12%
Rental Groups	18%	Property Income	2%
Operational Grants	39%		

<b>Kuriakos Debt Load</b>	<b>Dec 31/2021</b>	<b>Dec 31/2020</b>	<b>Dec 31/2019</b>	<b>Dec 31/2018</b>
Total Debt Load:	\$523,535.12	\$540,323.23	\$516,103.38	\$397,073.14

**CURRENT KURIAKOS BOARD (Term: March 2021 – March 2022)**

**Chairperson:** Dave Christiansen (Rocky Mountain House)    **Vice-Chair:** Al Molzan (Drumheller)  
**Treasurer:** Debbie Kemp (Airdrie)    **Secretary:** Kari Ree Grahman (Calgary)  
**Vision Committee:** Michael Gillingham (Sherwood Park), Kurt Hanson (Calgary)  
**Risk Management Committee:** Jim Allen (Rocky Mountain House), Marty Winchell (Rocky Mountain House)  
**Sustainability Committee:** Ron Bjorge (Red Deer), Rev. Phil Penrod (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!

## Help Kuriakos SHOUT IT OUT!

As part of our plan for congregational involvement, we are seeking *SHOUT OUT ambassadors* who will help us spread the love of camp. **Each congregation is asked to name an ambassador, who will be the Kuriakos contact person for their congregation.** This person will receive regular emails from Kuriakos with information to share within their congregation, through bulletin inserts, posters and making announcements. They will also be a channel for the congregation to share ideas and needs with Kuriakos.

## 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.

For **Day Camps**, we're looking for congregations to partner with us in this local initiative. We'll provide staff and activities, you help with marketing, volunteers and hosting staff. Contact us if you'd like to talk about opportunities for Kuriakos programming in your community. **Service Teams** may serve in many ways, from leading a VBS group, to serving meals, leading worship, or participating in community projects. Weeks for 2022 are July 24-29 and August 21-26. Proposals can be submitted online at [kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/service-teams](https://kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/service-teams).

## Looking ahead to 2022

- **Community Camping** – Book a tent or RV campsite at Kuriakos for your family! Available on select weekends in the summer.
- **Leadership Development** – FREE online program for young adults from January to May. Join a dynamic group!
- **Online Bible Studies for adults** (Jan/Feb 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 30<sup>th</sup> for our annual celebration and auction.
- **Family Camps** (3 in July and August). NEW flexible pricing! Come for 1 day or stay for the whole week. Perfect for Grandparent, large/busy families, or folks who have limited time.
- **Partner and Member Congregation** support. Visit <https://kuriakos.ab.ca/about/congregations>. Consider promoting a Kuriakos retreat as a congregational event.
- **Keep Our Programs Working:** 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](mailto:kendra@kuriakos.ab.ca) for more info.

God's Blessings,  
**Rev. Art Weiss, Executive Director**

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## Pastor's Report to the Annual Meeting 2021

It is amazing that Ansgar has not only survived the past year of recurrent waves of the pandemic, but that it has even thrived and developed. It has of course been a year with many challenges. 2021 has been an incredibly difficult year as we have been under strict restrictions for a considerable part of the year. Many people have been fearful of gathering and reluctant to congregate, which is totally understandable. Nevertheless, we have still progressed as a Church as we have kept the spirit of hope alive among one another. We have been available to many in loss and grief with consolation and solace. And we have shared many moments of fun and joy.

Until the middle of June, all services at Ansgar were offered online to the congregation. They were pre-recorded services of the word that were a bit shorter than our usual Sunday services. Some were in Danish, but most of them were in English though hymns were sung in both languages. I wish here to thank Maria Guiney for her huge help with the technical side of the production. It is thanks to her that we were able to broadcast services of such a high quality. Many have followed these services. Since the end of June, we have had in-person services, almost all livestreamed on our Facebook page. I am pleased that we have been able to have parishioners attending services in person, that we have been able to share communion, and that we have felt the fellowship even though we have not been able to meet in the Church basement after the service for coffee and talk.

In the last 4 four months of the year, we have tried out a new way to celebrate our Danish services. It is no secret that the number of Danish speaking parishioners is in decline. The Danish language is, however, a fundamental part of our identity. We wish, at Ansgar, to keep the Danish language alive among us for as long as possible. But we also need to be open and accessible every Sunday to those who do not understand Danish well enough to follow a sermon in Danish. For now, we have decided to celebrate services twice a month with the liturgy in Danish with a printed translation provided to those who are not proficient in this language. The sermon is delivered in English. Hymns are primarily chosen so that they can be sung in both languages. I have only received positive feedback on this arrangement. Please contact me if you have attended one of these services and would like to leave a comment about this kind of service. Services fully in Danish will still be held at certain times of the year, as for Christmas eve and Maundy Thursday before Easter.

A few examples of events that took place in-person this year:

- The outdoor service and picnic at the beautiful Bear Gulch Ranch (thank you to Alice and Harry Nickel for hosting us).
- The family camp at Camp Kuriakos that was such a success and blessing to all who attended.
- The confirmation of Isabelle, Kauri, Finn and Ambrosius.
- The visit of our Bishop from Denmark.
- The two All Saints services where we light candles in memory of those we have lost.
- The two short but sweet Santa Lucia services with many kids participating in the Lucia pageant.

Of course, no Sunday or any other day of the year has been without its own unique blessing. Let us be grateful for what we were able to do and what we have received this year more than decried what we were not able to do and did not receive this year.

Even the online celebrations have their charms. For me, the most fun of all our online celebrations in 2021 was Fastelavn with the virtual participation of many parishioners young at

heart. We missed the real thing of congregating in-person at that event, but we were even in this lack of real contact successful and blessed by the fun celebration.

During the past year, I have been in contact with many people in sorrow and in doubt, but also with people who are grateful for and content with their gift of life. I am thankful for every one of you who have had confidence in me and the Church and shared your story, feelings, or thoughts with me. This trust you have given the Church is more than a one-on-one relation between you and me. It is also part of a greater relationship between all of us.

Every time we share of our abundance just with one person, we will all benefit. We all receive when people are sharing. That is the nature of charity. It is so much more than just one act of generosity. But the real marvel of the Church is that even when we share our grief and sorrows, we will also all grow as human beings and as a living fellowship. So, don't hesitate to share even your sufferings and hardship with one another. You will not be a bother to me or to anyone else who will listen to you. No, you will strengthen the person whom you give your confidence, and you will strengthen the entire community that will grow in unity, compassion, and concord.

We get weak and lazy when we are not "bothered" by each other. We forget to flex our compassion "muscle" so to speak. But when we get "bothered" by another person and are compelled to carry each other's burdens, we will also get strengthened and find the willingness in ourselves to serve one another in compassion. Our Church's motto says: "Bære hverandres byrder", "Carry each other's burdens". This is profoundly meaningful as it means that we need to "bother" each other with our sorrows and share our burdens with one another. We are as a Church here for each other. I am here for you. Your fellow parishioners are here for you. In this kind of sharing, we will grow and advance as a Church. And we have grown and advanced in 2021, even if we were forced to go through difficult times where sharing was so much more difficult than ever before. We have thrived and developed as a Church, even in 2021. Thank God for that!

God bless you all,  
*Pastor Lasse*

# President's Report to the Annual Meeting 2021

The year 2021 has been marked by the COVID Pandemic and our patience has been tried in ways we could not have foreseen a year ago. What can I report about this strange and trying year? Thanks to transmission capabilities, we have been able to follow the church services on-line every Sunday. However, for "live" services, the current meeting restrictions still limit capacity in the church to 1/3 of our maximum attendance. This has necessitated offering an extra All Saints service, two family Lucia services and three Christmas Eve services this year, to add space for all who wanted to come to the church. For these special services, we had to register in advance to attend, but it was worth this extra effort all round.

The Ansgar Board has been holding ZOOM meetings for a part of the year. It is a very difficult way to conduct meetings, and involve all the Board members, but it has been doable once we got the hang of it.

I think we are all missing the face-to-face contact within the congregation. For many this has been a lonely time and for some a time of rest and reflection, but I think by now we have all had enough and are looking forward to a "return to normal".

In June, we were all invited to Alice and Harry Nickels' ranch for a lovely outdoor service followed by a picnic and walk in the hills in the sunshine. We were even chauffeured around on individual tours by Harry in his quad! It was a lovely, freeing experience to be out in the Albertan countryside.

In July, we were able to gather at Camp Kuriakos again on Sylvan Lake. There were 42 of us in all this year: half adults and half children. Being outside most of the time, we could almost forget about COVID for a while. We used the good facilities and surroundings at the Camp for campfires, games, a church service, walks, swimming and canoeing and even a trip to the sauna on-site, prepared and tended by our Finnish members Eija and Daniel, who know all about Saunas. For a few days in September, we hosted the DSUK Bishop from Denmark and her husband. During this visit, she took part in a church service which was followed by a potluck lunch in the basement. They were also able to join us for the annual Women's Group Fall Luncheon, which gave a chance for good exchanges between the Bishop and members of the congregation. It was important for us to share our unique concerns and common interests.

In late September, we were finally able to hold a Confirmation service with four young confirmands. It was a successful day, despite restricted attendance, both personal and very meaningful for all those who followed the young ones on-line and in person at the church. Once again, we held the Christmas Bake Sale on-line, adding in the sale of fresh Smørrebrød Sandwiches. Then, because the products from Denmark (a new sale which we also tried this year) arrived at the same time, we were able to include those items into the pickup schedule at the Church. Many fresh items and sweet goodies were picked up outside the Church in the cold on that day in late November.

The afternoon family service for Lucia, with so many children singing and carrying candles and bringing light into the darkened Church and into our hearts, was a highlight of this Christmas season for so many! Attendance at the Christmas Eve services was gratifying too, though spread over three services: two English and one Danish. It was a warming preparation for the Christmas celebration.

Fundraising for our little church has been in the forefront for the Board this past year. In the Spring, we tried to get a picture of the congregation's view of Ansgar and its future: the importance for you of this Church, your commitment to supporting the Church and your preferred ways of

donating. We got a good response to the survey and were pleased with the results. The results were reported in one of the newsletters, but are also available by contacting me.

We certainly appreciate all the support that you members have given, whether it be through baking, making sandwiches, making Smørrebrød, packaging up orders, moving furniture, cleaning the Church, doing needed repairs to the Church and pastorage, preparing and publishing the newsletter, organizing sales, managing “the books”, helping with children’s activities, singing in the Choir, phoning and visiting lone members, serving on the Board and of course, making financial contributions. All are needed to keep Ansgar going!

Thanks especially to my fellow Board members for your work and perseverance during a difficult time, where we have all needed to “pull up our socks”, encourage each other and look forward to the future of Ansgar. In the immediate future, the Board is also planning how we will celebrate Ansgar’s 100 Year Anniversary in 2023! We welcome any good ideas from you about how we can celebrate this amazing benchmark in the history of our Church.

A big “thank you” to Pastor Lasse and his family for your dedication to us and the work of the Church in this unusual year. I know it has been hard to so often not be able gather all the congregation within the Church for services and communal events. But the personal connections that you have maintained despite limited possibilities for visits during this isolating time have meant so much to many of us. You have persevered in making sure that anyone needing the Church has been able to count on your attention, help and guidance. The continued involvement of each of your family members has also meant a lot to us! Thanks again.

We’re looking forward to a new year of being together again.

*Kirsten Olsen*

# Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting 2021

## BALANCE SHEET

For Period ended December 31,2021

### Current Assets

Cash on hand		925.00
Bank Accounts		73,309.69
Accounts Receivable		0.00
Prepaid Expenses		8,414.00
Enbridge shares		41,351.35

**Total Current Assets** 124,000.04

### Fixed Assets

Church Building	111,499.31	
Accumulated Depreciation	-106,232.65	5,266.66
Manse	227,062.40	
Accumulated Depreciation	-224,357.59	2,704.81
Elevator	127,305.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	-33,724.14	93,580.86
Equipment & fixtures	6,354.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	-3,362.28	2,991.72
Computer Equipment	1,292.84	
Accumulated Depreciation	-933.27	359.57

Land 173,500.00

**Total Fixed Assets** 278,403.62

**Total Assets** 402,403.66

**Current Liabilities** 35,184.00

**Long Term Liabilities** 0.00

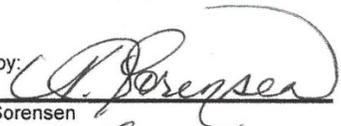
**Total Liabilities** 35,184.00

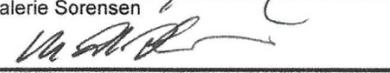
### Equity

**Beginning Equity** 374,193.18  
**Net loss for the year** -6,973.52  
**Ending Equity** 367,219.66

**Total Liabilities & Equity** 402,403.66

Audited by:

  
Valerie Sorensen

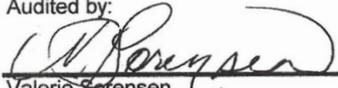
  
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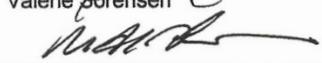
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# Statement of Income & Disbursements

<b>Receipts:</b>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Open Donations Non Tax Receiptable	6202.78	9019.56
Donations Tax Receiptable	91,671.12	113,618.80
Church Service Fees	50.00	250.00
Fund Raising Events	2,018.10	5,376.46
Interest and Investment	2,476.69	2,551.29
GST Recovered Rebates	475.33	417.50
Gifts from other Charities	577.51	9,730.43
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>103,471.53</b>	<b>140,964.04</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Activities Outside Canada DSUK	101,400.76	110,369.00
Charitable Activities Expense	2,430.15	6,437.68
GST Expense	815.58	881.79
Management & Administration Expense	6,613.09	8,388.67
Occupancy Costs	25,731.71	15,147.38
Depreciation expense	7,361.71	6,713.04
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>144,353.00</b>	<b>147,937.56</b>
<b>Deficit for the Year 2021</b>	<b>-40,881.47</b>	<b>-6,973.52</b>

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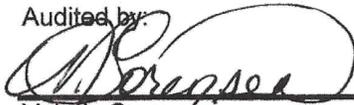
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# Cash Flow Statement

For the period ended December 31,2021

<b>Cash balance forward December 31,2020</b>		<b>45,775.17</b>
<b>Inflow</b>		
Cash received from donations & fundraising	140,964.04	
Cash received from prepaid account	1,950.00	
Prepaid Duck Dinner tickets	180.00	
Increase in Cash		143,094.04
<b>Outflow</b>		
Cash disbursements for operational expenses	147,937.56	
Prepaid expenses	8,414.00	
Less: Non cash depreciation expense	-6,713.04	
Less: Increase in Account Payable DSUK	-35,004.00	
Decrease in cash		114,634.52
<b>Net Increase in cash</b>		<b>28,459.52</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance as at Dec 31,2021</b>		<b><u>74,234.69</u></b>

Audited by:



Valerie Sorensen



Margith Hansen

Signed at Edmonton January 6,2022

## Proposed Budget for 2022

	PROPOSED 2021	ACTUAL 2021	PROPOSED 2022
Charitable Activities	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1200.00	\$ 2,500.00
Program Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,437.68	\$ 6,500.00
GST Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 881.79	\$ 1,000.00
Management & Administration Expense	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 22,336.05	\$ 30,000.00
Professional Expense	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,369.00	\$ 110,000.00
Depreciation Expense (non cash)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,713.04	\$ 6,500.00
Provision for Congregation Assistance Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 165,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 147,937.56</b>	<b>\$ 158,500.00</b>

*Approved by the Board January 4, 2022*

# Statistical Report

## 2021 Attendance

		Service	Attendance	Holy Communion
January	Danish	1	0	0
	English	4	0	0
February	Danish	1	0	0
	English	4	0	0
March	Danish	1	0	0
	English	3	0	0
April	Danish	1	0	0
	English	4	0	0
May	Danish	1	0	0
	English	4	0	0
June	Danish	1	0	0
	English	3	54	51
July	Danish	2	29	26
	English	1	74	66
August	Danish	1	23	20
	English	3	98	80
September	Danish	1	26	20
	English	3	100	47
October	Danish	2	37	0
	English	3	54	0
November	Danish	1	19	16
	English	4	97	72
December	Danish	3	40	11
	English	5	145	25
				0
Totals	Danish	16	174	93
	English	41	622	341
Totals	All services	57	796	434

*All church services broadcast on You-tube and Facebook due to Covid 19*

*Attendance only recorded when services were held in the church*

	Danish	17	per service
	English	30	per service
Avg Communion	Danish	16	per service
	English	31	per service
% of Services	Danish	22%	
	English	78%	

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

President, 1 year term  
3 board members, each for a 3-year term  
1 auditor, 2 year term  
1 pastor selection committee, 3 year term

### Term Expires

February 2023  
February 2025  
February 2024  
February 2025

# New Business