

YEAR IN REVIEW

VANCOUVER CHURCH

2022-2023



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We are joining Jesus to...

- **Reach the Next Generations**
- **Serve the Most Vulnerable**
- **Multiply Churches**

2022 The Year of Listening

2023 The Year of Movement



Note from Kainu (aka Pastor Chris)

As I reflect on the past 12 months in the life and mission of Vancouver Church, I think of God's kindness over and over again. He has been very good to us all – individually and collectively. Thanks to so many of you who have shared the stories of his faithfulness in your life. And that certainly does not mean that life is easy, often it's quite the opposite. Things get very difficult... loss of jobs, loss of dreams, and sometimes even the loss of a loved one. Life is hard, but God is good. Psalm 46 says, "The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done..."

We are attempting to do that with this annual publication. Our organizational calendar runs July through June and sets us up for our annual meeting to affirm the recommendations of the board regarding our financial plan and candidates for the board and committees. As we present these recommendations, we want to cast the vision that our financial plans and various committees are called to empower, so this is a collection of testimonies and celebrations from the many ministries that function as a vital part of VC. As you look through the pages, I trust you will join in the celebration of the Lord's impact through our church. This mini magazine is filled with recognizable faces for those who've been here a while. Yet, if you are new we're hoping to give you a feel for our mission, vision, and values, and how we attempt to live those out as a community. May the Holy Spirit continue to work miracles in us, and through us, as we strive to join Jesus on his mission to bring God's goodness and glory into a very beautiful, yet very broken world.

To all of you who have prayed, served, and loved faithfully, please recognize that it is God's work in and through all of you that empowers our congregation to be one of the Lord's many beautiful churches in the world.



A Message from our Board of Trustees

As we look back on the last year, there has been much to celebrate. The Board has the unique opportunity to gather each month to discuss how God is moving in our church. One of the ways that we have seen that so clearly is the generous giving that has happened throughout this year. Giving is 20% above the 22/23 financial plan.

We are grateful for the opportunity to present to you new candidates and a new financial plan. Many hours have gone into reviewing information to present this material. We ask that you take a few moments to:

- **Celebrate** with us what God has done in our midst this last year
- **Read** the candidate bios and reflect upon who they are and their roles
- **Review** the financial information and ask the Holy Spirit how you can contribute in the coming year
- **Pray** for each candidate as they take on their roles and pray that God gives them wisdom and discernment as they seek His direction for our church
- **Pray** for our church and our neighborhood as we advance the Jesus Movement



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Praise God! Your tithes and offerings make ministry possible. From our Sunday gatherings and discipleship to our missions giving to our events that reach out to our community, all this is supported by you.

Baptisms

Jesus told us to “Go make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”



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Baptisms this past year

What is Baptism?

In short, baptism is an outward display of an inward decision to follow Jesus. It is a directive from God as part of the discipleship process. As such, it is an ancient practice in which even Jesus himself participated in!

The act of baptizing someone reflects Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In the water reflects His life; under the water reflects His death; and coming out of the water reflects His resurrection and their new life within that.

Here at Vancouver Church, we believe baptisms are a joyous occasion. For us, baptism is both a sacrament and a party!



VC Staff

This team is not only devoted, talented, and hard-working, they are deep in faith, strong in character, and a ton of fun!



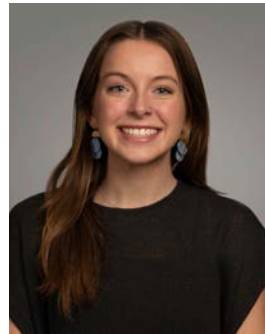
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It's our privilege to work with you all to Advance the Jesus Movement right here in Clark County and around the world.



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The Shop

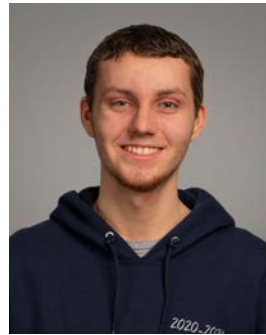
To all those who are team members of The Shop...Great Job taking care of over 160,000 square feet on our campus and over 102 toilets! You make the place shine for about 10,000 human hours every week!



Brian Tito
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Assistant



Cindy Roe
Custodian



Cody Roe
Custodian



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TEACHING SERIES

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CHRISTMAS 2022

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VCKids

VCKids has continued to grow as we continue to see new families coming to church! Consistently, our favorite feedback is “Our kids wouldn’t let us miss it!” Our VCKids team has doubled as more people link arms with us to serve, love and pour into the next generation! We have team members who are middle school students, team members who are grandparents and everything in between. Our amazing team is the reason that kids are consistently wanting to return and we believe this is because they are encountering the love of Jesus through their faithful teachers. Over the last year we have had the opportunity to engage our local community through QUEST, Treasure Hunt, Trunk or Treat and our Christmas Extravaganza! We want to thank all of you who have helped to make these outreach events possible and we are excited to share that we now have an outreach list of 386 new families that we regularly follow up with.



MS/HS Youth

This year in the youth ministry we have seen our students grow in their desire to encounter Jesus and live as He lived. We had multiple students give their lives to Christ and 2 get baptized. They are ready to see more of their peers come to know Christ, so this summer we are starting a weekly discipleship and evangelism school. We are excited to see how the Lord moves in our students this summer, and empowers them to carry the love of Christ into their schools this coming fall.

REACHING THE EMERGING GENERATIONS

VCKids served 993 kids prior to Easter through outreach events. An estimated 4000 people from VC and the community joined us for Treasure Hunt.

Quest summer camp last year we had 319 kids participate in camp week and the Family Fun Day celebration.

VCKids Quest Camp



Trunk or Treat



Treasure Hunt





Men's

We have a Men's Ministry! After several years without an active ministry, the VC Men's Ministry returned in January with a Saturday breakfast, and lots of bacon. In March we held our first Serve Saturday, with teams working both on the church campus as well as in homes of people in need. We've established a Men's Serve Team, which will not only organize our Serve Saturdays, but also mobilize other service opportunities in the community. This is an opportunity to show the love of Jesus with a hammer and a chop saw, giving tangible help to people in need.

This fall, we will host our first BBQ Extravaganza, which we hope to be a great outreach event to men in the community. You can invite a friend to eat some delicious BBQ, learn some BBQ tips, and maybe even win a new BBQ grill.

Meanwhile, we have men's small groups that you can join. Even in the years that the men's ministry was essentially dormant, guys' small groups have been faithfully meeting. Now there are a number of groups, and an opportunity to start new groups, for the purpose of growing together in Jesus. So good things are happening, and we're just getting started!

Women's

Our Women's Ministry has been growing and thriving due to the amazing team of ladies who have served, loved and cared for the women of VC. Our Women's Bible Study had 60+ women participating throughout the year. Women grew in their love for the Lord, in their understanding of His Word and in community as deep friendships and connections were fostered. Our MOPS program continued to grow through June and we were able to serve 60+ young moms looking for connection. MOPS is a national organization that has allowed us to reach women who are new to the Vancouver area as well as women who don't know Jesus. MOPS continues to be one of our greatest outreach tools. We had several women join the Bible Study after connecting through MOPS as well as new families come and become connected to VC.



Adult Bible Studies

Our adult studies are places where you can connect with other believers, and connect with Jesus through His Word. This fall, as we begin a new year of adult Bible studies, we will offer four clear options to grow in scripture.

Discovery This Sunday class will be a topical, accessible Bible study, typically using engaging videos, with some live instruction and discussion. This class is open to all, but is especially fitting for those still discovering scripture.

The Word This Sunday morning class will continue to be a meaningful verse-by-verse bible study, spending time in both the Old and New Testaments. The Word class is available to all who are interested, especially those who are more familiar with scripture.

Bible Project Classroom This Wednesday evening class will move to a deeper and more exciting level beginning this fall. This will be an intensive study for those who wish to learn scripture (and how to study scripture) at a deeper level. We will follow The Bible Project Classroom, from the same people who create The Bible Project videos.

New Life Workshop These Wednesday evening classes fill a needed void at Vancouver Church, as we have not had a “new believers” class. However, the New Life Workshop will be open to anyone who wants to discover following Jesus at a deeper level. Beginning this fall, each season will bring a new series: How To Read The Bible (in the fall), How To Pray (winter), and How To Hear God (spring).

If you have never been a part of an adult Bible study at Vancouver Church, we encourage you to take the step of joining us this fall!



Life Groups

We believe that we grow better when we grow together. Following Jesus is not meant to be done in isolation. He has brought us into a family on mission together. Together we can be real and vulnerable, celebrating each other's "wins" while caring for one another through the challenges of life.

Here at Vancouver Church, we have brothers and sisters who have faithfully met in small discipleship groups for several years, growing closer to each other and closer to Jesus. Meanwhile, we have started about a dozen new "life groups" in the past year, while adding still more people into existing groups.

Last summer we held a Discipleship Training to focus on using life groups to encourage each person to grow in spiritual maturity. Another Discipleship Training will be coming Wednesday evening, August 16.

If you are interested in joining a life group, we will be forming new groups this fall. And if you might be interested in leading a group, contact Pastor Steve Jensen at steve@vchurch.org.

Alpha

This year we had 59 adults participate in the Alpha Course! Alpha has continued to become a valuable tool for us to invite our churchless neighbors into conversations about faith. We've seen more people than ever walk into Alpha who would never step foot in a church gathering and begin a relationship with Jesus.

Another expression of Alpha that we launched this year was the Marriage Course. We had 55 couples engage in a weekly date night experience as they were able to work on critical issues in their marriage and enjoy intentional time with one another. This space was instrumental in bringing health to many marriages within our community, but it also was a safe environment to invite and impact our churchless neighbors.



GROWING TOGETHER

Prayer

The prayer ministry plays a critical role in building a team of people dedicated to seeking the Lord in prayer, listening to His voice, and leading our Vancouver Church family to grow in prayer. In the previous year, we established a new rhythm of hosting four seasonal prayer gatherings. Last August, before students and teachers returned to school, we hosted a prayer gathering to pray for the new school year. In October, during “The Way” sermon series, we had a prayer vigil centered around growing in the way of Jesus. January brought the return of a week of prayer and fasting, as well as a beautiful prayer and worship gathering. And during the Lent season leading up to Easter, we had a March prayer vigil. These have been meaningful times to gather as God’s people with the shared intention to spend time with Jesus.

Currently, we have a Summer Prayer Team meeting each week. Each Sunday morning they will be spending time together in prayer and then serve as our prayer team at our 11 am gatherings. We will continue to host seasonal prayer gatherings, with our next event scheduled for August 23. Also coming in the next year, in partnership with the Adult Education ministry, will be an evening How To Pray class. Look for details on that class soon!

GriefShare

GriefShare is a support group that assists people moving through their journey of grief, and lets them know they are not alone and the many emotions they experience are normal. It is a positive outreach to grieving people in our community as well as our own church family. We see people entering broken and hurting, but by the end of the 13 weeks there is healing, hope, and valuable bonding with the participants.

This past year we offered two 13-week GriefShare sessions. To accommodate schedules, the Fall session was in the evening and a Spring session in the morning. For both courses we averaged 15 participants each week.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Worship Arts - Traditional

It's been my privilege to serve alongside those who make up our traditional worship team this past year. The traditional worship team consists of the 40 or so individuals who have faithfully participated in our instrumental ensemble, sanctuary choir or bell choir on any given Sunday. Most of these individuals also participated in our Christmas, Easter and Super Sunday services throughout the year. One of the highlights, for me, was the opportunity the Lord provided to partner with Westwinds community band and other orchestral players for our Christmas and Easter services. Since the day I started, it's been on my heart to reach the broader community of gifted musicians in our area with the love of Jesus Christ and reconcile them with the One who gave them their talent and love for music in the first place. I am grateful for the doors the Lord has opened here but there is much work to do. Finally, and having said all this, I believe that our congregation is the primary "choir" and that our team's main purpose is to help aid them in their worship. As I reflect on our Sunday mornings this past year, I think of the many occasions when our different instruments and voices were blended to offer a single unified expression of beauty to our Creator, and I've loved being a part of this. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. *Pastor Robin*

Worship Arts - Contemporary

This past year we have seen a lot of new growth in our worship team as we've added 9 new team members! Side note, we are still looking to grow our team so if you sing or play a musical instrument, please reach out to Mike at mikehohnholz@gmail.com. On Sundays we've also seen great response to the original songs we've been writing - Thank You, Coming Home, Spirit Fall, Grace - and are excited to start recording those to get in your hands!



WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Good Friday

Good Friday is an opportunity to shift gears and worship together in a style called “the round” where we gather in a circle around the stage with the cross as our focal point. As always, this somber gathering was a beautiful time of remembrance filled with scripture, worship, and communion.



Easter

The joy of Easter abounds at Vancouver Church! This year's theme, “I've Witnessed” was a chance to highlight the good things we've seen God do for us and through us. Saturday's second annual Treasure Hunt event was a hit with everyone big and small; whether they were serving or attending (or a little bit of both) everyone experienced the joy and generosity of God's heart. And while Saturday was a tough act to follow, our Easter Sunday gatherings certainly didn't disappoint! We got to witness several baptisms and celebrate with our brothers and sisters as they shared what they've witnessed in their lives: “peace in anxiety,” “breaking of generational sin,” “financial miracles,” “relationships restored,” and so many more. It's Sundays like these that make us grateful to call this church home.



Hospitality

This past year the Hospitality Team was a key part in bringing people together to share the goodness of God. The team of 35+++ has supported the mission of the church by reaching out to our community and providing opportunities for connection, relationship, nourishment and fun. Our goal is to be the hands and feet of Jesus, who was the ultimate leader in hospitality. He opened his life, his heart and his ministry to bring others into community. You are ALL invited to join the Hospitality Ministry even if you don't feel comfortable cooking or leading... your hands and feet are needed as we continue to open our hearts and create space to LOVE others.

Your Hospitality Director,
Lynn

Hospitality Team thank you for serving...

- Christmas, Easter, Mothers & Fathers Day
- Treasure Hunt, Quest Kids Camp, Trunk or Treat, Leadership trainings
- Arise Conference, Bible Study, Men's Breakfast
- Christmas Concert, Church Barbeque, 4th of July, Camp Attitude, Marriage Course, Alpha, monthly staff luncheons and retreats, BOT dinners
- Soccer in the Park, Compassion to Action Dinner/3 day event
- Sunday Coffee Service



SERVING TOGETHER

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Welcome Team

The 20+ members of the Welcome Team serve to provide a positive first impression for guests and a “glad to see you again” feeling for regular attendees of VC. Our Welcome Team greeters help make the church feel warm and personal, and guests and regular attendees feel noticed and cared for. This year, in addition to our cheerful and welcoming door greeters, we recruited additional team members and re-opened the welcome desk!

Safety & Security Team

The 9 members of the Safety & Security Team provide on-site security, as well as, assist with medical emergencies until professional help arrives. Our Mission Statement: We are volunteer “guardians” (1 Chronicles 9:22-23) dedicated to providing a safe, secure, and welcoming environment to all those who enter our doors to visit or worship at Vancouver Church.

Over the past 12 months, in addition to serving Sundays and at Vancouver Church special events, dedicated team members attended 7 live training exercises and several video training sessions covering a wide variety of security and life safety (CPR, 1st Aid, etc.) topics. Various trainings were also attended by several members of VC Kids, Greeters, Ushers, The Shop, and VC Staff. We have had the privilege of assisting on 4 medical incidents, multiple security issues, and just about anything else asked of us from finding lost kids, phones, and purses, to securing car doors in the parking lot that were left wide open!

SERVING TOGETHER

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Facilities "Thursday Guys"

Every Thursday our group of volunteers work on the church and school to help maintain the buildings. The heart of this ministry is to to serve in the house of the Lord, using their varied gifts and skills. The highlight of the Facilities Ministry this year, and every year, is that the Thursday Guys are passing down their knowledge to the younger generation.

Visiting Team

The Visiting Ministry reaches out to those who cannot attend church or who need a special touch. Through visits, calls and cards, the 25+ volunteers of our ministry strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus and bless the lives of the folks who need a special touch by letting them know the VC family hasn't forgotten them and they are loved! One of the highlights of our ministry last year happened when there were too many Christmas stockings for our Delivery Teams to deliver in time. Ladies from the Sunday School class came to the rescue and helped us take them to happy recipients!

Tech Team

Our ministry functions to run tech for weekly gatherings & special events. We have a dedicated group of 9 volunteers who are willing to step across ministry lines and help out wherever they are needed. Our goal as a ministry is to reflect the heart of Jesus through servant leadership by running tech in a seamless, distraction-free way that honors God and provides an accessible, enjoyable experience for our community.



SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Giving Tree

As part of a long-standing tradition, we started our 2022 holiday season off with our annual Giving Tree filled with requests from our Community Partners who wish to bless the people they serve with Christmas gifts they may not otherwise receive. So many of you provided gift after gift that spoke loudly of God's love for the most vulnerable in our neighborhoods; new toys and warm coats for young ones, favorite puzzles and sweets for grandparents, self-care products and coffee cards for teen moms and so much more. Thank you to those of you who participated, delivering those gifts is always a highlight of our year!

Christmas Concert

The Christmas season brought many sweet gifts: the gift of giving, the gift of song, and the gift of fun! But more importantly, it brought the gift of Hope. Our Christmas series "This is Our Hope" spoke to why we celebrate the holiday and what makes the good news of Jesus Christ's birth so good.

In addition to our beautiful Christmas Eve service, we enjoyed a fabulous "Christmas Extravaganza" hosted by our VCKids team sandwiched between two beautiful Christmas Concerts hosted by our Worship Ministry. More than 250 of our neighbors joined in on the (free) festive fun. But it didn't stop there! Our Worship Team wrote and produced an original song that became the inspiration for this year's theme. "This is Our Hope" by VCMusic is currently available on Spotify and Apple Music.

And if you're feeling nostalgic, head to our YouTube page and check out our "VC Christmas at Home" video to catch some cute kids and "This is Our Hope" live!

SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Over Memorial Day weekend, multiple generations of VC families joined together to work tirelessly on projects to get Camp Attitude ready for this summer's campers. Camp Attitude is a camp for families with children experiencing various physical and cognitive issues. Their goal is to provide a quality summer camp experience, honoring all people by demonstrating the unconditional love of Christ. Serving at Camp Attitude is just as impactful on our VC team - some who serve there year after year - kids, grandkids, parents & grandparents and plenty of first-time volunteers - who enjoy the shared camaraderie of serving together with a mission of impacting the most vulnerable.



Global Partners



To extend our impact around the world, we build relationships with global ministry partners and missionaries abroad. This helps us hear the needs of their people, then bring them the good news and love of Jesus in ways that make sense in their part of the world. As we attempt to humbly support them, we learn much more about ourselves and the goodness of God from them and their cultures.



ASIA & SOUTH PACIFIC

Don & Caroline Armstrong continue to oversee the Asia/South Pacific region for Global Strategy, the mission organization of the Church of God. There they focus on networking and empowering church leadership to impact their communities - stretching from Japan, Pakistan, China, and New Zealand.



BELIZE

Alfonso and Elizabeth Alaya are involved in medical and educational ministry in Belize. Alfonso ministers in community health and mentors local pastors while Elizabeth encourages and guides former students and high school teachers.



CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Jason and Abby Torgeson oversee the Latin America region for Global Strategy. As Church of God Ambassadors to Central & South America, they train and develop local pastors and their congregations.



KENYA

KIMA International School of Theology (KIST) is the primary theological institution of the Church of God in East Africa. KIST offers certificates and bachelor's degrees in Christian Ministries, Bible and Theology.



LEBANON

Camille Melki and Heart For Lebanon provide humanitarian aid, education, emotional support, and evangelism to marginalized Syrian War refugees who find themselves in Lebanon without a home.



TAIWAN

Brian and Faith Janssen (former King's Way teachers) and their family bring the Gospel to people in Taiwan, primarily through working class families and at-risk youth.

Community Partners

To get beyond our four walls, we partner with local ministries and non-profit organizations. Our goal is to magnify Jesus and share the practical help of his people in providing care for our neighbors in need. We rely on the expertise of our community partners to maximize the effectiveness of our efforts in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable throughout our county.



ARBOR RIDGE

Brightening the lives of both residents and staff during this challenging season. Each week personal cards, small gifts, snacks & treats are delivered and relationships are being built, speaking volumes to those that are often isolated from the rest of the community.



THE GIVING CLOSET

Collects and provides clothing, food and other basic resources to those living at or near the poverty level, including the homeless who are transitioning to a new home. Their goal is to help restore hope and dignity in our community.



KLEEN STREET

Assists people to rebuild their lives as they overcome and recover from addiction. Specializing in assisting veterans, they offer support, housing, life coaching, job placement and other vital life skills.



OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES

Provides temporary housing and is committed to equipping homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving issues that lead to poverty and homelessness.

Community Partners



OPTIONS 360 WOMEN'S CLINIC

Provides caring and knowledgeable assistance to women and teens who find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Through two clinics they offer pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, education, spiritual counseling and unconditional, non-judgemental support.



SACAJEWEA ELEMENTARY

Supporting nearby families in our community by preparing and providing dinner events, seasonal backpack supplies, weekend food, and stocking an emergency food pantry for a local elementary school with a particularly high population of underprivileged families.



TEACH ONE TO LEAD ONE

Developing leaders of integrity by mentoring at-risk kids throughout the community in individual weekly visits at schools. A curriculum that focuses on universal life skills helps transform kids expressing a loss of hope into hope-filled teens and adults.



YOUNG LIVES

Carrying the hope of the Young Life curriculum to teen moms & dads and their children through monthly meetings held at Vancouver Church. Through dinner, fellowship, games, and childcare, Young Lives reintroduces the joy of youth and the community of Christ.

Planting Partners



Temecula, California

Casey & Aimee Graves

Launched Fall 2022

One Friday evening in April, Jay was released from jail and reunited with his wife, Jacqueline, and their young daughter. The next day, Jay and Jacqueline were invited to The Refinery by Jay's sister, who was invited by a friend three months prior. Jay and his young family attended The Refinery with his sister on Sunday, looking for hope and a fresh start. At the end of the service, Jay and his wife received prayer for their marriage and attended our Welcome Party. Just a few short weeks later, both Jay and Jaqueline prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their savior and they are experiencing the fresh start they were hoping for.

This is just one of many stories of life change happening in our midst. Since our launch in September 2022, we've seen over 70 people give their life to Christ. Many of those have joined a Community Group, while others have joined a ministry team where they are helping other people experience God in a real and personal way.

This summer, we are focused on community outreach efforts, developing our leaders with relational ministry skills, and maximizing our assimilation systems such as Plan Your Visit, following up with first-time visitors, Welcome Parties, and onboarding new volunteers.



Planting Partners

Temecula, California

Casey & Aimee Graves

Launched Fall 2022



Quick Stats

- 70 People have received Jesus Christ as their personal savior
- 75 People are serving in regular roles of ministry and leadership
- Average attendance of 147 in June
 - 275 on Easter
 - 180 on Mother's Day
 - 173 on Father's Day
- We've given over \$15,000 dollars away to support our local elementary school, church planting, individuals and community outreach projects.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Our vision is beyond our own reach. But with your generosity and the power of God, we will continue to love our community, reach people who are far from God, and help each person discover their God-given purpose.

To increase the impact of the gospel in suburban America, VC is committed to planting four new locations by 2030, both here in Clark County and the western states. Church planting is the most effective way to reach churchless suburbanites and it helps keep the "sending church" vitalized as a group of suburban missionaries.

Additional Ministries We Support

CAMP ATTITUDE

Provides and promotes active participation in a safe and inclusive outdoor camping environment for youth with special needs and their families.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

A community seeking to make disciples through engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same.

HIS HEART FOUNDATION

Providing counselor referrals and mental health education from a Christian worldview. VC refers people to them to be placed with Christian counselors in the larger community.

FORT VANCOUVER HIGH SCHOOL

Working alongside the Family-Community Resource Center (FCRC) to help alleviate barriers to student success brought about by poverty.

LAKOTA

Missionaries Tim & Kim Wardell pastor Pass Creek Church of God serving the Lakota people. Providing winter boots and backpacks for the youth and children of the Lakota community helps meet physical needs during the cruel winters, and also serves as relational connections into the families and pathways to building trust to discover Jesus.

ROYAL RIDGES

Provides a fun and safe experience for campers attending a Royal Ridges camp while also teaching important Biblical principles in the context of God's beautiful outdoors.

VANCOUVER JAIL MINISTRY

Bringing the eternal hope of Christ to inmates incarcerated locally at the Clark County Jail, by distributing donated Bibles and other Christian reading material, and visiting with inmates who ask to hear more.

WARNER PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Educating collegiate and graduate students in a Christ-centered, urban, liberal arts environment designed to intentionally prepare students for the ever-changing cultural landscape.

Additional Ministries We Support

KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

King's Way is growing! What started as a small ministry at Vancouver Church is now a thriving independent school. Last year King's Way served 1,038 students from 12 months through 12th grade - their largest enrollment ever!

King's Way not only provides high-quality education, but additionally has the opportunity to be a mission field, with the ability to share and teach about Jesus. Each year King's Way increasingly enrolls a higher percentage of churchless families. As a result, many students chose to follow Jesus this past school year!

Assistance to families within the community is annually provided by King's Way through scholarships and loans. Currently, 20% of students enrolled at King's Way are receiving need-based assistance, with \$700,000+ awarded last year.

The effects of that Christian-based education are joyfully apparent when you hear and observe worship during weekly chapel time - and especially during all-school chapel! Keep it going King's Way! VC is glad to be on mission with you!



We're Missing Larry Whittlesey

1955-2023



HULA HOOPS of HOPE

My life has kind of been like that Hula Hoop, constantly moving, often very challenging, and always requiring my focused attention and best effort. I haven't always kept things spinning the way I want, but I keep trying. And I have every confidence that one day I'll hear God say, "Well done! Come spend the rest of eternity with the other Hula Hoopers here in Heaven". I'm excited.....that may be the first time I'll ever be able to actually spin a Hula Hoop around my waist!!

- from Larry Whittlesey's blog "Heartstorm" <https://larrywhittlesey.com/>

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the gift of Larry Whittlesey. We thank you for countless blessings you poured through him to so many of us... Smiles, hugs, humor -- especially dad jokes -- prayer, encouragement, biblical wisdom, joy & hope! We continue to pray for his wife, Chris, his grown kids, Larry, Jeremy & Marci and his many grandchildren. We pray for our own loss as well. We know there is no way to replace him, so we simply thank you for the gift he has been to so many of us. May you be glorified as we work hard to fill the void of his loss, and may we continue to learn from the legacy he imparted to us. And Lord, as you see fit, tell him "Hi!" from all of us. Let him know we're looking so much forward to seeing him. We ask this all in Jesus name.

VANCOUVER CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE 2023

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Trustees that the Annual Business Meeting of VANCOUVER CHURCH will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023. The meeting will be conducted both on location at 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington, County of Clark and online at a link posted on the church website. Ballots shall likewise be made available both on campus and online.

The on-campus and online Business Meeting shall be held Sunday, July 23, 2023, immediately following the scheduled 11 am gathering.

The business of the Annual Meeting may include:

1. Presentation of the previous year meeting minutes;
2. Presentation of financial results for fiscal year 2022-23;
3. Presentation of ministry financial plan for fiscal year 2023-24;
4. Presentation of the slate of proposed candidates for open boards and committees;
5. Presentation of any bylaw amendments;
6. Presentation of Foundation Report; and
7. Any other ordinary business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

In addition, the Board of Trustees will conduct an Information Meeting where the business of the Annual Meeting will be presented, with time for question and answer. Notice is hereby given by the Board of Trustees that this Information Meeting will be held both online and at 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington, County of Clark, on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

The on-campus and online info meetings shall be held Sunday, July 9, 2023, immediately following the scheduled 9 am and 11 am gatherings.

VANCOUVER CHURCH
3300 NE 78th Street - Vancouver, WA 98665
www.vancouverchurch.org

INFORMATION MEETING Sunday, July 9 @ 10:15 am and 12:15 pm

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, July 23 @ 12:15 pm

All notices posted online at vchurch.org/annualmeeting

Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting

July 24, 2022

Time: 10:20 AM

Place: Vancouver Church

The Information meetings were held on 7/10/22. The specifics below were distributed and discussed at on-campus information meetings on July 10 after each of the three services. This was also shared online after each service.

At the information meetings, packets were passed out to those in attendance. Chris Kainu opened in prayer. Jim Underwood, Board of Trustees Chair, reviewed the 2021 Annual Business Meeting minutes as approved by the Board of Trustees. Jim also reviewed the Boundaries and Scope of the meeting including Bylaws, Finances, and Candidates in compliance with our operating documents. Nathan Noorlun, Direction of Finance, reviewed the 5-year giving trend and presented the 2022/2023 Ministry Financial Plan. Jim presented the candidates for the various Boards and Committees and discussed the vetting process. Steve Ashlock moderated a short Q&A, and Jim closed in prayer.

The Annual Business Meeting was held on 7/24/22 on campus and online following each of the three services. Chris Kainu opened in prayer. Jim Underwood, Board of Trustees Chair, officially called the meeting to order at approximately 10:24 a.m. Angela Lentz, Foundation Board Chair, officially called the Foundation Board meeting to order. (The meeting was suspended after each service and reconvened for the subsequent services).

Jim explained the goals and process of the meeting. The 2021 Annual Business Meeting minutes were presented. Terry Mendenhall made the motion to accept and Steve Olson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Barrie Buckner reviewed the 2021/2022 financial results and presented the 2022/2023 Ministry Financial Plan.

Jim presented the candidates for Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, Leadership Selection Committee, and Mission Action Committee.

Angela presented the Foundation Board report. Fifteen grants and scholarships were distributed during the past year totaling \$42,500. Six of the scholarships were awarded to graduating high school seniors at King's Way Christian School and/or Vancouver Church. Nine scholarships and grants from the Jay Kennedy Memorial Fund were awarded to students who expressed a desire to pursue a Christian ministry career.

Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting**July 24, 2022****Time: 10:20 AM****Place: Vancouver Church**

Jim reviewed the ballot instructions and ballots were distributed to those in attendance. Ballots were also available for those online to be submitted digitally.

Angela officially closed the Foundation Board Meeting, and Jim officially closed the Annual Church Business Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Total in-person attendance at the meetings – 132

Online attendance – 2

Voting results as reported on 7/25/2022:

Total Ballots submitted – 183

Total Ballots affirming yes for the financial plan and ratifying all candidates – 165

Total approving the financial plan – 172

Total opposing the financial plan – 3

Total neither approving or opposing the financial plan – 8

132 people voted in person

49 voted online

2 absentee ballots submitted

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Riley for
Anne Erickson

Ministry Financial Plan

5 Year Giving Trend



2023/2024 Financial Plan - Income

INCOME	General Fund	VC Cares	VC Missions	VC Church Plant	Total
Tithes/Offerings	\$2,134,000				\$2,134,000
Contributions	\$82,800	\$24,000	\$78,000	\$120,000	\$304,800
Facility	\$1,588,605				\$1,588,605
Events	\$73,700				\$73,700
Other	\$15,400				\$15,400
Total Income	\$3,894,505	\$24,000	\$78,000	\$120,000	\$4,116,505

Ministry Financial Plan

2023/2024 Financial Plan - Expense

EXPENSES	General Fund	VC Cares	VC Missions	VC Church Plant	Total
SWAB	\$1,985,810				\$1,985,810
Ministry & Ops	\$1,491,079	\$45,000	\$134,256	\$120,000	\$1,790,335
Other Expenses	\$11,000				\$11,000
Debt Service	\$133,956				\$133,956
Interest Expense	\$138,000				\$138,000
Total Expense	\$3,759,845	\$45,000	\$134,256	\$120,000	\$4,059,101

2023/2024 Financial Plan - Summary

SUMMARY	2023/2024
Est. Beginning Cash Balance	\$847,500
Total Income (All funds)	\$4,116,505
Total Expenses (All funds)	\$4,059,101
Net Operating Income	\$57,404
Est. Ending Cash Balance	\$904,904

Candidates

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Each year the Leadership Selection Committee is tasked with creating a nomination and review process for the election of open positions on the Board of Trustees, Leadership Selection Committee, Mission Action Committee, and Foundation Board. Following is the presentation of candidates for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



ROBERT
IGARTA

Linda and I have been married for 50 years. We were blessed with 3 children; and our daughter Kristi and family live in Portland, OR, and our son Kevin and family live in Vancouver, WA. We have 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter, who light up our lives and keep us active and busy. In 2019 we moved from Cornell, WI to Vancouver, WA to be closer to our children and grandchildren. We have been attending Vancouver since our arrival in 2019. I am currently leading a men's small group and serve on The 9 worship team. I also provide substitute teaching for the 10 am Sunday school class. I graduated from Gulf Coast Bible College in Houston, TX in 1976. I have previously served as worship pastor, youth pastor, and associate pastor in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and California. For 3.5 years I served as the missionary pastor on the Island of Guam. I served as lead pastor for two churches in Northern California and for seven years on the executive council for the Northern California, Northern Nevada, and Hawaii Association of the Church of God. I have served as interim pastor in California and Wisconsin and currently assist in providing with pulpits to Church of God's in WA and OR. I worked with at-risk youth for 14 years through the Santa Cruz County Probation and served 2 years as a chaplain for the Cornell, WI police department. I believe my previous experiences in ministry and life will allow me to serve and be an asset in promoting the mission and vision of Vancouver Church.



BEN
SHULAR

I have one perfect wife (Kelli), and three spirited boys (Noah 15, Jonah 13, and Judah 8). I have lived in the Vancouver area for 34 years and have also gone to Vancouver Church for 34 years. My past involvement in church activities includes Youth Ministry Volunteer 1998-2004, Boy Scout Chaplain 1998-2004, 2019-present, Mission Action Committee 2002-2004, Missionary to Church of God in Tanzania 2004-2012, Camp Attitude, Royal Ridges. Education: Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Christian Ministries, Missionary Training International. Current Vocation: Chief of Staff - Church of God Ministries. Current Community Engagement: Warner Pacific University trustee, Children of Promise board member, Warner Christian Resources board member, Western Area Regional Ministers board member, Refinery Church board member, Fairview Church of God Elder, Chaplain for Boy Scout Troop 358. I am interested in serving on the Board of Trustees at VC because I was encouraged by members of the Vancouver Church to use my gifting and experience in ministry to serve in this way.



SHAUN
HOLAHAN

I have been happily married (mostly) for 32 years and we have two great adult children. We also have two fantastic grand children. We have lived in the Vancouver area for 20 years and have been at Vancouver Church for 7 years. My wife Shonna and I have led life groups, were part of the Core team for The 6, serve on the prayer ministry team, serve as subs for the children's ministry and volunteer at church activities throughout the year. I have a two year degree in Fire Science and spent time working in the Fire Service and EMS. I retired after 25 years in law enforcement. I am currently working part time as a driving instructor and a part time babysitter for my wonderful grandchildren. I am excited to be on the board and to see how God is going to advance His kingdom and allow me to be apart of it and to build more relationships with people.

LEADERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE



BILLY
MYERS

My wife's name is Georgina and we have two children Lilly, 16, and Liam, 6. We have lived in the Vancouver area for 5 years and have also gone to Vancouver Church for 5 years. I keep myself open to help different volunteer groups at church when needed. Also, my wife is on staff at VC Kids and I get volunteered to help quite often. I graduated high school and jumped into school district construction/maintenance. I left the school district and have worked in the commercial door and gate industry for the past 17 years. The hustle and bustle have really made it a work, church, and sports-driven lifestyle for me, but as of late last year, I started my own commercial and residential door company. We will see if I can gain some better work-life balance without corporate pressures to blame. I am interested in serving on the Leadership Selection Committee because the opportunity was presented by a good trusted friend and I like people and getting to know them.



KRISTI
WUBBEN

My husband, Kevin, and I met in high school and will be celebrating our 15-year wedding anniversary this summer. We have three kids, Lydia (9), Audrey (7), and Frederick (3). Both Kevin and I grew up in Ridgefield and after college, his job moved us around the country for a few years. We moved back home to Ridgefield in 2017. As a family, we enjoy spending our time outdoors and going on adventures exploring new areas. I was born and raised in Ridgefield but most recently moved back to Vancouver in 2017. I grew up in Vancouver Church and attended King's Way Christian through elementary school. Since moving back to the area we have been at Vancouver Church for the past 2 years. I have been involved mainly with children's ministry at previous churches and starting to get involved in children's ministry here at Vancouver Church. I was also involved with the Woman's Bible Study this past year on Thursday mornings. I graduated from WSU in Pullman with my Bachelor's degree and my Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine and I currently work at a local veterinary practice. I am a member of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA) and involved with organized veterinary medicine. I am currently the Coach Chair of the WSVMA Power of 10 which helps provide leadership training to new veterinary graduates. I am involved with and enjoy coaching both our daughters' basketball and softball teams and volunteering at their school. Growing up in the church and now having a young family of our own, I am interested in serving on the LSC to be actively involved in the future direction and growth of our church and our continued involvement within the community. It is a humbling honor to be considered to serve in this important position that helps identify individuals who can best serve our church community in leadership roles.

MISSIONS ACTION COMMITTEE



DEBORAH
MILLER

I am married to Roger and this year we are celebrating our fortieth anniversary. We have two children, Grant and Melissa, and five grandchildren, four boys and one girl. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 27 years. I've been at Vancouver Church for 3.5 years. My past involvement in church activities includes in previous churches, worship ministry director, worship leader, preaching team, elder board (called leadership board), small group leader, youth group leader, young adults leader, prayer ministry, Sunday school teacher, and children's ministry volunteer. I have a Bachelors, Master's, and Doctorate in Education from George Fox University. I've been a teacher and school administrator since January 1984. Founded Vancouver Christian High School with husband Roger in 1997. Started the education program at Multnomah University. Authored three books for Christian educators. Led multiple mission trips and worked as an educational consultant and speaker for educational conferences, women's retreats, and young adult events. I am interested in serving on the Missions Action Committee because I believe that missions involvement is a key factor in spiritual formation, that as an outward focus of the church it enables members to put to work the principles of faith and core values that are taught and nurtured within the church. Missions involvement provides church members an outlet to be the body of Christ we are called to be, to fulfill the Great Commission as well as the Great Commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.

FOUNDATION



JACK
HONSOWETZ

I have been married 58 years. We have two married children (in their 50s) & 4 grandchildren. I have been in the Vancouver area for 37 years and I've been at Vancouver Church for 35 years. I coordinated Singing Christmas Tree ushers/greeters for about 10 years ending in 2003, helped coordinate couple's retreat for 4 years ending in 2003, King's Way School Board for about 5 years ending in 2007, Foundation board member 2013-2016 and appointed to fill a Foundation vacancy for 6 months in 2021/22. SCHOOLING - General Education (elementary, middle and high school) 1950-1962 in Bremerton. Elect. Engr. degree at WSU Pullman in 1967: VOCATION - Retired: COMMUNITY - Kiwanis in the past for a number of years. Also, from about 2007 to 2017 as a car seat tech, I helped parents learn to install car seats at a monthly Saturday event at PeaceHealth garage. I was asked to consider serving on the Foundation by a very Godly man and wondering if it may be a Divine nudge to "Participate in Something" again.

Foundation Report

The Vancouver First Church of God Foundation is an endowment fund that allocates scholarships and grants for Christian education and augments church ministries, activities, and property needs.

The Foundation's fund management principal comes from monetary and non-monetary gifts of Foundation members. If you go to Vancouver Church, you're already a member of the Foundation!

The Foundation Board Members meet periodically to direct the investments, review scholarship and grant applications, and allocate income for the church's general fund. Board members are recommended by the Leadership Selection Committee and affirmed by the church body. Church ministries and individuals are given equal opportunity to request funding through an application process.

It is important to note that only the annual income generated from the principal is used to honor requests for specific projects and needs. This design ensures that the endowment will be used for complementing and enhancing the church's ministries, activities, and mission for years to come.

Due to this Foundation bylaw requirement and the market conditions over the past year, we were not able to award new scholarships or grants over this past term. The Foundation did, however, issue checks this year amounting to **\$48,654** for scholarships, grants and contributions awarded in the previous fiscal year. It is the Foundation's prayer that the economy continues its recovery and that we will be in a better position to make awards again in the upcoming year.

As of the closing of our fiscal year (June 30), the principal balance of the Foundation's three investment funds, and the reserves to cover expenses and market volatility, are in place.

Year-End Fund Summary

	General Fund	Forever Fund	Jay Kennedy Fund	Total
Original Donations (Principal)	\$ 342,051.14	\$ 49,837.51	\$ 421,632.58	\$ 813,521.23
Retained Earnings	\$ 22,481.71	\$ 2,668.20	\$ 5,273.65	\$ 30,423.56
Total	\$ 364,532.85	\$ 52,505.71	\$ 426,906.23	\$ 843,944.79

The Foundation Board would like to recognize and thank the many donors who generously contributed to our efforts over the past year, particularly the ongoing support of the Kennedy family, as well as a major contribution from the estate of Sally Clark. Your support and financial contributions help to support the local church and invest in the next generation of God's Kingdom now and for years to come. Thank you for your generosity!

The Vancouver First Church of God Foundation Board

Trey Hollibaugh - Chairman, Phil Lander, Cailen Thomason, Breanna Fischer, Roger Miller, Jack Honsowetz, Nanseng Jeng (BOT Rep), Kara Apsley (Jay Kennedy Fund Advisor)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in the affirmation of candidates and the ministry financial plan, you must be able to affirm the following:

- I have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I am sixteen (16) years or older and have been attending Vancouver Church for at least six (6) months.
- I have accepted the beliefs and practices of the Church of God Ministries of Anderson, IN.
- I have a mutual desire to protect the unity, share the responsibility, serve the ministry, and support the mission of Vancouver Church by uniting in fellowship with Vancouver Church.
- I will endeavor to protect the unity of my church by acting in love toward others, engaging only in wholesome conversation, and supporting the teaching ministry and spiritual leaders.
- I will endeavor to share the responsibility of my church by praying for it to accomplish its mission, inviting the unchurched to attend, and warmly welcoming those who visit.
- I will endeavor to support the mission of my church by attending faithfully, living a Godly life, and giving regularly of my time, talent, and treasure.

DIGITAL OPTIONS & DEADLINES

All notices and links to online meetings can be found at vchurch.org/annualmeeting. The church office is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30am - 5pm (closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm), and Friday 8:30am-12pm. For inquiries, our phone number is (360) 574-1611 or you can email office@vchurch.org.

A digital version of this document is also available online at vchurch.org/annualmeeting.

July 9

Date of Information Meeting and availability of Annual Meeting Packets and Online/Absentee Ballots

July 15

Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

July 21 - 12 pm

Last day to complete absentee ballots, by mail or drop off at the church, no later than 12 pm.

July 23

Date of Business Meeting and vote.

July 28

Results will be published in VCWeekly News.

To opt-in to this newsletter, visit: vchurch.org/connect and fill out a connection card, or text: [vconnect](text:vconnect) to 97000.

To receive a paper notice by mail, contact the church office.

Mission

We seek to become an authentic biblical community effectively reaching out to our churchless neighbors with empathy, grace and truth so they can experience a whole new life with Jesus and like Jesus, more every day.

Vision

- **Reach the Next Generations**
- **Serve the Most Vulnerable**
- **Multiply Churches**



Movement

In 2030, we will be planted in four western locations strategically equipping suburbanites to collaborate with the Holy Spirit in wisdom, power & revelation.

Together, we will graciously lead our churchless neighbors to be with Jesus & like Jesus, more every day.

Together, we will empower joyous small groups to care well for each other and meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

As a result, we will alter neighborhoods locally & around the world, creating applause for our Father in heaven.

All four locations will be commissioned to multiply to four more locations over their next ten years.

Lastly, no perfect people will be allowed to join these communities.



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