

Vancouver Church

Year in Review

2023-2024





Next Generations

Reaching young people and their families with the gospel

Most Vulnerable

Meeting tangible needs in our community & worldwide

Multiply Churches

Planting churches and campuses locally & beyond

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of Expectation

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Note from Kainu (aka Pastor Chris)

This year has flown by and I count myself extremely blessed to be part of Vancouver Church. I'm especially grateful that so many of you love Jesus, and care well for so many others!

As we reflect on the past twelve months, we have much to be thankful for including the baptism of 43 people. God has been faithful to bring people to Jesus through our lives, as well as leading disciples into a deeper life with Christ.

This publication is an attempt to capture the great work God has done in us and through us. It is intended both to bring applause to God and to encourage our church.

I hope you also look at this booklet as a prayer guide. As valuable as this is for the update of our impact as a church, it's even more valuable as a guide for praise and intercession.

Psalms 63 calls us to proclaim the goodness of God saying, "Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You."

What if every one of us prayed our way through these pages, giving the Lord specific praise as we do? What would happen if we all prayed specifically over each of these areas for God's continued love, power and leadership? Do you think this would strengthen our church?

I especially want to ask that you continually pray for God's supernatural empowerment for the threefold vision that is guiding VC:

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Your faithfulness has shown the truth of Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." by God's grace and power, we are reaping a harvest together.

Let's keep seeking God and doing our part, that he might bring heaven here on earth in an even greater impact.

A Message from our Board of Trustees

There are many reasons to celebrate how God has blessed VC over the past year. One of the biggest was the signed Purchase & Sale Agreement between Vancouver Church and KWCS. The VC Board, KWCS Board, Partnership Team and VC Staff spent countless hours developing this document that the congregation approved with a 99.2% yes vote.

We also want to celebrate the generous giving that Vancouver Church was blessed with over the past year with giving up 7% over the prior year.

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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TAYLOR



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NEWTON



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HOLAHAN



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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!



Abby Conger
Pastor, Women



Anne Erickson
Executive Pastor



Chase Roush
Intern, Youth



Chris Crenshaw
Pastor,
Worship Arts



Chris Kainu
Lead Pastor



Eka Frimpong
Resident,
Women's Ministry



Francisco Garcia
Resident, Youth



Jeremy Galanter
Pastor, Outreach &
Leadership



Jill Mills
Director, Admin
Executive
Assistant



Jim Denton
Director, Facilities



John Harrell
Pastor,
Technical Arts



Kim Mott
Administrative
Assistant

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



Kirsten Galanter
Director, Prayer



Kynsie Riedel
Director,
VC Kids



Louise Thudium
Finance Assistant



Lynn Miller
Director,
Hospitality



Marina Dally
Intern, Youth



Melissa Mancillas
Director,
Communications



Nathan Noorlan
Director, Finance



Peggie Woody
VCKids Assistant



Robin Hutchin
Pastor,
Worship Arts



Sadie Kainu
Administrative
Assistant



Steve Jensen
Executive Pastor of
Ministry



Tori Jensen
Intern, Kids

The Shop

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Cleaning is just the beginning for The Shop team! In addition to daily cleaning and room setups throughout our 180,000 sq ft campus, this team handles all sorts of projects and mechanical maintenance.

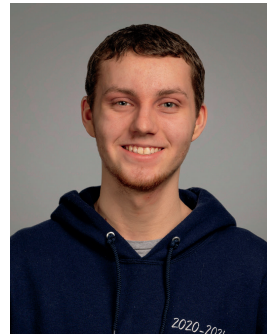
We are thankful to have these dedicated, hardworking, and adaptable people on our staff, and blessed every day by their deep care for the VC & KW communities.



Brian Tito
Maintenance
Assistant



Cindy Roe
Custodian



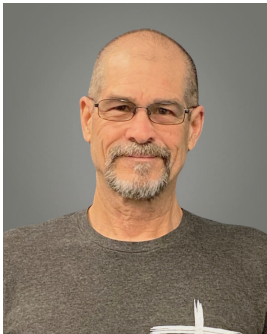
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Daniel Camacho
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Darius Peltier
Custodian



Dave Mott
Custodian



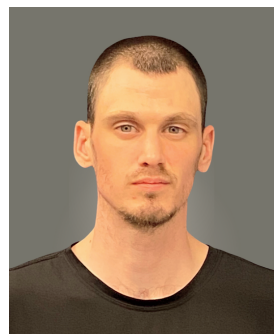
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Greg Crain
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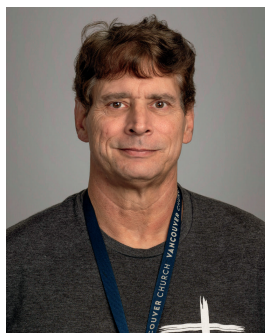
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**Michael
Anderson**
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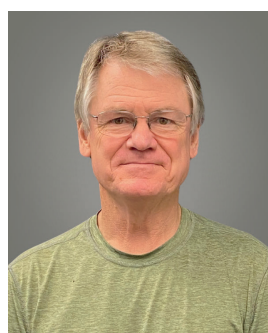
**Michael
DeWeese**
Custodian



**Michael
Vanderhook**
Lead Custodian



Shaun Congos
Custodian



Thad Knowles
Custodian



Valentin Moroz
Custodian

Baptisms



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

43
Baptisms
this past year

What is Baptism?

In short, baptism is an outward display of an inward decision to follow Jesus. The act of baptizing someone reflects Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

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!

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



TEACHING SERIES

YEAR IN REVIEW



Acts

Advancing the Jesus Movement

PROMISES FULFILLED

CHRISTMAS

BRIGHTER
DAYS

KINGDOM
ECONOMICS

CROWNS
CROWNS

Exodus

Discovering the God of Redemption

vchurch.org/sermons
[youtube.com @vancouverchurch7073](https://www.youtube.com/@vancouverchurch7073)



REACHING THE EMERGING GENERATIONS

VCKids

It's been an amazing year for VCKids! We are honored to be a part of leading the next generation to know and love Jesus. At VCKids, it's our joy to offer them a time to worship, Large-group teaching about the Bible, memorize scripture, and participate in crafts and games that aid in learning about Jesus and his love for them. Our amazing volunteers pour their time, treasure, and talent into our kids. We are grateful to link arms with them to provide a fun and faith-filled experience every single Sunday. Our outreach events, such as Trunk-or-Treat, Treasure Hunt and QUEST Camp, continue to facilitate a way for us to seek and serve our greater community. We are blessed to see the Lord's work in the lives of these kids and families!



VCKids Treasure Hunt | Easter Sunday

Around 1500 kids, friends, and family members from VC and the community and over 150 volunteers joined us this year for Treasure Hunt. It was a day full of Easter egg hunts, carnival games, family-friendly magic shows, free raffles with epic prizes, petting zoo animals, food for all, and so much fun! All followed by a morning full of Easter Sunday joy for all the family.



VCKids Quest Camp | Family Fun Day

Quest summer camp this year had kids participating in camp week held throughout the community and ending with VC's Family Fun Day celebration.



Trunk or Treat

In October VC hosted a trunk or treat on campus for our VCKids, their friends, and all our neighbors! Volunteers decorated around 40 trunks and passed out candy to hundreds of happy kids.





REACHING THE EMERGING GENERATIONS

Middle School / High School Youth

This year, in addition to our weekly youth gatherings, we've had a blast at our once-a-month connect nights, making new friends and sharing many laughs. Our karaoke sessions were epic, with everyone belting out tunes and cheering each other on. Our worship community and culture is growing. We've seen student worship leaders even join our Sunday adult gatherings. But probably the most significant area we've seen flourish is our small groups, where we have space to connect on deep levels and support each other through everything. It's been an awesome year of celebration, deepening relationships, and personal growth.





Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 358 and Cub Scout Pack 358 have been youth missions of Vancouver Church for decades. The Troop serves boys ages 10½-18, and the Pack serves boys and girls ages 5-11.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America (recently renamed Scouting America) is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law (below). In addition, individual Troops and Packs are governed according to the beliefs of their Chartering Organization, which for Troop and Pack 358 is Vancouver Church. As such, our units are conducted by men and women of faith in accordance with the teachings of Christ. Both programs are financially self-supporting, and are regularly engaged in projects that serve the church.

Many of the youth in Scouting are members of our church families and/or students at King's Way, but youth outside of the church are also encouraged to attend as an outreach to our community. Our Cub Scout Pack, under the direction of Ben and Kelli Shular, has grown from 5 to 28 boys and girls in just 2 years, and our Troop remains strong at 23 youth.

While the Cub Scout program emphasizes family fellowship and activities, the Boy Scouts emphasize youth self-leadership under the guidance of adults. It is truly a blessing to witness the maturation that occurs as our Scouts progress through the two programs. Our desire is to extend these benefits to as many youths as possible.

The Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty brave, clean, and reverent.

The Scout Oath: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Submitted by Doug Myers, Charter Organization rep of Vancouver Church for Pack and Troop 358



Men's

Last fall, our Men's Ministry hosted over 200 guys at our BBQ Extravaganza. We had great food and games, along with grilling demonstrations from Chef Ulises, who also shared his faith story. Many churchless men were welcomed at the event, and a couple of men's small groups were launched as a result.

This spring we hosted about 300 men for an evening with author Jefferson Bethke. He shared about "Fighting Shadows", overcoming the lies that keep men from being fully alive. It was a tremendous privilege to host Bethke, along with so many men from across the Portland-Vancouver area and the Pacific Northwest. This was a great reminder that the Lord is active in his Church, here at VC and far beyond.

Our men also served on work days and beyond in helping people with tangible needs. It is quite a blessing to see a person in need helped by some men with a little skill and a little time. We are hoping to grow this into regular acts of service in the future with the start of our Serve Team. Stay tuned for that!

Meanwhile, we have a number men's small groups that you can join. There are more than a half dozen men's small 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

It's been a wonderful year in Women's Ministry! From Bible studies to small groups to hosting Arise multi-church women's conference, we saw women encounter the Lord, choose to follow Jesus, get baptized and serve and lead in various areas of VC! We had an amazing year of leadership growth, as women rose up and lead in teaching, facilitating, hospitality, and hosting groups. We offered our first Women's Residency to increase the impact of VC in the life of women at our church and in our community. We are blessed by the faithful women who have served for years and the new women who have linked arms with us on mission to see women rooted in God's word, growing in the Spirit and thriving in community!



Bible Studies

Our adult studies are places where you can connect with other believers, and connect with Jesus through His Word. This past year, we established four distinct paths of adult Bible studies, with more learning paths coming soon:

Discovery [Sundays] a topical, accessible Bible study, typically using engaging videos, with some live instruction and discussion.

The Word [Sundays] a meaningful verse-by-verse bible study, spending time in both the Old and New Testaments.

Student of Scripture [Wednesdays] spent a portion of the year studying with The Bible Project Classroom, and finished the year watching and discussing “The Chosen” series

New Life Workshop These classes had their debut last fall, with a “How To Read The Bible” workshop. More workshops are coming to build you up on your walk with Jesus.

Practicing The Way This fall will be the debut of an exciting class, as we learn to be an apprentice of Jesus. You will hear more about this soon!

These studies focus not only on learning about Jesus, but also living like Jesus. If you have never been a part of a Bible Study at Vancouver Church, we encourage you to take the step of joining us this fall!

MOMCo.

Our Mom Co. Meet Up (formerly known as MOPS) is an international organization whose mission is to equip and serve moms. Our Mom Co. Meetups continue to serve as one of our Church’s ongoing outreach tools. This year, we hosted over 50 moms (and over 65 kids!) on Tuesday mornings. Mom Co. provides a time for busy Moms to partake in intentional conversations, meaningful connections, and invitations to other ministry opportunities. We welcome moms from every season of motherhood to join us as we boldly follow Jesus and invite others to join us along the way.



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 Leadership Workshop to focus on using life groups to encourage each person to grow in spiritual maturity. Another Leadership Workshop will be coming Wednesday evening, August 18.

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 | The Marriage Course

This year we had around 50 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.

The Marriage Course, another expression of Alpha was made available again this year. 30 couples engaged in a weekly date night experience where they were able to work on critical issues in their marriage and enjoy intentional time with one another. This space has been instrumental in bringing health to many marriages within our community, as well as providing a safe environment to invite and impact our churchless neighbors.



Prayer

This year, our prayer team has experienced remarkable moments of ministry each Sunday. We've seen these deep ministry moments transform lives as more and more people take the bold step to come forward and receive prayer, encountering profound breakthroughs and healing. Our intercessor team has faithfully met every week, lifting up the church's needs and witnessing tangible results in the ministries we serve. We are ecstatic for the countless testimonies of physical healings, deliverance, and spiritual renewal that have encouraged our faith and make us hungry for more. We are grateful for God's work in our midst and look forward to the coming year with great expectation.

GriefShare

GriefShare is a support group that assists people moving through their journey of grief and lets them know they are not alone. We confirm that the many emotions and questions 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 they walk away with a roadmap for healing, hope, and a promise of a meaningful future, even without their loved one. We never forget our loved ones; but we learn to process the loss and sadness and find a new life-normal that allows us to go on and to even use that pain to minister to others. We see valuable connection among the participants and often future friendships. 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.



WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Worship Arts - Traditional

Once again, 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 many individuals who have faithfully participated in our instrumental ensemble, sanctuary choir or bell choir on any given Sunday this past year. Most of these folks also participated in our Christmas and Easter Sunday services as well. Our partnership with Westwinds community band continues to be a highlight for me as they joined us again this past year for our Christmas and Easter celebrations. Recently, our sanctuary choir combined with members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church to sing a beautiful acapella rendition of 'Precious Lord' to open one of our Sunday services. Our bell choir has also been a vital part of our worship ministry this past year. These are just a few of the many occasions when our different instruments and voices have blended together to offer a single unified expression of praise to our God, and I've loved being a part of this. Our ultimate goal is for our church community to experience God as He is glorified through our praise. It's a privilege to be a part of this!

Pastor Robin

Worship Arts - Contemporary

Over the past year, we have seen growth both in the number of our team members as well as the intentionality within our worship teams to encounter Jesus every Sunday.



Through mentorship and training by some of our Sunday team leaders, it has been exciting to see our youth worship leaders gain experience and step into leading Sunday worship with confidence & authority. We are continuing to develop a culture of worshipers that are passionate about dwelling with and experiencing the power and presence of the Holy Spirit everyday. Our desire is to take that passion and use it to usher our community into an experience with Jesus that will breathe new life into their daily walks with Him.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Good Friday

Good Friday was a meaningful opportunity to shift gears and meet together in the round, gathering around the stage to worship with the cross as our focal point. As in years past, this reflective gathering was a beautiful time of reflection filled with scripture, worship, and communion.



Easter



Our Easter Sunday gatherings are a vibrant and joyful occasion for VC friends, family, neighbors and guests to gather in celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This Easter we also got to witness 11 planned and 13 spontaneous baptisms! So many reasons to celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ! Many commented this to be one of the most meaningful experiences of the year.



Hospitality Team

In Romans 15:7, Paul urges believers to...
"Welcome one another as Christ welcomed them".

Jesus' gracious and sacrificial hospitality – expressed in his life, ministry and death – strengthened the hospitality of his followers. Jesus gave his life so that persons could be welcomed into the Kingdom and in doing so linked hospitality, grace and sacrifice in the deepest and most personable way imaginable. The mission of Hospitality requires loving all and making room in our hearts for all.

The Hospitality Team at VC continues to grow and flourish and with that comes the joy of knowing that, through His people, we have opened our doors and our hearts to thousands... specifically our community of unchurched non-believers. From our all church bbq, back to church, Christmas Eve Family celebration, Treasure Hunt, The Marriage Course, Alpha and more, we have witnessed lives changed by welcoming, feeding and loving all of God's people.

Please consider joining the team. We are in the business of loving people where they are. It's that simple and YOU ARE ALL QUALIFIED!





Welcome Team

The 30+ friendly faces of our Welcome Team aim to provide a warm “come on in” for guests, and a “glad to see you again” feeling for regular attendees of VC. Guided by their mission “to make Vancouver Church a place people want to be,” the VC Welcome Team spearheads our church’s culture of invitation and belonging. You can find them every Sunday stationed at our doors and in the lobby ready to answer questions, provide guidance, and most importantly, to welcome all.

The Thursday Guys

We have several “Thursday Guys” working around 4 hours each week, totaling some 1000 hours per year. The coolest part of that is the experience they bring to the table. Most of them have owned or operated large-scale construction companies and bless us with a vast array of talents in their respective fields.

Projects done over the past fiscal year by the Thursday guys:

- Living room remodel (were instrumental at demo, ceiling rebuild, and flooring installation)
- Countless wood structures, speaker box covers, picnic tables, snowglobe, and similar items
- Vital input in the wheels of mapping campus infrastructure for any future projects.
- They all volunteer for Camp Attitude as well and are always willing to kick in and help where they can. In fact, one of those faithful servants often says, “Thursdays are my favorite day of the week due to being able to come here and volunteer”
- The Thursday guys have saved the church hundreds of thousands of dollars by their unwavering service to VC over the last year. We love these guys!!!!



SERVING TOGETHER

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! God expanded our ministry this year, and it came about unexpectedly! In addition to the 32 regulars on our Visiting List, the Team also delivered Christmas and Easter gifts, visited, caroled, and prayed for 23 residents and 21 caregivers of six Adult Family Homes. And it all started with just one resident listening in on one of our visits with a home-confined lady who lives in an AFH. One team member shared, "God spoke so clearly that we were compelled to answer His call to serve even more beyond our walls."

Volunteer Admin Team

This talented crew helps us run things behind the scenes in a variety of ways. Some tidy up and restock our pews; others help keep our database up to date; while others coordinate events; and a few more help cover our front desk during staff meetings & prayer. Whatever the role, their work allows our staff the time needed to stay attentive to God's direction and invested in the people around them. And we are thankful to have them!

Tech Team

The Tech Team ministry functions to run tech for weekly gatherings & special events. We have a dedicated group of 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, meaningful experience for our community.



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, parents & grandparents and plenty of first-time volunteers - who enjoy the shared camaraderie of serving together on a mission that serves 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.



TANZANIA

The Tanzania Pastoral Education program supports local pastors in furthering their education in secondary school and pastoral and theological training. As pastors grow in academic competency they can more effectively serve their congregations and mentor emerging leaders for the Church of God of Tanzania.



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.



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.



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.



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 under-resourced families.

Community Partners



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.

Giving Tree

As part of a long-standing tradition, our 2023 holiday season started off with our annual Giving Tree filled with requests from VC's Community Partners wishing to bless the people they serve with Christmas gifts they may not otherwise receive. So many people of the VC family provided gift after gift, giving abundantly and sharing God's love with the most vulnerable in our community - new toys and warm coats for young ones, favorite puzzles and sweets for grandparents, self-care products and coffee cards for teen moms and dads and so much more.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Providing those gifts is always a highlight of our year!



Planting Partners

Temecula, California

Casey & Aimee Graves

Launched Fall 2022

Our mission is to help people experience God every day. Here are some stories of our mission coming to life...

Jesse is in his twenties and training for a career in MMA (mixed martial arts) and was invited to Alpha at a local restaurant by Ben who is our volunteer leader of Alpha and the owner of the jiu jitsu gym where Jesse trains. Jesse was going through a difficult time in his life and was looking for answers that the content and the

community of Alpha was able to answer. Jesse prayed to receive Christ one night after one of the Alpha meetings and shortly after began to attend our Sunday gatherings. He attended the Alpha retreat with his girlfriend who also received Christ as her savior. Jesse has found hope again and he's experiencing a brand new life.

Delphina is a mother whose family has relocated to Murrieta from Mexico. She's currently living in a community home where she's saving up the resources to be able to support her family on her own. The community of the Refinery has been able to rally around her to pray for her, encourage her and help in many practical needs including holiday gifts, household needs and transportation. Delphina has found her purpose and is a key leader in our children's ministry providing spiritual care to many children and Refinery Kids volunteers.



Tonya and Abel are in their mid-30s and have 6 children. They've spent much of their adult lives deeply involved in pastoral ministry before some tremendously painful experiences in their last church. Though they had a sense of being called by God into full-time ministry in the past, they showed up at our church wanting to heal and remain anonymous. Prayerfully, they joined our five-month leadership intensive called Leadership Community. During our celebration dinner Abel, with the affirmation of his wife, shared his testimony. "Before Leadership Community we don't want anything to do with ministry. But because of Leadership Community, we're ready to follow God's calling and jump back into ministry leadership again."

Planting Partners

Temecula, California

Aimee and I (Casey) are doing well! After three years in the Temecula Valley and almost two years following our launch, our children have each found a community of friends at school, and through sports and music activities. In early July, our family is taking a vacation to rest, recover and make family memories. It has not always been easy, but as we experience the work of God in us and through us, church planting has been an extreme blessing.



Over the past year, through some strategic outreach initiatives, launching a second service, and equipping our church members to reach out to their friends, neighbors and coworkers, God has grown our congregation 33% year over year. We currently see more than 200 people in attendance on Sunday mornings, and another 60 people have come to know Christ as their savior. Many of those have decided to get baptized this year.

We've increased our staff through paid and unpaid roles. We onboarded our first local board member, and have developed an ongoing missions partnership with Lobiko who provides holistic care for children in Congo. Aimee and I piloted a leadership development cohort called Leadership Community with 14 people completing the program. This summer we have two interns and are dreaming about continued leadership development in order to multiply and send kingdom-minded leaders to launch new Jesus-centered initiatives such as businesses, nonprofits and new churches. We are incredibly encouraged and grateful for the work of God in and around The Refinery Church.



Our vision is to help 1% of the Temecula Valley connect with God and a life-giving church. And while we have a long way to go, I believe with your continued support, God's wisdom and power, and our faithful work, we will continue to move toward this vision.

So many of you are giving generously and sacrificially to make these stories and our 1% vision become a reality. Some of you have even visited us and attended The Refinery on a Sunday... you know who you are. Your love and support are extremely valuable and encouraging to us. Thank you for cheering us on!

-Casey and Aimee

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 1,039 students from 12 months through 12th grade – their enrollment keeps growing!

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 and 37 KW students got baptized!

The effects of this Christian-based education are joyfully apparent when you witness worship during weekly chapel time – especially during all-school chapel!

Keep it going King's Way! VC is glad to be on mission with you!

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.

FORT VANCOUVER HIGH SCHOOL

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

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.

PORTLAND FELLOWSHIP

Declaring a purpose to glorify Jesus Christ by proclaiming His incredible power to release people from being controlled by their desires. Their methodology includes biblical instruction, Christ-centered accountability groups, person testimonies, trained peer-to-peer support, and professional counseling referrals.

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.

VANCOUVER CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE 2024

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Trustees that the Annual Business Meeting of VANCOUVER CHURCH will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2024. 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 21, 2024, immediately following the scheduled 11 am gathering.

The business of the Annual Meeting may include:

1. Presentation of the previous year meeting minutes and minutes of the April 2024 special business meeting;
2. Presentation of financial results for fiscal year 2023-24;
3. Presentation of ministry financial plan for fiscal year 2024-25;
4. Presentation of the slate of proposed candidates for open boards and committees;
5. Presentation of any bylaw amendments;
6. 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 7, 2024.

The on-campus and online info meetings shall be held Sunday, July 7, 2024, immediately following the scheduled 9 am and 11 am gatherings.

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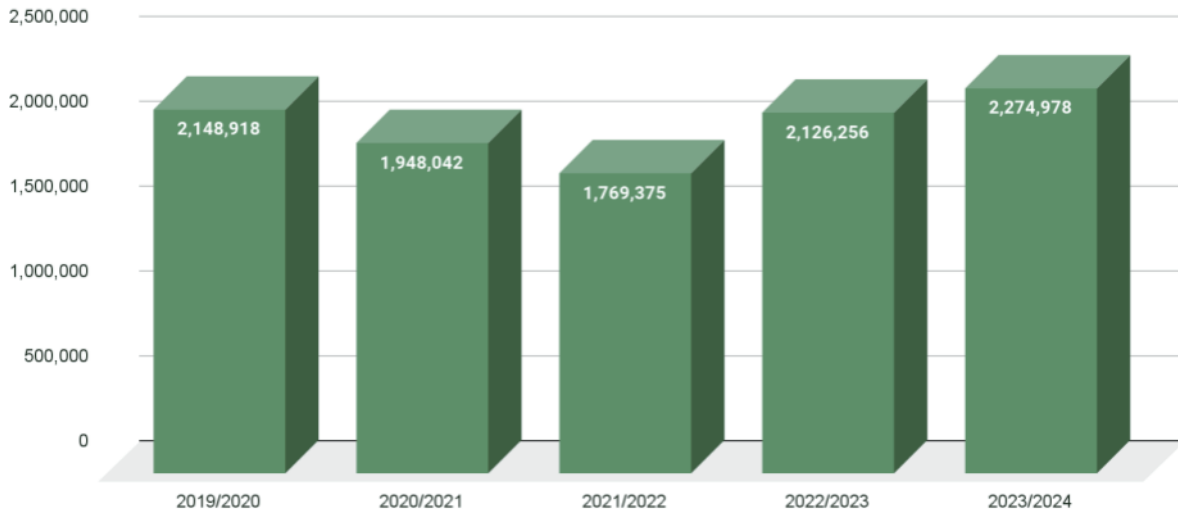
INFORMATION MEETING Sunday, July 7 @ 10:15 am and 12:15 pm

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, July 21 @ 12:00 pm

All notices posted online at vchurch.org/annualmeeting

Ministry Financial Plan

5 Year Tithes & Offerings



2024/2025 Financial Plan - Income

INCOME	General Operating Fund	Building Operations Fund	VC Capital Fund	Total
Tithes/Offerings	\$2,250,000			\$2,250,000
Contributions	\$254,000		\$200,000	\$454,000
Facility		\$1,697,937		\$1,697,937
Events	\$22,700			\$22,700
Other	\$19,500			\$19,500
Total Income	\$2,546,200	\$1,697,937	\$200,000	\$4,444,137

Ministry Financial Plan

2024/2025 Financial Plan - Expense

EXPENSES	General Operating Fund	Building Operations Fund	VC Capital Fund	Total
SWAB	\$1,408,326	\$660,722		\$2,069,048
Ministry Expenses	\$755,670	\$18,480		\$774,150
Operations Exp	\$320,020	\$825,780	\$200,000	\$1,345,800
Other Expenses	\$12,000			\$12,000
Debt Service		\$113,500		\$113,500
Interest Expense		\$115,000		\$115,000
Total Expense	\$2,496,016	\$1,733,482	\$200,000	\$4,429,498

2024/2025 Financial Plan - Summary

SUMMARY	2024/2025
Est. Beginning Cash Balance	\$1,620,240
Total Income (All funds)	\$4,444,137
Total Expenses (All funds)	\$4,429,498
Net Operating Income	\$14,639
Est. Ending Cash Balance	\$1,634,879

Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting
July 23, 2023
Time: 12:20 PM
Place: Vancouver Church

The Information meetings were held on 7/9/23. The specifics below were distributed and discussed at on-campus information meetings on July 9 after each of the two services. This was also shared online after each service.

At the information meetings, packets were passed out to those in attendance. Steve Jensen opened in prayer at the meeting following the 9:00 service, and Chris Kainu opened in prayer at the meeting following the 11:00 service. Steve Jensen reviewed the 2022 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Steve also reviewed the Boundaries and Scope of the meeting including Bylaws, Finances, and Candidates in compliance with our operating documents. Barrie Buckner, Board of Trustees Treasurer, reviewed the 5-year giving trend and presented the 2023/2024 Ministry Financial Plan. Jason Woody, Board of Trustees Chair, presented the candidates for the various Boards and Committees and discussed the vetting process. Steve Jensen, Jason Woody, and Barrie Buckner moderated a short Q&A.

Following the information meeting, the Foundation Board Chair, Trey Hollibaugh, called to order the annual Foundation Board meeting at 10:39. Trey presented the Foundation Board report, and explained the Foundation Board's purpose. Trey stated that even though there were generous contributions this past year, it was a very challenging year for earnings on the invested principal, resulting in the Foundation being unable to provide scholarships and grants this year per the ByLaws. The meeting was suspended and then reconvened following the subsequent information meeting. Trey officially adjourned the Foundation Board meeting at 1:06 p.m.

The Annual Business Meeting was held on 7/23/23 on campus and online following the 11:00 service. Steve Jensen presented the members of the Board of Trustees. Jason Woody, Board of Trustees Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Jason explained the goals and process of the meeting. The 2022 Annual Business Meeting minutes were presented. Whitney Mosback made the motion to accept and Terry Mendenall seconded. The minutes were approved.

Barrie Buckner reviewed the 2022/2023 financial results and presented the 2023/2024 Ministry Financial Plan.

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

Vancouver Church Annual Business Meeting
July 23, 2023
Time: 12:20 PM
Place: Vancouver Church

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

Steve gave the closing prayer.

Barrie then clarified that the Ministry Financial Plan being voted on to ratify was for 2023/2024, not 2022/2023 which was stated on the digital balloting.

Barrie officially closed the Annual Church Business Meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Total in-person attendance at the meeting – 340

Online attendance – 102

Voting results as reported on 7/24/2023:

Total Ballots submitted – 272

Total Ballots affirming yes for the financial plan and ratifying all candidates – 255

Total approving the financial plan – 257

Total opposing the financial plan – 3

Total neither approving or opposing the financial plan – 12

126 people voted in person

118 voted online

28 absentee ballots submitted

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Riley

Vancouver Church Special Business Meeting
April 14, 2024
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Place: Vancouver Church

Information meetings with the congregation to discuss the Purchase and Sale Agreement were held on February 14, 2024; February 18, 2024; February 21, 2024; and February 25, 2024 at Vancouver Church. At the information meetings, Purchase and Sale Agreement Overview packets were passed out to those in attendance. Members of the Board of Trustees were at each meeting, discussing the proposal by King's Way Christian School to purchase approximately 21.5 acres and 87,000 square feet of buildings from Vancouver Church, while Vancouver Church would retain approximately 5.8 acres and 89,000 square feet (the main church building). A question-and-answer period followed each of the information meetings.

The Special Business Meeting was held on April 14, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Chris Kainu welcomed the attendees and introduced Jason Woody, Board of Trustees Chairman. Chris briefly discussed the history of King's Way Christian School, why we are considering selling the property to them, and Vancouver Church's vision.

Jason Woody thanked those who worked hard to get to this point. He stated that the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement to the congregation.

Rena Marvel was asked to pray over the meeting.

At 12:40, Jason Woody officially called the Special Business Meeting to order. Ben Shular, Board of Trustees member, read the Motion to Accept, as printed on the ballots. Terry Mendenall seconded the motion.

Jason Woody asked the attendees to fill out their ballots and deposit them in the ballot boxes. Chris Kainu closed in prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Total in-person attendance at the meeting – 205 (a quorum was confirmed)

Voting results as reported on 4/14/24:

Total Ballots submitted – 252

(195 in person, 25 absentee, 32 online)

Total Ballots affirming yes for the purchase of the property by King's Way – 250

Total Ballots opposing the purchase of the property by King's Way – 2

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Riley, Board of Trustees Secretary

Bylaws Amendment

Current Version

- 7.1 Vancouver Church will meet in its annual business meeting during the month of July with a specific date and time to be determined by the Board. All business shall be conducted during the annual business meeting. Notification of the annual meeting shall be provided to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.
- 7.4 Each voting member of the corporation shall be entitled to one vote on each question at any business meeting of the corporation. All voting members will be required to register at the meeting in which they are voting. The names of those registered voters will become a part of the minutes of the meeting. In the event a voting member of the corporation will not be present for any business meeting, he or she may cast an absentee ballot, provided it has been requested, completed and turned into the Church office prior to the meeting. Each ballot must be in a sealed envelope bearing the member's name.
- 7.5 Before business may be conducted at a regular or special called Business Meeting, the following conditions must be met to meet quorum:
- 7.5.1 All voting members must sign a register of attendance attesting to their eligibility to vote.
- 7.5.2 A quorum shall be declared if the number of eligible voting members present shall equal or exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the Church's average service attendance over the past twelve (12) months.

Proposed Amendment

- 7.1 Vancouver Church will meet in its annual business meeting during the month of July. All business shall be conducted during the annual business meeting. Notification of the annual meeting shall be provided to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.
- 7.1.1 Any motions to be voted on must be submitted to the Board Chair via email or delivered to the office in writing twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting date. Motions will be made available for the review of the Congregation two weeks (14 days) ahead of the annual meeting. Any amendments must be requested in writing to the Board Chair via email or delivered to the office at least seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting. Motions or amendments from the floor will not be accepted.
- 7.4 Each voting member of the corporation shall be entitled to one vote on each question at any business meeting of the corporation. All voting members will be required to register at the meeting in which they are voting. The names of those registered voters will become a part of the minutes of the meeting. In the event a voting member of the corporation will not be present for any business meeting, he or she may cast an absentee ballot, provided it has been requested and turned into the Church office prior to the meeting.
- 7.5 Before business may be conducted at a regular or special called Business Meeting, the following conditions must be met to meet quorum:
- 7.5.1 All voting members must sign a register of attendance attesting to their eligibility to vote. No further certification of eligibility is required. The register may be physical, virtual, or a combination of the two.
- 7.5.2 A quorum shall be declared if the number of eligible voting members present shall equal or exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the Church's average service attendance over the past twelve (12) months. Quorum may be met across multiple meetings held on the same day.

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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 2024-2025 fiscal year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



MEG
BYRTEK

My husband George and I are looking forward to celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this year. Our family includes four adult children and their spouses, plus fourteen grandchildren ages 2-20. Our oldest daughter lives with her family in Mass. and the rest of them live in Oregon and Washington, which means to our delight we are able to spend time with most of them fairly often. I have lived in the Vancouver area (Washougal) for 34 years and have gone to Vancouver Church for 2+ years. George and I were asked to help start a church plant out of Newberg Friends Church in the early 1990s, shortly after I answered a call to serve as administrative pastor there and again at North Valley Friends Church in Newberg, OR. After being certified by the national organization called Peacemaker Ministries, I volunteered for several years as a Christian Conciliator. I'm grateful to have had opportunities to contribute in a wide variety of other church activities including set up / break down for services, on a drama team, in regular bible studies, co-leading family retreats, heading up a pastoral search committee, and more recently leading a workshop for Christian women in the workplace. From George Fox University I earned a BA in Management and Organizational Leadership, and then an Exec MPA from Portland State University. My career has been spent often in leadership positions with nonprofit organizations to support, enrich, and serve families. I have led teams to expand program services and move organizations to new facilities. Before I retired in 2019, I held the role of President and COO at the Children's Cancer Association. Even though we are now busy learning to take life slower in retirement, George and I continue to volunteer occasionally to support local community projects. Vancouver Church has become home for us so I am grateful for the opportunity to follow the Lord and learn from others on the BOT while contributing what might be useful based on my years of experience.



JIM
CONDON

My wife Jean and I have been married for 37 years and have three children. Jean is a teacher for the Vancouver School District. Kyle is 34 and is a fire fighter in New Orleans. Josh is 31 and is on an ambulance crew and is pursuing a firefighter job and lives locally. Our daughter Megan (who we adopted from China when she was 2 1/2) lives in Hong Kong and works for the Bank of Bangkok. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 63 years – was away at college for 3 1/2 years and have gone to Vancouver Church for 7 years. My past involvement in church activities is with hospitality ministry and choir. My general background (schooling, vocation, community involvement includes: Columbia River HS, Clark College, Western Washington; University, Portland State University; Vancouver School District for 31 years –16 as a teacher and 15 as an Associate Principal/Athletic Director; and 6 years as a Little League coach. My wife and I have been attending Vancouver Church for 7 years and have looked for areas to serve from the beginning. With my background in school leadership, serving on the board seems like a natural fit and after much prayer I felt led to do so.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES



CORINNE
GANNON

I have 3 brothers and one sister. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 16 years and have gone to Vancouver Church for 2.5 years. My past involvement in church activities includes teaching evangelism classes, evangelism outreach with the Yum Truck, leading Young Adults, and participating on the prayer team. My general background includes Elementary School Social Worker (counselor), BA: Psychology; MSW (Masters of Social Work); MDiv (Masters of Divinity; focus on Homiletics), Elementary School Track Coach, Insight Drug and Alcohol Instructor. I am interested in serving on the BOT because Dave requested I do it, to give a voice for working women, to listen to the perspectives of others that care about the church and community, to be involved in making decisions that impact the church and community to encounter Jesus and be nourished, encouraged, and united in life and relationships, to encourage evangelistic and discipleship efforts, to care for every generation in all aspects of their lives under the authority of Jesus.



TOM
MEYER

Pastor Marvel married Jean and I in July 1979. Jean is now deceased (April 7, 2024) after battling Alzheimer's for years. We have two grown children Travis Meyer (resides in Florida) and Kristi Wubben (resides in Ridgefield), married to Kevin Wubben and blessed with three grandchildren, Lydia, Audrey and Fred. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 70 years (since 1954) and have gone to Vancouver Church for 46 years (since 1978). I have served on the Church Foundation board and chaired it as well. I've served on the Board of Trustees, and took part in Mission trips to Cuba and Honduras. Regular Church attendance since 1978 and involved in small group Bible Study. Both children attend King's Way Elementary School. All three grandchildren currently attend Ridgefield High School. I graduated Ridgefield High School 1968, Central Washington State College BS 1972, WSU Master's Zoology 1973, WSU Doctor Veterinary Medicine 1978. Jean and I founded Mountain View Veterinary Hospital in 1979 and practiced veterinary medicine for over 40 years and we raised our family in the Sara farming community. I have served in many capacities at the state and national levels in organized veterinary medicine, having served as President of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). I was in the inaugural class of Leadership Clark County and a current member of the Vancouver Executives Association. I enjoy many sporting activities (golf), maintaining our family farm, traveling globally and being involved in my grandchildren's activities. I am willing to serve the Lord and He seems to be calling me again to serve His Church in this capacity. As we strive to be a multi-generational Church, I hope to bring part of the balance of the older generation. I will humbly share my lifetime of leadership, business and various board experiences to help advance the vision of the Vancouver Church.



KEVIN
WUBBEN

My wife, Kristi, and I have been married for 16 years and have three kids, Lydia, Audrey and Frederick. We enjoy spending time together at our home and cheering on our kids as they compete in various sports and activities. We have found ourselves on many traveling adventures together, and always try to end up somewhere we can enjoy smores around a fire. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 25+ years and have gone to Vancouver Church for 3 years. I have been volunteering on the Welcome Team for the past couple years, I participated in the Evangelism Training Course last year, and was part of the coordination team for the Men's BBQ last year. My wife and I have been part of a small group that has met weekly for the last few years. I grew up here in Vancouver and graduated from Ridgefield HS in 2004. I graduated from WSU Pullman with a Bachelors Degree in Construction Management and have been working in the construction industry ever since. I have volunteered as a youth soccer coach since 2018 and am currently on the coaching staff for both my daughters club soccer teams. I am honored and excited for the call to serve on the Board of Trustees. I am looking forward to creating and growing relationships within the body of the church while also working toward advancing the mission and vision of the church over the next three years.

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LEADERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE



JENNY
DICK

I have been married to my best friend Dave for 32 years. We share two daughters Emily and Ellie. Our girls are both King's Way graduates. I also have two step-sons Ryan and Andrew. Being a mom is one of my most treasured blessings.... But being a grandma "Mimi" is tops!!!! I came to the Vancouver area as a traveling nurse 36 years ago and thought I would never stay because I didn't like the rain! But God had other plans for me cause I am still living here!! Lol. I've been at Vancouver Church for 25 years. I taught Sunday school for several years and have previously served on the Leadership Selection Committee. I enjoy helping with the hospitality team for church events and am a part of a life group. I have been a Registered Nurse for 43 years and just recently retired. Nursing has been a wonderful way to serve God and share His love with others. My faith was deepened through seeing how God worked and answered prayers while being a part of medical mission teams in Haiti. I volunteer at the Giving Closet and love being part of that wonderful community. I'm interested in serving on this committee because I believe being part of the LSC will allow me the opportunity to serve God and help Vancouver Church shape its future leadership teams.



NHU
RAKOZ

I am married to Phil and we have 3 boys at the age 8, 11, and 15. Both younger boys attend King's Way and oldest at Skyview to participate in the SMT program. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 12 years and have gone to Vancouver Church for 4 years. My past involvement in church activities includes children and youth ministry, church plant for 5 years, and women mentor, women group table leader. My general background is school: Theology degrees at Concordia and Multnomah Bible Seminary, Counseling degree at George Fox University; vocation: Christian Counselor private practice and PRN Mental Health Professional @ Rainier Springs Psychiatric Hospital, Community: Children's ministry and greetings @ VC. My spiritual gifts and passion for Christ's church families lead me to be interested in serving on this committee.

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MISSION ACTION COMMITTEE



SHONNA
HOLAHAN

My husband of 33 years is Shaun Holahan. He is my gift from God. Both our mothers live with us. We have two adult children and two grandchildren. Being a Mimi is one of the greatest blessings I have experienced. We have lived in Hockinson for 21 years and have been at Vancouver Church since The 6 started in 2017. We were part of the Core at The 6. I was a reading buddy at Sacajawea. We have served at Youth Ministry camps. Currently we are Lifegroup leaders, serve on the Prayer Ministry team, the Welcome team and in Children's Ministry. I am a Registered Nurse at a local hospital. I have a heart to love on and support those who are working in missions. I have been on three short-term mission trips and have seen God move in unexpected ways. I believe we are all called to love our neighbors and serving our community partners is a practical way to show the love of Jesus to others.



STEVE
OLSON

Married to Karen for 52 yrs. We have two children, both married. We have four grandchildren; two local and two in Nampa, Idaho ages 19, 19, 14, 10. Our son and his family are local and attend VC. We have lived in Vancouver since 1974. Taught Sunday School and worked with youth for 43 yrs. Worked with Senior High Youth Group and 5th and 6th grades for many years. Served on Board of Trustees for nearly 20 yrs and was a BOT rep to Board of Missions for many of those years. Served several stints on the Missions Board, now the Mission Action Committee (MAC). Many years ago, served on the Church Council. Went on several mission trips, including Mexico, Tanzania, Arizona, and the Crimea. Currently working on history of Vancouver Church for our anniversary celebration in 2026. Am involved in a Men's Group on Tuesday evenings and lead a Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. Also, involved in a small group on Sundays. Graduated from Clatskanie HS in 1968 and went to Warner Pacific College to play basketball - attended from 1968-1972 and went back and graduated in 1981. Served in the US Air Force from 1972-2001 and then retired from active duty. Most of that service was at the Oregon Air National Guard base. Worked for three yrs at the Housing Authority of Portland as the Training Manager. Went to work for Vancouver Church in 2004 as Executive Assistant to Pastor Burch and Office Manager. After two yrs I became the Facilities Manager and kept the Office Manager position as well as supervising the IT function. I retired from VC in 2017 and went to work for Brady's Auto Body part-time for six yrs until retiring Dec 31, 2023. I have been a part of a Veteran's organization called Operation Healing. We send Veterans with certain levels of PTSD to Alaska for fishing and other outdoor experiences. I have always considered the MAC to be my favorite board or committee. I feel that I have a lot to offer, having been involved in missions and mission trips over the years. The things the MAC does gets people involved in mission activities, both local and foreign. I have been able to witness so many changed lives by our outreach efforts in the past and want to be part of revitalizing our impact as we come out of the pandemic, which put a stop to our trips.



DICK
SHAFFER

My wife, Jeanne and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year. We have three daughters, their husbands and four grandchildren. We live in north Vancouver with two of our daughters on adjoining property. We have always had horses. We sold Haskin Electric about 2 years ago and entered into our retirement years. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 52 years and have gone to Vancouver Church for 50 years. I have participated in work camps in: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, Thailand, Cuba, Lebanon, Honduras, as well as many local (US) mission trips. Many of these trips I was able to take my girls. I worked with the youth and adults teaching or assisting. With the youth driving a bus on trips, or as a chaperone. I love workdays at the church or elsewhere. The most recent is our workday at Camp Attitude which was awesome, it was a real joy to spend time with the emerging generations and seeing our vision being carried on. It is honor to serve as a representative for church missions. I have a 4-year degree from George Fox. The electrical trade has been my trade for the past 50 years, 30 of which Jeanne and I owned Haskin Electric. I have felt for years my vocation is serving Jesus and the electrical trade is the means that Christ placed me in to do ministry. I am interested in serving on the MAC because I want to help encourage others of all ages to serve and carry out the mission that we have been commissioned to do.

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ANDRES
JIMENEZ

My family includes my wife and CEO of our household for the last 13 years Heather Jimenez, my 8 year old pride and joy son - AJ Jimenez, and my extra spicy quesadilla soon to be 4 year old daughter - Aliana Jimenez. I have lived in the SW Washington area for the last 10 years and I've been at Vancouver Church for 6 years. I have taken part of a number of bible studies, life/men's groups, volunteer events, and marriage classes with the church over the last 6 years. I graduated from Portland State University and work in the community as a Certified Financial Planner under the Edward Jones Umbrella. I have served on a number of Boards in the nonprofit sector in Portland and SW Washington over the past 10 years utilizing my skills in strategic financial planning - Currently am on the board of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce with a focus on our scholarship committee. I also serve on the Advisory Council for the Community Foundation of SW Waterfront. I have stepped into many leadership positions in my professional career and I have been looking for opportunities to serve the church in a deeper fashion but have shied away from any form of leadership feeling like I wasn't ready to lead in an evangelistic manner. Offering my skills and knowledge in the financial sector was not something that I had ever thought of when looking for ways to serve God. Being asked to help the foundation during such an exciting time is something that I am very honored to be a part of.



NICK
KRALJ

My wife Lindsey and I have been married since 2004. We live in Camas and have 2 kids: Andrew is 18 and headed to Gonzaga in the fall of '24, and our daughter Lauren is 16 at Seton Catholic. I have lived in the Vancouver and surrounding area for the last 23 years and I've been at Vancouver Church for 6 years. My past involvement in church activities included Mens activities. My general background includes Gresham High School, Linfield College, Retirement Plan Consultant, and Camas Little League President. I am interested in serving on the Foundation because I enjoy serving the community and look to do so using my financial background and skills.



MARLA
RILEY

Married to Patrick Riley for 47 years. We have an adult son and daughter who have each given us two wonderful grandchildren. I have lived in the Vancouver area for 47 years - we moved here on our honeymoon - and I've been at Vancouver Church for 17 years. Bookkeeper for both church and King's Way from 2007 - 2015. Involved in choir, Singing Christmas Tree, Women's Bible Study teacher. Write notes on a monthly basis to everyone on the visiting ministry list. Served in Children's ministry for a time. Co-teacher of The Word Sunday Bible Study. Graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, Wis. Worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co, before marriage and Freightliner corporation after marriage. Worked at Minnehaha Church of Christ as secretary/bookkeeper. Worked for Gaither and Sons as Office Manager. Homeschooled my two children all the way through elementary, middle, and high school. Competent Toastmaster. Served on board of Teach One to Lead One, CYT, and Journey Theater. Worked as director for musical shows with Christian Youth Theater and Journey Theater. Taught public speaking to homeschool co-op. It seems a natural move for me to serve on the Foundation since finance has been part of my work history. I have sat in on interviews for the Foundation and found it fascinating to hear the goals of our youth and know the Foundation can play a part in making their goals easier.



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 7

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

July 13

Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

July 19 - 12 pm

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

July 21

Date of Business Meeting and vote.

July 26

Results will be published in VCWeekly News.

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

Foundation Report 2024

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 principle 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.

The funds are organized into 3 separate categories with different donor origins, The Jay Kennedy Fund, The General Fund and the Forever fund. The Foundation was able to make available an additional \$22,000 from the Jay Kennedy Fund this year. Scholarship amounts for this fund were decided in February 2024. Applications are currently under review to determine recipients and amounts for this year's recipients. While we saw market conditions improve substantially over the past year, unfortunately it was a bit too late of a recovery to issue any new funds from the General/Forever Funds. The cut off for decisions with those funds is typically the December/January time frame and we had not quite recovered from the previous year's poor market performance. However the funds are now well positioned and available for distribution for next 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				
Fund	General Fund	Forever Fund	Jay Kennedy Fund	Total
Original Donations (Principal)	\$350,762.14	\$49,837.51	\$421,632.58	\$822,232.23
Retained Earnings	\$48,254.06	\$6,422.23	\$38,619.65	\$93,295.94
Total	\$399,016.20	\$56,259.74	\$460,252.23	\$915,528.17

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. We received \$8,711 in donations over the past fiscal year. 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:
 Cailen Thomason- Chairman, Phil Lander, Trey Hollibaugh, Breanna Fischer, Roger Miller, Jack Honsowetz, Nanseng Jeng (BOT Rep), Kara Apsley (Jay Kennedy Fund Advisor)

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

Next Generations

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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