
LORNE PARK COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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THE 1996 LPCF REPORT to GENERAL CONFERENCE '96 *The Free Methodist Church in Canada* October 25-28, 1996

Paul G. Johnston, President/Director

Looking Back into Some of Ontario's Free Methodist History

Lorne Park Seminary was founded in 1924 three miles northeast of Port Credit in what is now the city of Mississauga, Ontario. The purpose of this new Free Methodist school was to educate young people in a Christian environment, especially for full-time Christian service but also trained in general education areas.

The name was changed to **Lorne Park College** in 1927 and incorporated under a Provincial Charter in 1928 -- a Charter which LPC continues to maintain for possible future use. A source for many interesting and humorous tales from LPC is the *History of Lorne Park College* as highlighted by J. Crispin Shaftoe in his book, *Laying the Foundation*.

LPC Alumni Still in the Ministry

There are still 55 LPC alumni who are ministers today (active and retired). Forty-one of these are with the Free Methodist Church. In addition to this 25 LPC alumnae are spouses of ministers. This is still quite a record, given the fact that LPC closed its doors 30 years ago!

Lorne Park College was closed temporarily in 1966 but never reopened again. The following year a scholarship program known as **Lorne Park College Foundation (LPCF)** was established to assist Free Methodist students in their college and seminary education at approved institutions. Later in 1985 the **Canadian Scholarship Plan (CSP)** was set up to broaden the scholarship coverage across Canada with about half of the funds coming from LPCF. Last school year 33 CSP recipients attended 7 different colleges and 30 attended 5 seminaries.

Over 2000 different students have received financial assistance from **LPCF/CSP** over these 30 years. Many of them are presently pastoring FM churches in Canada and many more are faithful lay persons in our churches. At least one-third of the recipients have been those preparing for pastoral ministry, missionary or other Christian service.

Lorne Park College Principals/Presidents -- 1924-66:

James F. Gregory	1924-32	K. Lavern Snider	1951-56
Alice E. Walls	1932-34, 1935-37, 1940-42	J. Leon Winslow	1956-58
Herbert C. Linstead	1934-35	Clarence C. Zahnizer	1958-59
Harold W. Loveless	1937-40	Byron Withenshaw	1959-65
G. Dalton Kirk	1942-46	Claude A. Horton	1965-66
R. Barclay Warren	1946-51		

Over 70 different teachers served LPC from 1924-66.

Lorne Park College Foundation Presidents/Directors -- 1966-96:

Claude A. Horton	1966-71	Claude A. Horton	1976-85
David J. Gyertson	1971-73	Paul G. Johnston	1985-
Gary R. Walsh	1973-76		

Financial Progress

When the 13 acre LPC campus was sold in 1969 to Sheridan College for \$650,000, the net endowment invested for future scholarships was about \$500,000. Through prudent investing and several bequests this fund has now grown to \$1,200,000. Interest only is used for student grant/loans or scholarships. The attached 1995 LPCF Financial Statements prepared by our Auditor presents a clear picture of our financial operations.

Wills -- Bequests -- Charitable Receipts

Lorne Park College Foundation is a charitable organization with Registration # 0244350-20-13 which means that it may issue official receipts for income tax purposes. Over the past several years many supporters have included LPC or LPCF in their wills. Please continue to remember this very vital aspect of Kingdom Growth in preparing or adjusting your future wills and bequests. Your youth are worth it! You may contact us at the above address.

Special Scholarships

There are now thirteen Special Scholarships being administered by LPCF in addition to the \$48,000 contributed to the CSP. This past academic year of 1995-96 the following students received these Special Scholarships/Awards:

<i>Bass Award for Seminary Excellence</i>	Janice Cornfield , Wesley Biblical Seminary
<i>Shier Award for College Excellence</i>	Lyn Tomc , Roberts Wesleyan College
<i>Bowen/Caswell Award for Missionary Preparation</i>	Colleen Taylor , Regent College Jon Teal , Emmanuel Bible College
<i>Coates/Hill Award for Great Lakes Ministerial Cand.</i>	Joseph Moreau , Ontario Theol Seminary
<i>Davey Awards for Christian Service Preparation</i>	Philip Chajkowski , Spring Arbor College Victoria Marsh , OTS Craig Peters , OTS George Sweetman , Regent College Angelina Walker , RWC
<i>Freeman Award for LPC Alumni Relative</i>	Elizabeth DeMille , Regent College
<i>Shillington Award for Missionary Preparation</i>	Christine Yong , Ontario Bible College

Other Special Scholarships include:

Horton Award for Leadership
White Award for Chaplaincy Preparation
Bastian Award for New Ministers & Continuing Education
Cooper Award for Overseas Students
Reid Award for Missionary Preparation

The Wesley Chair & Wesley Scholarship at Ontario Theological Seminary

For the past three years four holiness denominations have been underwriting the new **Chair of Wesley Studies** at OTS -- *The Brethren in Christ Church, The Free Methodist Church, The Salvation Army and The Standard Church*. LPCF is helping to fund 50% of the Free Methodist share of this chair. Dr. Victor A. Shepherd, our Wesley professor, has been very well received by the students as well as the seminary leadership.

The Foundation also funds a **Wesley Scholarship** for Free Methodist students at OTS who are at least Ministerial Candidates. Twenty recipients received a total of \$12,040 last year from this scholarship.

AFMEI -- Association of Free Methodist Educational Institutions

The Foundation continues to be an active and contributing member of AFMEI. This is an association of Free Methodist college/university presidents and FM foundation president/directors as well as the chairs of their Boards of Trustees. They meet annually for coordination of programs, sharing ideas, developing FM educational directions and fellowship.

New Projects Currently In Process

LPCF is expanding its scholarship focus to assist Free Methodist students in other ways. A study is underway to determine how the Foundation can best serve our students who choose to attend secular colleges and universities in Canada. The long-standing policy of no scholarships to attend these institutions is still in effect, but a program is being developed to link FM students with local FM churches and the possibility of **host-homes** as residences for our youth rather than the secular dormitory environment.

New communication methods utilizing the **internet and satellite technology** are possible ways of furthering a Continuing Education curriculum especially among the clergy.

LPC REUNION '97 -- June 7 at Redeemer College

Every three years LPC alumni gather to reminisce about the "good old days" on campus. The next **LPC ALUMNI REUNION** is set for June 7, 1997, Saturday beginning at 2 pm on the Redeemer College campus, Hwy 53 in Ancaster, just south of Hamilton. The **Reunion Banquet** at 5:30 pm will feature alumni music and **Dr. K. Lavern Snider**, former teacher and principal from 1950-56, as the speaker. Total cost for the event is just \$25 per person.

Alumni Directory -- LPC & LPCF/CSP

Over 470 names of LPC alumni are being kept up to date in a **College Directory** that is available from the office for \$5. A **Foundation Directory** is currently being developed which already has 523 names of students who have received funding from LPCF and/or CSP. This new directory will be available in the near future.

Approved Colleges/Universities & Seminaries

LPCF is committed to encouraging Free Methodist youth to attend approved colleges, universities and seminaries in order that they may be better equipped to serve the Lord. In cooperation with the Canadian Scholarship Plan our scholarship assistance encourages attendance at these Free Methodist or approved institutions:

Approved Colleges and Universities

Azusa Pacific University	Azusa, CA
Bethany Bible College	Sussex, NB
Canadian Bible College	Regina, SK
Canadian Nazarene College	Calgary, AB
Central College	McPherson, KS
Emmanuel Bible College	Kitchener, ON
Greenville College	Greenville, IL
Ontario Bible College	Toronto, ON
Roberts Wesleyan College	Rochester, NY
Rocky Mountain Bible College	Calgary, AB
Seattle Pacific University	Seattle, WA
Spring Arbor College	Spring Arbor, MI
Trinity Western University	Langley, BC

Approved Seminaries in Canada

Canadian Theological Seminary	Regina, Sk
Ontario Theological Seminary	Toronto, ON
<i>OTS is also an approved JWSF institution</i>	
Regent College	Vancouver, BC
Wycliffe College	Toronto, ON

Approved Seminaries in USA - John Wesley Seminary Foundation Institutions

Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore, KY
Azusa Pacific University - C. P. Haggard School of Theology	Azusa, CA
Wesley Biblical Seminary	Jackson, MS
Western Evangelical Seminary	Portland, OR

Members of the LPCF Board of Trustees

The LPCF Board of Trustee members who have served this past year are as follows:

Robert Hicks	Chair / CE Lay '96
Gary Irwin	Vice-Chair / CGL Lay '97
Christopher Walker	Secretary / CE Min '96
Bev Hall	Treasurer / CGL Lay '96
Selwyn P. Belsher	Member-at-Large '96
Steven Feather	CGL Min '96
Michael Hogeboom	CE Min '96
Ken Kennedy	CGL Min '96
Lloyd R. Eyre	Member-at-Large '97
Carmen Bell	Member-at-Large '97
Eldon G. Kay	Member-at-Large '96
Ruth Brackley	CE Lay '97
Keith E. Lohnes	Alumni Rep '96
Paul G. Johnston	President / Director (resource)
Merle J. Moore	Assistant Treasurer (resource)
Gary R. Walsh	Bishop (resource)
C. Douglas McCallum	Investment Manager (resource)

LORNE PARK COLLEGE

1995 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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AUDITORS' REPORT

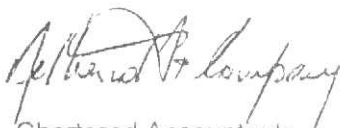
To the Members
LORNE PARK COLLEGE

We have audited the balance sheet of LORNE PARK COLLEGE as at December 31, 1995 and the statements of income and expenditure and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

There is no practical means of verifying the amount of voluntary contributions to an organization of this nature. Our audit procedures were, therefore, limited to those receipts recorded in the accounting records.

In our opinion, except for the effect of any adjustments which might have been required had there been no limitation in the scope of our examination referred to above, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the College as at December 31, 1995 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



Chartered Accountants

North York, Ontario
January 24, 1996

LORNE PARK COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1995

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 12,621	\$ 61,161
GST recoverable	201	491
Accrued interest receivable	38,185	20,242
	<u>51,007</u>	<u>81,894</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 2)		
Marketable securities (market value \$965,255)	923,334	847,382
Mortgages receivable	225,626	252,848
	<u>1,148,960</u>	<u>1,100,230</u>
	<u>\$ 1,199,967</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,124</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,077	\$ 2,350
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS (Note 3) (Schedule)	199,535	181,919
GIFT ANNUITIES (Note 4)	6,000	6,000
SURPLUS	<u>991,355</u>	<u>991,855</u>
	<u>\$ 1,199,967</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,124</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Director

Director

LORNE PARK COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
INCOME		
Interest - marketable securities	\$ 76,659	\$ 62,371
- mortgages	21,558	23,738
Bequests	-	35,000
Reunion Fees	-	3,152
Contributions	8,724	16,817
Sales	74	517
	<u>107,015</u>	<u>141,595</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Scholarships - Free Methodist	48,000	66,000
- Wesley	11,070	17,790
Planned giving	3,600	5,040
Association of Free Methodist		
Educational Institutions	1,370	712
Chair of Wesley Studies	5,004	4,766
Administration services	2,500	2,500
Board	1,547	601
Honorarium	3,800	1,800
Interest on annuities	366	366
Bank service charges	274	130
Professional fees	1,319	1,167
Management charges on mortgages	978	1,001
Postage, office and miscellaneous	1,019	1,678
Publicity	602	536
Travel	2,850	1,340
Goods purchased for resale	-	1,782
Alumni reunion	-	3,875
Transfer to scholarship funds	23,216	10,483
	<u>107,515</u>	<u>121,567</u>
EXCESS INCOME (EXPENDITURE) FOR YEAR	(500)	20,028
Surplus, beginning of year	<u>991,855</u>	<u>971,827</u>
SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 991,355</u>	<u>\$ 991,855</u>

LORNE PARK COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)		
Operating activities		
Excess income (expenditure) for year	\$ (500)	\$ 20,028
Decrease (increase) in GST recoverable	290	(253)
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest receivable	(17,943)	(4,602)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	<u>727</u>	<u>(975)</u>
	<u>(17,426)</u>	<u>14,198</u>
Investing activities		
Decrease (Increase) in marketable securities	(75,952)	(1,750)
Decrease (increase) in mortgages receivable	27,222	(352)
Increase in scholarship funds	<u>17,616</u>	<u>7,383</u>
	<u>(31,114)</u>	<u>5,281</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH DURING YEAR	(48,540)	19,479
Cash, beginning of year	<u>61,161</u>	<u>41,682</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>12,621</u>	\$ <u>61,161</u>

LORNE PARK COLLEGE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) Lorne Park College is a religious, charitable and non-profit organization registered by Revenue Canada.
- (b) Income and expenditure are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting whereby income is recorded on the accounts when earned and expenditures when incurred.

2. INVESTMENTS

Investments, carried in the accounts at cost, included the following:

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
(a) Marketable securities		
Government of Canada bonds		
10 1/4% due 1996	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
8.77% due 1998	49,999	-
9% due 2011	50,000	50,000
German Federal Republic bonds		
6.375% due 1997	-	47,497
Province of Ontario bonds		
8.75% due 1997	55,000	55,000
7.5% due 1999	63,931	83,189
8% due 2000 Series '95	150,000	-
Corporate bonds and debentures		
Ontario Hydro 9.625% due 1999	49,000	49,000
Bank of Nova Scotia 8.1% due 2003	59,175	59,175
Corporate shares		
First Australian Prime	-	101,572
BC Telecom Inc.	12,188	-
IPL Energy Inc.	15,409	-
Government of Canada treasury bills		
due 1995	-	151,949
5.67% due 1996	103,632	-
Guaranteed investment certificates		
Canada Trustco 6% due 1996	50,000	50,000
Canada Trustco 8% due 1999	100,000	100,000
Bank of Nova Scotia 4.75% due 1996	65,000	-
	<u>\$ 923,334</u>	<u>\$ 847,382</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
2. (b) Mortgages receivable		
Managed by Canada Trust	\$ 38,232	\$ 61,321
Managed by D. McCallum	<u>187,394</u>	<u>191,527</u>
	<u>\$ 225,626</u>	<u>\$ 252,848</u>

The two mortgages receivable (three in 1994) managed by Canada Trust are registered on title. One mortgage matured in 1995 and the second mortgage was renewed to mature in 2000.

The mortgages receivable managed by D. McCallum represent a portion of the mortgage arranged on various properties. The mortgages held on behalf of the participants are registered in the name of Charles Douglas McCallum, In Trust.

3. SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship funds are held by the organization for various individuals. Interest is credited to the funds annually on the basis of the average interest earned on the organization's investments during the year. In 1995 the interest rate applied is 7 percent per annum. (7.25 percent in 1994)

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 181,919	174,536
Scholarship funds received during the year	10,410	520
Scholarships paid out during the year	(5,600)	(3,100)
Interest credited during year	<u>12,806</u>	<u>9,963</u>
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 199,535</u>	<u>\$ 181,919</u>

4. GIFT ANNUITIES

The organization has entered into irrevocable gift annuity agreements with donors desirous of making a charitable donation to the organization. Payments at guaranteed rates are made during the lifetime of the annuitant. On the death of the annuitant the balance of funds remain the property of the organization and are recorded as income at that time.

LORNE PARK COLLEGE
SCHEDULE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	FUNDS RECEIVED	FUNDS PAID OUT	INTEREST CREDITED	BALANCE, END OF YEAR
Bass	\$ 10,979	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ 733	\$ 11,212
Bastian	40,961	2,675	-	3,055	46,691
Bowen/Caswell	20,736	500	(1,600)	1,400	21,036
Coates/Hill	7,477	-	(300)	525	7,702
Cooper	6,887	-	-	482	7,369
Davey	58,850	-	(2,000)	4,060	60,910
Freeman	6,636	1,835	(600)	455	8,326
Horton	8,498	-	-	595	9,093
Reid	-	3,400	-	-	3,400
Shier	7,555	-	(300)	525	7,780
Shillington	6,151	2,000	(300)	473	8,324
White	7,189	-	-	503	7,692
	<u>\$ 181,919</u>	<u>\$ 10,410</u>	<u>\$ (5,600)</u>	<u>\$ 12,806</u>	<u>\$ 199,535</u>



Roberts Wesleyan College

August 1996

Dear Canadian General Conference Members and Delegates,

It is with gratitude and joy that I submit the enclosed annual report to you concerning recent activities and progress at Roberts Wesleyan College. I hope that you will be encouraged by the contents of this report as I believe it reflects how God is enabling us to prepare people for works of service, integrating faith and learning in a quality Christian liberal arts environment.

As part of the educational arm of the Free Methodist Church since 1866, Roberts Wesleyan is privileged to identify with this denomination in the U.S. and Canada and draws vision and direction from this valuable association. We strive to be an asset to the church in both countries and welcome ideas and suggestions concerning ways we can more effectively serve you.

We are pleased that God has used Roberts Wesleyan to help provide key pastoral, administrative and theological leadership for the church. In addition to numerous pastors who have received their undergraduate education at Roberts, two North American Bishops--Richard Snyder and Gary Walsh--are Roberts alumni. Two members of our faculty--Dr. Wayne McCown and Dr. Paul Livermore--are assisting the church in the refinement of its doctrine as members of the Free Methodist Church Study Commission on Doctrine, and Dr. Livermore was commissioned by this body to write the church's definitive two-volume treatise on doctrine.

A recent review of the people on our regular Canadian contact list revealed some other information that was interesting to me and may interest you as well:

- 195 Roberts alumni are currently residing in Canada.
- Among these Canadian alumni, 26 are actively serving pastorates in the Canadian Church and 18 are in education.
- Contributions from Canada have totaled more than \$40,000 to Roberts during the 1995-96 fiscal year.

Just these few items of information show that the Canadian Free Methodist Church and Roberts Wesleyan College enjoy a mutually beneficial bond. I pray for the continued strengthening of this relationship in the years ahead. Thank you for your supportive partnership. May the Lord bless you as you convene for His business.

Cordially yours,

William C. Crothers
President

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Office of the President

Roberts Wesleyan College

CONFERENCE REPORT 1996



As the following highlights demonstrate, this continues to be a very dynamic period in the life of Roberts Wesleyan College. While making a conscious recommitment to its mission as a Christian liberal arts college with its roots deep in Free Methodism, Roberts continues its exciting progress in terms of enrollment, faculty and staff size, academic programs, community service, facilities and equipment, and spiritual enrichment and outreach.

Campus Spiritual Life Dynamic and Growing

In an open letter to Roberts Wesleyan's faculty, staff and administration, Valerie Kettinger, Campus Ministries Coordinator and 1996-97 Student Association President-elect, commented:

It is amazing to look around and to see all the opportunities on our campus for students to grow closer to the Lord. God is giving many of us new ideas daily, to help us to reach all types of students for Him, and . . . is showing us effective and creative ways to direct each individual to Jesus . . . God is working here in the lives of students . . . because of the witness that you all are to the students. Professors and (staff members) alike are taking advantage of opportunities to share the love of Christ with RWC students. Thank you for all that you are doing to move our campus closer to God's heart . . .

Valerie's Campus Ministries Office oversees a variety of activities, including:

- A new Youth Ministries program through which students reach out to teens in the Rochester area;
- A Prayer Partners program in which students team up and meet in the College's new prayer chapel to pray for campus concerns;
- Community Outreach Ministries through which students visit nursing homes, work on clothing drives, volunteer as Special Olympics helpers, visit children in hospitals, and teach Sunday school in a Buffalo inner-city church;
- Power Groups - nearly 20 groups that gather weekly for Bible study, discussion and prayer;
- Prison Ministries through which students minister to inmates and their families;
- At the Foot of the Cross, a student-led Sunday evening worship and praise service attended by approximately 400 students each week.

In addition to these activities, students have been blessed this year through ministry from such dynamic speakers and ministers as:

Josh McDowell
Os Guinness
Ken Medema
Bishop Richard Snyder

Free Methodist Pastor Mark VanValin
Dr. Victor Shepherd of Ontario Theological Seminary
Hearing-impaired author and lecturer Sue Thomas
World magazine editor Marvin Olasky

Fall Enrollment Again Hits Record High

Roberts Wesleyan College's enrollment, continuing its annual increase, climbed to 1,267 students following fall 1995 registration. This represents an increase of 86 (approximately 7%) over fall 1994. A total of 308 new undergraduate students, 113 graduate students, 108 special students, and 151 adults in the Organizational Management degree-completion program are included in this number. By academic divisions, the traditional undergraduate enrollment breaks down as follows: 225 in Business Administration and Management, 172 in Social Work and Social Sciences, 152 in Religion and Humanities, 137 in Teacher Education, 135 in Fine Arts (music and art), 116 in Nursing, 101 in Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and 92 in Liberal Arts.

New and Developing Academic Programs

In September 1995, the College launched its new Master of Social Work degree program with 45 students, while 68 students were enrolled in the Master of Education program. The College also continues laying the groundwork for development of a Master of Science degree program in Organizational Management, with two optional concentrations—not-for-profit and for-profit organizations. The College is also still optimistic about being able to offer courses from an accredited seminary on the Roberts campus in the relatively near future.

In March, Roberts admitted its first students in a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree-completion program for RN's with two-year degrees. Similar in concept to the College's Organizational Management (formerly Management of Human Resources or MHR) program, this program will enable working nurses to complete their B.S.N. degrees in 54 weeks of part-time study.

New Dorms and Classrooms Scheduled as Cultural Life Center Take Shape

In response to the critical need for additional classroom and dormitory space brought about by record growth in enrollment and academic programs, the Roberts Wesleyan Board of Trustees has approved construction of a townhouse complex for student housing and an addition to the Smith Science Center. The North Campus Housing Complex will include two buildings containing two- and three-bedroom apartments for a total of 80 students. Classrooms for undergraduate instruction will be constructed atop the south wing of the existing Smith Science Center, adjacent to the new Cultural Life Center. These projects, along with the Cultural Life Center, are scheduled for completion before the beginning of the fall 1996 semester.

Central College President to be Roberts Provost Dr. Burton Jones Named Dean of the Faculty

Dr. John A. Martin, since 1990 the president of Central College, and an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church, has been appointed to the position of provost at Roberts Wesleyan College. Simultaneously, Dr. Burton R. Jones, Vice President for Academic Services and Dean of Adult and Graduate Education, has been promoted to the new position of Dean of the Faculty. Both appointments will become effective July 1, 1996, when current Provost Wayne

G. McCown will step down from the post—a decision he made last fall. Dr. McCown has served at Roberts since 1988 and will continue as a member of the Religion and Humanities faculty.

As Provost, Dr. Martin will be second to the President in the governance of campus operations and, as chief academic officer, will oversee all aspects of academic and student life. The position also includes a non-tenured faculty appointment. Dr. Jones, who has been part of the Roberts administration since 1985, will work directly with Dr. Martin and faculty members in professional development, general education, institutional assessment and quality improvement.

Two On Roberts Faculty Author Internationally Significant Books

Dr. Paul Livermore, Roberts Wesleyan College's George L. Skinner Professor of Religion and Chairman of the Division of Religion and Humanities, is author of a new theology text titled, The God of Our Salvation and subtitled, "Christian theology from the Wesleyan perspective: Volume One." This first of a two-volume work was commissioned by the General Conference of the Free Methodist Church through its Study Commission on Doctrine, of which Dr. Livermore is a member.

Published by Light and Life Press, this 347-page first volume is available from Light and Life Press and the Roberts Wesleyan College bookstore. Leading conservative Wesleyan theologian Dr. Thomas C. Oden of Drew University has said, "I commend this volume to people in the Wesleyan tradition as a theology that seeks to ground Christian teaching in the Scriptures and classical Christian sources."

Dr. David Basinger, professor of philosophy at Roberts Wesleyan College, is co-author of The Openness of God, published by InterVarsity Press and winner of a Christianity Today 1995 Book Award. The book deals with issues related to God's control of events vs. free will and human responsibility. A member of the Roberts faculty since 1979, Dr. Basinger is author or co-author of seven books and many scholarly articles in the field of religious philosophy. This book is also available through the Roberts bookstore.

Ministerial Advisors and Church Growth Colloquium Meet at Roberts

Members of Roberts Wesleyan's Free Methodist Ministerial Advisory Board met on the Roberts campus on March 12 and 13 to interact with faculty, staff and students on matters of mutual concern to the College and the Church. During the period the College offered an orientation session on the history, mission and current status of the College for recently-appointed Free Methodist ministers. The conference also provided opportunity for launching the first session of the Byron M. Lamson Colloquium on Church Growth and Expansion. Bishop Donald Bastian, retired Bishop of the Free Methodist Church of Canada, addressed the Colloquium on the topic, "The Threefold Authority of the Minister." At that time the first recipients of the Freda Burritt Lamson Memorial Scholarship were also announced. This new annual scholarship assists gifted students preparing for pastoral work in North America or for

lifetime Christian service abroad. Priority is given to students with interest in church growth, evangelism and outreach.

Strengthening of Free Methodist Ties Sought

Greatly valuing its special heritage, Roberts Wesleyan College continually seeks opportunities for strengthening its ties with the Free Methodist Church, from which it sprang in 1866. The College seeks to serve as a vital part of the educational arm of the church, and considers it very important to recruit qualified students, faculty and staff members from among Free Methodist congregations. The College also appreciates the faithful prayer and financial support it receives from many Free Methodist Churches and Conferences for its mission and ministry. Being part of this excellent tradition also provides spiritual focus for the College's planning and operation.

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**REPORT TO THE 1996 GENERAL CONFERENCE
of the
FREE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA**

Eighteen months ago, the Aldersgate College campus fell silent - never to be the same again.
Students, faculty and staff were packed and heading off to new ventures.
Many collectible objects, memorabilia and campus equipment were sold off.
Early efforts to sell the whole campus had not been successful.

There were many doubts and a genuine concern for the final outcome of this critical transition from a campus ministry to a Foundation ministry.

Would the campus property sell in a stagnant real estate market?
When would the sale of the properties occur?
Would the debts of the college be paid off from the proceeds?
Would there be any funds to launch a scholarship fund?

Today we can reflect on God's goodness!

All faculty and staff have gone on to new endeavors and fields of service.
Former students have completed another year in their studies at Canadian Bible College, Ontario Bible College, and Emmanuel Bible College.
All surplus college equipment and furnishings have been sold.
The Academic Building has been leased to Cornerstone Christian School and continues to serve as our Foundation office space - the same address and telephone number.
All campus property except four vacant lots and the Academic Building have been sold.
All private loans and debts were paid off by the end of April, 1996.
A total of \$330,000 is invested in the Foundation.
Donations and bequests continue to be received towards the operation and growth of the Foundation.

" The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works" Psalms 145:9

At the July, 1996 Board of Trustees' meeting, a strong desire to work in cooperation with the Canadian Church and the Lorne Park Foundation was expressed. Two representatives from our Board were appointed to the newly configured Canadian Scholarship Plan Committee with the purpose of creating policies and guidelines which will see higher educational goals achieved. A proposed "Pastoral Internship" dimension to CSP funding, once developed, may be funded by the Foundation. We will continue to award eight Scholarships/Bursaries from our endowed funds to worthy Free Methodist students attending approved Christian educational institutions. We remain committed to our mission of " preparing Christian leaders: holy, effective disciples of Jesus Christ who obey the Great Commission and serve in the marketplaces of the world."

We give God praise, glory and honor for all that He has accomplished since the closing of the campus. We continue to look to Him for wisdom and guidance for the future.



Arlington Beach Camp and Conference Centre

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REPORT TO: Free Methodist Church In Canada General Conference

Arlington Beach Camp and Conference Centre exists to change the lives of children and adults by providing a natural environment, personal relationships and learning opportunities through which all people can experience the message of Jesus Christ.

Since taking over the directorship on June 1, 1996, we are thankful for many blessings:

1. We have a strong volunteer base, including those who have chosen to retire at Arlington Beach. Countless hours are given by exceptional volunteers, always performing their duties with the attitude of a servant. We also have an excellent staff who exemplify the "whatever it takes" mentality. Many items greatly needed are often donated or sold at a fraction of the cost. There is no shortage of people who love and believe in Arlington Beach Camp!
2. The debt continues to be reduced. From January 1, 1996, to August 31, 1996, \$24,000 was applied to debt reduction. As of September, 1996, the loan to the Free Methodist Church in Canada was paid off, placing the long term loans at \$96,000. This debt reduction is largely due to the good management of Martin Taylor, the previous director. The stable base of donors continues to make the future look bright as we anticipate eliminating the debt and moving towards development projects.
3. We are experiencing a renewed interest in camping. Over 610 people attended this year's Family Camp and our goal for '97 is 800 people. The new mini-golf, built as a memorial to Calvin and Edith Dies, is a great attraction with over 1500 games played during July. Bookings for family reunions and retreats are on the increase and many of the 71 cabin owners are upgrading their cottages.

Isaac Newton said, "If I have seen farther than other men, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants". Since taking on this position we have echoed that sentiment. We are privileged to stand on the shoulders of men such as Jack Walrath, who, thirty-six years ago, found this spot on the prairies that would become a place of life-change for hundreds of people. We are grateful to God for this opportunity and believe that our best service to Him is helping to develop fully devoted followers of Christ through the ministries of Arlington Beach. To that end we dedicate all our energies.

Tim and Shauna Archer

Everyone attending a Free Methodist Church needs to know we have an international child sponsorship program worth telling about among their friends.

Linda Beth Havana has been sponsored since she was a young girl. She graduated with honours from Light and Life Bible College in Butuan City, Philippines. She writes to her sponsor as follows: "How I thank the Lord because of you and for helping in my studies. Soon I'll graduate and be a pastora (lady pastor)."

A field coordinator writes: "...we appreciate everything you do for keeping the sponsors in touch with children. May God bless! The deaths are bombarding my large family. In a few weeks we have lost three of our children. Two of them were in the same family."

One of the teens from a sponsoring church wrote a poem. The last part says:

He brought with him a future for a small child
She was the one to whom this small pledge was sent.
"A present from a far away place," the man said.
From a couple whose love wanted to shine.
So, with love, they sent their gift
A gift for a small child in need.
A tiny smile began to grow on her face;
She was loved and someone cared.



Our sponsorship program, called International Child Care Ministries, takes those gifts or sponsorship payments given by the sponsors and places them in the hands of field coordinators, pastors and Christian leaders to distribute to children.

Sponsored children have someone to pray for them regularly, a daily meal, two outfits of clothes per year, school supplies, and the privilege of receiving an education. They also have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Some children who were sponsored have already grown up to take leadership in churches, hospitals, dispensaries and schools as well as becoming a strong influence in government in their country.

By sponsoring a child from poverty through the levels of education to responsible adulthood, many sponsors have developed a new world view with increased passion for reaching the lost in other cultures besides their own. "Where your (child) is, there your heart will be also." Sponsorship strengthens the hands of the missionaries and the national church.

The program has these special features:

- a.) It is administered by our native leaders or missionaries in the various countries.
- b.) The monthly sponsorship amount is \$26.00. 85% of this actually goes to the field. 100% of all special gifts beyond the monthly payment goes to the field!
- c.) All sponsored children have a connection with a Free Methodist church or school so quality Christian teaching and follow-up accompanies the financial support.
- d.) We depend on our Free Methodist Churches to advertise our program. We do not engage in expensive TV advertising.

It is exciting to see the program work in training boys and girls to become leaders. Every country needs Christian leaders. Many would not have had the opportunity to go to school if they were not sponsored.

We know the funds do get to the field and are used for the purpose for which they were given.

We also administer a Child Care Trust Program. A contribution of \$4,000. given to this fund sponsors one child from the interest earned. When that child graduates, another is sponsored, etc.

Extra funds - gifts above the sponsorship payment - go directly to the field to help in emergency needs and extra food. In 1995 Canadians sent \$10,000.00 for special emergency needs over and above the yearly sponsorship amount. Rwanda Milk Fund meant life for several refugee children during and after the war.

In November, 1995 we received a special Thank You from the Dominican Republic who received a special gift of \$300.00. "We have enclosed a picture of the family that was helped with this money. The father, Vidal Paulino, was one of our pastors in the capital and last month he died leaving his wife and three children. A week after his death, the police went to her house to evict her and the family. Because we had received this special gift, we were able to help her get into another house." The family was very grateful for the financial assistance in this time of crisis." God answers prayer at the right time.

In the International Child Care program 12,100 Children are sponsored worldwide. 9,800 of these are sponsored through our U.S. headquarters. Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the United Kingdom together sponsor 689 and Canada sponsors 1,515.

Canadians sponsored 93 more children this year compared to 1995, an increase of 7%.

What if - David hadn't volunteered to use the slingshot?
the boy with 5 loaves and 2 fishes kept them for himself?
Susannah Wesley hadn't prayed for her boys - Charles and John?

God uses His people in His way to meet the needs of others.

To: All Conference Delegates

From: The Board of Directors of Wesley Acres Retreat Centre & Campground

Greetings from Wesley Acres Retreat Centre and Campground. The grounds are nestled in beautiful Prince Edward County, and located on the shores of West Lake.

Our property consists of one large island and three smaller islands. We have over 200 travel trailers and 25 permanent mobile home lots.

Our Mission Statement:

Wesley Acres Retreat Centre and Campground is a Christ-centred organization serving the spiritual and recreational needs of people equipping them for Christian Service.

Our facilities include a 500 person auditorium, conference rooms, a 16 room motel, a 7 room lodge complete with lounge and kitchen facilities, a dining hall capable of seating 270 persons.

Our facilities are used for retreats and seminars by Free Methodist groups, other denominational groups, and handicapped organizations that are sponsored by the Provincial Government.

We operate a Family Camp, Bible Conference, Children/Teen Camps, 50 Plus and Singles Retreats, Speciality Camps, and many Seasonal Events.

We have had a great Family Camp this year. Our total registration was over 1220. The number of children attending the DVBS program was over 250, and the youth enrollment was over 180.

We were very conscious of the presence of the Lord in the services. Adults rededicated themselves; teens committed their lives to Christ, and many children made first time commitments to God.

We thank God for His Spirit working among us.

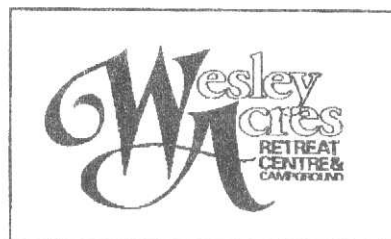
We have concluded our second annual one-week Bible Conference. Those attending were richly blessed and have returned to their churches with new insights in the Scriptures.

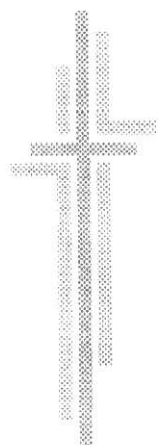
If you have not had the opportunity to visit Wesley Acres, we welcome you to attend our planned activities, or enjoy a delightful holiday in a Christian family atmosphere. There is beautiful scenery, excellent boating, fishing, swimming or just quiet relaxation. Please write Box 330 Bloomfield, Ontario, K0K 1G0, phone 613-393-3159 or fax 613-393-1720 for information.

We ask you for your continued prayers and support as we endeavour to carry on this Christian Camping Ministry.

In His Service,

C. J. Wallace
Chairman Board of Directors





Severn Bridge Free Methodist Camp

c/o Heather Sutton, 478 Ferndale Dr. N., Barrie, Ont. L4N 7X7

Family Camp 1996 was an inspiring camp, challenging each person to be more committed in our Christian walk and to grow spiritually..

Evangelist: Rev Victor Stonehouse

Song Evangelist: Rev. Mark Murphy from Michigan, U.S.A.

Youth Leader: Glen Snider

Children's Ministries Leader: Rev. Gerry McCall

Missionaries: Ken and Virginia Harris, missionaries from Haiti

Average Attendance:

Morning Prayer Meeting -	20
Morning Adult Bible Study -	60
Children's Programs:	
Nursery -	morning - 2 evening - 2
Toddlers -	morning - 8 evening - 8
K to gr.3 -	morning program - 22 evening program - 20
Gr.4 to 6 -	morning program - 12
Worship Services -	203
Missionary Tea -	56
Sunday Afternoon Gospel Sings -	186

Camp Activities Included:

- Morning Prayer
- Worship Services
- Adult Bible Study
- Children's' Program
- Gospel Sings (Each Sunday Afternoon)
- Missionary Tea (Tuesday Afternoon)
- Ladies Craft Sessions (Mon. and Fri.)
- Golf Tournament
- Broken Paddle Canoe Race
- Baseball Challenge between Adults and Youth
- Youth Night (youth take part in opening session on worship service and worship message is directed mainly to youth)
- Swimming, horseshoes, pentathlon, etc.

Evaluation sheets were distributed. Of those returned to date, comments were mainly favourable toward Family Camp 1996.



Christian Retreat Centre

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August 15, 1996

MAPLE GROVE CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTRE INC.

REPORT TO THE 1996 CANADIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA

Maple Grove is completing its first full year of operation under the *Maple Grove 2000* strategic plan approved in July 1995. This report has been prepared in the context of that plan.

The plan endorsed Maple Grove's continued operation as a separate non-profit corporation in a fraternal relation with the Free Methodist Church In Canada. It reduced the quantity of Maple Grove's supporting churches, for geographical reasons, to the Southwest area of the former Canada Great Lakes Conference which includes the Thornbury-Sarnia-Niagara Falls triangle. We also plan to invite Free Methodist churches in the Toronto area to participate in Maple Grove activities.

A major leadership change involved a new style of operation where the Board of Directors focuses on policy-making while day-to-day operational activities are handled by staff and volunteers under the leadership of a new Executive Director position. The initial results include a much stronger focus on financial management, and an increased Board emphasis on ministry stewardship and integrity.

For example, during 1996 the amount of donations required to balance the operating budget dropped from \$148,000 to \$85,000, a decrease of \$63,000 (43%). This improvement arose mostly from cost-cutting efforts, but also from solid growth in rental group income (up 90% over 1995) and growth in lot leaseholders (up 6% over 1995 to 156 families).

During 1997 and 1998, improvements in the operating budget are expected to arise primarily from increased revenues, rather than cost-cutting. For example, growth in rental income is seen as a key avenue to stronger financial operation. In the interim, a 1996 *Development Campaign* is focused on raising donations to balance the 1996 operating budget and to eliminate short term debt (about 20% of the total debt). Plans are also underway to eventually construct mini-lodges which will allow Maple Grove to migrate from a summer season to year-round ministry.

Having achieved initial improvements in financial stewardship, the Board activated two short term task forces in July 1996:

- A Development Planning Task Force will prepare a comprehensive fundraising and marketing plan covering the next 2 - 3 years.

Maple Grove's fundraising and marketing activities tend to have a short term horizon and to be somewhat informal. Consequently, funds are scarce, and many Free Methodists and other groups are not aware of Maple Grove's programs and facilities. Broader, longer term plans are essential to stabilize Maple Grove's operation and to prepare for future growth.

- A Program Planning Task Force will conduct an in-depth review of Maple Grove's ministry programs and develop a ministry plan covering the next 2 - 3 years.

Some of Maple Grove's traditional programs, e.g. childrens and youth programs, are in decline and have not undergone in-depth review in several years. Furthermore, other programs may be required to meet the 1990s needs of Maple Grove's constituency. This task force investigation will help the Board to establish ministry program topics, priorities, and timetables for the next few years.

During the July 1996 Annual Meeting, Maple Grove was compared to a patient in the intensive care ward of a hospital - a patient who with tender loving care and strong medicine has the potential to become a vital, effective camping ministry.

While some question the relevancy of camping ministries in the 1990s, the solid growth in rentals to other Christian groups (including the potential for a 5th family camp at Maple Grove in 1997) and the spiritual impact of our ministry programs are a forceful reminder that Christian camping is a key supplement to local church ministries. For example, in our 1996 Childrens Camp, the number of youth converted to faith in Jesus was about ½ the number converted in all of our 23 local churches during 1994 (as recorded in the Yearbook).

Maple Grove's key challenge is to increase its ministry credibility and awareness by continuing the transformational change mandated in July 1995. The initial renewal achieved during the last 18 months indicates that, under the Holy Spirit's direction, it can and it will accomplish this change.

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ECHO LAKE CAMP Annual Report - 1995-1996

1996 marks the 40th anniversary for Echo Lake Camp. As we look back and reflect on God's rich blessings over the past four decades, we see evidence of His working through lives of staff and campers, and great promise for continued ministry to Free Methodist youth.

Echo Lake Camp exists to *win youth to Christ and equip them to glorify God*. We offer a camping ministry to youth ages 14 and up, and have based our program on a simple formula which has changed very little in the past 40 years. We operate through the tireless efforts of a completely volunteer staff, and place great emphasis on a highly structured, outdoor oriented and active program. Our first and top priority in all programming efforts is and always will be to present and promote the gospel of Jesus Christ, with intent of winning youth to Christ and encouraging them to grow in their walk with the Lord.

These are some of our guiding principles. They are important. But even more important than principles and solid Biblical doctrine, are the way that they are presented to the campers through the words and actions of the staff and speaker. At Echo Lake, we have intentionally designed our program so that staff and campers participate together in many activities. Not only does this demonstrate our love and concern for the campers, but it helps them to see that staff are real people, with real struggles and real experiences which have demonstrated God's love and direction in their lives. There have been a great many long-lasting friendships among staff and campers, as well as among campers over the years. Staff have been encouraged and inspired by the enthusiasm and visions of the youth who have passed through our gates. To see the direct working of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and to see the growth and outreach which takes place humbles and inspires us all.

1995-1996 has been another year of great blessing at Echo Lake Camp. We operated our four regular camping programs, and rented the facilities to several other church groups for special retreats and camps. Our financial situation continues to be sound, with no outstanding debts, a substantial bank balance, and loans issued to Conference church loan funds and to Aldersgate College loan fund. We continued to undertake minor upgrading and repairs to our grounds and facilities, and hope to begin a fairly substantial renovation to our dorms and main washroom building in 1996 and 1997. We would ask for your prayers and support as we endeavour to plan for these projects using the Lord's resources wisely.

We completed our long-range strategic planning effort in 1995, with 1, 3 and 10-year plans written for each area of our camping ministry. We reviewed and revised job descriptions for each of our Executive positions, and implemented a staff and counsellor training session using Billy Graham counselling material. Health and safety continues to be an area of emphasis, and we again thank God for giving us a perfect safety record over the last 40 years.

'Winning Youth to Christ, and equipping them to Glorify God.'

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Each camp was again filled to at or near capacity in 1995-96. Special speakers included Rev. Mike Hogeboom (Summer 1995), Rev. Kent Bandy (Fall 1995), Rev. Herb Van Essen (Winter 1996), and Rev. Mark Parker (Spring 1996). The filled altars and testimony times were evidence of God's working at each camp. Our annual camper evaluation survey once again showed that over 98% of campers experienced God's presence and working during their week at summer camp. That is reason for praise if ever there was one.

The youth and young adults who attend Echo Lake Camp represent countless thousands of opportunities for spreading the gospel in schools, homes, youth groups, churches and work situations around the world. Many Echo Lake "graduates" go on to leadership roles in their churches and youth groups. Many attend Bible colleges or use their talents to serve Him through song and praise. Many more go on to attend seminary, and some even sense God's calling to mission fields around the world. This past year we had several sons and daughters of Echo Lake campers attending as campers themselves. Our summer camp evangelist was even an Echo Lake camper, not that many years ago.

It would be folly to think that this heritage of Christian tradition was the sole result of the efforts of the Echo Lake Camp staff. We firmly believe, however, that it is God's sovereign hand which has been at work in the lives of staff and campers, through obedience to His calling, which has resulted in over 40 years of Christian heritage at Echo Lake Camp. And which has resulted in so many lives, my own included, which have been turned from sin, and set right before God.

As we at Echo Lake Camp embark on our next 40 years, we ask that you would continue to lift up this essential youth ministry to God. That you would seek out those youth in your church who need God's love and Christian fellowship, and find a way for them to attend one of the camps at Echo Lake this coming year. It will be an investment in eternity you will never regret.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Sears", is written over a horizontal line.

Stewart K. Sears
Executive Director

Aldersgate Homes

for Seniors

Sponsored by the Free Methodist, Standard and Wesleyan Churches

ALDERSGATE APARTMENTS
(a ministry of Aldersgate Homes Inc.)
ANNUAL REPORT

As most of you are aware, Aldersgate Apartments for Seniors saw the first apartment building constructed in 1982, under the direction of Rev. E. S. Bull. Since that time, there has been a continued need for seniors' housing. The first building provided 23 subsidized apartments, for those who qualify financially, and 23 units rented out at Market Rent.

The second phase of Aldersgate, an additional 41 apartments, was completed in 1992. and provided 32 additional units for those in need of subsidy and 9 Market Rent units. All of the units are filled from a waiting list.

For the day-to-day operation, we have a staff of three persons - a full-time Administrator, part-time Administrative Assistant and a full-time Custodian. As well, the tenants of the building have their own Tenant Association, who plan various social activities for the year. A Board of Directors, from the three founding denominations, gives ultimate direction to Aldersgate.

The last year has been a very challenging one, with the provincial government funding cuts, in the area of Non-Profit housing. They have made it very clear that tougher days lie ahead, as they attempt to trim the deficit, but even as the government shifts in their direction, I am reminded over and over again of Philippians 1:6. "God said, "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion." We have evidenced this here at Aldersgate - God's plans never fail!

The Board of Directors continue to look to the future and one of our greatest needs involves our septic beds, which have been giving us problems. Once again, God has a plan and in July of this year, approval was granted to hook up to the City of Belleville sewer system, something we have been waiting on for 15 years.



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Only God knows the future and we would appreciate your prayers for our project and staff, as we seek His will in the ministry of Aldersgate Homes.

Sincerely,

Rodney Peterson / per am

Rodney Peterson,
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