

## **Minutes for the Annual General Meeting**

**25 January 2026**

Shelbourne Street Church of Christ  
3460 Shelbourne Street, Victoria, BC, V8P 4G5

1. *Welcome, establish a quorum, approval of the previous meeting's minutes*
  - Steve Mann establishes a quorum and calls the meeting to order at 11:21 am.
  - Scott Jacobson motions to approve the minutes from 2025, seconded, carried (occurs after the elders' report (#3) due to slight delay).
2. *Prayer for wisdom and guidance*
  - Dan Hickman opens with prayer.
3. *Elders' report*
  - Mark Langley shares this report (attached – ADDENDUM 1).
4. *Special resolution discussion & vote*
  - The exact wording of the proposed bylaw amendment is attached (ADDENDUM 2)
  - Kelly Carter shares that the impact of these proposed changes is to state more explicitly the acceptance for membership and elders' approval. It removes the requirement to sign a form – you can just tell the elders. It removes confusing wording re. the willingness to be baptized vs being baptized. It personalizes the membership covenant. This is not about spiritual membership of the Church, just the society.
  - Kelly motions to discuss & vote on the resolution, seconded.
  - The ensuing discussion reflects support for the resolution
  - Show of hands vote (tracked by the scrutineers):
    - In favour: 40, Opposed: 0, Abstaining: 2
    - A two-thirds majority vote in favour is required for a special resolution to pass (28)
    - Motion carries.
5. *Elder nominating committee report*
  - Kelly Carter shares this report (attached – ADDENDUM 3).
6. *Vote for elder confirmation (Terry Tucker) & reconfirmation (Mark Langley & Steve Mann)*
  - Glynis Gittens motions to conduct the secret ballot vote, seconded.
  - Before the vote is conducted, Terry Tucker shares about himself:
    - He has appreciated the complexity of the process.
    - He has no agenda but is an agent of change. When he asked Steve about what the elders saw in him, Steve said, "You're going to give us a some spark".
    - He is emotive and emotional, and money doesn't matter a lot to him, it's about people. He believes our job is to stand in truth and speak love to our community.

- He is a builder by trade and by heart and believes in doing small things right (shares from Zechariah 4).
- He shares his view that we are not disciples of Christ, we are now His siblings and true Children of God. Disciples are the unsaved that come to Church and hear the truth. He finds the distinction profound in how we view ourselves and walk in the Kingdom work prepared for us to do.
- Secret ballot vote (tracked by the scrutineers):
  - Results shared later - see #9

7. *Deacons' and Ministry Leaders' reports*

- Diane Mann shares reports from various people and her Sunday school ministry report (attached – ADDENDUM 4).

8. *Budget for 2026 & vote*

- Donna Wilkerson shares the Church's financial details and budget plans for 2026 (attached – ADDENDUM 5).
- The budget for 2026 is set for \$367,955.90 (summary attached – ADDENDUM 6)
- Donna requests a motion to adopt the Proposed 2026 Budget – Motioned by Art Goodwin (2nd not necessary because the budget comes from a Committee), carries.
- Art Goodwin makes a point of thanking Donna, who is not even a deacon, for attending and recording minutes at all the deacons meetings.

9. *Result of elder confirmation &/or reconfirmation vote*

- Dan Hickman shares the results of the secret ballot vote
  - A majority vote in favour is required for confirmation and reconfirmation.
  - Mark Langley & Steve Mann are reconfirmed
  - Terry Tucker is confirmed

10. *Minister's report*

- Kelly Carter shares his report (attached – ADDENDUM 7).

11. *Dismissal prayer*

- Steve Mann adjourns the meeting at 12:23 pm and closes in prayer.

## ADDENDUM 1

### ELDER REPORT AGM Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

Good morning. It is my privilege on behalf of the elders to offer you a report for this AGM.

**Lamentations 3:25 states that *"The Lord is good to those whose HOPE is in Him.....to the one who seeks Him. "***

January has a way of slowing us down, to some degree. The days seem a little quieter. The ground rests. Much of what is growing is now hidden beneath the surface. This season reminds me that God often does His most important work in stillness....not always what is visible, but in what is being prepared. Quiet, faithful work...the planting of seeds...trust is being built...HOPE IS TAKING ROOT!

This is what we, as Elders, see that is now taking place in our fellowship. We really do believe that one of our primary duties and great joys is to pray for you individually and for God's work in us corporately. As Elders we have prayed and asked the Lord to show us the uniqueness of His ways for us at the Shelbourne St Church of Christ. As under-shepherds we desire for us all to experience God's goodness, being nurtured by God's Word in a safe place, and to be guided by the Holy Spirit into accomplishing His will for us as a fellowship. And, praise the Lord...He is doing just that!!

Two years ago Scott Jacobson, who was then serving us as an elder, shared in his Elder's Report that we were at that time moving away from words such as wounding and hurt, and were instead beginning to experience the beginning of a healing process. Last year, as the Elders continued to gather twice a month to pray and share, we sensed a further "steadying of the ship".

Now, in January of 2026, I can clearly say that our gracious Heavenly Father has "calmed the waters", so to speak, and we now have a foundation to build upon and, indeed, we are seeing that happen!

For instance, we see evidence of His blessings in our attempts to reach out to our neighbours through scenarios like "Moms and Tots, the Spruston Junior Camp, the Harvest Party,, the Clothing Exchange and many other events that have been well attended. Carolyn and I were part of an event two weeks ago here at the church that combined some of our young people and some of us more "mature" types to enjoy games and good food together. I think there were close to 50 people that attended!!

Our congregational prayer meetings and other prayer times are having an impact and we are thrilled to see very definite answers to prayer. I am so grateful for my fellow Elders, (Steve and Dan), the Church Staff (Monique and Jocelyn) and the Deacons who are amazing, committed men and women who faithfully serve this congregation. The Deacons will be sharing this morning, as well.

Kelly, our Senior Minister, will also be sharing in much more detail about most of the events over the past year. He has now, for over two years, with consistent honesty, humility and transparency in communication, fostered a trustful and positive atmosphere that is not only forming a foundation to build upon but is creating an appealing place for newcomers to "check out" Jesus. I encourage you to make sure that everyone who enters through our doors is greeted by all of us who can make it over to say hi and make them feel welcome.

The Elders would also encourage each person who attends here to consider how to serve each other. This could be in Life Groups, ministries of compassion to others, our prayer team, the many areas of service for Sunday mornings and in leadership capacities. As the Scripture does teach us that "he who sets his heart on being an overseer desires a good thing", we welcome and are praying for those the Lord would call to join us in giving guidance and direction to our shepherding ability as Elders.

God is at work in our midst and is bringing a foundation of Unity, Joy, Peace ....and Hope! I find myself now saying that it is indeed good to have been in the House of the Lord. The Elders feel it is a privilege to serve the Lord and you all....and His purposes in Victoria.

May I finish this report with a familiar Scripture from **Ephesians 3**.

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, for whom every family in Heaven is named, that according to the riches of His glory may He grant you to be strengthened with power through the Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through Faith.... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the strength to comprehend with all of the Saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who can do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen!*

## ADDENDUM 2

### **Proposed Bylaw Change to the Bylaws for the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ Voted on at the Annual General Meeting, January 25, 2026**

#### **Current Wording:**

##### Article I - TERMS OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Any person approved by the Elders shall be accepted for membership in the Church.
2. Only members shall have the right to attend, speak, and vote at Annual or Special Meetings, as prescribed in Article III of these bylaws
3. Each member shall uphold the Constitution and comply with the Bylaws and subscribe wholeheartedly, in writing, to the following obligations:
  - “I commit to God and to the other members of the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ the following Membership Covenant”:
  - (a) The willingness to be baptized as a sign of the grace I have received through faith in Christ.
  - (b) The desire to cultivate a hunger and thirst for God—expressed in regular participation in Sunday worship.
  - (c) The intention to conform to Christ in all areas of my life, and, with God’s help, not to engage in ongoing acts of sin.
  - (d) The desire to contribute regularly and faithfully, as God blesses me, toward the work of the Church and throughout the world. This includes, but is not limited to, giving of my money, time, and talents to the ongoing mission of this Church.
  - (e) The recognition of my own sinfulness and the desire to maintain a humble attitude toward God and a forgiving and loving attitude toward fellow members.
  - (f) The willingness to permit myself to be lovingly admonished according to Scripture and those procedures followed by the Church (subject to the provisions of Article II).

#### **Proposed Changes of Wording:**

##### Article I - TERMS OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Any person **who commits to the Membership Covenant (3., below) and is approved by the Elders shall be accepted for membership in the Church.**
2. Only members **of our legal society** shall have the right to attend, speak, and vote at Annual or Special Meetings, as prescribed in Article III of these bylaws.
3. Each member shall uphold the Constitution and comply with the By-laws and subscribe wholeheartedly **to the following obligations. Commitment to this Membership Covenant shall be in writing or made verbally to an Elder or Senior Minister (who will record this as witnesses in writing):**

“I commit to God and to the other members of the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ the following Membership Covenant”:

- (a) I am a Christian, believing in and confessing Jesus as Lord, repenting of my sins, and I have received baptism as one capable of making a personal decision about who Jesus is for me.
- (b) I desire to cultivate a hunger and thirst for God—expressed in regular participation in Sunday worship.
- (c) I intend to conform to Christ in all areas of my life, and, with God’s help, not to engage in ongoing acts of sin.
- (d) I desire to contribute regularly and faithfully, as God blesses me, toward the work of the Church and throughout the world. This includes, but is not limited to, giving of my money, time, and talents to the ongoing mission of this Church.
- (e) I recognize my own sinfulness and desire to maintain a humble attitude toward God and a forgiving and loving attitude toward fellow members.
- (f) I am willing to permit myself to be lovingly admonished according to Scripture and those procedures followed by the Church (subject to the provisions of Article II).

### **ADDENDUM 3**

#### **Elder Nominating Committee Report for 2025 For the 2026 AGM**

We began meeting in earnest in May 2025 to pursue our annual obligation to meet the bylaw requirement to see if the Lord would lead us to appoint new Elders by the AGM for 2026. Our members include Art Goodwin, Brian Morton, Marlene McClure, Garnet Goud, Kelly Sim, and myself (Kelly) as the chair.

Our process was to:

- a) Prepare a nomination form to see whom the church perceives as being qualified to be an Elder
- b) We made these forms available in September
- c) We gave the church a couple of weeks to hand these in, but by the deadline the request had been not acted upon except by just 4-5 people, so we gave the church a couple more weeks to turn in nominations. We then had considerably more action, so that 14 different individuals were suggested to the Committee as possible Elders.
- d) The Committee was then each assigned nominated persons to contact to see if there was any initial willingness on their parts to serve in the role of Elder.
- e) One of the nominees, Terry Tucker said he was willing to go through the process to see if the role was something to which the Lord was calling him and to see if the church would be led to appoint him to the role.
- f) Terry was then given a six-page questionnaire that allowed him to share with the Committee the history and nature of his spiritual journey, including much information about his past life of service to Christ.
- g) The Committee then interviewed Terry for about an hour.
- h) The Committee then prayed, with some fasting, for about 72 hours before they unanimously recommended that Terry be appointed an Elder. Terry, after what I am sure was significant prayer and reflection accepted the appointment.
- i) The Elder Nominating Committee then recommended to the Elders that Terry be appointed as an Elder. They and I met with Terry over supper, and discussed the role, and the Elders confirmed Terry's appointment.
- j) As part of our annual duties, we also are recommending to the church that two Elders whose terms are up for extension, Mark Langley and Steve Mann, remain Elders, along with Dan Hickman.
- k) Voting at the 2026 AGM affirmed Terry Tucker, Mark Langley and Steve Mann.

## **ADDENDUM 4**

### **Deacon's Report – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

#### **BUILDING MAINTENANCE:**

The fence along the west side of the property was replaced. A company was hired to spray the moss on the roof to reduce the moss. Marlene and Randy replanted our side-garden facing Shelbourne Street, and an irrigation company re-arranged and repaired our irrigation system. Perhaps the most interesting thing was the new Ring doorbell also installed last year.

#### **SENIOR'S ACTIVITIES:**

We have been organizing monthly events, including themed ethnic dinners and joint activities with the youth. Any seniors needing transportation to these events should contact Rob.

#### **FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES:**

As always our service at the polo field in June was a big success. Our hope is that all will join again this coming June – with warmer weather than 2025! The fall harvest party seems to get bigger each year – always a great time for kids and adults alike. There are additional gatherings such as brunch on Easter Sunday, a barbeque after church during the summer, chili cook-off and other events to involve all ages.

#### **MISSIONS:**

Support continues for student sponsorship in Zambia; “Christian Direction” for Christa Smith; Cornerstone Youth Ministries; Haven Pregnancy Center and Youth for Christ.

#### **BENEVOLENCE:**

SSCOC continues to offer benevolence opportunities for members and those in the community needing one-time assistance.

**HR Committee:** This past year an HR committee was created (Fay, Marlene, Carolyn) to create policies to keep our staff healthy, equipped and supported as they do their jobs.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY:**

We are thankful to partner with you in teaching your children/grandchildren, nieces/nephews during our Sunday morning Bible classes. A very special thank you to all our teachers who have volunteered to teach once a month throughout the year. This would be impossible without you.

Every Sunday we open God's word, pray together, eat a snack, play a game, watch a video or do a craft. Our hope and prayer for the children growing up in this congregation is one day they will to give their hearts to follow Jesus, develop a personal faith, be good stewards, have

a desire to serve and help others, contribute to society and care for God's creation. If we want our children to have a faith that influences the way they live their lives, and the critical life decisions they make, we need to nurture, love and model that faith through our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The most important teaching tool we have is our Bibles. In all our classes we use our Bibles from the youngest class to our teens. Our children need impressed upon their hearts God's love and plan for them through His word. How do we do that? It takes a lifetime of intention, time, patience, repetition, acceptance, forgiveness, prayer, a sense of humour and showing up. It's a never-ending dialogue.

Our Sunday school enrollment has grown. We have around 43 children. We combined multi-age groups of children, depending on the need, and this model seems to be working.

Preschool class is being overseen and organized by Jocelyn. Emma Jordan is often her helper. This class is following a one-year Bible curriculum. We now have more children in this age group, which is exciting.

K to Grade 2 – A delightful group of children that are also using a one-year Bible curriculum for their age level.

Grade 3-5 - We continue to use a curriculum called, DIG IN. Each quarter has 13 lessons, and we are studying Old and New Testament stories. There is a lot of material to cover, and it often takes a couple of Sundays to finish a lesson. This group is enthusiastic, eager to look up scripture and talkative!

Grade 6-7- This is a new class this year! They started the year looking at lessons on “Who God says I Am”, and a “How We Treat Others Series.” We are also using some older Bible curriculum. This group is engaging, eager, likes eating and is lots of fun. We have had up to 14 kids in this class, and no windows for fresh air.

The Gr. 4 to 7's are assuming some leadership roles and participating in different ways on Sunday mornings. It has been wonderful to see them up on a worship team singing or reading scripture. They have been responsible for gathering the cups after communion and taking the baskets downstairs. Jocelyn has them helping with the younger kids' ministry by working in the kitchen, cleaning up, doing crafts and playing with the younger kids. Their participation is appreciated, taking on responsibilities and serving. This gives them ownership, accountability and a sense of belonging. We appreciate their willing participation.

Teen Class – Gr. 9-12 Jeremy has assumed the responsibility of this class for months, starting back in May/June 2025. It was in lieu of them having the ultimate blessing of listening to Kelly's sermons all summer long. This is his report:

*The teens expressed interest in ancient civilizations mentioned early in the Bible. They looked at Babylon, Egypt and would finish off with the Roman Empire. However, they only scratched the surface of Egypt. They eagerly continued. Did you know?*

- *Egypt is mentioned almost 700 times in the Old Testament and another 2 dozen times in the New Testament.*
- *When Cleopatra was pharaoh (she was the last pharaoh and died over 2000 years ago) Egypt had already been around for so long that you could train to be an Egyptologist.*
- *Egyptian children went to school and sat in classrooms like the learning environments of modern-day children.*
- *They learned about hieroglyphics and the teens all figured out how to write their names in hieroglyphics and made clay cartouches.*
- *God used the many descendants of Noah's grandson, Egypt, to teach his people many lessons over the millennia.*
- *They learned a basic timeline of Egyptian history as it parallels events the Bible.*
- *They learned about one pharaoh who (ironically came AFTER the period of the Exodus) tried to abolish polytheism and have all Egypt acknowledge that there is only one God.*

*The past 6/7 months Jeremy has had the blessing of working with the teens and it has been incredibly, spiritually beneficial for him personally. The teens have been engaging, they ask great questions, have a good sense of humour, and have challenged him to dig deep in his faith and personal Bible study.*

*Jeremy offered to step down and have someone else teach. He figured they were tired of hearing the same voice. They are happy to have him continue teaching. So, what's next? They have expressed an interest in apologetics, demon possession, and the book of Revelation. Jeremy started doing his homework on Revelation.*

*However, after a youth group Bible trivia night, when too many teens asked, "Who's Job?" He decided to put Revelation and demon possession on the back burner and look at the book of Job. They begin with looking at Job's character and why God had confidence in him to tell Satan to "consider my servant, Job."*

*Stewart Noel is going to be teaching some of these classes.*

*Thank you again for the opportunity to teach the teens and be taught by them.*

*Jeremy*

Thank you, Carolyn Langley, for putting on a lovely Christmas program for the Sunday school. The simple but powerful, Nativity story.

Carolyn planned, practiced and gave everyone their parts for the program. However, behind the scenes some things don't go as planned. Anderson Jordan, who was to play Joseph got very ill and couldn't attend. Jeremy, capably stepped in and saved the day. Carolyn's granddaughter, Anya, was one of our little sheep. She was too afraid to come up front with the other children. Her dad, Adrian, who doesn't regularly attend here, willingly came up to the front, sat on the stage with her happily on his knee. It was perfectly wonderful, our shepherd in a ball cap, holding his precious little lamb. It was especially nice that the

program was part of our Sunday morning service. Thank you to all the behind-the-scenes people who helped make it run smoothly.

During the month of December, Jocelyn and Jeremy, and Janiece organized some amazing drop-in times, here at the church for children, ages 4 to 11. The children made crafts, watched movies, came dressed in their PJ's, baked cookies, played games, ate together, had a gift exchange and invited their friends. This was a great community building time for the kids. The children who participated absolutely loved all the fun activities. Jocelyn is organizing a Valentine's event in a few weeks. I know the children are looking forward to more of these events. This ministry is growing, thriving and vibrant!

We really need more Bible teachers. I am looking for a teacher for Gr.3-5 for March, four Sundays. If you want to grow in your faith, prepare a lesson from God's word, be stretched and learn a lot from kids, we need you. The church has a safety policy for working with children and youth. Volunteer teachers need a Criminal Record Check. Monique can answer your questions and point you in the right direction about the process.

Thank you,

Diane Mann

## **ADDENDUM 5**

### **Financial Report for AGM January 25, 2026 for the Year 2025**

Whether your giving is Intentional, Glad-hearted, Regular or Sacrificial, God bless each of you as your gifts combined to provide the monetary resources for our church to serve God's Kingdom work here on earth.

It has been a privilege to work with the Deacons, Elders and staff this past year as the Bookkeeper for the church. I appreciate their help and support. They all have a deep love for the church and its members and take their positions very seriously.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025:

- Balances in the bank accounts are:
  - a. GIC: \$150,000.00 – Matures on November 11, 2026
  - b. Chequing: \$23,887.90
  - c. Savings: \$79,551.25

I have shown a comparison between 2024 and 2025 so you can see our donations and other income for 2025 were down from last year. To cover church expenses for 2025, \$40,059.40 was needed from the savings account. It is beneficial to the church to have some surplus in savings to be used when needed as was the case in 2025.

- Under the Current Liabilities, we owed \$1,918.15 in various accounts payables & \$4,261.58 for Payroll source deductions and WBC premium for the year.

Income Statement from January 1 to December 31, 2025:

- Our total Income for 2025 was \$297,689.47.
- Spiritual Formation Ministry total was \$3,991.27.
  - a. Education for children, teens, adults, elders and staff was used under this ministry.
- Property Management total was \$67,133.52:
  - a. Building & Liability Insurance
  - b. Building repairs and maintenance
  - c. Regular servicing, permit & compliance upgrade of the elevator
  - d. Grounds maintenance
  - e. Telephone, cell & Internet
  - f. Kitchen Supplies
  - g. Janitorial service & cleaning supplies
  - h. Hydro, water & sewer charges
  - i. Alarm security, regular fire safety inspections & maintenance

- j. Carpet cleaning and pest control for ants in the kitchen
- Fellowship Ministry total was \$1,753.71:
  - a. Lunch after the Day of Prayer & Fasting
  - b. Flowers for Mothers' Day
  - c. Pastoral visits and connection with members
- Acts of Mercy Ministry total was \$222.05:
  - a. Flowers for funeral
  - b. Supplies and signup shortfall for Christmas Hampers
- Finance Ministry total was \$213,710.40:
  - a. Staff salaries & employment benefits
  - b. GST paid on purchases
  - c. Bank charges & interest
  - d. Advertising
  - e. Bulletin
  - f. Office Supplies
  - g. Photocopying
  - h. The annual Society report fee
  - i. Canadian Centre of Christian Charities membership
  - j. Sage accounting software
  - k. Truth & Reconciliation Sign in foyer
- Worship Ministry total was \$8,665.49:
  - a. Maintenance & replacement of audio & visual equipment
  - b. Video & Copyright licensing for Staff & Volunteers
  - c. Provide supplies and communication support for Worship Teams
  - d. Communion supplies
  - e. Honorariums for guest speakers
  - f. Travel expenses for Part-time Worship Leader
- Children & Youth Ministry total was \$1,135.62:
  - a. Supplies for children, youth and teen activities.
- Outreach & Discipleship total was \$32,610.11:
  - a. Local bridge events include Good Friday City-wide service, MLA Prayer Breakfast, Polo Field Sunday, Fall Harvest Party, Moms and Tots Program.
  - b. Our missions include funds given to support Youth Sanctuary, Haven Pregnancy Support Clinic, Youth for Christ, Christa Smith-Kingston through Christian Direction and our child sponsorship to attend school in Zambia.
  - c. Special Events - All Church Retreat

- d. The Coins for Christ collections helped support The Mustard Seed Church, Shelbourne Community Kitchen, Youth for Christ, Youth Sanctuary and Movember Men's Health.
- Our total expenses were \$329,222.17 with a net loss of \$31,532.70 but that does include the accounting entry for depreciation of \$14,012.17.
- Asset purchases this year were the new fence, stool for drum set and small diaphragm mics.

**2026 Budget:**

- Our budget for 2026 has been set for \$367,955.90 to continue the work in these areas of ministry. This Budget has been carefully & prayerfully prepared considering this past year & hopes for the new year.
- If anyone would like a copy of the detailed 2026 Budget or the financial statements from 2025, please let me know and I can email you a copy. Also, if you have any questions, just send them to me by email.

**ADDENDUM 6**



**PROPOSED BUDGET**

**2026**

## ***Reasons for giving***

There are several reasons for giving. Many give out of gratitude or thanksgiving for what God has given, thus giving comes as a celebration. Others give out of a sense of responsibility, understanding that God's work in the Church costs money. Some give based on integrity, fulfilling their promises to support the Church with their time, giftedness and resources. Still others give because they believe in what the Church is doing. They want the Church to continue to minister to adults, children and youth. Your gift, combined with the gifts of all, will provide the monetary resources for Shelbourne St to remain faithful to God's calling.

## ***What does the Bible say about giving?***

### ***Intentional***

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind...."* - 2 Cor. 9:7a

### ***Glad-hearted***

*"...not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*  
- 2 Cor. 9:7b

### ***Regular***

*"Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can."* - 1 Cor. 16:2

### ***Sacrificial***

*"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."* - 2 Cor. 8:3-5

# THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

The proposed Church budget for 2026 is  
**\$367,955.90**

***Outreach Cluster* \$29,204.17 (7.94%)**

These funds help spread the Good News around the corner as well as around the world. We also provide monetary, food and housing assistance for local families. This figure does not tell the whole story; in addition to these items we partner with *Zambia Mission Fund Canada* in their tireless efforts to bring hope to the children of Zambia. Because it is self-funding, this mission is not included in the figures shown above.

***Worship Cluster* \$ 48,798.83 (13.26%)**

This part of our budget is dedicated to creating a climate of worship that enables people to say yes to the love of God.

***Spiritual Formation Cluster* \$82,647.84 (22.46%)**

These funds make it possible for us to teach the faith to our children and to teach the Bible to our adults. The funds will be used to purchase materials, outfit classes, train teachers and mentors, as well as for retreats and special events.

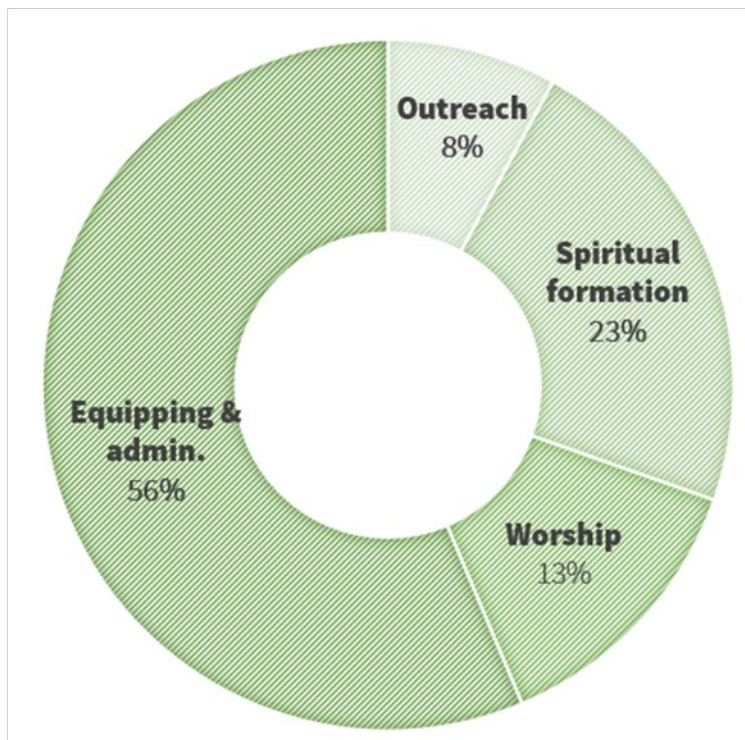
***Equipping & Administration Cluster* \$207,305.06 (56.34%)**

These funds help provide training and equipping for ministry leaders, office operating expenses, support staff salaries, building upkeep, utilities, insurance, as well as custodial and maintenance services.

# ***Shelbourne Street Church of Christ***

We experience the joy of giving throughout the year when our ordinary dollars, through regular giving to the Church, transform into eternal expressions of God's love.

As you prayerfully consider the proposed Church budget, consider the vital role you play in support of these ministries. Consider also the blessings we extend and receive as we allow God to give our dollars eternal value.



## **ADDENDUM 7**

### **Minister's Report for the 2026 AGM January 25, 2026**

As I have said before at our AGM, I want, first, just to thank the leadership and the church for allowing me the privilege of serving with you. I never take it for granted and am always appreciative. We have a group of Elders that are to be commended for their service, and now we have added Terry to that mix and affirmed our other Elders for another year, and I am confident that this will be a blessing to our church and our work for the Lord. The same goes for the team of Deacons, for Jocelyn and Monique, and for those who volunteer in so many ways or who are otherwise just part of this church family. I enjoy serving alongside all of you!!

So, I am mainly going to give a summary report of the year and its activities, and then I will mention one specific thing to which I am especially looking forward in 2026.

I would say that there are two main pillars that have served as the foundations for my ministry and preaching over the last couple of years. 1) One is God-dependency, and so we have frequently called for prayer and an openness to God leading us. 2) The second is the significance of the coming of Christ as the Messiah who came with His Kingdom reign to transform the world through the church. What I hope is that these two foci have characterized our ministry in 2025 and leading into 2026.

We began 2025 with our Day of Prayer and Fasting, and I would say that not only was it one of the highlights of our year, but one of the most fruitful. On that day we prayed for world conflicts like Hamas-Israel/Syria and Isis/Ukraine-Russia; the Faith of Our Children and Teens (especially in light of current social/cultural challenges); our Outreach Ministry and Missionality; Canada's Political Future; Discipleship/Spiritual Formation; Life Groups/Involvement/Congregational Relationships and Unity; and Our Ministry's Response to Our Culture and Challenging Social Issues. I would say we experienced direct, observable answers to prayer concerning some of those things—in fact, many of the other things I am going to list are all in some sense answers to the prayers we offered at our Day of Prayer and Fasting last year.

I would say that our congregational relationships and unity have continued to develop in the last year, so that we have a warm, unified “congregational feel” going for us. I have had people say to me, “I feel good about inviting someone to church because this is a positive, loving, unified, healthy church.” That feels really good to hear. I would say that was one of the priorities for me as I came back to Victoria. Two years plus into my relationship with you, I would say we are at a different place with our unity and health than we were when I first

came. And that is to be credited to the Lord for working among us. So, thank you Jesus and thank you Holy Spirit for working among us in that way!

There was a welcome addition to our ministry team in January when Jocelyn was hired to work with our Children and Youth. Since then we have seen the activity level of those ministries greatly rise, and whether we are talking about teen events, Jocelyn and Jeremy's leadership of the Spruston Junior Camp, or the Moms and Tots ministry Jocelyn initiated in the fall, there has been a wonderful energy supplied by her presence, and for this we are all grateful.

As far as our ministry and activities, I was blessed by our All-Church Retreat on March 7-9. Jay Hawkins was our Retreat speaker and he focussed on *Temporal Idols, Everlasting God: Isaiah's Call to Rooted Faith*. It was a weekend full of rain, but that didn't dampen the spirits or those who attended or the effectiveness of Jay's presentations. Jay used Isaiah's writings to call us more often to say yes to God and less often to say yes to the things of the world. We were blessed again to have Conor lead worship for us, which he will do again on March 6-8 this year. There were activities for the kids—thank you Jocelyn and Janiece. There was some free time, and thanks to Dean for leading us in our talent show. With the talent show came some wonderful surprises—let me offer a shout out to John Burnside for not actually playing the guitar and not really singing, but nonetheless “doing” a song that filled us all with joy, at his own expense.

Several of us participated in the city-wide Good Friday Service on April 18 at North Douglas Pentecostal Church, and then we were blessed by our Easter Sunday on April 20.

In 2025 we saw a continuation of the Ladies' Study that Carolyn Langley had started in 2024, and that was clearly a blessing. Our Life Groups continued, with significant expansion of a couple of those in fall 2025. Those leading our Fellowship Ministry and the Worship Ministry continued to serve in wonderfully sacrificial ways, and I want to thank Donna Wilkerson in our Fellowship Ministry and Monique Cummings in our Worship Ministry for doing extra duty in those areas, especially. One of the wonderful things in our Worship Ministry was seeing so many of our young people involved, with our teens singing and playing instruments and even some of the younger ones singing. That has been a blessing.

We continued in 2025 to do some long, slow reflection on our physical plant and property, wondering how the Lord might use this space in the future. Jordan Mann has done significant work in helping learn about the possibilities and the limits on what could be done with the land on which the church is perched. As we have all seen, the Shelbourne Street corridor is changing, and, while it is likely years or even a decade or more away before something might actually happen, it makes sense that at least in some preliminary way we might consider what the long-term possibilities for our property might be—where might the Lord take us with this? What are the questions we need to be asking? What resources are there on

which we could depend to alter the use of our physical property? Who might help us or partner with us? Or is this at all the direction God may want us to go? It doesn't hurt to ask questions way ahead of the game and to seek the Lord's will in such matters.

We, of course, enjoyed our annual trip out to the Polo Field for Worship, and Daniel again helped us on that Sunday. In July our kids enjoyed Junior Camp with Jocelyn and Jeremy as I mentioned, and I directed Teen Camp at Spruston Road Bible Camp. The Senior's Camp happened over August 15-17, and that was a blessing for sure. I was really pleased the way that the Teen camp went, and I think Joc and Jer were blessed by the Junior Camp as well. In September we entered into what essentially functions as a new church year with a new focus in the sermons on the Gospel of Mark, entitled "He Has Come," and as usual I am probably benefitting from our look at Jesus and His Kingdom more than anyone. I love preaching through a gospel. At the end of September the Elders and their spouses, and Robin and I, enjoyed a leadership retreat with Keith Shields from Calgary, where Keith encouraged us to earnestly seek the Lord's direction, and on September 28 we celebrated Truth and Reconciliation Sunday, which included the completion of our Truth and Reconciliation commemorative plaque and an interview with Harvey Underwood. Then, at the end of October, we enjoyed the renewal of our Fall Harvest Party, with maybe 150 in attendance? Thank you to all of you, who made all these events happen!

We saw this fall the establishment of what amounts to a Human Resources Ministry, which currently is getting expanded to include Finances. Carolyn Langley, Marlene McClure, and Fay Hickman are serving in that ministry.

One of the recurring blessings that we again enjoyed was the chance to Serve others at Christmas time, with special efforts made to bless The Haven and Sanctuary Youth Centre, and then we shared together in our Christmas Eve Service—which was quite well attended—as was our Youth Christmas Presentation on the Sunday before Christmas. Thanks, Carolyn for spearheading that. Special thanks to the Worship Team participants and Jocelyn for conducting the Christmas Eve Service. And Jocelyn did a great job.

I said I would mention one specific thing about our ministry to which I am especially looking forward in 2026. That has to do with something that came out of the leadership retreat with Keith Shields. The Elders and I have been working on helping others in our church to become leaders. We have abundant talent and people resources in the group between say, age 35 and 55 in our church. We are hoping that over time many in that group will intentionally grow to become appointed leaders in our church, and we are making plans and having conversations designed to bring that about. If you fall into that age range, and of course this would apply to others outside of that range, we want you to be intentional, and we want to be intentional with you, in responding to the Lord's leading for you to become a leader in our church. This is crucial for our future, and with the Lord's help wonderful things will happen in this area of our ministry.

I looked at my AGM report from last year, and I don't think I need to change much in the way I ended last year. I said, *"I don't know exactly where the Lord may lead us in the coming year and years ahead. But now that we have established an environment of peace, unity, and joy in Christ, what shall we specifically do in Discipling our children and others new to faith, in Serving our community and blessing those who hurt and struggle, in Helping each other to grow in serving the Lord and each other, and in Helping each other relate to and understand better the God we serve?"* If we do these things, 2026 will be a banner year for the Shelbourne Street Church.