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July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017



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**Thanks to the following leaders who served
Elim Church
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Marvin Wojda – Lead Pastor
Rev. Blaine Eagle – Senior Associate & Music Pastor
Rev. Shawn Chapman – Associate Pastor of Generational Ministries (moved as of Feb. 2017)
Pastor Russ Stare – Associate Pastor of Operations
Rev. Ralph Peters – Community Engagement
Pastor Tyson Stare – Young Adult Pastor
Rev. Matthew Bombay – Student Ministries Pastor
Rev. Joshua Singh – Church Life and Discipleship Pastor
Rev. Rob Clark – Children’s Pastor
Rev. Angela McDonald – Associate Children’s Pastor
Rev. Brent Cooper – Seniors, Singles & Care Ministry Pastor (part-time)
Rev. Kevin Abrey – Pastor of Administration

BOARD OF DEACONS

Pastor Marvin Wojda (chair)
Mr. Terry Schultz (vice-chair)
Mrs. Enid Pierce (secretary)
Mr. Rob Tuomi (treasurer)
Dr. Mansfield Mela
Mr. Maynard Wiens
Mrs. Ronke Oyanu
Mr. Graeme Swinnerton
Mr. Tim Barnstable
Mrs. Charlene Quiring

BOARD OF ELDERS

Rev. Ed Armbruster
Mrs. Betty Armbruster
Mr. Brian Ens
Mrs. Dolly Ens
Mrs. Shazia Iram
Mr. Amir Ayaz
Mr. Franklin Bolwe
Mrs. Petunia Bolwe
Mrs. Susanna Hingston
Mr. Owen McCormick
Mrs. Lois McCormick
Mrs. Halima Mela
Dr. Arin Olaniyi
Mrs. Yomi Olaniyi
Mrs. Sharon Wiens



MISSION STATEMENT

A community on a journey to be more like Jesus.

Our Mission is expressed:

E – Embrace all people

E – Experience God's Fullness

E – Equip God's People

E – Engage Our World

CORE VALUES

We value...

Each person of every age, race and background as a unique creation with divine purpose

Clear, relevant communication of Biblical truth

Evangelism in its varied forms at home and abroad

The process by which believers move to maturity in Christ

Believers discovering their spiritual gifts and functioning in those gifts as they serve God

Worship as a lifestyle

Healthy relationships that are a result of a caring community

Excellence in all we do

Our place in the body of Christ as we partner with the church of Jesus in Saskatoon and other PAOC churches across Canada

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
For Elim Church Saskatoon Inc.
Sunday, November 06, 2016, 11.45 am**

The duly called Annual General Meeting for Sunday, October 23, 2016 was deemed to be an information meeting because no quorum was attained. We received all reports but did not ensue business such as the election of Board Members and passing of Articles and By-Laws. The Annual General Meeting was deferred and declared to be 14 days hence on November 6th, 2016.

1. Pastor Marvin called the meeting to order
 - a. The voting bar was established as all members present
 - b. Motion to accept the appointments of Enid Pierce as Secretary and Jan Andreae as Teller Committee chair – Moved, seconded, carried (MSC)
2. Motion to approve the AGM minutes of October 25, 2015 – MSC.
3. Financial Report – Rob Tuomi
 - a. Motion to receive the financial report as published and presented on October 23, 2016 – MSC
 - b. Motion to approve the Board’s recommendation to reappoint Heagy, Altrogge, Matchett and Partners as auditors – MSC.
4. MSC to accept the Pastors’ Reports and the Elim Lodge Report.
5. By secret ballot, the motion to approve The Constitution Articles received 99% affirmation was carried as moved and seconded.
6. By secret ballot, the motion to approve The Constitution By-Laws received 97% affirmation and was carried as moved and seconded. Pastor Marvin expressed thanks and appreciation to the committee that revised and updated the Constitution. Jan Andrea (Committee Chairperson), Enid Pierce, Ron Hallden and Don Stiller.
7. Motion to revoke the former Constitution by a show of hands – MSC.
8. Board Elections
 - a. Nominees are Ronke Oyanu, Peter Quinlin, Terry Schultz, Graeme Swinnerton, Dan White
 - b. Pastor Marvin prayed for the voting.
 - c. Special thanks to Terry Schultz, Harold Sauder and Jan Andreae for serving with distinction and diligence for the past three years.
 - d. Ronke Ayanu, Terry Schultz and Graeme Swinnerton were elected.

- 9. Motion to destroy the ballots – MSC.
- 10. Motion to accept the resolution of thanks given by Harold Sauder – MSC.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons and the congregation of Elim Church I am pleased to present a Motion of Thanks:

Thank you to the pastoral staff led by Pastor Marvin. You minister and serve, motivated by your commitment to the Gospel and your desire to help every individual grow and develop in their spiritual journey. Thank you to the Administrative Staff. You serve the congregation with care, grace and attention to individual needs. Thank you to the building management and maintenance staff for your excellent care of the building and your helpful service to all users of the building. Thank you to all the volunteers. Your service is vital to all the ministries of the church. Thank you to the Board of Deacons for attending to the business of the church and thank you to the Board of Elders for providing spiritual care to the congregation. Thank you to the congregation. You have supported this church with your loyalty and finances. Your daily Christian conduct within the church and in the community, are a testimony of transformed lives guided by the principles of the Gospel. Thank you to those who established and guided Elim from its inception to the present. Their commitment to the Gospel, their love of people, their hard work and sacrifice provided the foundation for what Elim is today.

Paul writes in Corinthians: “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.”

We indeed are blessed and thankful.

- 10. Motion to adjourn – MSC.
- 11. Rev. Jim Guskjolen closed in prayer.

I do hereby affirm the above minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Elim Church Saskatoon Inc. that ensued on November 6, 2016:

Enid Pierce – Secretary of the Board	Date

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Marvin Wojda – Chairperson of the Board	Date

Pastor Marvin Wojda

Lead Pastor's Annual Report 2016/2017



This is Elim's centennial year! 100 Years ago, our church began in prayer meetings where God poured out his Spirit in a remarkable way. None of our founders could ever have imagined that the seeds sown would continue to bear fruit 100 years later. Over our history there have been many changes in the spaces where we've gathered and in how ministry is done but the main thing remains the main thing; Jesus is still working in lives and people are being transformed by the gospel.

Our centennial year is a great opportunity to give thanks for a great heritage and to celebrate our past but it's also a time to look with anticipation at what God will do in our future. The planned celebration includes dedicating new ministry facilities that will serve us for years to come.

We entered this reporting period with refreshed mission and vision statements. Neither our mission nor our vision have changed but expressing them more succinctly helps us to remember them and live them out. Our vision: ***A community on the journey to be more like Jesus.*** Our mission: ***Embrace all people, Experience God's fullness, Equip God's people and Engage our world.***

These refreshed statements are the result of prayerful consideration of God's call along with holy conversations about how our mission and vision should be expressed. The extended process that our Pastors and Board engaged in was a valuable exercise in ensuring that the main thing remain the main thing.

There have been many memorable moments over this past year. In the Fall, Sharlaine and I led a tour to Israel and Jordan. It was my fourth opportunity to "walk where Jesus walked". To see people experience it for the first time and to be able to read the scriptures in the very places where they took place never gets old.

When we arrived back from Israel, Pastor Shawn shared with me that a possible transition was in the works. As we prayed and journeyed with the Chapmans it became obvious that God was indeed at work leading them to take on a new challenge as Lead Pastor in Colwood Church, Victoria. Their ministry will continue to bear fruit among us for years to come. I was grateful that Shawn raised up Pastor Tyson to lead our thriving Young Adults ministry.

With Pastor's Shawn's departure, our Lead Team looked at where staff investment was needed. It became clear to us that with so many young couples and young families finding their way to Elim we needed to focus on strengthening their connections to one another and to the Lord.

Our new associate pastor position will do that; follow up on new young couples and young families, connect young and married couples to one another and offer resources to strengthen marriages and families.

As well, this position includes the leadership of the Next Generation Team of Pastors Matt, Rob, Angela and Tyson. Pastor Matt Jagers along with his wife Josie and their three boys are a great fit for this position.

A personal milestone took place in February as I marked 25 years as the Lead Pastor of Elim. It was a good time to reflect on God's faithfulness in my own life. The milestone was celebrated as I was recovering from significant health issues and I'm grateful to God for renewed health and strength. We felt very loved and cared for as so many expressed that they were praying for my recovery and for us as a couple. I am very grateful for our staff who stepped in to serve as I was either facing a procedure or recovering from one of four medical procedures.

I'm especially grateful to our very capable Lead Team; Pastors Blaine, Russ and Shawn, our amazing staff team, our Board of Deacons and to Sharlaine.

Some Statistics

- Our average weekend service attendance over the last year = 1196
- Number of households = 1142 representing 2434 attendees in our church directory.
- Water Baptisms = 17 (26 last year)
- Weddings = 6 (5 last year)
- Babies dedicated = 34 (21 last year)
- Funerals = 4 (5 last year)
- Membership = 9 new members were received this year bringing our number to 382 (390 last year) on our active list and 86 who are missionaries, shut-in or in transition. This year a number of people carried on the "inactive" list indicated that they would like to be removed from the list. Our membership total is 468.

Respectfully Submitted

Pastor Marvin Wojda

Pastor Blaine Eagle
Senior Associate &
Music Pastor
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It is my privilege to lead the Adult Ministries team here at Elim. This year Kaitlyn Cey joined our team in a new position as the Women's Ministry Pastor and is doing a great job. Pastors Josh, Ralph and Brent complete this team and each of them flourish in their respective ministries, as you can see in their individual reports.

I continue to lead the worship and music ministry at Elim Church. At the center of the music ministry is our worship leading choir. The band and vocalists God has led our way are talented individuals who deeply desire to minister through their talents and I am thankful for each one.

Anne and I had the privilege of producing the 21st annual Elim Church Christmas Celebration over four nights in December. Our special musical guest was Jordan Janzen, with many of our own vocalists also featured. Gym B was transformed into a larger, beautiful, inviting Hospitality Center where many guests came to meet a Pastor, have questions answered and receive a Christmas book about Jesus. We estimate a total of 400 people came to the Hospitality Room over these four days. The Christmas Celebration had a depth of impact that was measurable and I thank everyone involved for their over-the-top passion, effort and excellence. Ticket sales covered the entire cost of this outreach once again this year and we are thankful for that.

Another highlight was the Easter weekend of Good Friday and Saturday/Sunday services. We reached an attendance record for the weekend as we added a Saturday night option that mirrored Sunday morning with a full choir and orchestra. 600 people joined us Saturday night alone with another 1400 joining us Sunday morning! We know that many people were here to experience God's grace and love in a new capacity and it was a wonderful privilege to present the gospel in word and song.

Personally, I am continuing in my studies toward a Master of Arts in Leadership and Management (MALM) through Briercrest Seminary, and am on track for a Spring 2019 graduation from that program. I am grateful to Elim Church for the encouragement to pursue this degree.

Thank you to the talented and dedicated pool of excellent musicians that minister capably, willingly and with the anointing of God, week after week. Thank you to the Tech team that helps us to effectively present that which we have worked so hard on. And thank you to my wife, Anne, who not only supports me but also ministers in her own gifting alongside of me. We continue to experience some personal challenges year as Anne continues to recover from her cancer treatments. They were effective but continue to manifest side effects; yet we have known the uplifting prayers and practical love of God's people in this church. God is with us and we are assured and comforted by His presence.

Thanks, be to God, who is the giver of every good gift.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Blaine Eagle

Pastor Tyson Stare
Pastor Young Adult
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Young Adults

God has been doing some amazing things in our Young Adults community over the past year. During the last year we have seen God move in miraculous ways in our community. There have been people physically, emotionally, and spiritually healed over the past twelve months. When we take time to have a quarterly testimony night, I am amazed by all the things God continues to do in and through our Young Adults ministry. Along with God healing and restoring people, it has also been impacting to be a part of people rededicating their lives to Jesus or deciding to follow him for the first time over the past year. I love seeing young adults' lives being transformed by Jesus, and hope and pray God continues to use our ministry to help reach young people in Saskatoon with His love.

While our Young Adults ministry has grown numerically over the past year, I am even more excited to say this has been one of the strongest years of spiritual growth in my involvement with Elim Young Adults. One of my favorite things over the past year has been seeing young adults continue to grow in serving both inside and outside of the church. Seeing young people eager to be generous with their time and talents has been an amazing blessing, and I hope this continues to grow in our community. Alongside serving there was a great strength in our community groups and retreats (both fall and winter) this year. These things have contributed to a great year of numerical and spiritual growth within our Young Adult community.

University of Saskatchewan

An area we placed a high emphasis in the past year was with our involvement on the University of Saskatchewan campus. In partnership with the University of Saskatchewan Students Union, we served our university and the student through events like a Thanksgiving meal for International Students and handing out healthy snacks to students studying during stressful finals seasons. We look forward to continuing to engage with students in the upcoming school year and are excited for the doors God continues to open as we seek to impact people on the university campus with the love of Christ.

Young + Married

Another area I was given the privilege of overseeing this past year was the Young and Marrieds group. This year we continued with our format of a monthly event being paired with small groups for young and married couples within our church. I have loved being able to connect young couples within our community, and it has been great to journey with other younger couples within our church as they seek to strengthen their parenting, marriage, and relationships with others in the Elim family. In the upcoming year, I am excited to welcome Matt Jagers and his family to Elim Church, and to work with him in continuing to help young families connect and grow within our church.

Personal

As I finish my review I would like to thank a few people. First, thank you to Pastor Marvin, the Board and leadership of Elim Church for bringing me on full time last year. It has been amazing being part of such a fun, loving, and Christ-centered church. I love coming to work every day, and am so grateful for the people I get to serve, and the staff I get to work with. I would like to thank Pastor Shawn for his willingness to give me a space to lead, and his mentoring and investment in my life; though he is now in Victoria, he paved the way for a lot of the health we see in our Young Adults and Young+Married ministries today. I am also incredibly grateful for our leadership teams in both the Young Adults and Young + Married ministries. It has been amazing to see how both teams have stepped up in the wake of Shawn moving, and I am so appreciative to them for how they serve and lead in our church. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife for her support over the past year. Lindsey has been an amazing servant to our church in the Young Adults, Sisterhood, and Kid's ministries this past year and has been an incredible encouragement to me. She is the best partner I could have asked for.

Lindsey and I love serving and leading at Elim. We are grateful for all God did this past year and are excited for all God has in the future.

Tyson Stare

Pastor Ralph Peters

Community Engagement Pastor

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Pastor of Community Engagement and Missions – 2017 Report

I thank Jesus for what He has done through the ministries of Elim. I have the privilege of overseeing five of these wonderful ministries: Community Engagement, 1st Impressions, Missions, Alpha and Refugee Care.

Community Engagement

A significant piece of Elim's Mission is to "Embrace all People" and in staying true to our calling we need to engage effectively with our surrounding community through events and community involvement. Our Community Engagement Team is mobilizing our church and sought to accomplish this through:

- Collaborating with the Rosewood Community Association (RCA) on a major community event in August... our Show & Shine and their Community Garage Sale. They set up for their huge community-wide event right across from our parking lot where our Show & Shine car show was being held. We cordoned off Slimmon Road so people from the community could safely walk back and forth – between their kids' bouncy castles and the amazing cars parked in our parking lot. It was a very successful event in that our people had many meaningful conversations with people from our community and our relationship with RCA was strengthened. We also raised over \$1600 for the Habitat for Humanity Women Build in Lakewood Suburban Centre. This past spring RCA contacted us again, asking if we would meet with them and their city representative to solidify plans for August 26's cooperative event. Everything is a go.
- Participating in the city-wide Food Bank Drive. This year we took on more territory. We were responsible for the complete "Woods". We are surrounded by - Briarwood, Rosewood, Lakewood Suburban Centre. How I thank the Lord for every opportunity we have of displaying our love for people and embracing all people in our community;
- ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). With more and more New Canadians moving into our community our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) conversation classes has grown significantly. Presently we have three levels with more than sixty registered guests in our Saturday morning program. Carrie Peters (my wife) together with her team of over fifteen volunteers is leading this burgeoning ministry. It is wonderful to report that the first guest who attended our Saturday ESOL classes has asked the Lord into her life and was baptized on Fathers' Day. We also have two levels with at least ten guests and three volunteers in our Sunday morning ESOL classes. Thank you, Jenna Zhao, for your excellent leadership with this ministry;
- Partnering with Habitat for Humanity. In early September, a team of women from Elim participated in the Habitat for Humanity Women Build in Lakewood Suburban Centre. It was a great day and we are thrilled to be able to contribute to our community in this way;
- The coffee house style outreach at the Moka Coffee Bar in Lakewood Suburban Centre. This has gone well. Our plans are to expand into offering an Alpha course and/or a ESOL Games Coffee Bar outreach. The vision is to reach into our Lakewood Suburban and Rosewood communities with the Gospel more effectively by meeting the immediate needs of so many;

- Major Elim events. It has been a joy for us to help in the recruiting of volunteers for, and the execution of, the major events our church has put on throughout the year – Big Party and Christmas Celebration concerts.

It is extremely encouraging for us as a team to see how our church has its tentacles woven into the fabric of Saskatoon. As of the end of this year our church is connected to twenty-two (and counting) agencies/organizations/churches ministering holistically to the people of our city.

1st Impressions

What an amazing and growing team of men and women we have at Elim who are involved in Elim's 1st Impressions Ministry – Greeters, Ushers, Connections Centre and Info Centre personnel. Presently there are over ninety involved. This year we have added children to our team. What a tremendous contribution they are making. With our renovation/expansion project having run most of the year, our team has done a remarkable job in directing and welcoming people into our facilities week after week. The Connections Centre desk has been a great addition to the furnishings in our Atrium. This centre replaces the Hospitality Room's function and has already proven to be very effective as an instrument in contributing to our vision for growth.

Special thanks to Graeme Swinnerton who is my very valuable right hand in moving this ministry forward so efficiently.

Missions

I am thankful to report that our focus on missions continues to be strong. Providing prayer emphasis cards which every month feature two new partners has helped in bringing a higher profile to our Partners in Mission, as well as a greater covering in prayer to each one.

This year Elim's Missions Committee added five new partners bringing the total of partners and projects that we support to thirty-two. Our financial goal for supporting these in 2016 was set at \$140,000. By God's grace we achieved our goal. We have set our goal at \$135,000 for 2017. With the help of Elim's missions' focus during our One Hundred Year Celebrations in the fall, we should easily achieve this goal.

The Short-Term Mission (STM) to Thailand over Christmas was amazing. We called it "Christmas with a Purpose". The team of six was greatly used to open some pretty significant doors for Imagine Thailand, one of our Partners in Mission. The Lord willing, we will be working with some of our other Partners in Mission by sending out more STMs - Ahtakakooop Reserve (Gospel for Samaria) and Kuwait, Tunisia & Morocco (Gerald & Pat Golbeck), just to name two.

Alpha

I am pleased to report that we ran two Alpha courses again this year, with a total of just under 50 guests. We had at least three first-time decisions with a number filled with the Spirit at our Alpha Holy Spirit Days. The new Alpha videos are of exceptional quality and very effective.

By faith we are looking ahead to the fall and expecting another eager group of Alpha guests that will meet at our church in schools, businesses and homes.

Thank you, Alpha leaders,

Refugee Care

What a privilege it is to witness our dear Syrian family, Ehab, Rabab and Natali Abou Jahjah assimilate into the life of our church and community. They are now completely financially self sufficient. Ehab and Rabab both have full time jobs and are very involved in the life of Elim. Thank you Elim family for giving so generously towards their re-settlement. As I write this we are expecting our new Iraqi family to arrive any day - Rafid, Diana and Hiba Al Saqat who were displaced by IS and are now in transition in Amman, Jordan. I am persuaded they will be loved and cared for as the Abou Jahjahs were.

My heart is full of thanks as I report a very exciting and fruitful year. All the glory goes to Jesus – great things He has done through His people! A heart-felt thanks to each of my teams – you are amazing. And thank you Elim family for engaging your community with the love of Jesus so very effectively.

My report would not be complete without thanking my precious wife, Carrie, for all her love and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Ralph Peters

Pastor Joshua Singh

Church Life and Discipleship

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I cannot adequately express how thankful I am for my church family at Elim. This is my family's second season here and it amazes me how rooted we are all becoming. In a pastoral culture of moving from church to church every few years, Elim for me is the Oasis in the desert, a place of steadiness and consistency that still at its core has a sense of adventure in regards to Kingdom work. The future is bright here and I cannot wait to see where the Lord takes us in 2017-2018.

ELIJAH HOUSE

Dianne Mantyka and her team have offered several weekly, as well as a weekend seminar this year where many have been set free from chains of sin, shame and defeat. Elijah House is an incredible ministry that has been servicing so many hurting people around our city. Please pray for continued favor and increased influence for EH within the Saskatoon area.

THE BROTHERHOOD

This past year we launched The Brotherhood with a successful Super Bowl event where 220 men gathered together in the auditorium. Many of the men had never met one another, but there was incredible camaraderie. In June, The Brotherhood held its first spring retreat at the Youth Farm Bible Camp in Rosthern. The deep connections and work that the Holy Spirit was nothing short of miraculous. In the upcoming months, we are planning to gather a group of men together to do work projects on a reserve community here in Saskatchewan. It will be amazing to see generations of men working together to serve a whole community that needs to hear the Gospel.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

This year we attempted two small group initiatives. The first was our "Moses" series that started in September 2016. We tried a new video format that was helpful for many. We deemed however by the numbers and the low interaction with the material that the fall season is not an effective time for us to launch this type of initiative. Our second kick at the can in this ministry season started in April with our "Gains" series. The buy in and the interaction has been incredible. Throughout our church people seem to have a renewed passion for spiritual disciplines. I am so thankful for Ron and Lillian Sprentz who helped to administrate and resource small group leaders. Their leadership in this area has been invaluable.

Elim U

Elim U encompasses Elim 101, 201, 301 and 401. This year has been wonderfully fruitful in all of these classes. We have had the privilege of seeing many people come into membership, dive deeper into the Bible, find their spiritual gifting within the church and figure out the “hows” and “whys” of evangelism. Currently we are recruiting potential teachers from among our church family to be able to offer two semesters of mid week class offerings from September to December as well as January to April. Please pray that God would bring the right teachers along who are passionate about various subjects that will meet the needs of our church family.

ELIM MENTORING

In September 2016, a team from the discipleship department launched a pilot project called Elim Mentoring. From September to June we matched up mentors with mentees from within Elim and began the experiment to see if we could make a formal mentoring program work. After the pilot had ended and our team had surveyed participants, we have decided to officially launch Elim Mentoring in September 2017 to the whole Elim family. I am grateful for the guidance and leadership of Betty Mutwiri and Kaitlyn Cey whose help has ensured the execution of the pilot project, as well as the launch of the official program. Betty in particular has been a passionate advocate for mentoring here at Elim and we are pleased that she has decided to become the Elim Mentoring lead.

Upcoming Projects

In September 2017, we will be launching a new project called “Elim Lead.” A program we hope will help to build a leadership culture here at Elim that enhances the already vibrant volunteer base we have. Also in September 2017, we will be attempting to release a mid-week video podcast that will help to subsidize and enhance Pastor Marvin’s weekend sermons.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Joshua Singh

Pastor Kaitlyn Cey Women's Ministry Intern Annual Report 2016/2017



On June 1st 2016, I signed on as the Women's Ministry Intern at Elim Church and joined Pastor Ralph, Pastor Josh and Pastor Brent on the Adult ministry team led by Pastor Blaine. Being on this team has been a highlight of the year. Countless times, I witnessed this team work together to problem solve, pray, support one another and to think creatively and innovatively about how to **equip, embrace, engage and experience** most effectively. They collaborate and contribute selflessly to the initiatives of one another showing a deep commitment to the shared mission and vision of the church. Thank you to this team for modeling Christ-like living, and welcoming me aboard!

SISTERHOOD

A primary focus of my role on staff this year has been the Sisterhood ministry. I have been so privileged to work alongside Sisterhood Founder Char Quiring. She has inspired me through her dedication to shine God's glory to the world. The heart of Sisterhood is to spread Gospel hope, and in the past year I have seen God do this in many ways. Last summer, the Sisterhood team facilitated the Summer Bible Study Series called, *Stand Satisfied*. An average of 100 women and girls of all ages came out each week to learn and worship together. Thank you to all volunteers who came to serve during these sessions! The series spanned six weeks and was held on Saturday mornings. Through that series, God built connectivity and relationship among girls and women while reviving hearts with the wild love he has for each of us by God's grace.

Another highlight of women's ministry this year was the Spring Sisterhood Conference *Beauty for Ashes*. Approximately 450 girls and women attended the conference and hope floated to many through worship, powerful teaching and times of connection. Thank you to all volunteers, planners, tech teams, and musicians for helping to gather women for the purpose of spreading Gospel hope to the saved and the unsaved.

MIRROR MIRROR YXE

This year was also the launching of the Mirror Mirror YXE initiative by Sisterhood. The October Sisterhood event, *Strength and Grace* was attended by approximately 450 girls and women and was a huge success in the effort to raise funds for Mirror Mirror YXE. Thank you to all volunteers, worship leaders, tech volunteers and performers who made the evening a wild success! Nearly \$8000 was raised that evening towards the initiative!

The Mirror Mirror YXE initiative involved the distribution of 900 books called *Mirror Mirror* that aims to build the self-worth of girls and women. Books were given to girls and women ages 10-18 in Saskatoon and surrounding area. Thank you to those who attended leader training and gave presentations and facilitated discussions in local high schools in the city. Hundreds of books were given out to girls during school presentations in three different school divisions in the province. Elim Church also hosted an event geared towards girls ages 10-18 on March 4th where 800 books were given out with nearly 900 girls and women in attendance. Through this event, a message of hope was boldly proclaimed and God was at work to bring healing, wholeness and empowerment. Thank you to every volunteer and performer who contributed to this event – and to financial contributors who helped us to reach our fundraising goal! Following the event, 50 girls signed up for a follow-up course held at the church. Thank you to the incredible group of women who served as small group leaders and presenters through this course and to Christian Counselling Services for providing parent sessions to educate and equip parents regarding the mental and emotional health of young women. Mirror Mirror YXE has built a strong core and continues to spread hope in the city (for more information check out mirrormirroyxe.com).

Thank you to the Sisterhood communications team for sharing hope through social media forums and through the Sisterhood website (sisterhoodyx.com). Thank you to every woman who courageously shared a testimony via Sisterhood social media avenues this year. Your stories are powerful and your courage has spread ripples of hope that have reached far into our community and beyond! Thank you to the Sisterhood events team, women's Bible study leaders, women's prayer group leaders and moms group leaders for all of your planning, meetings, time and effort – and for working hard to spread Gospel Hope through events and studies - and through your dedication to live out genuine love – to live out Sisterhood among one another. It has been an honor to serve and grow alongside you this year as we have all walked together on the journey to be more like Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaitlyn Cey

Women's Ministry Intern

Pastor Brent Cooper
Seniors, Singles and Care
Ministry Pastor
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On April 1, I completed my second full year of ministry in my dual role at Elim Church and Elim Lodge. My main areas of oversight are: pastoral care and visitation, the Elder's Ministry Team, the SALT group, the Heritage Service, the New Dimension's luncheons, the Senior Tones choir, the Men's Prayer Group and the Wednesday Night Bible Study at the Elim Lodge.

New Dimensions (Mature Adults)

We held four events during the past year, which consisted of four weekday luncheons (October, December, February and April). The total attendance for these events was 344, an average of 86 per event. In the coming year, we are planning for four luncheons, to be held on October 3 (Thanksgiving), December 5 (Christmas), February 6 and April 3 (Easter). I would like to thank the following people for serving on the leadership team this past year: Susanna Hingston, Mary Anne Clarke, Norm and Sharon Juell, and Sharon Thompson. I would also like to thank the many people who pitched in with help in various areas of the luncheons.

Heritage Service (Sundays at 9:00 am)

With the opening of the Hyde Park View facility, we have seen an increase in numbers in the past few months. We are all looking forward to the day when the new Chapel is complete. I would like to give thanks to Joyce Kirkpatrick for organizing the schedule for musicians and specials, and for the following people who have served in the past year: Bev Hertz, Mary Anne Clarke, Jan Tauber, Joyce Pitzel, JoAnne Fredlund, Del Fredlund, Wilma Schmidt, Pastor Blaine Eagle, Mona Heidebrecht, Jessica Semper, Ben Kirkpatrick, Bill Hildebrandt, Doris Bjornson, Norm Juell, and Henrick Henry (computer fill-in). I would also like to thank the following people who serve as ushers: Al and Cindy Lawson, Matt and Anne Hoggan and Ron Schneider. I would also like to thank my wife, Roxanne for faithfully operating the computer so that we have the visual presentation each week.

Elim Lodge Bible Study (Wednesdays at 7:00 pm)

From September through May, I conducted 31 Bible Studies with a total attendance of 1052 (average of 34), comprised of both Elim Lodge residents and outside guests.

Senior Tones

Doreen Seeman (along with her husband, Glenn) gives excellent leadership to this choir which ministers in various care homes throughout the fall and winter months. The choir is comprised of people from various churches across the city. I am the liaison between the Choir and the Pastoral Team. The choir held a season-ending Hymn Sing at the church on Sunday, April 30 that was attended by 186 people (including the 40 choir members).

SALT (Single Adults Living Triumphantly)

SALT is comprised of singles from various church backgrounds in the Saskatoon and surrounding area. Each month, we formally meet for a Saturday night potluck, with an average of 35-40 in attendance. The group also met on several occasions for social and recreational activities. I would like to thank the SALT leadership team for their willingness to serve during this past year. This past year, the team consisted of the following people: Shelley Venne, Brent Willis, Bev Hertz, Deborah McConkey, Kelly Jones, Charmaine Ens and John Nobel.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team visits the hospitalized and shut-ins (those who are unable to attend our weekend services). Our mandate is to visit, to offer communion and to encourage. I would like to thank the following people who have been involved in this ministry the past year: Ron and Lillian Sprentz, Brian and Dolly Ens, Susanna Hingston, Mike and Anne Michalycia, Gordon Palecki, Evelyn Bessel.

Elder's Ministry Team

Upon Pastor Murdoch Macfarlane's retirement, I was asked to assume the pastoral oversight of the Elder's Ministry Team. The purpose of the Elder's Ministry is to pray for the people who request prayer (both during the weekend services and other times as requested), visit the sick and shut-ins and to conduct membership interviews. I would like to thank the following people for serving on the Elder's Ministry Team this past year: Brian and Dolly Ens, Ron and Lillian Sprentz, Mark Emde, Susanna Hingston, Jim and Colleen Guskjolen, Halima Mela, Sharon Wiens, Abayomi and Arinade Olaniyi, and Franklin and Petunia Bolwe.

Men's Prayer Group

Each Wednesday morning, a group of 12-15 men meet for prayer at 7:00 pm. We pray over the needs that have been made known to the church office. Afterwards, we go for breakfast at Fuddruckers. It is truly a blessing to see godly men join in prayer!

Two Highlights of the Year

On July 23-24, Glenn Seeman and I hosted a Bus Tour to the Badlands Passion Play. A bus load of 48 people from the Elim Church, the Elim Lodge and some other churches travelled to Drumheller for this powerful outdoor play. We returned on July 24 after a stop at the Hanna Museum, which included a Sunday Morning Service in an old Lutheran Church, complete with a pump organ. On October 23, Roxanne and I had the privilege of hosting a luncheon at the Willows Golf and Country Club restaurant for 18 widows. Each widow was presented with a book (entitled "Willow's Journey"). What a joy to be able to honor this group of ladies!

I would like to thank each of the Pastoral team, support staff and leadership teams for their support and assistance over the past year. I would also like to thank Greg Foley and his excellent team at the Elim Lodge for their support and assistance. My wife, Roxanne is a major contributor to my ministry and a source of blessing to many that she interacts with in our sphere of influence. I am grateful for her willingness to serve. And last but not least, I would like to thank the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Brent Cooper

Pastors Rob Clark &
Angela McDonald
Children's Ministry
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We continue to develop a place for parents to partner with the Church to show kids how to become stronger disciples and families to share Church life together. Here are some highlights from this past year:

- Volunteers: we like to refer to our volunteers as leaders as they are leading the kids to Jesus and leading the kids through the Bible. We are thankful for the 180+ leaders that served with excellence this past year!
- There were some changes with the Big Party (our Halloween outreach to the community) this past year. We are thankful for the people/businesses that donated funds to sponsor the event. The firefighters from the fire hall nearby came to give kids tours of their fire truck. We hosted over 1700 individual people that evening from the community. Want to partner with us and become a sponsor for this years' Big Party event? Please contact Pastor Rob at rob@elimchurch.ca or 306.850.0112.
- Cubbies and Awana kid's clubs continued to meet on Monday nights. Both groups experienced growth and Cubbies continue to encounter a waiting list. The kids had a lot of fun on Monday nights. The Grand Prix in April was popular with both groups. Thanks to Ray Jeanson for setting up the tracks.
- Another big highlight was the kids Christmas event. The preschool kids sang so well and always look very cute. The K to Grade 5 kids presented the play, "All about that Baby" with excellence. This event happened on a Saturday night and attracted a larger crowd.
- We continue to raise money every Sunday that goes toward our two sponsor kids. We successfully raised \$888.00 to take care of these children's needs. We also raised some funds to give them some Christmas gifts - \$ 100.00 was the amount. Thankful for the generosity of our Elim Kids and families.
- The Auditorium was full for the Wee College (a program for preschoolers) graduation last March. The kids recited their verses and sang their songs with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Lorelei Johnston, Jennifer Hildebrand for making this program fun and engaging for the kids!
- Genevieve Hildebrandt continues to create a safe place for moms to share and be together at 'Chat 'n Play' on Tuesday mornings.
- Kristi Done does an excellent job leading the Mom and Tot's gym time on Thursday mornings.
- We have great ministry to the kids because we have a great kid's director's team. Thank you to the following for your wisdom and your willingness to serve: Robert Thode, Sherilyn Clark, Megan Andrews, Jolene Clark, Jason Stianson, Jana Pachal, Darcy McDonald, Lorelei Johnston, Genevieve Hildebrandt.
- I (Angela) got Ordained!!

Looking forward to the next season:

- We want to create more awareness to include kids with special needs in Elim's kid's church. We want people to partner with us to launch a special needs program in September 2017. This program would operate on Sunday mornings.
- We want to create more awareness for missions. We will use the MAK program to accomplish this goal. The goal is to highlight one MAK missionary every two months.

I am thankful for Pastor Rob and his wife, Sherilyn and what they bring to our kid's ministry. They bring fun, laughter, and encouragement. They work hard to ensure kid's events are done well.

I am thankful for my husband, Darcy, who does many things. He serves to make sure all our technology and sound are working. He does a great job thanking volunteers and handing out coffee cards. He helps us in a huge capacity with our big events. Part of the reason they go so well is because of our spouses. I love you lots and love having you by my side.

The Next Gen team is a great pastoral team. Thankful for this team that brings wisdom and perspective. This year we saw the transition of Pastor Shawn which has been hard. Thank you Pastor Shawn for leading us and extend many blessing on your new adventure.

A healthy kid's ministry requires healthy support from the top. Pastor Rob and I are so thankful for Pastor Marvin and the Elim Church board for their ongoing support.

Thank you to all who partner with us to reach the kids and encourage families. Thank you to all who pray for us,

Rev. Angela R. McDonald
Associate Children's Pastor

Pastor Matt Bombay
Student Ministry
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ESM (Sr. Hi) and EJM (Jr. Hi) Annual Report

ESM and EJM have had another great year in 2016-2017.

We, once again, have had over 275 students join us throughout the year.

We made a fairly large shift in January of 2017 to move Jr.High and Sr.High from Wednesday and Thursday nights to Sunday evenings. This has been an interesting change from the norm but we have found great success with it. We will continue with Sunday evenings in September of 2017 and moving forward.

Some of the highlights of the year have been the Youth Retreat, 24/Chaos, Mexico Missions Trip, Jr.High Vibe Convention, Christmas Socials and our Paint War at the end of year wrap up!

This year we have also seen a large number of graduates. From grade 12's transitioning off to college and university to grade 5's coming up into the program starting in September 2017-2018, will be a very different year but exciting.

I would like to thank each and every leader who commits their time, energy and passion pouring into the Next Generation. Without you Elim and ESM would not be as impactful as it is. A special thanks to those leaders who have served so faithfully the last few years but will be moving on to greater things in the future. Your investment was so valuable.

As always, it is a privilege and a so much fun to work alongside the Staff at Elim.

Thanks to Taigan and Bennett for making this journey so exciting.

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Spine-Tingling Submitted By
Matthew R. Bombay