



2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015



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**Thanks to the following leaders who served
Elim Church
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Marvin Wojda – Lead Pastor
Rev. Blaine Eagle – Senior Associate & Music Pastor
Rev. Shawn Chapman – Associate Pastor of Next Generation Ministries
Pastor Russ Stare – Associate Pastor of Operations
Rev. John Morris – Community/The Mix/Marrieds Pastor (to Oct. 2014)
Rev. Ralph Peters – Community/The Mix/Marrieds (June 2015 to present)
Pastor Tyson Stare – Assistant Young Adult Pastor (part-time April 2015 to present)
Rev. Matthew Bombay – Jr./Sr. High Youth Pastor
Rev. Murdoch Macfarlane – Discipleship Pastor
Rev. Rob Clark – Children's Pastor
Rev. Angela McDonald – Associate Children's Pastor
Rev. Bob Tauber – Seniors, Singles & Care Ministry Pastor (part-time to Dec. 2014)
Rev. Brent Cooper – Seniors, Singles & Care Ministry Pastor (part-time April 2015 to present)
Rev. Kevin Abrey – Pastor of Administration
Rev. Domenic Ierullo – Media Pastor

BOARD OF DEACONS

Pastor Marvin Wojda (chair)
Mr. Terry Schultz (vice-chair)
Mrs. Jan Andreae (secretary)
Mr. Graeme Swinnerton (treasurer)
Mr. Ron Hallden
Dr. Mansfield Mela
Mrs. Enid Pierce
Mr. Harold Sauder
Mr. Rob Tuomi
Mr. Maynard Wiens

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. Murdoch Macfarlane
Mrs. Carol Macfarlane
Mr. Owen McCormick
Mrs. Lois McCormick
Mrs. Halima Mela
Dr. Arin Olaniyi
Mrs. Yomi Olaniyi
Mr. Ron Sprentz
Mrs. Lillian Sprentz
Mr. Maynard Wiens
Mrs. Sharon Wiens



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Elim Tabernacle is to **honor God**, to **invite all people** into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, to **encourage relationships** with one another and to **equip God's people** to impact their world.

ELIM'S VISION includes passionately pursuing:

- A forward-looking church that is founded on a rich heritage of the faithfulness of God and His people
- A congregation whose worship is a vibrant and joyful celebration of God's presence
- A welcoming, compassionate congregation that embraces all people
- A congregation that is vitally connected to each other for fellowship, support, care and maturing
- A physically/spiritually safe environment for everyone to be nurtured

As faithful stewards of the gospel and of our growing congregation we are:

- Equipping each person through Biblical instruction and a lifelong process of discipleship
- Enacting positive change in our community through releasing people to use their gifts to share God's love
- Enriching the community through sharing our resources and facilities
- Engaging in outreach with our community and the 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

Annual Meeting – November 9, 2014 (following the morning service)

This is a follow up meeting to October 26th, 2014 meeting where reports were presented in detail.

1. Call to order

2. The voting bar is established as the sanctuary. Ballots were distributed to members.

- a. Quorum
 - i. Constitutionally, all members present at the meeting constitute a quorum
- b. Board elections
 - i. Special thanks to Glenda Kadyschuk, Enid Pierce and David Gibson for serving.
 - ii. A simple majority of 50% plus one constitutes an election. Three of the four nominees to be elected.
 1. Enid Pierce
 2. Rob Thode
 3. Rob Tuomi
 4. Maynard Wiens

3. Appointments

- a. MSC that Jan Andreae be appointed as Recording Secretary.
- b. MSC that Mansfield Mela be appointed as Teller committee chair.

4. Minutes of 2013 annual meeting

- a. MSC to accept the minutes of November 10, 2013 as posted.

5. MSC to approve the membership roster as posted.

6. Reports

- a. MSC to accept the financial report as posted.
- b. MSC to accept Pastoral reports as posted.
- c. MSC to accept Elim Lodge report as posted.

7. Expansion plan update

- a. Shared information about another weekend service. A survey is available.
- b. Pastor Marvin shared information regarding the expansion plans as well as ministry position opportunities.

8. Resolution of thanks – Harold Sauder

“To Pastor Marvin for his steadfast and caring way in which he provides leadership to Elim Church. For his preaching that provides the congregation with sound doctrine, practical teaching and application for living the Christian life.

To the ministry staff who serve the congregation motivated by their commitment to Christ and their desire to help every individual grow and develop in their spiritual journey. You are appreciated.

To the administrative staff: You serve the congregation with love, grace, attention to detail and individual needs and efficiency. You represent the church and the gospel well to the public at large.

To the building management and maintenance staff, for your excellent care of this building and your helpful service to all users of this building.

To the volunteers who serve in the children's ministries, music ministry, youth and young adult ministries and adult ministries and to the technical department. The work you do is vital to the ministry of this church. Thank you.

To the Board of Deacons for attending to the business of the church and the Board of Elders for providing spiritual care to the congregation.

To the congregation: You have supported this church with your loyalty and your finances. Your daily Christian living within the church and in the community are testimony of transformed lives guided by the principles of the gospel.

To God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ who are the basis of our faith, who lead us daily, who have lead and guided this congregation throughout its history and in the past year."

9. Election

- a. Enid Pierce, Maynard Wiens and Rob Tuomi were elected on the first ballot.

10. Ballots

- a. MSC to destroy the ballots.

11. MSC to adjourn.



Pastor Marvin Wojda

Lead Pastor's Annual Report 2014/2015



During my sabbatical I had several days completely alone at a northern Saskatchewan lake with my Bible and a notebook. I was drawn to Paul's letter to the Colossian church and spent time studying and praying through the Book of Colossians in preparation for an upcoming series.

Paul had never personally visited the church at Colossae but he expresses his love for them in 1:3, *"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints..."* Paul captures my thoughts about Elim Church. I'm grateful to God for this church and I am constantly encouraged by the stories of faith in God and love for people that this church expresses.

In January I was humbled by the outpouring of love and honor as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our time at Elim. As I reflected in my comments on that occasion, over the years this church has taught me much, endured me much and forgave me much. For a pastor to serve in a church for so many years is a testament to the greatness of the church and its people.

Staffing Changes

This year we saw a number of changes in the life of our church. After a number of years where there have only been staff additions we saw two of our long term staff transition. We said goodbye to Pastor John Morris in the Fall and then in February we celebrated the life of our dear friend, Pastor Bob as he graduated to glory after more than 50 years of fruitful ministry. We welcomed Pastor Dominic, Pastor Tyson, Pastor Brent and Pastor Ralph to our staff. Elders Lillian and Ron Sprentz transitioned to the pastoral staff of the Rock Church.

Building Expansion

When we moved into our facility in 2012 it was a facility that had been reduced by almost 10,000 square feet from the original plan. In June 2014 in a congregational forum our leadership was encouraged to move ahead with plans for completing the construction of our building. This past year we've met with Children's ministry leaders and several of our pastors and others for input into what our building needs are and what needs we anticipate in the years ahead. In the spring we met with the architect and are well on our way to finalizing a concept for an addition that includes a chapel, additional children and youth ministry areas along with dedicated music ministry space.

Adding a Saturday Night Service

For seven weeks in March and April we did a trial run of offering a Saturday Evening Service. We saw 150-180 every Saturday night and the consensus was that we offer this option on a permanent basis starting Fall 2015. Our average weekend attendance was up 9% from the same period in 2014.

Missions

We were delighted to realize at the end of December that your 2014 missions giving significantly exceeded our goal. This enabled us to take on several missions projects that were waiting in the wings. I'm grateful to our missions committee for their work. Thank you Enid Pierce, Jan Andreae, Carly Morris, Gary Morris and Sandy Wiebe. We are also thrilled to welcome Pastor Ralph and Carrie as they serve in supporting and promoting missions at Elim.

I'm grateful for all of our staff that I get to serve with, with special thanks to the Lead Team; Pastors Blaine, Russ and Shawn. I'm grateful to our Board of Deacons, women and men who serve diligently to provide oversight and governance to our church. I'm grateful for Sharlaine's ongoing support and encouragement.

This past year I've completed terms of service on the boards of Wycliffe Canada and OneBook. At our National Conference of the PAOC I was elected to serve on the national board (General Executive) of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Serving outside of Elim gives me a view into the larger work of God around the world.

Some Statistics

STATISTICS

- Our Weekend service attendance = 1019
- Number of households= 952 representing 2037 people in our church directory.
- Water Baptisms = 17 – (25 last year)
- Weddings = 14 (13 last year)
- Babies dedicated = 26 (27 last year)
- Funerals = 4 (12 last year)
- Membership = 35 new members were received this year bringing our number to 371 on our active list and 96 who are missionaries, shut-in or in transition. This brings our membership total to 467 (last year our membership number was 440).

Respectfully Submitted

Pastor Marvin Wojda

Pastor Blaine Eagle Senior Associate & Music Pastor Annual Report 2014/2015



Reflecting on this past year fosters a deep gratitude for all of the things God has taught us, brought to us and entrusted to us as a music and worship department. He has taught us to trust Him by walking with us in difficult situations. He has brought us into His presence when we honor Him with our songs of worship and with our lives. He has entrusted us with a recognized voice in our community, allowing us to share His love with many who don't know Him yet. He has allowed us the privilege of leading worship to this congregation of believers. Jesus, for all of this and more, we give You thanks.

At the centre of the music ministry is our worship leading choir. This group is a congregation within itself – a body of believers that ministers upward to God, outward to each the audience they are in front of, and inward to each other.

Our Christmas musical production continues as the largest endeavor of the year. Anne and I had the privilege of producing the 19th Annual Elim Church Christmas Celebration in December. Our special musical guests were returning favorite Leon Leontaridis as well as our very own Chelsea Mahan, with many of our own vocalists also featured. The chapel was transformed into a 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. Thank you to Shannon Blais for preparing a huge amount of baking to help us welcome these guests. 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.

Other highlights included seeing the prayer ministry of the choir soar to new levels, weekly Sunday worship ministry and the Easter weekend of Good Friday and Sunday services. We ended strong with a June worship concert, and I am so thankful to this choir and musicians for presenting a full year of quality ministry that remained strong through the end. 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.

I am enjoying my role as team leader to the adult ministries department. Pastor Murdoch continues to deliver effective ministry to this congregation and his respective report is included in the Annual Report. However, we have also gone through some significant changes this past

year which have been both challenging and rewarding. Pastor John resigned his position effective Oct.30, 2014, so it was necessary to begin a search for our Community Engagement Pastor. A special thank you goes to Darryl Bryant and his wife, Jodi, who have given effective, caring and Godly leadership to The Mix as we were in transition. I am happy to report that after an extensive process, Pastor Ralph Peters and his wife Carrie joined our staff on June 1, 2015. Pastor Ralph will care for Community Engagement as well as The Mix, and give primary direction to our First Impressions Ministry. Secondly, it was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to Pastor Bob Tauber, who bravely fought a brief but fierce battle with cancer. After searching for the right candidate, we were able to invite Pastor Brent Cooper to join our staff in the Pastoral Care position, which includes New Dimensions, hospital visitation, and Men's Ministry. Pastor Brent and Roxanne began serving on our team April 1, 2015. It is a pleasure to have these two fine men join our Pastoral Team. Personally, I am continuing with my studies through Briercrest Seminary towards a Masters Degree in Leadership and Management, which is part of my commitment to lifelong learning and development.

Thank you to my wife, Anne, who not only supports me but also ministers in her own gifting alongside of me. We have experienced some personal challenges this year as Anne continues to recover from her year of illness. Last year's surgery, chemo and radiation treatments were effective but draining, 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 Shawn Chapman

Associate Pastor – Next Generation Ministries

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God is good. Watching His sustaining power and presence in my life has been a delight. This has been an extremely interesting year for me, one with many highs and some very challenging and stretching moments. Some of those stretching moments were losing 2 staff members whom I deeply appreciated, admired and had worked with for many years. Of course there is the personal side of life: from immediate family to extended family moments; friends going through extremely difficult circumstances and health challenges. Relying on the Lord has been occurring in heightened ways for me.

I believe that we are facing some really good days ahead; both personally and in ministry and this excites me very much. Looking back on this year I am truly thankful for several things and there are many things I would like to highlight; It is my privilege to work with our Next Generations Ministry Team: Pastor Matt (Youth), Pastors Rob and Angela (Children) and most recently hiring Pastor Tyson Stare to assist in the Young Adult ministry (YA's). This team of young leaders has been a joy to work with and I am excited for Elim Church for the investment these pastors are making.

We have seen much success in our YA ministry and we were able to hire from within our church. A young man by the name of Tyson Stare, who graduated from Horizon College and Seminary (Dec.2014) was hired half time. He is a well-respected leader in our YA's. He and his wife Lindsey provide excellent leadership. Our YA's have experienced many "first's" this year. For the first time we have experienced over 150 YA's on average in attendance. We have seen our giving increase, and it's been exciting to see YA's serve more generously – within the church and in ministry around the city. This excites me as a pastor. God is doing some incredible things with this age demographic.

With the additional help brought by Pastor Tyson joining our staff, it has created more space in my schedule to begin a Young Marrieds' ministry. This is in its initial stages and I believe it will have positive impact for Elim's young married couples. Stay tuned for more reports on this exciting ministry.

I have appreciated my time serving on the Lead Team. It's a privilege working alongside Pastors Marvin, Blaine and Russ. These gentlemen pour their lives into seeing this church thrive and succeed. Every week we sit around the table, ask the Lord for His direction and then talk "life at Elim". I love these men and working with them has been loads of fun.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to a number of people. But before that can begin, thank you Jesus for providing me your unlimited grace. I love serving His Kingdom and look forward to the things He will accomplish. Next I am thankful for my family; Lisa, Jachin and Anaya. These 3 individuals provide so much joy in my life. They make serving Jesus all the sweeter. I love you all very much.

Thanks to this amazing staff, my Next Gen Team that I specifically lead and our YA world. I have the best job/calling in the world. I love waking up every day and investing my time and energy in these people. Plus it is fun loving Jesus in community. We are better together.

Bless you Elim Church. Please continue to pray for this pastor and his family - that as I lead I will rely on the person of The Holy Spirit. Thanks for letting us lead.

Respectfully submitted

Pastor Shawn Chapman



Pastor Murdoch Macfarlane

Discipleship Pastor's Annual Report 2013/2014



I wish to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the many people who have served so faithfully in the different ministries for which I have responsibility. You make the ministries possible, and through your faithful service you bring glory to God and with the help of the Holy Spirit expand His Kingdom in measurable ways.

ELDERS

The members of the Board served in the following ways:

Prayer for healings and deliverance. We saw a number of wonderful answers to prayer. Interviewing applicants for membership, assisting with baptisms, visiting in homes, and ministering to those who are unable to attend church. With the untimely passing of Pastor Bob, I took on the responsibility for ministering to those who are shut in, and I am ably assisted by a team of Godly brothers and sisters.

There were a couple of changes on the Board. Maynard Wiens was elected to the Board of Deacons, and Ron and Lillian Sprentz left us to join the staff of the Rock Church, and we thank them for their years of faithful ministry among us. Brian and Dolly Ens were appointed to the Board of Elders, joining Rev Ed and Betty Armbruster, Amir and Shazia Ayaz, Franklin and Petunia Bolwe, Susanna Hingston, Owen and Lois McCormick, Halima Mela, Yomi and Arin Olaniyi, Sharon Wiens and Carol and Murdoch Macfarlane.

USHERS/GREETERS/WELCOME CENTRE/COMMUNION

Again this year, we added to the team which is now identified as First Impressions in recognition of the important role they play in the ministry of the church, a role they carry out with friendliness and warmth. We added a number of younger members to the team, and it was particularly gratifying to see the response to the Saturday night need.

Communion preparation and clean-up is now under the leadership of Ed McAleer, with his team of David and Roberta Banks, Anna Gerbrandt, Angela Kwire and Linda Burnett. Ed took over this ministry from Don and Colleen Cann who served well in this capacity for a couple of years. The Board of Elders thanks Ed and his team for accepting this responsibility, and carrying it out so well.

ALPHA

Alpha, under the continuing leadership of Dr. Del and Joanne Fredlund had another very fruitful year. Attendance was strong, and there were a number who committed their lives to the Lord. The Alpha class was followed up by A Life Worth Living, which was well-attended and well received. The ESOL tie-in, under the leadership of Barb Sauder and Linda Pilling continues to bear much fruit.

ELIJAH HOUSE

This ministry under the leadership of Dianne Mantyka and her team of small group leaders had another successful year, with lives being impacted positively and people set free by the truths of the Gospel.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The ladies of the church continue to meet for prayer, including intercessory prayer, in small group Bible Studies and church-wide events which attract people from outside the church. There continue to be encouraging reports of growth in commitment to the Lord and to one another, as ladies, in increasing numbers, gather together to support one another, to search the Scriptures together, and to pray for the church body.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

The Small Group Ministry enjoyed another successful year. A number of new groups formed under the leadership of young and not so young leaders and hosts/hostesses. The reports back, particularly from the 6 week church-wide initiative, were encouraging and exciting to read.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry built on last year's successful launch. There was a good response to the tailgate party followed by a trip to a Huskies football game, in October. In February, the men gathered for a supper and talk by General Superintendent David Wells, who shared his experiences ministering as chaplain to the Canadian Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams, and challenged us to reach out to a lost and hurting world.

Ron Sprentz led the Conquer study, and this was strongly supported gathering close to 30 men studying together over a 6 week period.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

The mid-week classes continued to be offered, including Elim 201, 301, and 401, and the Bridges, Outreach to Muslims class. This will be reviewed with the intention of exploring what else might be offered that could attract greater numbers.

JFFF

The Jesus Our Firm Foundation Fellowship of Pilipino believers continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis, and we are grateful to those who provide leadership to this group.

THANK YOU

Carol and I are grateful to God for His call on our lives, and the support of Pastor Marvin and staff. Your prayerful support as a congregation of us personally and our ministries is a source of great comfort and strength to us, and for that we thank you. We minister together in the power of the Holy Spirit to extend God's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Murdoch Macfarlane



Pastor Brent Cooper

Pastoral Care & Single Adults Annual Report 2014/2015



In February of this year, Pastor Blaine Eagle presented me with a unique opportunity to serve as both the Pastoral Care Pastor at Elim Church (part-time) and as the Chaplain at Elim Lodge (part-time). This is a unique partnership between the Lodge and the Church. I commenced my ministry on April 1 after nearly 9 years as the Chaplain at the Regional Psychiatric Centre. As I prepared to join the Pastoral team at the church, I was very mindful of the faithful and effective ministry that Pastor Bob and Jan Tauber had provided over the previous 10 years. Pastor Bob certainly left a legacy and it is my hope and prayer to build upon the foundation that he laid.

My main areas of oversight are: pastoral care and visitation, SALT, Men's Ministries, the Heritage Service, New Dimensions, the Senior Tones and the Tuesday Night Chapel Service at the Lodge.

New Dimensions (September-May)

We held 8 luncheons this past year. I had the privilege of assisting with the organizing and leading of the luncheons in April and May. I would like to thank Pastor Blaine and Anne for working alongside the New Dimensions Committee during the interim period. I would also like to thank the following people for serving on the committee this past year: Susanna Hingston, Mary Anne Clarke, Ron and Rowena Schneider and Sharon Thompson. I would also like the many people who pitched in with help in various areas of the luncheons.

Heritage Service

The 9:00 am Service in the Chapel is close to capacity each Sunday morning. While the congregation is predominantly seniors, there are others who attend because of the choice of worship style and time allocation. Over the past several months, we have averaged 90-95 people in this service. I would like to give thanks for those that assist in the Heritage Service – Joyce Kirkpatrick, Wilma Schmidt and Jessica Semper with the music; Al and Cindy Lawson, Matt Hoggan and Ron Schneider with the ushering.

Chapel Service – Elim Lodge

Each Tuesday night, we hold a Chapel Service at the Elim Lodge. There is an average of 30-35 in attendance. On the last Tuesday night of each month, we have communion together.

Senior Tones

Doreen Seeman gives excellent leadership to this choir which ministers in 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.

SALT

SALT stands for “Single Adults Learning and Laughing Together.” It has been a delight to give pastoral leadership to this ministry and to the excellent leadership team that has been assembled. This team consists of the following people: Shelley Venne, Brent Willis, Bev Hertz, Deborah McConkey, Kelly Jones and Charmaine Ens.

Men’s Ministries

One of my ministry passions has been ministry and mentoring to men. I was very excited by the response that we had for the recently concluded Conqueror Series. We averaged about 25 men each night. In reviewing and evaluating this with the leadership team, we have decided to offer future discipleship opportunities in the upcoming year. I would like to thank the leadership team who has served so well over the past year: Dan Ukrainetz, Trevor Schmidt, Murray Fredlund and Cam Janzen.

Pastoral Care and Visitation

One of my ministry roles is to provide pastoral care through visiting folks who are hospitalized or shut-ins. This is for both congregational members of the Elim Church and residents of the Elim Lodge. There are a number of long-standing congregational members who are now shut-ins at various care homes in the city and surrounding communities, and are unable to attend services. I like to visit with them, offer them communion and encourage them in their faith. If you learn of someone who is hospitalized, please do not hesitate to contact the church office to let me know. I endeavor to keep my “ear to the ground” but sometimes someone will be hospitalized without my knowing of it.

I would like to thank each of the Pastoral team, support staff and leadership teams for making my transition to this new area of ministry relatively seamless. I am looking forward to this coming year and what the Lord has in store. I would also like to thank Greg Foley and his excellent team for their welcome and acceptance at the Elim Lodge. I would also like to thank my incredible wife Roxanne, who has served so faithfully alongside of me in ministry for the past 28 years. And finally, I would like to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness in my life and for opening this door of ministry to me!

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Brent Cooper

Pastors Rob Clark &
Angela McDonald
Children's Ministry
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Elim kids exists to partner with parents to reach children to know Jesus, grow in the Bible, and love people. Here are some highlights from this past year:

Curriculum:

We decided as a team that it was important to rethink the curriculum for the Kindergarten to Grade 5 kids. The curriculum team included Tera Codling, Jason Stianson, Pastors Angela and Rob. Many meetings and conversations occurred. This is a work in progress but some rewarding fruit is already beginning to become evident. Writing your own curriculum is very challenging and time consuming. Special thanks to Tera Codling for taking on the lion's share of this significant project. Tera is serving in her giftings with excellence.

Discipleship:

The definition of disciple is a follower or student of a teacher or leader, a personal follower of Jesus. Every Sunday morning at Kid's Church, every Tuesday morning at Wee College, every Monday night at Awana and Cubbies we see this happening. 150 dedicated leaders decided to show, teach kids about Jesus and the Bible during the 2014-15 year. Thank you to all the leaders who spent time with a child of any age here at Elim Church. Here are some ways we are mentoring the kids:

- Live band leading Kindergarten to Grade 5 kids about every five weeks. Thanks Vanessa Samuel!
- Preschool kids being taught the Bible interactively by some amazing teachers.
- The toddlers having a time of singing three to four songs together.
- The Awana kids finishing their assigned books which indicates growing in the knowledge of their faith. Thank you to Awana Commanders Tera Codling and Pamela Johnson.
- The Cubbies (preschool kids ages 3 to 5 on Monday nights) listening to Pastor Angela tell Bible stories.
- Testimonies – the Grades 4/5 kids learn how to write their own testimony and then present it to the Kindergarten to Grade 3 kids. These testimonies were also recorded on video and presented in the main service on Father's Day. Thank you to Jason Stianson for getting this whole project going.

- Preschoolers learning the books of the Bible and memorizing scripture during Wee College: Thanks Joanne Erickson, Crystal Beauregard, Jennifer Hildebrand, and Kerilyn Block.

The list could go on for a long time. Here's the point – we were able to do this with the kids because we had people who partnered with us to lead the kids. Thank you!

Special events:

Two big events: We have two major events that the kids learn to invite their friends. These events are, 'The Big Party' and 'The Kid's Christmas Play'. Thank you to **everyone** who worked so hard to make these events awesome. Special thanks to Dale Wiebe, Darcy McDonald and the kid's Christmas play crew for making the kids play so awesome! The set and video backgrounds were fun to watch. The kids did an incredible job presenting, "Isaiah Jones and the Seekers of the Lost Christmas Treasure". We are grateful to the Elim staff who partnered with us to put on a fun dinner after the play that was a huge hit with the kids.

Grade 5 Graduation dinner: Pastor Angela and I launched a new event to celebrate the Grade 5's as they transition into Junior teens. The event included some delicious food cooked up by the Nakamura family. Parents spoke encouragement publicly to their grade 5 child. We acknowledged the Grade 5 students with a gift and prayer. It was a bittersweet night for us as we celebrated the 22 Grade 5 students that attended.

Wall Décor

Go and check out Entrance B if you haven't already. The walls are painted and our logo is on the wall. The walls look very kid-friendly. Thank you to everyone for your input. Much thanks to Russ Stare for facilitating all the details. Kudos to Yusuf Akhtar for the graphics design.

Some challenges we have adventured through together:

- There are always openings for people to step up and want to serve in the kid's area. We are looking for more people to become interested in what the kids are learning and then help us facilitate the mentoring.
- Parents with multiple kids of different ages have to walk too far to get their kids.
- Saturday night services – the people who attended absolutely love these services and this might become a great option for many people. The great challenge here is that many people were NOT interested in serving in the kid's area which creates a tension for families. Pastor Angela and I are thankful for the people who stepped and served during the Saturday night service experimental run during the spring.

Some dreams we would like to see come true:

- More gym equipment for kids. We would like to run an Indoor Playground concept during the winter months.
- More kids and teens taking on leadership roles and learning how to lead other kids
- More volunteer get-togethers
- More family moments – family movie nights, family worship nights, family fun nights.

Thank you to:

- **All the volunteers** who make Sundays happen and awesome – we can't do this without you – thank you!
- All the parents and kids who make Elim their church home
- The Kid's directors 2014-15 team: Megan Andrews, Jolene Clark, Sherilyn Clark, Tera Codling, Pamela Johnson, Jana Pachal, Jason Stianson, Rob Thode, Brendan Wall
- Sheralynn Sauder and team for introducing our Gr. 4/5's to Bible quizzing on Sundays
- Carly Morris – thank you for being a dedicated Pastoral Summer Student and possessing an incredible work ethic that brought excellence to our summer stuff at Elim
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- Megan Andrews – thank you for organizing the moms for the new meals.
- Genevieve Hildebrandt – thanks for facilitating an awesome Chat 'n play group for the moms.
- Jordan Clark – for serving faithfully during the school year learning more about Church ministry with Pastor Angela leading.

The 2014 Family Camp Kid's ministry team did an incredible job of leading the kids during the kid's chapels at Living Waters Family Camp. There were between 70 and 100 kids during the chapels at camp. Thank you to Ethan Barnstable, Grace Barnstable, Ben Clark, Oliver Dostie, Mary Dawson, A.J. Kampman, Elizabeth Kampman, Tianna Kortekaas, Justin Porrelli, Kaitlin Porrelli, Megan Tuomi, James Walker, Maygan White, Carly Morris (Elim Pastoral Summer Student), and Pastor Angela McDonald.

Thankful for a great team of people to share the journey of faith and ministry life. Thankful for the support of Pastor Marvin, Pastor Shawn (Next Gen Supervisor) and the board.

Thank you to Darcy McDonald and Sherilyn Clark, for the volunteer hours you serve during the week for the Kid's ministry and serving on Sunday mornings. Pastor Angela and I appreciate the support our spouses bring to build the church.

Come join us in 2015-16 as we continue to disciple the kids.

We give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness and guidance. Gratefully submitted on behalf of Pastor Angela McDonald (Associate Children's Pastor) and myself,

Pastor Rob Clark

Children's Pastor
Superstar Kid's ministry
Elim Church

Pastor Angela McDonald

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Pastor Matt Bombay
Student Ministry
Annual Report 2014-2015



The Loft Student Ministries Annual Report

The Loft Youth Ministries has seen another great year. From our annual Youth Retreat, Jr.High Convention, Sr.High Youth Convention in Alberta, Sr.High and Jr.High Teen Camps, weekly services and events and our yearly Mission's Trip to Primo Tapia, Mexico... God was active and student's lives were changed.

We had over 250 students come through our doors this past year and we are so thankful that we had that opportunity to be Jesus to each of them.

This past year we made a major push on leadership development. With over 25 leaders we felt it was important to equip, train and release them to do the work of the kingdom. On top on regular meetings and leadership retreats, we had a wonderful opportunity to take a group of leaders down to Catalyst Leadership Conference in Los Angeles. It was an amazing learning experience as well as an opportunity to grow as a leadership team together. This was truly a highlight of the year.

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 The Loft Ministries would not be as awesome as it is. Your commitment to invest back into students is something that will bare GOOD fruit! Thank You!

Going into 2015/2016 season the Loft Ministries fall theme will be..."Strong"

Joshua 1:9 ESV "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

As always, it is a privilege and a so much fun to work alongside the Staff at Elim. Thanks to Taigan and Bennett. You make me smile!

Superheroly Submitted By

Pastor Matthew Mighty Mouse Bombay ESQ

Pastor Domenic Ierullo
Media Ministry
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I would like to give thanks to my Elim family for welcoming me with open arms and making me feel loved. Moving from Ontario where things were familiar, to Saskatoon where things are flat and freezing cold was one of the easiest things I have ever done, thanks to you. I love that I can call Saskatoon my home.

This year we have experienced incredible growth in our creative ministries department. Our media team consists of over 50 volunteers! It is mostly made up of male youth and young adults (some of whom don't normally come to church) who really know what they're doing when it comes to technology. Because of the influx of talented and passionate volunteers, we have been able to expand in ways I didn't think were possible. I have seen a spike in the overall quality of our services, and a better incorporation of video, lighting and sound elements. Having our new big screen has been a blessing as well, as it has made things that much sharper.

I believe that technology is one of the keys to reaching the next generation. The church can no longer settle with being 20 years behind when it comes to technology. God has given us a unique opportunity to reach a broken and hurting world through the use of media. At the end of the day, my job is not about cool cameras or bright lights. It's about pointing people to Jesus. And if a microphone, some lights and a screen with words on it help people on their journey to finding Him; I will gladly serve Him in that capacity.

This year has been unforgettable, as it has been my first year in full time ministry. Coming from a world where Jesus' name was only really used as a swear word, to a place where I can share of His love on a daily basis has been such a rewarding change of pace. Thanks to Pastor Marvin and the rest of the staff for your support and encouragement, to my family for your love and to God for allowing me to do this. It's been such a privilege to be used by Him in this capacity; I wouldn't have it any other way.

Much love,

Pastor Domenic Ierullo



ELIM LODGE



HYDE PARK VIEW

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Since our report in 2014, there has been a lot of activity next door at Hyde Park View. The official Sod Turning Ceremony with Mayor Don Atchison took place on Sunday, October 5th and construction officially began on November 17th. Since that time, the foundation has been laid and a significant amount of work has occurred. It will be obvious to anyone who has been watching, that the physical structure of Hyde Park View is significantly higher in quality than the typical apartment project around Saskatoon. With hundreds of tons of steel and concrete, this building will be solid and secure for decades to come.

To date, we have sold over 75 per cent of our life-lease suites. The age-in-place design has been extremely attractive to our buyers. Hyde Park View has numerous innovative design features that make it easier for a person as they age. Here are a few features we have included:

- Wheelchair- and walker-friendly 36-inch-wide doorways and wider hallways
- A 7-foot wide, barrier-free, no-step shower with controls at a lowered level
- In-suite laundry
- Three elevators, including one that is stretcher compliant
- A beautiful dining facility where meals are prepared by a Red Seal chef.
- Easy-to-use single-lever faucets
- Grab bars in bathroom(s)
- Flooring appropriate for wheelchairs, walkers and other assistive devices
- Floor-to-ceiling windows that offer views from a seated position
- Automatic door opening devices on all main entrance doors
- Secured entrance with video surveillance
- Speaker/entry system available through the phone
- Mail boxes at accessible height
- Comfort height toilets
- Numerous amenities, including an exercise area, library, meeting room, workshop, hair salon, large hotel style lobby, large outdoor terrace with hot tub
- Indoor parking with storage area

If you, or someone you know, is thinking about transitioning to adult housing, there is still time to get a prime suite. Please contact our sales representative, Shelley Davis, at 306-612-3338 or get all the information you need on the website at www.hydeparkview.org.

Hyde Park View Rental Apartments

On May 1st we began receiving applications. There will be a total of 15 rental apartments and we are accepting 75 applications. Application may be made through the website or at the Elim Lodge office.

Suites are subsidized and individuals will have to meet the total household income threshold of \$38,000.

All rental apartments are one bedroom and a den.

A Great Partnership

The staff and board of Elim Church have been extremely cooperative and helpful during the construction of Hyde Park View. There have been numerous favours that have been asked for and granted during the construction project thus far. We want to express our deep appreciation for this understanding and cooperative attitude.

For Elim Lodge Business as Usual

Elim Lodge continues to flourish. During the past five years we have had an unusually high rate of suites turning over—up to 35 suites in a single year. That means we have welcomed dozens of new residents to the Lodge. The community atmosphere and the great location continue to be a strong draw to our facility. An interesting fact to note is that we have a total of 226 residents, with 22 individuals who are 90 or older. We have one centenarian at 103 years young and two more that will turn 100 this year!

We often have inquiries about subsidized suites at Elim Lodge. The Lodge Board has developed an approach where we assist individuals with low incomes rather than have a static number of suites. Each year individuals whose income is under \$25,000 can apply for a rent subsidy. A large amount of money is set aside to assist those who need help most. We are currently taking names for life-lease suites and assisted living units.

We pay tribute to the following hardworking individuals who have generously given their time to the ministry of Elim Lodge / Hyde Park View. The **Elim Lodge Board** is Doug Tuomi (chair), Graeme Swinnerton (treasurer), Lorelie Barsi (secretary), Ray Jeanson, Garry Kadyschuk, Joyce Pitzel, Barbara Rackham, Russ Stare and Terry Schultz. The **Hyde Park View Building Committee** is Gord Pierce (chair), Shelley Davis, Menno Giesbrecht, Ray Jeanson, Kenton Miller and Greg Foley.

These individuals have had more than 100 building committee meetings plus dozens of other meetings of one kind or another. Our profound thanks to all the above individuals.

In conclusion, we affirm, value and appreciate our partnership with Elim Church, Pastor Marvin, the pastoral staff and the church board. Collaborating with individuals who strongly desire to serve the Lord and the community is a rare privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Foley

Executive Director

