

**Urban Bridge Christian Church of Edmonton**  
**2010 Annual General Meeting**  
**September 26, 2010**  
**Minutes**

Welcome and opening prayer by Pastor Darrell Muth.

Quorum was established with 23 members out of 32 present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. The motion was made by Marshall McAlister and seconded by Nella Sabo.

The voting bar was established as wherever a member was seated.

Pastor Darrell reviewed our values and vision and introduced the Pastor's Council (Lead Team) and their portfolios:

Nella Sabo – Mercy

Jordan Majeau – Sunday and large gatherings

Scott Drennan – Liaison & Co-Leader of Creativity with Dave Von Bieker

Fran Drisner – Secretary to the Board

Debbie Fawcett – Loving Relationships

Jessica Culling – Relationship Gatherings

Changes to the Pastor's Council as of July 1<sup>st</sup> – Dorothy Ritz completed her 3-year term and Blair Major completed only 2 years as he moved to Montreal. A motion of appreciation for Dorothy and Blair was made by Debbie Fawcett & seconded by Christie Von Bieker.

#### 2009-2010 Year in Review

-Pastor Darrell reviewed our Urban Missions projects for the past year: Epic Church with Matt Glombick; Look to the Cross Church with Shawn & Kate Birss.

-Scott Drennan reported on "I Love Artists", "Project Benedict" and Creativity and Mercy values and the work that has been happening this past year and a look to the next year.

-Pastor Darrell mentioned that Kirstin Schmidt has been leading the Worship Team ministry for the past 18 months and is stepping down. A motion of appreciation for Kirstin was made by Kristin Kajorinne and seconded by Dorothy Ritz.

-Pastor Darrell commented on other social events that have happened in the past year such as the picnic, water baptism, smaller groups, Christmas party and announced that SOS would be discontinued but we would have a new "Eating Together" plan beginning soon.

-Pastor Darrell also commented that four of our ministry leaders spoke to pastors at the National PAOC conference this pastor year.

The floor was opened for questions and answers.

Marshall McAlister joined Pastor Darrell for a review of last year's finances and a look at our new budget followed by questions regarding finances.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Beth McLachlan and seconded by Christie Von Bieker at 11:40 a.m.

Good morning Urban Bridge Church;

I'm sorry I couldn't be with you this morning as I am currently in Portland Oregon attending a sales leadership course and the Donald Miller "Living A Better Life" Seminar.

This year can only be described as an adventure for me as I've pursued this dream that you have partnered with me called "Project Benedict".

As you know, you have supported me this year in developing a ministry that seeks to create an environment for redemptive hospitality for travelers.

With your support, I have spend the last year researching and developing this idea in order to create a business plan that would attract financial support to launch this ministry.

Here are some of the highlights from this year:

- 1) The creation of a "Project Benedict team" who have met with me throughout the year to help develop the vision and philosophy of this ministry
- 2) I have interviewed and met with hospitality professionals from all over the world who have helped develop this idea.
- 3) Throughout the year, I have had the honor and privilege of learning from various business leaders on how to craft a good business plan. This has been a personally enriching experience for me.
- 4) I have also gained relational support from various leaders throughout Canada including a letter of endorsement from the Assistant to the General Superintendent for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.
- 4) Over the last year, I have also had the chance to meet with various designers and artists who are eager to participate in the development of what we hope to one day be called "The Benedict Guest House"

Currently the project is being reviewed by leaders of the general executive and church planting committee for the Alberta Northwest Territories district of the PAOC. Please continue to pray with me that this project will continue receive favor from people who are in a position to help.

Thank you once again Urban Bridge Church for believing in this idea and being the family I needed you to be in this challenging year. I look forward to seeing what the next steps will be.

Sincerely

Rev. Jordan Majeau

## **Mercy Overview – 2009/10**

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\*Please note: the headings below rhyme.

### **What was new?**

- Introduced “Mercy Spotlights” where the Urban Bridge community was given the opportunity to meet some of the people involved in the organizations that receive mercy funds. Through informal one-on-one interviews during the morning service, the community learnt a little more about some of the different causes and had the opportunity to ask questions in follow up.
  - o These spotlights included: HIV Edmonton, Make Poverty History, Streetworks, Old Strathcona Youth Society and Kairos House.
- Agreed to help support Edmonton’s bid to become Canada’s first certified Free Trade City by serving Certified Fair Trade products as part of our services.
- Made a proactive effort to grow relationships with external not-for-profit organizations involved in initiatives that align with our values at Urban Bridge.
  - o For example, as a community, we partook in the “Stand Against Poverty” event in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

### **What grew?**

- We made a concentrated effort to deepen our relationship with HIV Edmonton through one-on-one meetings with their Executive Director and Development Coordinator. Also had representatives from UBC as part of the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life organizing committee and Urban Bridge had a team in the 2009 Walk that raised over \$3,000. UBC community members attended pre-walk sponsorship reception and the official launch event of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign. As a community we donated backpacks as part of HIV Edmonton’s annual Christmas backpack campaign.
- Our involvement with Kairos House continued to grow and Darrell was publicly recognized as Catholic Social Services “Volunteer of the Year.”
- We continue to support Mercy in Rwanda sending a team of 5 including Erin, Mulcair, Brian Pytel, Jordan Majeau, Darrell Muth, and Cheryl Muth to work along side our Mercy partners in Kigali. We support on Widows Orphans home in Kigali providing food, shelter, medicine, education
- The Mercy Team grew to include Pascal Belzile and Erin Mulciar and, at the same time, we sent Brook Biggin off to England to pursue a Master’s degree. The 2009/10 Mercy Team included: Brook Biggin, Pascal Belzile, Fran Drisner, Curtis Kajorinne, Erin Mulcair, Darrell Muth, Dan Sabo, and Nella Sabo.

### **What we learnt not to do:**

- We learnt that having a Mercy board in the foyer of our gathering place was not something that we could realistically keep up in a way that was of value to our community.

### **What about You?**

We will continue to be participate in the things we believe

But this year we will encourage our community in everyday Mercy - more to follow in the upcoming weeks + we will consider how we can addresses matters of injustice as well as compassion

# Year in Review 2009-2010: Creativity at Urban Bridge Church

Here are some highlights on how Creativity was expressed this year;

## Arts Groups

Arts groups at Urban Bridge continue to build community among creatives, connect them into the life of the church and develop their skills.

- Photography and Songwriters Group both met and took a break. Both groups have regrouped with new members and a sharpened focus.
- Book and Film Club is creativity engaging with the arts in broader culture.

## Bridge Songs

• Bridge Songs: Faerie, held at the Avenue Theatre on June 5, 2009, with album launch

• Drew a packed house of around 120, including many people from outside our church

and within our host community of Alberta Avenue.

• Relationships were nurtured behind the scenes with folks at Avenue Theatre and our

recording technician, Tim LaRiviere.

## Sundays

- adopted a new software system for media
- adapt our creative liturgy to our new location
- expanded our ministry teams, with a larger media team, and new sound team
- Creative Design Team continues to meet weekly to plan our gatherings.
- We brought story home with community members sharing their own stories.
- Added creative elements like films and live music to our Urban Kids programming

## Website

• Website team has expanded to keep its content up to date.

## iLoveArtists

- opportunities to serve creatively like Open Stage, Carrot coffeehouse shifts and festival volunteering
- co-produced a workshop for artists attended by Urban Bridge and others
- leadership team provides opportunity for creative service for several Urban Bridge creatives.

## Expanded Administrative Support

• Scott Drennan has joined the Creativity value as a liaison between Dave and the Lead

team, as well as offering administrative support for Creativity.

## The Year Ahead

Without adding more than we can handle, we look forward to achieving the following goals this year;

• Taking stock of the creatives in our midst, creating a database and determining how to

better plug them in more fully to the daily life of Urban Bridge Church be that Sunday worship gatherings, special events or new smaller groups.

• Making the website more vibrant, with changing and relevant stories from our community, and more reflective of our creativity. Curtis Kajorinne has come on board to help make this a reality.

• A “breather” from creative boundary pushing has given us a desire to stretch ourselves

once again and continue to redefine what Sundays can be creatively in the coming

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year. We look forward to a return to creative storytelling and a greater integration of artists into Sunday mornings at Urban Bridge.

- I'd like to start working towards a recorded collection of worship songs written by Urban Bridge songwriters (a separate project from Bridge Songs - worship focused).

## 2009-10 in Review: iLoveArtists

2009-2010 was the first year for iLoveArtists, a ministry of Urban Bridge Church geared towards loving artists in our city as Christ loves them, and rooted in Alberta Avenue.

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iLoveArtists model is highly relational and still in a learning and development phase. Though I started out this journey on my own, the most positive development of the year has been the *formation of the Part Time Lovers leadership team*, bringing half a dozen Urban Bridge leaders together to help form and carry out the iLoveArtists vision.

Here are some other highlights from this foundational year;

- *relationships of care* with artists in Alberta Ave took place through involvement at the Carrot Open stage, shifts at The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse, involvement with Alberta Avenue festivals, arts workshops, house concerts and other arts events.
- *supported artists*, whom iLoveArtists supports at a deeper, tangible level, have proved fruitful. A relationship with Mat Halton, whose Pre Post Project visited the Urban Bridge Community in May, has included free design work, website hosting, creativity coaching from Cora McLachlan and regular conversations. Other supported artists include Carissa Halton and the Adolphes as well as Urban Bridge artists such as myself, Cora and TJ McLachlan and Aaron Vanimere through web hosting.
- *a resource library* has begun to build, with over a dozen books in the areas of faith and the arts, a subscription to *IMAGE* magazine and online articles and essays.
- *a networking, inspiration and learning* trip to New York City in spring enabled me to experience similar ministries in a major, arts-driven hub. My wife and I were able to connect with people like James Romaine of the New York Centre for Arts And Media Studies, people from the International Arts Movement and Redeemer Presbyterian Church's Centre for Faith and Work Arts Ministry. These relationships and the models observed continue to inspire, challenge and form iLoveArtists.
- *further networking* with people in the arts and faith movement like Jeffrey Overstreet in Seattle, Heather Robinson of Fusion Canada and Thomas Brauer here in Edmonton has provided similar inspiration and formation.
- *teaching and conference opportunities* have included a co-led session for pastors on working with artists at this year's PAOC General Conference, as well as teaching a group of Vanguard College students a course on creativity and communication.
- *an artists workshop* in the summer saw 15 artists connect with professional artist and curator Edward Van Vliet for a half day discussion of identity and calling for the artist.
- *Bridge Songs: Faerie* rallied the Urban Bridge community to create an incredible night of arts and music in June that drew in a full house, including many from Alberta Avenue. This was a step in the right direction for iLoveArtists developing a felt presence on The Ave.
- *iLoveArtists.ca* launched, providing resources and community for those pursuing art, faith, hope and love. This has sharpened my own writing as well as brought together creative works from others. Our web hosting server also launched, offering website hosting to help artists in a practical way, as well as hosting the Urban Bridge site, Project Benedict site and EPIC site.
- *Individual leadership growth* has occurred with members of the Part Time Lovers lead team, ranging from Cora McLachlan branching out into a career in Creativity

Coaching, to Jennifer Wilde heading up an after school artist program to Randy Ritz attending a conference in New York for Christians in Theatre Arts.

With all of these advances, it should be said that we are also tied to the success of the arts-driven revitalization of Alberta Avenue as a whole, which has seen great steps forward over the year, from street renovations to record attendance at festivals.

## **Looking Ahead**

I'm satisfied with all that's been done in one short year with, and want to continue many

of the good things we've begun. Realizing my own limited capacity, my goals in the coming year have a lot to do with doing a few things very well. Those things are;

- continued involvement in the Alberta Ave arts community
- the development of one more supported artist relationship
- deeper involvement in the lives of each member of the Part Time Lovers Team
- recording an album of my music that brings artists together in collaboration
- continued leadership of Bridge Songs and Songwriters' groups

As a Team, the Part Time Lovers are working toward the following goals;

- "Adopt an artist" has begun, where each member will pursue and build a supportive relationship with an artist.
- Bridge Songs and our artist workshop will be fused into a somewhat expanded event, becoming the focal event of the iLoveArtists calendar and giving us increased community presence.

We look forward to making these goals reality as as learn together to love artists.

## Urban Bridge Church 2010 Annual General Meeting Financial Summary Sept 26, 2010

Total Income July-June 30 2009-10	Actual 178840	Budget 221,000				
Total Expense July-June 30 2009-10	Actual 226,400	Budget 244450				
* Overage	Actual 47,550	Budget 23,450				
2010 Budget	Income 170,300	Expense 170,300				
2010 Trend	July Actual 6425	July Budget 8860				
2010	August Actual 7960	Aug Budget 8860				
2009 Actual	July Actual 7175	Aug Actual 6800				
2009 expense detail	Administration Operations  <b>110,000</b>	**Mercy  <b>50,000</b>	Creativity  <b>8150</b>	***Urban Mission  <b>36,000</b>	Loving Relationships  <b>15,125</b>	*****PCM ***** <u>Tithe</u> Denom. + Vanguard <b>26,000</b>
2010 expense detail	Administration Operations  <b>103,000</b>	**Mercy  <b>33,600</b>	Creativity  <b>5400</b>	****Urban Mission  <b>6000</b>	Loving Relationships  <b>6500</b>	PCM <u>Tithe</u> Denom. + Vanguard 2% <b>19,600</b>

\* Drawn from accumulated savings of Mercy and Urban Mission

\*\* 20% of total income

\*\*\* 10% of income

Mercy for 2010/11: local (40%), international (35%), benevolence (10%), short-term missions, (15%).

\*\*\*\* Go forward fixed at 6000 for 2010/2011

\*\*\*\*\* Tithe: to denomination 10%, to Vanguard College 2%

\*\*\*\*\* PCM Pentecostal Campus Ministries (Matt Glombick chaplain) fixed at 300 month

Urban mission: support "Look to the Cross for Victory" (Shawn and Kate Birss) and "Small Gate" (Gary and Karla Adolphe) ends Oct 2010

Support for "Iloveartists" (Dave Von Bieker) and Project Benedict (Jordan Majeau) continues at a reduced rate from last year

Cost to move to Grant MacEwan University approx 5000.00

Budget to be revisited January 2011

## Devotional

We are good at Bridging Christ and Culture in meaningful and relevant ways  
Kairos House, Rwanda Mercy Houses, Arts on the Ave, Iloveartists, HIVEdmonton, and a number of one off commitments we have made

We are changing our world but Christ said this about our priorities:  
You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment.

<sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Can you love your neighbour too much?  
Can you love you God too much?  
When is too much detrimental to our health

Mr. Bunch Story

We love our neighbour well  
But we need to balance loving our neighbour with nourishing our relationship with Christ,

We will continue to love our neighbour in creative and compassionate ways  
But we will emphasis spiritual formation, spiritual transformation  
We will do so, balancing our community by encouraging three things

Communion with God – intentionally cultivating relationship with Christ (i.e. a commitment to this Sunday gathering, spiritual formation smaller groups and others and or personal study,

In community with others who also follow Christ – there is lots of opportunity for that here

By being merciful whether it is helping those in need or confronting those who oppress

The Urban Bridge community exists for this  
But each of us must take personal responsibility for our spiritual formation: For our selves and for our neighbour.