

Urban Bridge Church of Edmonton  
2011 Annual General Meeting  
Minutes

Welcome: Pastor Darrell Muth welcomed all that were present to the meeting.

Quorum - Quorum was established as we had greater than 12 members in attendance.

Darrell moves to open the meeting and called to order at 1040 AM.

Identify Voting Bar: The voting bar was established as being the auditorium if you are a member.

Accept 2010 Minutes as circulated; Debbie Chrystal moved and seconded by Brian Pytel and the minutes were moved as circulated.

Lead Team and portfolios –our governance model is a Pastor's Council and members are appointed by the council for a three-year term.

Portfolio Leads for the year upcoming:

Jordan – Associate pastor (volunteer position) and responsible for Sunday Morning gatherings

Darrell – Urban Mission and links to communities of faith

Scott – Communications and webpage design

Fran – Secretary of the Council, supports Curtis Karjorinne in the Mercy Committee

Jessica – Fun times and Parties

Kelley – Smaller groups, supports Dorothy Ritz

Doug Bratton – Worship and supports Kevin Stennes, Kristin Kajorinne, Dan Sabo

Nella Sabo and Debbie Fawcett have completed there terms for the Council.

Dave Von Bieker made a motion of appreciation and it was seconded and carried for the outgoing council members.

Adopt new Constitution – A constitution is a requirement of the government for not –for- profits. Organizations. Some amendments have been made in the PAOC 's constitution, one being the inclusion of pastor's council as a form of local governance. In addition voting members can borrow monies or establish credit on behalf of a local church; this means the local church is now responsible for debt that is incurred. We will have to defer any voting on changes in quorum, as there was an error in the pre-circulated information.

Question - Debbie Fawcett – Why are we making these changes?

Answer - To be in keeping with the fellowships' constitutional changes.

Question- Dorothy Ritz – Are we going to own land? Not at this time. The

members and in particular the lead team would have to responsibly for any debt incurred. In addition, we have not felt as a community that this was a good use of community funds.

Accepting the change of quorum- Dorothy Ritz made the motion to approve the constitutional changes noted above, seconded by Jessica Culling seconded and the motion was carried.

Year in Review Darrell and Jordan

August – Moved to Grant MacEwan as a space, positive better kids space, Picnic Sleeping Dragons baseball team

September -HIV Edmonton Walk for Life

Fall -Eating together as community

Community Members participated in Kaleido Festival

Mike and Jolene Hermann went to Rwanda to support the Mercy Ministry

Worship Retreat was held

Christmas Party was a great success

New Years Brunch was held at Fawcett's

Darrell climbed Kilimanjaro and supported the Rwanda Mercy Ministry Urban Couples Retreat

Randy and Dorothy Ritz went to Beijing and participated in arts ministry

Bridge Songs

Speaking series - The Journey, Kevin on finances, Prophetfest - the Minor Prophets Amos, Hosea, and Jonah, Christmas: Sheep, Shepherds and the Messiah, the Holy Spirit, Discipleship, Book of Revelation with David Williams Spiritual Transformation

Finances Darrell Muth and Scott Drennan did an overview – Members did receive the documents in advance; for detailed questions contact Marshall McAllister (Treasurer). The good news for last year was the increase giving was approximately 25,000 over budget and the expenses were about 9,000 over.

Question - Dave Von Bieker where have increases been made to next years budget? Budget boosts were in worship and operations and reflect actual

spending patterns.

Questions Lisa Swaren What does administration include? –Darrell’s salary and rent for Grant MacEwan are the largest part of Admin costs

Looking Ahead to 2011/12

Bleeding heart presentation- Dave Von Bieker and Josh Culling presented regarding the Bleeding Heart (see attachment)

Darrell’s devotion \_ Darrell shared about the building of the temple and this creative and beautiful space and how the Israelites gave extravagantly for make this beautiful. Beauty and creativity was important to God and the Bleeding Heart could be a beautiful sacred space.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kristen Kajorinne and seconded Fran Drisner at 11:50.

### Financial update

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| 2010/2011 actual |                        | Income<br>195,542 |                     | Expense<br>179,977        |                      |
| 2011/12 budget   |                        | Income<br>181,606 |                     | Expense<br>181,606        |                      |
| Admin<br>110,957 | Tithe/Chapl.<br>21,204 | Mercy<br>36,300   | Creativity<br>6,500 | Urban<br>Mission<br>3,000 | Loving Rel.<br>3,825 |

# 2010-11 in Review: iLoveArtists

2010-2011 was the second year for iLoveArtists, a ministry of Urban Bridge Church geared towards loving artists as Christ loves them, especially on Alberta Avenue. iLoveArtists is led by a loose knit team of creatives known as *The Part Time Lovers*, who have continued to meet monthly to encourage one another, pray together and learn to love artists as best they can on Alberta Ave and in their own circles. They've also been reading the book, *For The Beauty of The Church* together. Ministry in 2010-2011 remained highly relational, but also focused on growing Bridge Songs, thus giving us an expanded, felt presence on the Ave. Our encounters with artists and the experience of Bridge Songs have grown a desire to create more opportunities to curate community art shows and to have a more permanent home on Alberta Avenue. The Bleeding Heart Art Space is now taking shape to meet those needs. Here are some highlights from our second year;

## Relationships

- **relationships of care** with artists in Alberta Ave were fostered through involvement at The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse Open stage, Kaleido, Deep Freeze, EastwoodFest and other Alberta Avenue festivals, arts shows and other arts events.
- **supported artists** have a deeper, tangible connection to iLoveArtists. Relationship with performer and speaker Mat Halton has continued, and a new relationship with documentary filmmaker Jamie Clements has formed. We provide a free website for Jamie's documentary, *the Avenue Movie*, which chronicles a year in the life of Alberta Avenue's revitalization. Jamie cut together a sneak peak just for us at Bridge Songs.
- **networking** with people in the arts and faith movement like Mark Pierson in New Zealand, Lance Odegaard in Vancouver, Heather Robertson of Fusion Canada, Edward Van Vliet and Thomas Brauer here in Edmonton has provided inspiration and a information.
- **adopt an artist** has continued, encouraging each member of the *Part Time Lovers* team to seek out and build a supportive relationship with an artist in their own circles.

## Resources

- **a resource library** continues 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.
- **teaching and conference opportunities** have included a workshop at an Anglican Church Planting conference called "When The Person Is the Plant" co- led with artist and priest Thomas Brauer. Dave once again had the opportunity to teach a group of Vanguard College students a course on creativity and communication.

- **iLoveArtists.ca** continues to provide resources and community for those pursuing art, faith, hope and love. This has sharpened Dave's own writing as well as brought together creative works and resources from others.
- **web hosting**. Our web hosting server continues to offer free website hosting to help artists in a practical way, as well as hosting the Urban Bridge site and EPIC site.

## Events and Community

- **an artists panel discussion**, partnering with Erika Kobewka, took place in January of 2011 at The Carrot. The topic, *Jazz Makes Me Sad* explored artists emotional struggles and their effects on their work. The panel, let by Erika, included artists Dave Von Bieker, Cora McLachlan and Jared Robinson. About a dozen people took part in the discussion.
- **Bridge Songs: ?rogress** gathered the Urban Bridge community to create an entire weekend of arts, music and community on Alberta Ave in June. Growing from a single night to an entire weekend, the event drew around 300 people, including many new artists and neighbors. This event created new and significant relationships with *City Centre Church, The Nina Haggerty Centre for The Arts, St. Faith's Anglican Church, The Parish Church of St. Stephen the Martyr, Taylor Seminary* and *Culina Highlands Restaurant*. The *We Are Artists* workshop connected us with Mark Pierson, author of *The Art of Curating Worship*. The album, *Bridge Songs: ?rogress*, was produced entirely by our team of songwriters, developing a new creative skill set for many in our community. Throughout the event we raised over \$1500, supporting missions efforts through City Centre Church and purchasing two iPads for the Nina Haggerty Centre to assist those in their community with physical disabilities in creating digital art.
- **volunteerism** remained high in our community with significant numbers involved in *Kaleido Festival* and other community initiatives.

## Looking Ahead

For a two year old ministry, we've accomplished the set of goals set out a year ago. We want to continue the good things we've begun, and going forward we want to sharpen our focus to create a tangible presence, or space, on the Ave where our ministry can happen. Our big goals for this year are;

- continued involvement in the Alberta Ave arts community
- the development of one new supported artist relationship
- continued leadership of Bridge Songs and Songwriters' groups (maintaining the expanded format with an artists workshop)
- establishment of an Arty Social Club to attend local arts events in community
- continued development and growth of the iLoveArtists website
- exploratory, relationship building trip to watch and learn from an arts ministry elsewhere
- beginning The Bleeding Heart Art Space in some form on Alberta Avenue.

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

## **Mercy Overview – 2010/11**

\*Please note the tree metaphor.

### Growth Rings

This year saw the continual support of many initiatives previously involved in:

- Mercy Homes in Rwanda: Mike and Jolene represented Urban Bridge during a trip to Rwanda in October of 2010. While there, Jolene had the privilege of working with Jocelyn Jelsma, a midwife, while Mike enjoyed working with Marty Mittelsteadt, music pastor of Christian Life Assembly, to install stage lighting.
- HIV Edmonton: Another strong year for support of Backpacks with the Urban Bridge Church community sending in 28. Involvement with the AIDS Walk for Life continued as a community and helped raise more money than the previous year's walk.
- Kairos House: Fran continued to provide leadership to the volunteer coordination of the Urban Bridge community at Kairos House. Volunteers continued each week to cook meals and spend time with the residents of the house.

### New Sprouts

Along with growing in previously committed areas, several new initiatives sprouted up:

- Human Trafficking: Through involvement with ACT Alberta (Action Coalition on Human Trafficking – [actalberta.org](http://actalberta.org)), the Mercy Team assisted in the creation of awareness materials for use within Edmonton, presentations at local Junior High Schools, and ongoing development of awareness initiatives. Funding was also provided to an Alberta charity *RaiseTheirVoice* ([raisetheirvoice.com](http://raisetheirvoice.com)) to be used towards the "She Has a Name" 2011 Tour – a play created to raise awareness about human trafficking locally. Curtis Kajorinne was also able to provide an information session on Human Trafficking for the Mercy Team to help understand the issue.
- Economy of Love Series: Using a DVD/Book combination a smaller group of 14 was created for ongoing dialogue about poverty and living differently in our Western society. The series is to be repeated in the upcoming year.
- Health Clinic in Uganda: Fran Drisner went to Uganda and was able to use some Mercy funds to assist workers and clients at a health clinic there.

### Didn't Root

While sprouts did surface, some initiatives never seemed to make it out of the ground:

- Everyday Mercy Spotlight: An attempt to bring greater awareness of the mercy value within the community never received the water and germination required to take root. This included the everyday mercy "twitter" like site to help foster an online display of mercy initiatives in the Urban Bridge community.
- A possible initiative with female migrant workers in China never took root.

Team Members: Fran Drisner, Nella Sabo, Erin Mulcair, Darrell Muth, Curtis Kajorinne, and Pascal Belzile.

Special thanks to Nella for all her work as Chair of the Mercy Team throughout the 2010-2011 year.