



2018

Toronto Baptist Ministries Annual Report



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## Toronto Baptist Ministries Annual General Meeting

### Agenda

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:30 – 12:00

Chartwell Baptist Church, Oakville

#### Time of Worship

Words of Welcome

*Rev. Steven Bakai (Moderator)*

Opening Worship songs

*Pastor Kevin Loten, Chartwell Baptist Church*

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Presentation of Rev. Dr. Michel Belzile

*Rev. Abby Davidson (Search Committee)*

Opening Meditation

*Rev. Dr. Michel Belzile*

#### Business Portion

Call to Order

Roll Call

*Jared Millican (Administrator)*

Review & Acceptance of previous minutes

Moderator's Report

Director's Report & Vision Discussion

*Rev. Dr. Michel Belzile*

Ministry Highlights

#### Financials

2018 Financial Report & Auditor's Report

*Jon Matthews (TBM Treasurer)*

2019 Amended Budget Proposal

2020 Budget Presentation

Commissioning the 2019 TBM Board

Benediction / Closing Prayer

*Rev. Abby Davidson (New TBM Moderator)*

Fellowship

## **2017 AGM Minutes/Motions**

Date/Time: Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
 Location: Bridle Trail Baptist Church  
 Attendance: 34, representing 21 churches

### **2017 TBM Annual Meeting Motions**

1. To accept the proposal to hire a director as presented in the 2017 TBM Annual report with the amendment of capping the salary to a maximum of \$20,000 + benefits

Moved: Dave Thomas

Seconded: Jim Sanderson      MOTION CARRIED

2. To accept the 2017 Financial Report and as presented in the 2017 TBM Annual Report.

Moved: Jim Parker

Seconded: Michael Lau      MOTION CARRIED

3. To accept the 2018 – 2019 Budget as outlined in the 2017 TBM Annual Report with consideration to the approved salary cap for the future TBM Director.

Moved: Chris Stefanitis

Seconded: Andrea Cambridge      MOTION CARRIED

4. To accept the 2018 Board composition as outlined in the 2017 TBM Annual Report

Moved: Jim Sanderson

Seconded: Erinn Oxford      MOTION CARRIED

## **Moderator's Report**

*"Christ builds the church"*

– Bonhoeffer

Shakespeare noted of parting as "a sweet sorrow," and it is amid such feelings that I submit my final report as both moderator and board member of TBM. It has been a privilege and a blessing to work with the board in supporting the diverse churches that make up our association. I am grateful for the members of the board, their dedication, their wisdom, their diligence in working together in service of the churches that make up our association. May God truly bless each sitting board member, and may He guide the direction of our association.

The past year marked both an end of a transition period and the beginning of a new course for our association. During the last AGM a motion was put forward by the board to have a Director at the helm of TBM in order to better serve the numerous and diverse churches of our association. A task that exceeded the capacity and time of the board. This is not to fault the board, but rather to highlight the

extent of the work that the board is tasked with. The motion of the board was voted upon and the process of hiring a director began in earnest. Through prayer and dialogue, we believe God has given us Michel Belzile and with his leadership our association is charting a new direction that will be outlined and implemented in the near future. I am confident that this will have an impact on how churches both think and do ministry.

For the ministry that the church is tasked with is a vital as perhaps never before. The mandate of our Lord, his commissioning of men and women to “make disciples” has not changed since our Lord decreed it to us before his ascension. Our churches are to be the place where people glimpse the reign of God. This is possible only if *we* (together) *are* the body of Christ. While we are “autonomous” on the local level we are “dependent” on one another to fulfill the mission of God. As Paul reminds us, “there are many members, yet one body.” It is only in this inter-dependence that the *love* of God, the *grace* of Jesus Christ and the *fellowship* of the Spirit is and can be with and in our churches. Being dependent is not a burden but a joy! Because it is the yoke that is light! We are called and encouraged to work together in order that we may reflect the love of the Triune God and the kingdom that is not *of* this world, but is *for* this world (Jn 3:16). And this unity is only possible through our shared love, as love exists between equals. In love, our churches stand as one. In love, we strive together. In love, we suffer together. In love, we are joyous together. One church is not higher or lower than any other. Rather, we are knit together in the chords of love.

In the revealing of God’s grace our churches bestow that which no other human institution can do, namely the unmerited favor of God. Our ministry is to those who know Christ, those who do not and those who reject(ed) him. Likewise, our ministry is not done for an exchange but bears fruit only when it is not required. We receive “a great reward” only when we expect nothing in return (Lk 6:32, 35).

Finally, in the fellowship of the Spirit, all division is overcome. But the Spirit gives each according to the choosing of the one Spirit. Every member of the body is given a place, a function, a purpose, in order for the body to be complete and that God may be glorified. It is in our fellowship that we most visibly reveal the love of God and grace of Christ. And we are built up as the body of Christ.

It is a great comfort and liberty that Christ builds our churches. We labor in this world, in our given tasks as servants who shall be duly rewarded. And yet that for which we labor is not ours, we have no claim of ownership over it. That is the exclusive right of the risen Lord. Who gave himself completely, “unto death” so that all who believe may have eternal life.

Again, thank you for the blessing of having been with you, may the power of God through the Spirit breath life anew into our churches. May God bless the work done by the association for the Baptist churches of the GTA.

Steven Bakai

Greenborough Community Church

Moderator for 2018

## **Director’s Report**

*“We exist to support our churches and serve our city by facilitating ordination councils, cluster groups for pastors, offering grants for new church initiatives.” (TBM Mission Statement 2018)*

What is TBM? Who are we? Why do we exist? What is our purpose? What do we do? How are we different from the CBOQ, a para-church ministry, or a local ecumenical ministerial? These are but a few

of the questions that have captivated my headspace since September 2018. These are not easy questions to answer, and I must confess I'm not sure there is only one right answer, but I have come to discover, that finding answers to these questions are essential to understanding our role as an association of CBOQ churches.

After accepting this role in September, one of my first challenges was to improve our communications with our member churches; this is still a work in progress. Our website (*torontobaptistministries.com*) has been updated, our Facebook page (*TorontoBaptistMinistries*) has been growing (though it could still use more likes), and our mailing list has been revised. Our hope is that you will help us stay connected, not only with the church office and lead pastor but all pastors. Also, we would encourage our member churches to appoint a TBM representative to enhance our ability to share information.

My next goal was to review what we are currently doing as an association. As you will know from our current mission statement: *"We exist to support our churches and serve our city by facilitating ordination councils, cluster groups for pastors, offering grants for new church initiatives."*

An immediate priority was to bring on a new team for our Association Ministry Committee (AMC) which oversees our role in guiding ordination candidates through the CBOQ ordination process. After years of faithful service on the AMC, Rev. Andrea Cambridge (chair), Rev. Dr. David Russell, Rev. Jim Parker, and Rev. Jim Sanderson had expressed a desire to step down at the end of 2018. Thank you for your service to TBM and the CBOQ in this capacity.

Our new AMC was brought on board in November 2018. They consist of co-chair Rev. Nolan Lee (East Toronto Chinese Church), co-chair Rev. Elaine Poproski (Walmer Road Baptist Church), Rev. Steven Bakai (Greenborough Community Church), Rev. Hugh Burritt (Mississauga City Baptist Church), and Rev. Nancy Webb (Kingsway Baptist Church).

My next task was to visit our various regional cluster groups. Rev. Freddy Lam and Rev. Paul Lam lead our Northeast Cluster Group which usually meets at Markham Chinese Baptist Church; Rev. David Thomas and Rev. Abby Davidson lead our Central Cluster group which meets at Blythwood Road Baptist Church; Rev. Chris Stefanidis and Rev. Justin Joplin lead our West Cluster Group which usually meets at Renforth Baptist Church. These monthly cluster groups are not intended to replace local ecumenical ministerials but rather to offer a place of encouragement and networking for CBOQ ministry leaders serving within the GTA.

Finally, working with the TBM board, we undertook a review of our current grants and determined we needed to restructure our grants so as to advance the mission and objectives of TBM, in the same way that CBOQ grants aim to advance the mission goals of CBOQ.

That led the TBM Board to turn its attention towards a re-examination of our Mission Statement. While our current Mission Statement does a good job of describing what we do (*"facilitating ordination councils, cluster groups for pastors, offering grants for new church initiatives"*), it is less helpful in guiding the Board when discerning its mission and providing direction in making decisions. As a result, several months were devoted to crafting the new mission statement adopted by the Board at our February 2019 meeting. It reads:

***"TBM exists to encourage, strengthen, and equip our member churches and ministry leaders to work together to extend the mission of Christ into their wider community." (TBM Mission Statement 2019)***

It is our hope that this mission statement will provide clarity and direction for our association (TBM), allowing us to better differentiate our unique role from that of the CBOQ, our local churches, and local ecumenical ministerials.

TBM is not a ministry or a church or the CBOQ. We are an association. We exist to **encourage** each other as CBOQ churches within the GTA. We exist to **strengthen** each other through fellowship, prayer, and collaboration. We exist to **equip** each other with the shared resources made available to us by our sister churches and ministry leaders. And we do all this by “encouraging, strengthening and equipping our churches and ministry leaders to **work together** to extend the mission of Christ into their wider community.”

What makes TBM unique is that it exists to bring us together in cooperative ventures for the kingdom.

And thus, we have set aside \$10,000 in the 2019 and 2020 budget for “Cooperative Event Grants”. They will aim to address a need that is currently lacking. These \$500-\$1,000 grants are intended to provide one-time financing in support of events that foster cooperation among 2 or more TBM churches. They will have a streamlined application and approval process (we are aiming at one month) for cooperative initiatives, planned and led by two or more TBM churches.

In addition, we will be introducing new requirements that will need to be met in order to qualify for these grants. They are as follows:

1. At least two TBM churches (a sponsor and co-sponsor) must make the application jointly. The money will be administered by the sponsoring church.
2. At least one of the churches must be “a church in good standing for the purpose of grants.” That means one of the sponsoring churches must meet two of the following three requirements:
  - I. The church must have made a financial donation to TBM in two or the past three years
  - II. The church must have sent church delegates to either the AGM or an ordination examining council in two or the last three years.
  - III. The church must have at least one church representative who has served as a TBM Board member, AMC member or as a leader of one of our three regional cluster groups in the last three years.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes we read:

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT)

It is my hope that TBM will thrive as an association of churches that stand back-to-back for one another, encouraging, strengthening, and equipping each another in the work we do together in Christ's name. Amen.

Michel R. Belzile (Rev. Dr.)

Director of TBM

## **Ministry Highlights**

### **Calvary Baptist**

#### **Grant for Youth and Family Ministry 2018 Year End Report**

On April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday) Jonathan John was officially hired as our Outreach and Discipleship Pastor. Jonathan initially focused on youth programming, which we have identified as our area of greatest need. During April and May, Jonathan conducted research into the community needs and developed plans for youth programming in the Beaches- East York community. Youth programming started immediately with Sunday bible study, prayer group, worship and fellowship. A highlight of the programming was the Mother's Day service, when youth of the congregation shared why they loved their moms (and motherly figures), sharing messages and photographs of the moms. Prior to the presentation, the youth spent time learning about love from the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Corinth.

It should be noted that prior to April 1 Children and Youth Ministry at Calvary was maintained by volunteers, who were also instrumental in the labour-intensive work of setting up a more professional structure. It is time for that more professional structure because of needed expertise, volunteer fatigue, and the priority the congregation places on Christian Education.

June 1 saw the launch an end of week Friday night youth gathering, with discipleship lessons, snacks and fun activities for youth ages 12 - 19. Calvary also started working with the youth of Heavenly Light (a congregation sharing our sanctuary), providing support for Sunday School as well as the Friday night ministry. The Friday night group has attracted new youth from the neighborhood, helped in part by the donation of a large sign by Magnet Group, advertising the Friday night youth programs. Friday night programs provide a safe fun space for youth to engage in various activities and conversation. Phase One of the Youth Room revitalization project was concluded by June 1 with the help of local student volunteers, who cleared, cleaned and added some donated furnishings in order to establish a dedicated space for youth programs.

On June 15, an overnight youth retreat was held at the Ganaraska Woods Retreat Centre for 40 youth from the Calvary and Heavenly Light congregations as well as youth from the community. Activities included fellowship, outdoor team games and swimming, culminating in joining the annual church picnic, before returning to the church on Saturday. This joining together of all demographics of our Church community was inspired by the book of Hebrews. In chapter 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." We continue to hold this verse as a reminder to combine all demographics of our Church family for various events.

Calvary Baptist & Heavenly Light youth spent the summer months learning about sharing the love of God with those in their local community in support of the homeless population in Toronto. With the support of our congregation members, the youth were able to collect, package and distribute over 40 care packages to those in need. In addition to learning what true Christian love means from the Bible, the youth also had the opportunity to learn about homelessness and factors that could lead to it. After spending a morning discussing the best ways to interact with the homeless population, the youth hit the streets of Toronto. They were out on a hot and sunny day, backpacks filled with bottles of water and care packages. Despite that, the youth felt incredibly proud of their efforts. They were able to have genuine conversations with the folks they met, pray for them and show them genuine love. As it says in Deuteronomy 15:11 "or there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, 'You

shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.” They were absolutely fulfilled at the end of the day.

In September, Thomas Le Roy was hired as part-time Ministry Support Coordinator to provide support for our youth and outreach programming. Additionally, we have launched bi-weekly Sunday church outings, to connect with youth who show up to worship services but are unable to attend weeknight activities for valid reasons. Each month of our event calendar also includes larger extracurricular recreational activities in which young people are able to connect with their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in a leisurely manner. This includes skating trips; Christmas parties; sporting events, and bowling to name a few. Our youth ministry is also planning to partner up with other local churches in the community to collaborate on events, including attending CBOQ youth weekends. We were able to launch a curriculum that led our Nursery students through some of the most engaging Sunday School stories in the Bible which included Noah’s Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Fruits of the Spirit and the story of Joseph. Our Nursery program also included story time, games and movies. Our Curriculum for High School students had a primary focus on the four Gospels and a strong focus on Jesus’ teachings throughout. Some of our most exciting discussions came throughout the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew.

At the end of 2018, we went through a transition of leadership. Thomas Le Roy gradually took on more of Jonathan John’s responsibilities as Jonathan left to pursue new opportunities. To adapt to this change we have recruited some new volunteers to help Thomas in 2019: We will have a more intentional rotation of church volunteers to help with our Sunday morning nursery and children’s program, and we are adding two spectacular volunteers to help with the weekly youth ministry.

Moving forward in 2019 we will be adding an additional program on Monday nights which will serve youth from grades 6-9 and keeping Friday night drop-in for youth grade 10 and up. Additionally, we will be adding a Bible study to take place right after Church for all youth. We also have multiple special events including a trip to Ganaraska, a Toronto Raptors game, a trip to Wonderland. Our curriculum will continue into the letters of Apostle Paul as well as some of the Major Prophets of the Old Testament. Our Nursery program will continue to introduce young children to God’s teachings through songs, stories, crafts, games, movies and discussions. We are looking forward to growing our children and youth ministry, our leadership team, and expanding our reach into the community.

### **Dixon Ministries (Toronto Baptist Intercultural Services)**

In 1990 TBM (Toronto Area Association of Baptist Churches) and Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (then, BCOQ) formed TBIS. We recognized an unprecedented mission opportunity to reach some of the hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from countries, cultures, religions with little or no Christian witness of the Gospel and its kingdom. In the same period, the church’s growth in these countries is nothing short of astounding, as also their persecution. In Canada, our Christian foreparents fought for and won freedom of conscience, worship, assembly. While we still enjoy these tenuous privileges in these times, we recognize the great task and its Great Commission still to be done.

Thus, *Dixon Ministry*, by the Holy Spirit’s inspiring, leading and empowering, partners with six TBM congregations’, joined by an equal number of congregations from mission-focused other-denomination churches. We seek to BE servant witnesses of our Saviour and DO the work of caring for the stranger in our midst. With ‘one accord’ (God’s Word and Spirit directing):

*“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”* Leviticus 19:33 (ESV.)

*Dixon Ministry* promotes mission actions overflowing from congregations’ worship, pastoring, praying, and walking with God. Our prayers are first for the good relations, and life within the church, for God’s calling labourers into his mission work, and for a true witness to Christ.

Our mission includes about thirty Christian ministers reaching in any given week in mid-Etobicoke, Three daily Women’s ESL classes in a church’s education wing in Dixon, extra-curricular homework tutoring and in-class one-to-one help at Kipling Collegiate.

In the summer, from our neighbourhood, we received many individuals and a few youth teams. We have been blessed by visiting teams from afar: Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec and Cooperative Baptists (a Virginia congregation) who’ve joined our 2018 summer newcomers’ outreach to women (starter sewing skills classes), to families (home tutoring for newly-arrived refugee families) and children (week-long, full-day camps for two dozen newcomer kids - one for building friendships and teaching English, music, dance, art, and the other “Jesus Camp” for encouraging young disciples to follow Christ.

During the summer, CBOQ and Baptist Women funded four university students in Etobicoke and two in Brampton for visiting, tutoring ministries (with church volunteers) in newcomer’s homes. This was a much reduced team of interns compared to *Dixon Ministry’s* past years due to our failing a core mandate test requiring it aligns with those of our government on un-regulated abortion, same-sex marriage, gender change and expression, etc. Our summer ministry wasn’t hindered. We reached many struggling newcomers, befriended them, helped them get much better established and confident in their adopted land, giving a welcome in the churches’ and God’s name.

We have requests from around fifty families, beneficiaries of all of these outreach ministries, to have someone from the church to visit them in their apartment once a week or more often. They have a great variety of requests: English conversation practice, elementary and high school homework help, upgrading training for their vocation. The demand for a friend from the church far outstrips our supply. Please let me know if you’d like to respond to a call that you think you may be able to fill.

TBIS wants to continue its partnerships with successfully-settled new Canadians, TBM congregations and CBOQ’s church-government agreement which allows churches to privately sponsor refugees. CBOQ’s allotment has been capped at a time that refugee numbers, and our churches’ desire to respond, have more than doubled over the past four years. CBOQ’s allotment is far less than our churches and TBIS’ needs. We are on a very long waiting list. Some good news: three refugees we sponsored many years ago arrived in 2018 and TBIS/TBM congregations/relatives of the refugees are proving accommodation, English instruction, orientation and jobs for everyone. Thanksgiving abounds.

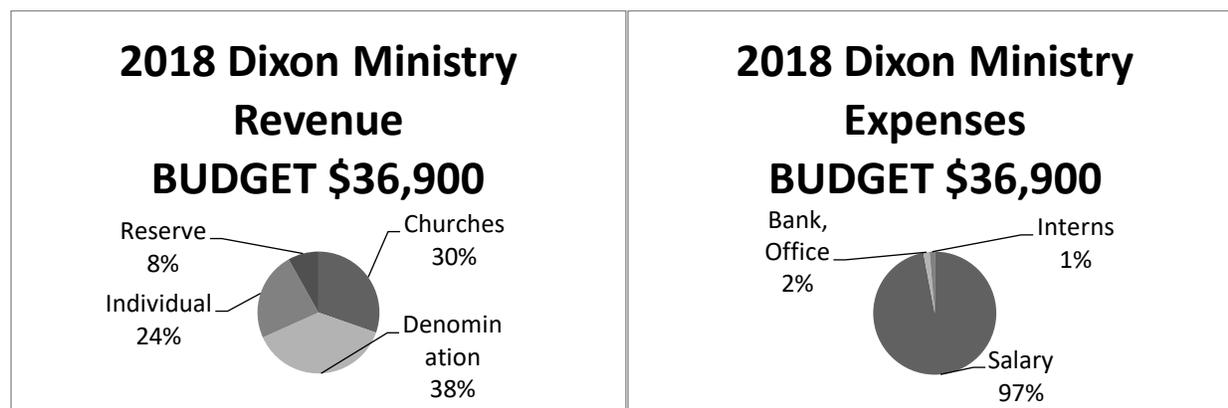
This year *Dixon Ministry* has been involved with a national Muslim-befriending/ mission-promoting resource group, *Loving Muslims Together*. This is an initiative of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. The focus of the group is to promote prayer and cooperative efforts between congregations. *TBIS Dixon Ministry* has relatively lengthy and specific experiences (with Somalis, for example) which we share with churches through LMT. This group is working on building up and connecting many small, scattered Muslim ministries which are led by recently-converted Christians from Muslim backgrounds. This is a new development that strengthens the Toronto churches’ missions.

Continuous prayers, people!, financial partnerships with TBM, CBOQ and our congregations, TBIS’ Board (Reverend Bill Virgin, Reverend Walter McIntyre, Carol Gouveia) and bookkeeper (Christine Choy); all are

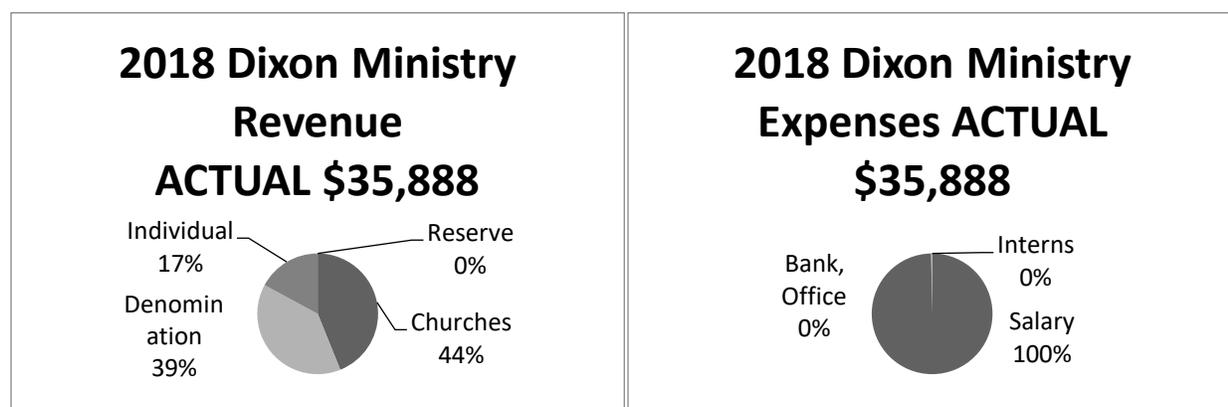
instrumental to making *Dixon Ministry*. With much thanks, to God's glory, we are privileged to play our part.

Jeff McCarrell, TBIS director.

#### 2018 Dixon Ministry BUDGET Pie Charts



#### 2018 Dixon Ministry ACTUAL Pie Charts



Notes: "Denomination" means TBIS' two founding Baptist organizations; Toronto Area Association of Baptist Churches (aka Toronto Baptist Ministries) and Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. "Office" includes mailing, photocopying. "Interns" means hired students who are part of our summer newcomers' outreach. In 2018 CBOQ and Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec covered four university interns' salaries and ministry expenses – so TBIS Dixon Ministry was relieved of any costs. All other ministries and their expenses are provided as a gift of individuals and congregations.

### The Dale

**The Dale Ministries** is rooted in Toronto's west-end neighbourhood of Parkdale, where according to the City of Toronto, 45.1% of people are impacted by poverty (though this is changing due to rapid gentrification). We are a church and community organization without our own walls. In other words, we are nomads with a schedule, using a variety of spaces and the outdoors for our programming. Wherever we are, The Dale seeks to create safe welcoming spaces in which all people, particularly the vulnerable and broken, are encouraged to participate fully, to the best of their abilities and journey together

toward a deeper experience of the life God has given us. We believe that all people, including those who live in the margins, are to be celebrated and engaged in creative community. We believe in and seek to be transformed by God's hope, grace and peace, offered to us in Jesus.

Our programs include:

**MONDAY** Drop-in and Lunch, Bonar Parkdale Presbyterian Church.

**TUESDAY** Drop-in, Salvation Army Thrift Store.

**TUESDAY** Bible Study, The St. Clare Centre. Once per month at Coffee Time.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY** Street outreach: community care and support including advocacy, housing help, accompaniment to appointments and end-of-life care.

**THURSDAY** Breakfast and Art Drop-In, Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre.

**SUNDAY** Worship Service, Epiphany and St. Mark Anglican.

**SPECIAL EVENTS include:** February Feast: a turkey dinner in the dark of winter; Open Stages: all are welcome to perform at these open mic events; Fall retreat: an opportunity to have a break from the city at Camp Koinonia; Spring into Parkdale: led by the BIA, a celebration of all that is Parkdale; Monthly potlucks: after our Sunday Worship Service, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

Our team is comprised of: Erinn Oxford, Executive Director and Pastor; Joanna Moon, Community Worker; Meagan Knight, Community Worker; Marion Cameron, Bookkeeper; and Souad Sharabani, Volunteer Kitchen Coordinator. We were fortunate to have two full-time Summer Interns in 2018: Ahmeda Mansaray-Richardson, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto; and Olivia Dower, Moody Bible Institute. The Dale has a deeply committed Board of Directors with a broad skill-set: Matthew Rivard (Chair), Genevieve Barber, Nicholas Francis, Anita Giardina, Benjamin Klinck, and Jordan Lim.

Some key events from 2018: Erinn Oxford was ordained; Meagan Gillard married Ian Knight; Kimberley Chester was baptized; The Dale was a featured agency in the Second Harvest Cookbook; we participated in an event called Day Catches Light, the culmination of a series of eight lantern making workshops with a variety of faith groups in Parkdale; we became a Just Socks Charity Partner; our staff team took a Vicarious Trauma Workshop through CTRI Canada; Joanna Moon did a deputation on The Dale's behalf at City Hall, advocating for affordable housing and inclusionary zoning; we said goodbye to our long-time community member Michael DeWolfe (1962-2018).

Our entire budget is met through the gifts of others, including our core community who, relative to what they have materially, give much. Last year we also held two fundraising events: an online auction and The Ride for Refuge. The Dale is very grateful to Toronto Baptist Ministries for supporting our work in such a variety of ways, including financially through the 2018 Grant. Thank you for being an important partner in this ministry.

In peace,

Erinn Oxford



## Thornhill Baptist

### Community of Christ's Disciples

Paul wrote in Colossians 1:9 "So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better."

We give thanks and praise to our Father as we see how He has been transforming lives as people get to know Him better and are able to know and obey His will.

#### 1. House Churches:

We are called to make disciples and so we continue to fulfill this mandate through our house churches that meet regularly in different homes. There are three groups that meet every other week, one that meets every Saturday at our apartment and one meeting once a month. We have started a new house church last December that will meet every other Friday. We plan to restart having Bible studies once a month this January in the new home of a family who moved to Alliston, Ontario, one hour north of the city.



#### 2. Worship Gatherings:

Our monthly worship gathering every third Saturday of the month is held at the Indonesian Christian Church Canada on Petrolia Road, North York. We have a potluck fellowship meal after every service. We tried having all-age worship twice this year and we hope to do this six times next year to allow the children and youth to learn and worship together with the adults.

#### 3. Leadership Training

A new leadership team was organized this year composed of three ladies, my wife and myself. We met every other Saturday morning for two hours for prayer, equipping, and decision-making for the church activities and programs. We had a training on how to do outreach with Ptr. Louis Leung in February and attended the Apollos Project Seminar of Dr. Roy Verzosa on Hermeneutics and Homiletics on May 2 and 9.

#### 4. Family Camp

Our third Family Camp was held last June 9-10 at Camp Hermosa in Goderich, Ontario and 24 people joined us. We enjoyed studying together the book of Jonah. Our theme for this year was "Get Up and Go."

## 5. Community Garden

With the success of last summer's Organic Community Garden at the back of the Indonesian Church, we decided to participate again this year. We had the joy of going to the garden every Monday (early morning) to help take care of the garden and we were blessed with harvest which we were able to share with the members and our neighbors.

## 6. Second Anniversary of Worship Gathering

The Second Anniversary of our worship gathering was held at Thornhill Baptist Church, our mother church, last September 22 and there were over 100 people who came and celebrated with us. A fellowship dinner followed at the basement fellowship hall.



## 7. Marriage mentoring

One new thing we tried this year is to mentor a couple in their marriage by meeting with them once a month for 10 months using the materials we got from Family Life Canada. We are praying that this couple will identify another couple they can start mentoring this year. We will also pray and choose another couple to mentor this year.

## 8. Other activities

We had other activities to encourage fellowship among the members and outreach to their friends: Cherry picking, Church picnic, Apple picking and trip to Blue Mountain, Thanksgiving Boodle Fight, and Christmas Party. We also partnered with other churches when we participated in the Big Give project with Life Spring Church last summer and the Nations to Nations project of the Indonesian Church last Fall. For our Christmas Gift for Jesus Project, we partnered with a church in Pangasinan, Philippines to give a basket of groceries to 50 families and backpacks to 130 children.

We were able to do all these ministries by the grace of our Lord. We give Him all the praise and the glory for what He has done and how He used us to touch the people He entrusted to us. We are also very grateful to all our partners in the ministry who have consistently prayed for us and supported us financially this past year(s). Without you, we will not be able to continue with this ministry God has called us to do.

God's grace and peace be upon you!

Johnny and Emie Dalisay

## **Lisle Memorial Baptist**

### **Hope 4U Financial Help - A ministry of H.O.P.E. For You Community Services**

*H.O.P.E. ( Holistic Outreach Promoting Empowerment) For You Community Services (HOPE For You)* was established in 2016 by *Lisle Memorial Baptist Church (LMBC)*. It was formed with this mission statement, "to provide holistic services in a safe, stable and multi-cultural environment, to enable families to have hope-filled, healthy, productive and enhanced quality of life." This non-profit organization will serve people of all faiths, ethnic and social backgrounds in the Jane Finch area and beyond.

*Hope 4U Financial Help (Hope 4U)* is the name of one of the services under *HOPE For You*. It is to help people achieve financial health by providing money management and budgeting tools and a plan to get from under the burden of debt.

Initially this ministry began with a partnership with *Christian Against Poverty (CAP)*. The partnership was terminated in January 2018 due to irreconcilable differences in the management of the ministry. CAP then took full responsibility for the 7 individuals/couples that were being helped with a debt load of around \$250,000. Though this was a setback, *Hope 4U* had to continue because God's hand was seen in its formation which included the SHAPE (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Ability, Personality, Experience) of the leaders of the ministry and strong financial support of *Toronto Baptist Ministries, Canadian Baptist of Ontario & Quebec* and the *Mustard Seed Foundation*.

In order to carry on the ministry of *Hope 4U* a partnership began in October with *Credit Canada Debt Solution (CCDS)*. This non-profit organization has been in existence since 1966. It is the first and longest-standing credit counselling agency in Canada. CCDS is at the forefront of financial wellness across the country. CCDS has invested in building enriched partnerships that provide a holistic approach to smart money and debt management. *Hope 4U* anticipates this partnership with CCDS will greatly enhance the ministry.

In December, *Hope 4U* joined a local community agency to do an outreach promotion in the *Jane- Finch Mall*. This involved setting up an information table and having a workshop on money management. Surprisingly the mall was not teeming with Christmas shoppers so the response was below expectation. Over the past couple of years, the promotion within the LMBC has yielded disappointing results especially in light of a survey that was conducted when a preliminary study was being done. The survey indicated that there were 18 persons interested in the services of *Hope 4U*. It is now apparent that people are embarrassed / ashamed to reveal that they have financial struggles. Nevertheless *Hope 4U* has started again to provide debt counselling for a few people from the community.

In the 2019 there will be efforts made to promote *Hope 4U* more widely and consistently in the community and to find ways to make members comfortable in using the service. There is confidence that over a period of time traction will be gained through the promotions and as people who are helped give positive testimonials on how they were supported by *Hope 4U*.

A big **THANKS** to *Toronto Baptist Ministries* for renewing the grant. This support is a great source of encouragement as *Hope 4U* seeks to help people to become financially healthy and in the process become spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically healthy.

## 2018 Financial Report

### TORONTO AREA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES (KNOWN AS TORONTO BAPTIST MINISTRIES) Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

As at December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 46,978	\$ 54,620
Accounts receivable	131	-
	47,109	54,620
Trust fund		
Investment held in trust by CBOQ (note 3)	471,031	455,750
	\$ 518,140	\$ 510,370
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,500	-
Payroll taxes payable	397	\$ 31
	\$ 1,897	\$ 31
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	45,212	54,589
Restricted net assets	471,031	455,750
	516,244	510,339
	\$ 518,141	\$ 510,370

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_ - Member

\_\_\_\_\_ - Member

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Unrestricted Net Assets (Unaudited)**

**Year ended December 31, 2018**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions from member churches	\$ 42,511	\$ 52,274
Miscellaneous income	-	217
Interest income	137	76
	<hr/> 42,648	<hr/> 52,567
Designated contributions recognized (note 3)	-	2,000
Total revenue	<hr/> 42,648	<hr/> 54,567
<b>Expenses (see schedule)</b>		
Mission grants	33,000	31,000
Personnel salaries, benefits and expenses	17,690	7,163
Operating expenses	1,335	791
	<hr/> 52,025	<hr/> 38,954
Designated contributions spent	-	2,000
Total expenses	<hr/> 52,025	<hr/> 40,954
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<hr/> (9,377)	<hr/> 13,613
Transfer from College Street Church Fund	-	-
	<hr/> (9,377)	<hr/> 13,613
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	54,589	40,976
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	<hr/> 45,212	<hr/> 54,589
	<hr/>	<hr/>

**See accompanying notes**

**Schedule of Expenses (Unaudited)** Year ended December 31, 2018

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Mission grants</b>		
Calvary Baptist Church	\$ 10,000	-
Toronto Baptist Intercultural Services	8,000	\$ 7,000
Thornhill Baptist Church	6,000	6,000
We Share Vision	-	6,000
The Dale Ministries	6,000	5,000
Lisle Memorial Baptist Church	3,000	3,000
Logos Baptist Mississauga	-	2,000
Kipling Avenue Baptist Church	-	1,000
South Asian Welcome Centre	-	1,000
	<hr/> 33,000	<hr/> 31,000
<b>Personnel expenses</b>		
Director salaries	6,616	-
Admin assistant salaries	6,000	5,200
Bookkeeping services	1,525	1,760
Staff benefits	2,915	203
Director's expenses	634	-
	<hr/> 17,690	<hr/> 7,163
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Professional fees	350	350
Webhosting	-	275
Annual general meeting/retreat	828	-
Miscellaneous	26	22
Office supplies and postage	-	144
Cluster/Meet N Greet expenses	131	-
Conferences and continuing education	-	-
	<hr/> 1,335	<hr/> 791
	<hr/> \$ 52,025	<hr/> \$ 38,954

**TORONTO AREA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES (KNOWN AS TORONTO BAPTIST MINISTRIES)**  
**Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements**

**Year ended December 31, 2018**

**1. Purpose and governing status**

The Toronto Area Association of Baptist Churches, known as Toronto Baptist Ministries (TBM) was established as an incorporated organization: to witness to our Lord Jesus Christ and to promote Baptist consciousness and the sense of unity and purpose among the member Churches; to encourage Christian concern, love, and fellowship, and cooperative effort between its constituent Churches; to show concern for the advancement of the interests of each Church, the extension of the Baptist cause within the Association area and the formation of new Churches or ministries where desirable; to promote the interests and programs of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec (CBOQ), and the Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) and to coordinate and lend support to the programs and activities of the various organization of the Denomination operating within the Association area; to serve as a medium which expression may be given to the convictions and wishes of the Churches regarding the religious and social issues of the time and to convey these convictions and wishes to the appropriate public authorities and to the Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec.

The Association is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes.

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies Basis of accounting**

The Church has prepared these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO). The following are the policies selected by the Church and applied in these financial statements.

Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferred method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recorded when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Externally restricted contributions are recorded as an increase in deferred designated contributions when received, and are recognized as revenue in the year in which this related expenses are incurred. Pledges are not recognized in the financial statements as the amounts which will ultimately be received cannot be reasonably estimated.

Donated goods, marketable securities and services

Donated goods and marketable securities are recorded in the accounts at fair market value at the time of receipt.

Donated services are not recognized in these financial statements due to the difficulty in determining their fair value.

## Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements (Continued)

### 3. Restricted net assets

Restricted funds were donated to the Association. These funds were invested in security account and administered by the CBOQ and is utilized by the Association at its discretion, as reported by CBOQ.

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
College Street Church Fund	285,296	270,015
College Street Capital Fund	185,735	185,735
Total	471,031	455,750

### Contributing Churches 2018

Bethany Baptist Church	Lisle Baptist Church
Blythwood Road Baptist Church	Logos Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church	Lorne Park Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church Oakville	Markham Baptist Church
Christian Baptist Church	Martin Grove Baptist Church
Donway Baptist Church	Mimico Baptist Church
Estonian Baptist Church	Mississauga City Baptist Church
Fallingbrook Heights Baptist	Renforth Baptist Church
Greenhills Christian - Peel	Spring Garden Baptist Church
Hallelujah Fellowship Baptist	St Claire Baptist Church
Heartlake Baptist Church	Stouffville Grace Baptist Church
Heron Park Baptist Church	Thornhill Baptist Church
Immanuel Baptist Church	Walmer Road Baptist Church
Kingsway Baptist Church	Woodbine Heights Baptist Church
Kipling Baptist Church	Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

## **Auditor's Report**

Toronto Baptist Ministries Independent Auditing Report for the year 2018 Prepared March 25, 2019

In conducting the audit for Toronto Baptist Ministries (TBM), I took into consideration Canadian general accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

The procedure selected is depending on the auditor's judgement. This includes risk assessments, internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained in my audits is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

I have audited the Profit & Loss Accounts and Balance Sheet for Toronto Baptist Ministries as well as all subsidiary ledgers for the period ended December 31, 2018 that have been prepared in accordance with the requirements for financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account gave a true and fair view of the TBM financial status for the fiscal period audited. The reports on the financial standing of TBM were reported as they were earned or incurred, not as money is received or paid.

In my opinion, the main finding of this report is that the information presented is correct and free from material misstatement in accordance with ASNPO principles.

Recommendation:

- Trust Fund with CBOQ, need to confirm where they are invested and keep records of investment statements. No statements were provided concerning such to review.

Submitted by,

Rohan Stewart

## Amended 2019 Budget & Proposed 2020 Budget

	2017	2018	2019	2019 Proposed	2020
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Amendments	Proposed Budget
<b>Revenues</b>					
Contributions from other churches	47,000	42,511	48,000	48,000	48,000
Interest earned	-	137	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income/other collection	-	-	-	-	-
	47,000	42,648	48,000	48,000	48,000
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Grants</b>					
Calvary Baptist Church	-	10,000			
TBIS - Dixon Ministry	7,000	8,000		8000	
Oasis Dufferin Community Centre	-				
South Asian Welcome Centre	1,000				
Bethany Baptist Church	-				
The Dale Ministries	5,000	6,000			
Kipling Avenue Baptist Church	1,000				
Woodbine Heights Baptist Church	-				
Thornhill Baptist Church	6,000	6,000		6000	
Logos Baptist Mississauga	2,000				
Lisle Memorial Baptist Church	3,000	3,000			
We Share Vision	6,000				
Cooperative Event Grants			33000	10000	10000
Missional Initiative Grants				6000	20000
Total	31,000	33,000	33,000	30,000	30,000
<b>Operating expenses</b>					
Advertising & promotion	500		300	250	300
Communications					
Cluster mtg/Meet n Greet	500	131	300		
AMC meeting/refreshments					
Miscellaneous and bank charges	50	26	50	50	50
Office supplies & postage	250		300	250	250
Professional fees	350	350	400	400	400
Annual general meeting/Retreat	200	828	150		
Continuing Education/Assembly fees	200		200	200	200
Hospitality (AGM, AMC, Board, Clusters)				800	1000
Furniture, comp eqpt & software				750	250
Webhosting/ web re-design	200		300	300	300
	2250	1335	2000	3000	2750
<b>Personnel expenses</b>					
Salaries - Director	-	6,667	20,000	20,000	20,420
Staff Benefits	300	2,915	8,000	8,000	8,500
Salaries - Administrator	5,200	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,125
Director Expenses			2,000	2,000	2,000
Bookkeeper Services	3,000	1,525	3,000	3,000	3,000
	8,500	17,107	39,000	39,000	40,045
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>41,750</b>	<b>51,442</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>72,795</b>
Transfer from College Street Fund	0	9,000	26,000	24,000	25,000
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>205</b>

## 2019 TBM Board

### Retiring in 2019

- Dale Rose
- Steve Bakai
- Dave Russell

### Retiring in 2022

- Jon Matthews
- Abby Davidson

### Retiring in 2021

- Tim Tang

### Retiring in 2021 (Eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

- Edwin Anderson

### Retiring in 2022 (Eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

- Ken Foo

## A Special Thank-You

On behalf of the Toronto Baptist Ministries' Board Members, Director, Administrator, and Bookkeeper, we would like to extend a special thanks to each of our member churches. Without your continued support, collaboration, and prayers, none of this would be possible.

Please continue to keep our association in prayer as we look forward to the rest of 2019 and many more years to come!

thank you