



Members Report.

OCTOBER 26TH, 2025

Dear Member,

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 1:15 PM.

You can participate in one of the following ways:

- In-person at the Langley Campus
- Online from anywhere in the world
- Sooke Campus members can join the watch party and vote using their personal devices

To help speed up the tabulation process, we encourage everyone attending in Langley to vote online using their own devices. Please bring them with you. For those not comfortable with voting from their devices, we will have voting stations in the foyer with people there to assist you.

To ensure a smooth experience, please review the voting instructions ahead of time. You can access them in one of four ways:

Open the attachment emailed to you with this report

- Email info@clachurch.com to request a copy
- Pick up a copy on Sundays from your campus' Welcome Desk
- Visit your campus' General Office during working hours

Important Note for Online Participants:

Due to logistical challenges and a 2–3 minute delay between in-person and online streams, online registration will only be open from 1:00 PM to 1:15 PM. It is imperative that all online members register within this window.

As a member of CLA, your participation in the AGM is both a privilege and a responsibility. We cannot conduct business without the required number of members present.

Included in your AGM information packet:

- Agenda for the October 26, 2025, AGM
- Pastor Derrick's report
- Minutes from last year's AGM
- An important resolution from the Church Board
- Board Nominee Profiles
- Annual Financial Statement Summary

Please have this booklet ready for reference during the meeting.

Blessings,

Neil Muth
Church Manager

Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome, Online Registration
2. Affirmation of Quorum
3. Appointments
 - Parliamentarian
 - Recording Secretary
4. Previous AGM Minutes / Motion
5. Ratification Vote of Board Members
6. Pastor's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. New Business – Redevelopment of Maple Ridge Campus presentation and motion
9. AGM Reports
 - Sooke Campus
 - Maple Ridge Campus
 - Abbotsford Campus
10. Motion to Accept AGM Reports
11. Motion to Destroy Ballots
12. Adjournment

AGM Pastoral Report 2024-2025

This past year began with a surprise acknowledgement of my tenth anniversary at CLA. It was so kind. I was deeply touched. The first decade went by so quickly. Sara and I have been most touched by the relationships we have formed at CLA. At each campus, in Langley and through our national and global work, we have marveled at your stories of faith, miracles and good deeds. Truly, it's the people who make life's journey enjoyable. I've also been encouraged by how CLA has rallied around the focus to bring transformation to lives. We see this in each generation, but especially in the young. Each campus, each pastor, our staff and volunteers work so hard and with focus to Gather Grow Serve & Go. CLA is healthy, both our staff and our mission. This is illustrated by the hundreds of salvations, the 100+ water baptisms and the multiplication of our campuses. It's seen in our commitment to reaching our communities, nation and world, even in a season of recession and financial strain. I thank God for Christian Life Assembly and count it an honour to be called "pastor".

Transformation through the Campuses of CLA

CLA has grown to embrace 4,000 people from five generations spread out among five campuses (Langley, Abbotsford, Maple Ridge, Sooke and Recovery Church). Each Sunday we celebrate in six worship expressions, at times linking together for common vision and Word. We are one church in multiple locations with a Lead Pastor, one board, one budget and one mission. As the Lead Pastor I work with the CLA board to oversee it all. The Campus Pastors work closely together on sermon series and to implement our Gather Grow Serve & Go strategy with a reflection on our common goals and unique contexts. This model of ministry is so great because we can help each other express ministry through generosity and the sharing of resources, particularly the strong giving to the weak. Of course, keeping unity is a constant effort and prayer. This year we celebrated the launch of our Abbotsford Campus. We also saw a wonderful kitchen renovation in Sooke and the paying off of the Conference Hall in Langley. A great deal of work went into the Maple Ridge plans for redevelopment. The times of prayer, disciple making and leadership development have been inspirational. Together we've planned Alpha outreach, Transformation weekends and built solid Sunday expressions. Each campus launched unique outreaches, these reflected the love of God and the heart of Jesus Christ. Christmas, Easter and Canada Day were special times across our expressions. You can read more about the campus work in their reports. Great days are ahead.

AGM – Setting a Direction

Once a year we gather both members and attenders to celebrate the past year and to look ahead to the next one. Last October we welcomed Ben Neff, Jody Wandzura, Mallory Obukowho and Peter Fassbender to the CLA board, serving two-year terms. This year, after serving 6 years (a mandatory break is required), we say thank you and farewell to Elaine Barendregt and Debbie Mohamed. These two leaders have served on committees, giving extra time and energy to key initiatives and have been prayerful for our church. I am so grateful for them. This year we bring forward five names for your consideration: Rebecca Straforelli, Ian Martens, Blair Whitmarsh, Val Crasto and Cathy de la Rambelje for board ratification. The board oversees our finances, governance, policy, properties, and work with committees to help answer important questions and considerations for our future. They spent years preparing for the success of Jenny Gagliardi Place and are working diligently on the Maple Ridge property assessment and partnership with Hyland Properties.

Transition – “Rivers of Living Water”

Because CLA is healthy, has an excellent staff and has seen spiritual fruit, it should not surprise us that we’re called upon from time to time to strengthen our Fellowship. We do not resist Providence. We yield to the Holy Spirit when some on our team are called to go; to Halifax, or the British Columbia & Yukon District of the PAOC, or are sent to plant a campus. Jesus said in John 7:38, “whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”. I believe this is true for CLA too. Rivers of life, anointing, and blessing flow from us into our region, nation and world. We had significant adjustments to our team when I first arrived, then again during the COVID 19 pandemic, and now – the autumn of 2025. We celebrate and bless those who go. We try to communicate the adjustments well, it’s a deeply held value. Then we move forward in prayer and consultation towards a preferred future. We are restructuring. This will influence CLA leadership, campus leadership and the Langley leadership. A new executive team (known as the Senior Leadership Team - SLT) will give overall direction to the ministry and outreach of Christian Life Assembly. I’m thrilled to have our manager, Executive Pastor and Assistant Pastor work with me on this strategic and spiritual team. The Campus Pastors will meet with me monthly as we align our spiritual goals with each other. A new Langley MLT (Ministry Leadership Team) began to meet in October to help coordinate and guide our largest campus. All these groups will continue to meet on the

last Thursday of the month for both pastors meeting and staff meeting. Please continue to pray for this season of adjustment and reorganization. Our goal is to steward resources better, strengthen staff and release our volunteers without hinderance or a cumbersome bureaucracy.

A final word...

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support. I deeply appreciate our board and staff. I'm so grateful for my wife Sara-Lee who has served both the church and me with selflessness. This year our family experienced some dark days as one of our kids' marriage broke apart and brought pain to our hearts. This came as we celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary and 35th year of pastoral ministry. Satan is out to "rob, kill and destroy", yet we are uplifted by our communion with Christ. We also have entered into the sadness and grief of others. There are other families "walking through the valley of the shadow". I'm grateful that the Body of Christ can support each other in both the good and challenging times. As we move forward, we do it with love, forgiveness and empowered by the Holy Spirit towards peace.

With much love, Pastor Derrick

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick", written in a cursive style.

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

October 27, 2024, at 1:15pm

In-person at the Langley Campus as well as via live-stream

1. Opening – Pastor Derrick Hamre welcomed all members and adherents from Langley, Maple Ridge and Sooke campuses as well as those attending via live-stream.

- Time of prayer
- Welcome to New Members – Pastor Derrick acknowledged and welcomed new members accepted into CLA during 2023/2024.

2. Affirmation of Quorum – a total of 193 people, with 185 members registered; 41 online and 144 in-person (there were 8 non-members in attendance).

3. Appointments

- **Parliamentarian** – Peter Fassbender was introduced as the meeting parliamentarian.
- **Appointment of Recording Secretary** – Mallory Elvis-Obukowho was noted as the recording secretary for the meeting.
- **Scrutineers** – Team located in the board room at CLA Langley Campus to count the ballots.

4. Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes – The minutes of the October 22, 2023, Annual General Meeting, which were distributed to all members as part of the AGM notice and document package, were accepted with no follow-up business required. Moved and seconded. Carried – 100% approval.

5. Ratification Vote of Board Members – Pastor Derrick explained the process conducted by the Board Nominating Committee and introduced the four nominees and the motion for ratification of Board nominees. The nominees for a two-year term on the Board are:

1. Benjamin Neff
2. Jody Wandzura
3. Mallory Elvis-Obukowho
4. Peter Fassbender

Peter Fassbender is a new nominee. Benjamin Neff, Jody Wandzura and Mallory

Elvis-Obukowho are eligible for an additional two-year term. The results of the eligible ballots were:

1. Benjamin Neff – 99% approval
2. Jody Wandzura – 99% approval
3. Mallory Elvis-Obukowho – 99% approval
4. Peter Fassbender – 100% approval

Moved and seconded. Carried. The four nominated candidates were ratified to a two-year term on the CLA board. Pastor Derrick also noted the departure of Valerian Crasto from the CLA board.

6. Pastor's Report – Pastor Derrick presented his Pastoral report verbally as well as included it with the AGM document package, which was distributed to all members prior to meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report – The audited financial statements for CLA for the year ending June 30, 2024, were distributed to all members prior to the meeting as part of the AGM document package. Catherine de la Rambelje, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report and highlighted noteworthy figures.

- Moved and seconded a motion for the acceptance of the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024. Carried – 100% approval.
- Time of Q&A
 - » No questions for the Treasure's Report

8. Ratification of the Auditor – Catherine de la Rambelje recommended KMPG Chartered Professional Accountants, LLP be appointed again as the auditors for CLA.

Be it resolved that the membership of Christian Life Assembly hereby appoints KPMG, LLP as the auditor for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year in accordance with By-Law 14.3.

Moved and Seconded. Carried – 100% approval.

9. AGM Reports – Reports were presented by the following:

- Written Campus Pastor's reports were included as part of the AGM document package, which was distributed to all members prior to the meeting.

1. Pastor Mark Colwell – Maple Ridge
 2. Pastor Branden Holmquist – Sooke
 3. Pastor Bryce Lefebvre – Abbotsford
 4. Pastor Doug Frederick – Recovery Church
- In-person reports:
 1. Peter Fassbender – CLA Housing. Peter provided an update on Jennie Gagliardi Place (JGP).
 - » We are 100% rented.
 - » We had our first clean audit and have a responsibility each year to report to BC Housing.
 - » The Church Ambassadors at JGP play a vital role in the fulfilment of the vision.
 2. Ian Martens – Maple Ridge Redevelopment. Ian provided an update on the Maple Ridge redevelopment.
 - » We've had meetings with the city. We've had challenges around parking and are working with Keystone Architecture.
 - » With the recent election, there could be different funding models.
 - Time of Q&A
 1. Q: Is there an issue with ownership of Maple Ridge?
 A: When we took over Maple Ridge, we agreed that if we ever vacate the community, we will owe the original amount back to the PAOC. However, we have no intention of leaving. We have an agreement with the PAOC to continue ministry at the site, and the new development will serve as the new location for our campus.
 2. Q: Since the church is non-profit, are we allowed to have a for-profit business in Maple Ridge?
 A: We'd create a new corporation most likely, which would be presented to membership beforehand. Any profits would go back to the church and that would be outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws.
 3. Q: What is the timeframe for the Maple Ridge building?
 A: Likely 3-4 years minimum.
 4. Q: Who is funding the Maple Ridge redevelopment?
 A: At this point our costs have been very minimal, thanks to people donating their time. Hopefully in the new year there will be new government funding available.

Moved and seconded a motion for the acceptance of the AGM Ministry reports.
Carried – 100% approval.

10. Destruction of Ballots – Motion to destroy the ballots, both online and physical.

Moved and Seconded. Carried – 99% approval.

11. Adjournment 2:32 pm

Recorded:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mallory Elvis-Obukowho". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mallory Elvis-Obukowho, Secretary
Dated October 27, 2024

Maple Ridge Campus Redevelopment

For over 25 years the Maple Ridge campus has been a place of ministry and transformation. The property is a gift from God that we have sought to steward well. Yet the building is now aging, costly to repair, and increasingly a burden to maintain. While temporary fixes can keep us going, they do not provide a sustainable solution for the future.

Over the past seven years, CLA leadership has prayerfully considered options, consulted members and experts, and conducted feasibility studies. Increasingly, we believe God is leading us toward a redevelopment of the campus to ensure that ministry continues in Maple Ridge for generations to come.

In 2023, we began earnest planning for a community-oriented redevelopment. Our vision is a new, multi-purpose campus — a place where church and community life are intertwined. The plan envisions new worship and ministry space, daycare and preschool, commercial space, and residential housing. This approach will root the church in the heart of Maple Ridge and provide long-term sustainability for ministry.

God has provided us with a partner in HyLand Properties, a for-profit organization with a Christian mandate, connected with Mennonite Central Committee that funds that denomination's global projects. HyLand has fronted the professional costs to date and will act as development manager, while CLA retains shared decision-making to ensure ministry space is built to meet our needs.

As you consider this vote, please note several important safeguards:

- The agreement includes a termination clause, allowing CLA to withdraw if needed. If exercised, CLA would reimburse HyLand's soft costs — and we have already set aside funds to cover this.
- The project will require significant fundraising. The participation and generosity of our congregation will be essential.
- Any substantial borrowing or capital expenditures will require a separate, explicit vote of approval by the membership before proceeding.

This proposed development agreement outlines the terms, responsibilities, and shared vision between our church and the developer. It is not simply a legal or financial arrangement, but a commitment that will impact the future of our ministry, our community presence, and the legacy we pass on to future generations.

We believe this agreement lays the foundation for a legacy project — one that will serve Maple Ridge, bless the community, and create a sustainable home for ministry for decades to come. This vote asks you to authorize leadership to move forward with this development agreement.



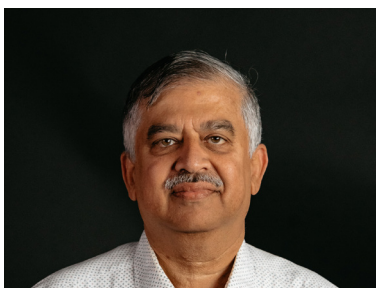
To view video enter:
<https://bit.ly/MR-Redevelopment>

Nominees to the Board



Ian (Danielle) Martens

Ian and his wife Danielle have been attending CLA for over 15 years, along with their 3 children, Bentley (13), Willow (11) and Lou (9). As a family, the Martens love to travel, play sports and games, and just be together. Over the years Ian has served on the board, been chair of the building committee and helped in the pre-marriage ministry. Ian works as a Development Consultant and his life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" NKJV.



Valerian (Clarissa) Crasto

Crasto Valerian (Val) and his family have attended CLA at our Maple Ridge campus for a total of 7 years. Val and Clarissa have a son named Joel who is 19 and is studying at the University of Waterloo in Ontario. They love to travel, visit places and meet people from all over the world. Val previously served on the Board of CLA for a two year term from 2022 to 2024 and has also served on the CLA Board Finance Committee for the last three years. Val is a CPA from Canada and has worked in various roles in banking and finance in the Middle East, Asia, USA and Canada since 1985 and retired at the end of October last year from Manulife Financial Corporation, where he served as Senior Director, Audit and Advisory Services. (full bio at clachurch.com/agm)



Catherine (Glenn) de la Rambelje

Cathy and Glenn have attended CLA for 7 ½ years. During this time, Cathy has served on the Finance Committee, led Marriage Ministry, Pre-marriage mentoring, First Impressions, various Kids Ministry events and as a Board Member (4 years) & Treasurer/Finance Chair (2 yrs) of CLA and CLA Housing Society. Glenn and Cathy have four adult children: Mallory (married to Elvis), Brendan (married to Annabelle), Cheryl (married to Logan) and Sarah. Cathy is the Director of Finance & Operations for the EFCC (at TWU) for the past 17 years. She loves that 90% of her work revolves around missions and ministry. (full bio at clachurch.com/agm)



Rebecca Straforelli

Rebecca and her family have attended CLA for 30 years. Over those 30 years, Rebecca has sung in the choir, taught Sunday School, led a Life Group (along with her late husband Philippe), led a Hub group for Rev Youth, volunteered in Women's ministry, served on the Prayer Team, taught adult education classes and is currently serving in the cafe on Sunday mornings. She has 4 children, Luc (24), Kate (22), Amy (20) and Mason (18). Psalm 23 became very meaningful to Rebecca while she walked through her husband's cancer diagnosis and subsequent death. She experienced the provision of the Shepherd preparing a table for her in the presence



Blair (Lorraine) Whitmarsh

Blair and his wife Lorraine have attended CLA for 29 years. Over their years at CLA they have served in Kids Ministry on Sunday mornings and led a Life Group. Blair and Lorraine love spending time with their 3 adult (married) daughters and their 6 grandchildren. Blair is employed at Trinity Western University as the Dean and Professor of Human Kinetics and Athletics and previously held a position in public service. (full bio at clachurch.com/agm)

Financial Statement Summary

Report From the Treasurer

It has once again been an honor to serve as CLA's Treasurer this past year. Throughout 2024–25, I was often reminded that God is our great Provider, and that these are truly exciting times to witness His work in and through CLA. This fiscal year has been a season of transition, yet our faith remains steadfast as we trust in the Spirit's guidance and in God's leading of His church. There is much to celebrate—God has done great things within our CLA family, in our community, and around the world as we Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go.

As I present the Treasurer's Report for 2025, I am deeply grateful for the faithfulness and sacrificial generosity of our CLA family. On behalf of the Board, I want to sincerely thank each of you for your continued financial support of CLA's ministries and missions. Your giving has empowered our church to meet its obligations, support our dedicated staff, fund vital ministries, and partner with mission efforts locally and globally. I am pleased to report that our overall financial position has once again improved over the previous year.

Special thanks go to Pastor Derrick and his team for their diligence in faithfully managing the resources entrusted to CLA. I also want to express appreciation to Neil Muth, our Church Manager, and our Controllers @ControllershshipPlus, who ensure our finances are handled with integrity and accountability, and to the members of our Finance Committee and Board for their commitment to wise and faithful stewardship. Together, we strive to manage CLA's resources responsibly so that we can continue to be effective enablers of mission.

There is indeed much to celebrate this year. We launched a new campus, paid off our debt, and raised nearly \$1 million for missions! Despite uncertain economic conditions in 2025, your generosity remained remarkable—tithes exceeded budget by 5%. The net result of our operations for the fiscal year (before amortization) was an operating surplus of \$562,315. This surplus allowed us to fund additional key initiatives totaling \$500,000, including:

- Startup costs for the Abbotsford Campus
- Partial replacement of the Langley roof and new sanctuary screens
- Exploration and development work for the Maple Ridge campus
- Completion of kitchen renovations in Sooke
- Full repayment of our remaining mortgage

Financially, we ended the year in a strong position. Both our cash reserves and unrestricted net assets increased, placing us on a solid foundation for the year ahead.

As we reflect on this season, we are reminded of Jeremiah 29:11, which declares: 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

May this promise renew our hope and strengthen our faith as we continue to seek God's wisdom, provision, and goodness. To Him be all the glory for what He has done—and for all that He will yet do—through CLA.

With a grateful heart for the privilege of serving alongside you,

Catherine de la Rambelje

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine de la Rambelje', written in a cursive style.

Balance Sheet

2025

2024

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$1,151,767	\$942,679
Investments and other assets	\$365,924	\$352,611
Capital assets	\$6,066,151	\$5,885,777

	\$7,583,842	\$7,181,067
--	-------------	-------------

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable & Other current accrued liabilities	\$1,062,404	\$1,224,290
Deferred capital contributions	\$1,783,970	\$1,403,545
Long-term debt	-	\$124,871
Net assets	\$4,737,468	\$4,428,361

	\$7,583,842	\$7,181,067
--	-------------	-------------

Statement of Operations

REVENUE

Langley	\$5,643,765	\$5,316,305
Maple Ridge	\$572,718	\$586,349
Sooke	\$186,626	\$143,755
Abbotsford	\$143,363	-
Missions	\$885,527	\$1,266,762

	\$7,431,999	\$7,313,171
--	-------------	-------------

EXPENSES

Langley	\$4,978,701	\$4,978,701
Maple Ridge	\$564,699	\$564,699
Sooke	\$115,146	\$115,146
Abbotsford	\$180,655	-
Missions	\$885,527	\$928,157

	\$6,869,684	\$6,925,308
--	-------------	-------------

Excess of revenue over expenses before the under-noted - operating	\$562,315	\$387,863
--	-----------	-----------

NON-CASH ITEMS

Net Amortization	\$(253,208)	\$(360,858)
Deferred Capital Contributions	-	\$205,961

	\$(253,208)	\$(154,897)
--	--------------------	--------------------

Excess of revenue over expenses	\$309,107	\$232,966
---------------------------------	-----------	-----------