

## Bethel Council Highlights

### From Council:

- **Pastor of Outreach and Mission + Upcoming Congregational Vote:** Thank you for your prayers during our discernment process for calling a pastor to focus on outreach and missions. We're excited to share that the calling committee's recommendation to council has been for us to call Cathy Ferchau, who became eligible for a call to ministry at Synod this week.  
*Full Council voted on the motion to recommend to the congregation that we call Cathy Ferchau to the position of Pastor of Outreach and Mission. Council strongly affirmed this motion. We will vote as a church on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are grateful for God's call on Cathy's life, her desire to serve at Bethel and the gifts that she brings to this position. See the newsletter for more details.*
- **Transition of leadership:** We welcomed Jare Osho, Ashley Patton, Peter Rietveld, John Buisman, Arnold Groot and Doug Barr. Jeannie Visser and Ed Dening will be welcomed at future meetings. We are grateful for these new members and the gifts they will use on our teams. Their installation will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**THANK YOU** to Ed Dubbeldam, Mike Huisman Tara Kilkenny, Richard Vriend, Ritta Vandermeulen, Jordan Stellingwerff and Linda Bird for your faithful service on council. The challenges of leading our church through staff transitions and Covid times were an extra weight they carried. May God bless you. We are grateful for you.
- **HSR & Synod Meeting (June 4):** Thank you to those that joined us for this discussion. We were grateful for the reminder that everyone is made in the image of God and our responsibility to care for the lonely and the oppressed. We will look to continue conversation in the fall in light of decisions made at Synod. Our mission at Bethel is to become like Christ and share him with others. We are committed to exploring how this must also shape how we understand sexuality in all aspects of our lives together—not lessening our efforts to love and support our neighbours as ourselves.
- **Canada Student Grant results shortfall "correction":** The Finance committee has confirmed budgeted funds for the summer intern positions. The expected shortfall from a reduction in grant support has been reduced to \$717.00. This additional expense will be covered by the Holy Spirit fund. We apologize for the miscommunication.
- **Current Budget:** Council is grateful for donations received. We are reviewing our budget to identify funds that will not be used in this current ministry year mostly due to plans where staff and/or ministry leaders have not been found to pursue ministry in specific areas we had expected. We continue to encourage staff to fulfill their ministry plans and are excited for summer ministries. We plan to provide updated numbers about the budget for you next month. Thank you for your faithful giving.
- **Face-to-Face time:** GE met with Lisa Vander Heide, our Worship Director, to reflect, pray and bless her in ongoing ministry at Bethel. It was exciting to hear about the plans for worship, training leaders and the opportunities that the worship grant offers. We are so grateful for Lisa and our staff. They are a gift to our church.

Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings, from Bethel Council

**Be with Jesus (Communion)**  
**Be with one another (Community)**

**Play your role in God's family (Calling)**  
**Develop Emerging Leaders (Grow Young)**