

# Executive Director's Report

by Reg Toews

This past year has been one of learning in my new role here at BCMB. One of the key aspects that I am encouraging is a strong commitment to being a praying conference. As we gather for our annual meeting, it is my deepest desire that we would make prayer a priority. As I met with almost all of our lead pastors over the past year, I have been asking what prayer looks like in their church. I am encouraged by the responses, with many saying that prayer is becoming more of a priority. I want to deepen my own prayer life as well.

Our theme verse comes from the early church in the book of Acts where it states, **"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."** Acts 4:31

Instead of shrinking back from preaching the good news after a time of persecution, the early church stepped up with renewed vigour in sharing the message of Jesus' love and salvation. The result of their prayer was a powerful action of God, filling them to overflowing with the Holy Spirit and giving them courage to speak out the word of God. May this be our prayer, both in our time together, and into this next year of ministry.

**BCMB is on a mission.** It is the mission of the church given to us by Jesus. It is encapsulated in

the Great Commandment (to love God and to love our neighbour) and in the Great Commission to GO and make disciples, baptizing and teaching both locally and globally. Out of this comes our vision **"to multiply Christ-centered churches to see the people of BC transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ."** Over the next year, our leadership is working to clarify and support the vision that God is giving to us as a community of churches. We are working to make our decision-making more nimble to allow for increased ministry effectiveness.

**We are a conference of churches.** This means that we walk and serve together in our unique contexts to fulfill God's mission to those who desperately need to hear and respond to the gospel message. The conference staff are here to serve our churches. We are working on what we can provide to you beyond what we already do as we encourage evangelism and equip healthy leaders for growing ministries.

As you read the reports, look at where God is at work. He is doing great things. Our convention will look a bit different this year. Friday night we will focus on Word & Spirit with our guest speaker, Daniel Im, lead pastor at Beulah Alliance in Edmonton, AB.

Then on Saturday, we will take the morning to celebrate through songs, stories and prayer.



The focus will be on our four pillars of ministry: Church Renewal, Multiplying Churches, Leadership Development, and Community Building. All of these will reveal how God is at work. We will also spend time praying for each of these areas, celebrating and asking God to do more.

I want to thank all of our pastors for their commitment and passion for growing disciples who will disciple others. It is through discipleship that we will see our province transformed and renewed with the good news that is ours to experience and to share.

It has been almost one year since I started in this role, and I am blessed to serve you and to serve alongside you. Our staff are committed to provide the best service. It is my privilege to work with them. Please take a moment to send a note or give a word of encouragement to them.

## Church Renewal Initiative Fund: Past, Present, and Future

The Church Renewal Initiative Fund was established in 2023 with \$648,486 to support renewal efforts. In 2024, BCMB used \$131,890, leaving a balance of \$478,074 to begin 2025.

How we used the fund in 2024:

- **Set-up Costs:** Hiring an Executive Director, compensation, sourcing, developing, and implementing renewal initiatives.
- **Church Renewal Initiatives:** Development, ministry expenses, and event support.

For 2025, we have integrated these funds within our overall budget, preparing to reduce reliance on the initiative fund while maintaining church renewal as a priority. BCMB plans to budget \$200,000 from the initiative fund in 2026, with a small remaining balance available in 2027. The gradual transition toward integrating these costs into our core budget ensures that church renewal remains a priority while moving toward long-term financial sustainability. See chart below for more details.

### Church Renewal Initiative Fund

|  | 2024 Actual    | 2025 Budget    | 2026 Pro Forma | 2027 Pro Forma |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Church Renewal Initiative Restricted Beginning Year Balance</b> | 609,964        | 478,074        | 221,074        | 21,074         |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                |                |                |                |
| Personnel  | 86,701         | 82,000         | 85,000         | 21,074         |
| Development and Church Resourcing                                  | 45,189         | 113,000        | 75,000         |                |
| Board and Committee Expenses                                       |                | 4,000          | 6,000          |                |
| Events   |                | 50,000         | 30,000         |                |
| Communication  |                | 5,000          | 3,000          |                |
| Office Expenses  |                | 3,000          | 1,000          |                |
| <b>TOTAL Expenses</b>  | <b>131,890</b> | <b>257,000</b> | <b>200,000</b> | <b>21,074</b>  |