Markham Baptist Church

Congregational Meeting

November 14, 2022

MODERATOR’S COMMENTS

Thank you for taking time ato attend tonight’s congregational meeting.

Congregational meetings are great when we can all meet in-person, have coffee, and have fellowship at the same time. Sometimes they can be fun, or even exciting. Even on Zoom. I hope you at least have your snacks and coffee nearby.

Yes, we are required to have 3 Congregational meetings per year. June centers on Nominations, February on Budget, and November ??? ……..How do you make that one exciting?

Let’s try.

Remember

Our theme for this year is **Hope.** Psalm 71:14 “But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more”.

Committees do have to report to the members. But this year the committee chairs will only have 2- 3 minutes each to report on new things.

This year you, the members will have an opportunity to speak. To share your hopes and dreams for MBC in 2023.

In a few minutes, with Alexandra and Camilo’s help, you will be asked to join a “breakout room” to share your hopes and dreams for the coming MBC year. Things we can do together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pastor craig will facilitate.

There are no wrong answers. No deep thoughts are needed. Just forget COVID, relax and reflect for a few minutes and dream. “It would be wonderful if……….”

**Before that I want to tell you about some things that are exciting and encouraging that you need to know**

1 We have two new babies. Esther Valdez and Elora Wobo whom we met yesterday

2 Secondly, More and more people are coming out on Sunday mornings, Not just the regular few, but also, teenagers and new people. They are obviously spiritually moved by the worship with us. One new person told me he appreciated the intimacy of MBC and felt at home when he came.

Thanks to our Technology and our Tech Team for continuing with on-line services for those who just can’t come. But we certainly miss seeing you in-person. MBC is a church, the body of Christ we come together to worship him. He is the focus of our worship. We come to serve him.

3 Thirdly, Last winter more than 83 people registered for the Indigenous Dialogues, led by Dr Terry LeBlanc. There were people from BC to Newfoundland and as far away as Guatemala. The final survey showed appreciation for the topic, the speaker, the technology, and the ease of registration, thanks to Alexandra.

There was a suggestion for more interaction. There will be more interactive dialogue this year

The “Social Committee Task Force is back to work. The members last year were Pastor Craig, Sam Khiatini, Kaitlyn MacDonald, This year we are happy to add Friday Ajakaiye Grace Martinez and George Williams.

We are looking forward to holding 6 sessions every other Tuesday evening February 28 to May 9 .

The Topic will be the implications of Poverty among our neighbours in Markham- Unionville

. ( 17% of the population of Markham Unionville live below the minimum wage)

These sessions are open to the community and other churches in the community are invited. Most of the speakers are from our community and were enthused to participate with us.

Registration will start on January 8.

# 4 We are pleased that the Nursery has been re-opened, that the Gym is open on Wednesdays and that Sheila Stevens is offering a class for teens and Kimberley is continues with the little kids

# 5 The MBC Plan to protect is being updated by Carolyn Hoover. The MBC’s designates for the plan to protect are Niran and Funke Oyedemi with backup provided by Carolyn Hoover, who is also now part of the Trainer team. Ruth Currie continues to assist, with records and monitoring classrooms when children are present. Special Thanks to this team of dedicated people

#6 In May 2022, CBOQ elected our pastor Rev Craig Rumble as President. A one-year term with a follow up year as Past President. Please pray for Craig, that he will have wisdom, discernment, good health, and endurance.

#7 Please continue to pray for MBC, for Alexandra, for the Board of Directors and for each committee member and volunteer.

In closing

MBC is you! each of you, There are many ,many gifts at MBC. MBC is all of us together, one body called to worship and serve the Lord as he directs

Our purpose is to honour Him.

*MBC Mission: Through the Holy Spirit we seek to; worship God, become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ and invite others to join us in this life changing experience*

Respectfully submitted

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