



NOWTHEN  
ALLIANCE  
CHURCH

# 2020 Annual Report

Annual Meeting  
April 15, 2021

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**Nowthen Alliance Church  
Annual Meeting Minutes 2020**

The annual meeting that was scheduled for April 16, 2020 was initially postponed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the state mandates surrounding large group in person gatherings. As the pandemic continued through the spring and early summer it was apparent that an in person meeting was not going to be feasible, so the decision was made by the Elder board to have a mail out ballot system for voting for the open positions.

The ballots were sent out the week of July 15th by mail along with the ministry updates (email and video). The Elders represented the congregation in choosing the two initial nominating committee members for the following year.

There were 97 members that voted in the election process and the 2019 annual meeting minutes/reports were approved by the Elder board during their August 4th 2020 meeting.

The year 2020 was unique and challenging to say the least, but it led to new and creative ways to perform ministry and this annual meeting was no exception.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Sundstrom, Secretary**

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**(Lynda Blake, Tom Greenberg, Natalie Hollinger, Nate Kemper, Terry Petro)  
2021 ANNUAL MEETING (April 15, 2021)  
NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH**

## **ELDERS:**

### **Nominees election until 2024:**

**Jim Bremer  
Ben Lorenz**

### **Continuing until 2023:**

**Chris Bauer  
Scott Jones**

### **Continuing until 2022:**

**Terrance Petro**

### **Nominee for election to fill vacancy:**

**Ryan Hinson**

## **OFFICERS:**

**Stan Selander (Up for election until 2024)**

**Eric Sundstrom (Continuing until 2022)**

**Dave Janiga (Continuing until 2023)**

**Assistant Treasurer**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

## **DEACONESSES:**

### **Nominees (Two Year Term):**

**Donna Bremer  
Cindy Goodrich  
Julie Hall  
Liz Lorenz**

### **Continuing (Until 2022):**

**Donella Petro  
Dorene Russell**

### **Nominees for 1 year vacancy:**

**Jeannie Murdock  
Becky Wilson**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The names of nominees are in **BOLD BLACK LETTERS**.

### **BYLAW:**

“After the slate has been posted, members of the congregation may nominate for any position by submitting the nomination in writing signed by at least two active members to the Nominating Committee at least five calendar days prior to an annual meeting. These names shall be added to the posted list.”

**NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH**  
**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**  
**133 Members as of December 31, 2020**

Arco, Gabriella  
Arco, Zachary  
Bagwell, Brian  
Bagwell, Tanya  
Bauer, Chris  
Bauer, Brenda  
Berg, James  
Berg, Jan  
Bergfalk, Kelsey  
Bergfalk, Robert  
Blake, Dennis  
Blake, Lynda  
Boesiger, Bette  
Brand, Rick  
Brand, Susan  
Bremer, Donna  
Bremer, Jim  
Burquest, Aaron  
Burquest, Leah  
Cervin, Craig  
Coons, Dennis  
Coons, Ruthie  
Danielson, Roger  
Deedrick, Alyssa  
Deedrick, Tim  
Edgar, Eric  
Edgar, Sarah  
Edlund, Shirley  
Fischer, Sheryl  
Frame, Cheri  
Frame, Tim  
Fredell, Lois  
Fredell, Scott  
Freshour, Lee

Gerdes, Sharon  
Gerdes, Terrance  
Goodrich, Cindy  
Goodrich, Wayne  
Greenberg, Betty  
Greenberg, Ellen  
Greenberg, Joel  
Greenberg, Karen  
Greenberg, Ruby  
Greenberg, Tom  
Haag, Dianne  
Haag, Russ  
Hall, Dennis  
Hall, Julie  
Hannah, Donna  
Hinson, Ryan  
Hinson, Sharon  
Hollinger, Mike  
Hollinger, Natalie  
Huber, Helen  
Huber, Lee  
Hunter, Becky  
Hunter, Nathan  
Ingalls, Lawren  
Ingalls, Karen  
Janiga, Dave  
Janiga, Kara  
Jones, Mary  
Jones, Scott  
Keeney, Paul  
Keeney, Virginia  
Kemper, Jennifer  
Kemper, Nathan  
Kern, Doug

Kern, Linda  
Kirkpatrick, Todd  
Kirkpatrick, Nicole  
Lorenz, Ben  
Lorenz, Liz  
Manske, Carol  
Manske, George  
Manske, Stacy  
Manske, Todd  
Moore, Linda  
Moore, Robert  
Morgan, Cherie  
Morgan, Matt  
Morrison, Patricia  
Morse, Cliff  
Morse, Wilma  
Mucha, Jana  
Mucha, Jon  
Murdock, Jeannie  
Murdock, Kent  
Nordhausen, Jan  
Nydham, Don  
Nydham, Sharilyn  
Ogg, Larry  
Ogg, Lorraine  
Ohman, Karen  
Olson, Barbara  
Olson, Cliff  
Overbye, Al  
Palmquist, Gary  
Palmquist, Robyn  
Petersen, Jan  
Petersen, Randy  
Petro, Donella

Petro, Terry  
Pettman, Lois  
Pettman, Tim  
Powers, Bruce  
Powers, Laura  
Riesberg, Randy  
Riesberg, Jane  
Russell, Doreen  
Russell, Maurice  
Schulz, Jerri  
Selander, Gladys  
Selander, Stan  
Snavelly, Kathy  
Snavelly, Rob  
Snead, Grace  
Snead, Lee  
Stenzel, Debbie  
Stenzel, Paul  
Stoesz, Peggy  
Stone, Ed  
Sundstrom, Eric  
Sundstrom, Meagan  
Thompson, Nancy  
Tong, Jan  
Watson, Donald  
Watson, Maude-Ruth  
Wilder, Ryan  
Wilder, Amanda  
Wilhelmi, JoLeen  
Wilson, Becky  
Wilson, Harry

## Lead Pastor Nate Kemper - Annual Report of 2020

Pastoring in 2020 has been filled with unique challenges, decisions, and celebrations. Life in general was thrown off for most of us as the Covid pandemic arrived in March. I'm thankful for the team of staff and elected leaders around me who have navigated the variety of reactions we needed to have and decisions we needed to make in light of an experience none of us were ever trained to lead through. More than that though, I'm thankful for a God who never changes and meets us in every unique circumstance and location.

It was a joy to spend a day with the staff and board in January of 2020 establishing some 5 year hopes for the church and creating some steps to start meeting them. We are hopeful for many of those to go on as planned even though some had to be put on hold because of the pandemic.

I was privileged to lead and serve with a team of 9 from our church in Taiwan as we flew to serve with our partners at Aroma there in Taipei. We ended up being the only mission team they were able to host in 2020. I also thoroughly enjoyed the Valentines Banquet that Pastor Bruce and his team organized and YoungLife presented at. That was about the last normal feeling thing in ministry programming in 2020.

The pandemic then created new challenges and new opportunities as it arrived in early March. We had 2 days notice to learn how to stream our services and while there have been occasional glitches, I've been thankful we've found ways to provide corporate worship and some connection even when we couldn't be together in the ways we had been used to. Many of us are still looking forward to our connections feeling more natural again but I'm thankful for the adaptations and grace extended as we responded to mandates and guidance put in place by our authorities.

While many ministries had to hit pause, we also got to see some new things happen. A variety of family nights were planned throughout the summer and fall, 3 different ministry models for Sunday Mornings, and a highlight for many of us as we had outdoor services for three weeks as summer closed. We also saw a drive-thru Good Friday event as well as Christmas experience. It was a variety of practical changes as we still exist to equip people to find life and faith in Christ.

We got to see that happen as well. We had 9 people give their life to Christ through our programming and ministries in 2020. We also had 9 people express their faith in baptism last year as well. What a privilege for us to see God still working in such clear ways.

I am admittedly excited to move on from 2020. I feel more equipped to respond to an ever changing environment, have more belief in our staff and leaders to find where God is moving and join Him in it, but most importantly have deepening faith that God is using the changes around us to shape us better into the family of believers He longs us to be. It's a privilege to serve in this role and I'm excited to see how God continues working in and through us for the benefit of His name and Kingdom.

## Associate Pastor - Annual Report 2020

**Introduction:** This is my eighth year on staff at Nowthen. My primary tasks have included: facility management, administration & communications, missions, and general pastoral care. While most of my responsibilities have been “behind the scenes,” I continue to experience a taste of teaching, visitation; counseling, and preaching. It continues to be a blessing to serve at NAC.

**Administration & Communications:** In 2020 we made significant changes to ministry as a result of the Covid pandemic. We shifted from three services to two services and added equipment so that we could stream all services. As of the end of 2020 we find that over half of our attendance is made up of people joining our worship services remotely. We continue to do our best to balance Romans 13 with the directives of the Church to worship and fellowship in unity. We pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our Elders in these matters – understanding that while methods may change the message is constant!

**Facilities:** In addition to Covid, we addressed a number of major repairs in 2020. In February of 2020 we experienced significant roof leakage in the building. By late summer God provided a vendor to us that understood the realities of church operation, damage mitigation, and insurance coverage. In conjunction with our insurance company, the Oasis group mitigated interior water damage and replaced our shingled roof in late fall. At the same time, they developed a plan to repair structural damage to our roof and replace the flat roof – this work will be completed soon. Finally, the Oasis group will return the interior spaces of buildings B and C to “like new” condition. When completed, Nowthen will have almost a quarter million dollars in improvements covered by insurance.

**Missions:** In January of 2020 we sent of team from Nowthen to work with the O’Dell family in Taiwan. Because of Covid we needed to cancel the short term trip to Ecuador in June of 2020. The Missions team continues our three-tier approach aligning with Acts 1:8. Our global tier includes our partnerships with Taiwan and Ecuador as well as our commitment to the Great Commission Fund. Kalen and Britta Thrane are now working at the Bongola hospital in Gabon, west Africa. Chad and Yoon Newman left China in 2020 and are now involved in ministry in Indonesia. Our regional tier focuses on the Vineland church and its re-opening in the spring of 2018. We implement our local tier via monthly Missions Partners including: ABBA, Young Life, CAER, Samaritan’s Purse, Compassion International, The Alliance Women, CAMA, GCF, and local giving ministries.

**Pastoral Care:** The pandemic required us to make significant changes in pastoral care. In 2020 we combined a number of ministries into the CARE team. Members of the CARE team contact visitation, offer assistance and provide pastoral care for our congregation. For those unable to attend Nowthen in person I have prepared three video SS classes in 2020.

In conclusion, I want to thank Laura, my bride of 40 years, for her faithful support and constant love. Laura and I thank each of you for your encouragement to us this past year. Blessings to each of you!

Sincerely, Pastor Bruce

## **Nowthen Student Ministries – Annual Report of 2020**

What a year! We have seen lots of changes over the last year and are grateful for the way we have seen God continue to move! There is a lot of energy within our student ministries, and increased unity compared to a year ago!

We are so grateful for our leaders who have continued to serve in the midst of change! Our leadership team that closed out 2020 includes: Zach and Abby Arco, Aaron and Leah Burquest and Randy and Karen Kleinman. I am extremely grateful for the time and energy they pour into our students; they make an incredible difference!

When COVID changed things in March of 2020, we switched our in-person Wednesday night services to Zoom. We were able to continue to have momentum with our middle and high schoolers, providing an online service with worship, prayer, message, and discussion. We're thankful for Pastor Nathan as he recorded worship for us! Our leaders were still able to pour into our students each service, and we had an hour of online games afterward for students to connect as well. We all got used to using Zoom pretty quickly, and we're grateful for technology and everyone's willingness to be flexible.

As the year continued, we changed up the way we engaged with students. Instead of meeting in person and doing retreats and trips, we engaged with a daily Bible study over Zoom going through the book of Genesis verse by verse. We also had days where we were playing Jackbox games online and had fun events like an illusionist for our students and kids! With our limited interaction with students, we gave extra discipleship resources through Axis to our parents and encouraged them to take advantage of extra time with their kids!

One of the things we were able to do to support our students this past year was to deliver care packages over the summer! There was a long Bible study for them to engage in, an opportunity to play Bingo through doing summer activities, and extra goodies to snack on! BIG thanks to everyone who helped put these together and deliver them!

Once the school year started in the fall, we moved back to being in-person and met as a group in our youth room. Instead of doing a full service, we have time to play games then we have a longer interactive lesson. We have both middle and high schoolers back together again, and we're thankful to continue to see growth in spiritual formation. Our Sunday School was able to start up again as well.

As I reflect on the last year and look ahead to the transition this summer, I find myself with lots of emotions. I'm incredibly grateful for the ways God has allowed me to be a part of our student's faith journeys but am sad that my time will end shortly. While we are excited to what God has called us to, I will truly miss time with our students and leaders. We're praying alongside Nowthen as the search continues for the next youth pastor. We are confident God will bring the right person that will be able to bring our student ministries to the next level.

In Christ,

Rob Bergfalk – Youth Pastor



## Worship Ministries - 2020 Annual Report

A few words describe 2020 for me in worship ministries. Those words are technology; rise up; and discover eternal priorities.

**\* Technology:** How we worshipped changed significantly in 2020. Who we worship never changed, but how we worshiped did change. People weren't able to be in the building for a time, and some haven't been in the building for over a year. As a result, we needed a resource to encourage people to worship God outside the walls of the church. This meant using video and excellent audio. We hadn't used video for worship music previously and including the recording of ten people on instruments and vocals is more complex. A large piece of 2021 will be using technology to connect with people outside the walls of the church in better ways. To that end, we purchased cameras, computers, iPads, software and hardware in 2020. I'm grateful for Pastor Nate's quick ability to traverse through new tech. I also leaned on friends and leaders in other churches to help us know how best to use this. They have been a great resource for us.

**\* Rise up and find a way.** In 2020, leaders of the state shut the church down due to Covid. However, we must live out our relationship with God AND with one another. God did not design our worship of Him to be in isolation. Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." This takes humility. Worship of Jesus needs to be done WITH other believers, growing TOGETHER, sharing our joys and challenges together. Hebrews 10:24 and 25 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Covid gave us lemons. So we need to make lemonade. Therefore, the line "rise up and find a way" entered my vernacular. This leads me to challenge all of you. The online service at Nowthen will not serve you well if that resource is the only way you worship Jesus. While it may not be possible for some, if you are able, come to church, meet together, connect with other believers, participate in what God is doing, take a risk relationally and share your heart with someone and ask how they are doing. Get connected in a small group. Lead a small group. Don't give up meeting. We need your leadership, and we need to worship with one another! Come. Grow. Participate. Care. Invest.

**\* Discover eternal priorities.** It is possible to do church so well that we don't need the Holy Spirit. I hate this reality. We can look like a church, sound like a church, do the things a church does, and do it all without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. This is wrong. Doing church and being the church are different things. A church running without the Holy Spirit can be exhausting. I'm not saying we're doing this, but I know it is easy for me to do the things a church should do rather than being the church God has designed for it to be. I can do things in my power and have nothing to show for it in the end. Covid has challenged me to discover the priority of depending on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to guide me, lead me through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, empower me to participate in what He is doing, and fill me...THEN, together, we can be the church, love the unchurched, and worship Jesus as the church.

## **Worship Ministries – Annual Report of 2020 (page 2)**

### **2021 goals**

\*Create excellence consistently for people to a great Sunday experience in the building and online by:

- Training musicians and tech people to do their role well.
- Invite everyone to participate somewhere in the church by restarting the Growth Track.
- Grow small groups and small group leaders so we are creating environments of discipleship, care, and building relationships.
- Create an atmosphere in greeters and ushers to welcome and care for people that come to Nowthen Alliance.
- Create, design and build a balcony for the tech equipment in the gym, to allow the gym to be used and the equipment to be protected.
- Update 3 cameras in the gym and 3 cameras in the sanctuary.
- Restart the orchestra.
- Create a consistent flow of communication to allow the church to lead well and people to know how to engage consistently.
- Engage with other worship pastors to grow personally and spiritually.
- Write and record 10 instrumental songs.
- Read 7 leadership and spiritual formation books.
- Stay dependent on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide me by taking time weekly to be in the Word of God; be with other believers; and in relationships with unbelievers to encourage them to Jesus.

Nathan Hunter  
Worship Pastor

## Children's Ministries – Annual Report of 2020

The families, staff, and board of Nowthen continue to be a blessing to me and my family, especially through this year. I am so thankful for all of you. While 2020 looked wildly different than any other time in our ministry, God's love and provision are constant. This year we celebrate new children coming to know Christ as their savior, God working through our volunteers to impact their lives, and the generous giving of our families. We cannot be appreciative enough for the flexibility and adaptability of this church community. Everything had to change and through you God still made it thrive. God took care of us in 2020. We start 2021 leaning in and focusing on what God has for the children and families of this community.

### **Celebrating 2020...Children's Ministry had a great year blessed by God.**

- Our nursery welcomed a lot of new faces in 2020 and it is quite the hip hopping place. Thankfully, we have an amazing crew of volunteers serving in both the nursery and Sunday school. Sunday mornings this year required some adaptability as we went from in person to online early in the year and then back to in person in the fall. We have continued to have some online Sunday school options available which was a new addition this year.
- AWANA ended the school year online and had a fun, drive-through awards. We started the fall off online with well attended, once-a-month family nights. The volunteers continue to run this program well and make an impact on children's lives.
- We introduced family nights throughout the Summer and Fall. These nights were a great time for community and connection as well as Biblical teaching. Along the way we got to experience some incredibly fun things: juggler, a donut truck, mini golf, frisbee golf, silent auction, hayrides, and even a movie night.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for your time, energy and all the resources you put into this year. Without you we could not do ministry so well. Thank you for investing in children so they can find life and faith in Christ.

### **Looking ahead in 2021...**

**Sunday Morning Ministries:** We are blessed by wonderfully faithful Sunday School teachers who show great care as they teach kids to find life and faith in Christ. In our classes our teachers lay Biblical foundations to help kids gain knowledge of who God is. The nursery continues to grow, and our volunteers show so much love to the little ones as they play. We trust that 2021 will be a year God uses help the children at Nowthen grow in their faith.

**Midweek Ministry:** The AWANA program is a great place for kids to grow in their faith and hear about God through building relationships, Bible memorization and Biblical teachings. The Directors and volunteers have poured their hearts into the kids lives and program making it a successful night where they feel accepted, loved, and valued. We are looking forward as AWANA continues to expand the Kingdom of God.

**Sumer Programs:** Corner Ball Club will be back this year starting in late May. VBS will take place late July Our theme this year will be Concrete and Cranes. We look forward to a great Summer of activities.

In Christ,  
Cherie Morgan – Children's Ministry Director

## Statements of Activities - 2020 Annual Report

Years Ended December 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018

	2020	2019	2018
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Worship Service Offerings:			
General Operating Fund	695,690	696,760	673,516
Mortgage Principal Reduction	19,650	26,192	30,393
Other Income	3,346	5,384	10,106
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>718,685</b>	<b>728,336</b>	<b>714,014</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Worship Services	7,302	8,556	8,202
Adult & Family Ministries	3,679	3,548	11,377
Youth Ministries	10,434	16,002	12,001
Children's Ministries	15,509	11,990	10,725
Personnel	375,259	385,487	393,465
Denominational Assessments	33,246	32,832	33,648
Building and Grounds:			
Maintenance & Insurance	78,100	73,810	81,660
Utilities	29,861	33,286	33,857
Interest on Building Loan	29,765	32,255	34,840
Other Operating Expenses	58,971	69,338	60,675
Amortization & Depreciation	89,924	90,966	86,965
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>732,051</b>	<b>758,069</b>	<b>767,415</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(13,366)</b>	<b>(29,733)</b>	<b>(53,400)</b>

**Notes:**

The interest rate on building loan is locked in until June 1, 2022\*. The current interest rate is 4.87% Current monthly loan payment is \$4,461. \* We are in the process of refinancing. Future interest rate will be 3.85% and the future monthly payment will be \$2,560.

Capital improvements made during year 2018 include: Upgrading technology in the Lower Worship Center with a new microphone system, sound board, & monitor, continuing to replace light fixtures for greater efficiency, adding security lighting by elevators & stairwells, and laying gravel on the driveway to the Café.

Capital improvements made during year 2019 include: replacing a parking lot light that fell, installing a new water fountain, and upgrading light fixtures for greater efficiency.

Capital Improvements made during year 2020 include: A computer to offer our services online and live-streamed; two large screens for the sanctuary.

## Statements of Cash Flows - 2020 Annual Report

	Local Activities	Designated Funds	YTD Total
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Change in Net Assets	(13,366)		(13,366)
Depreciation Expense	89,924		89,924
Prepaid Expenses	(1,713)		(1,713)
Accounts Receivable	3,800		3,800
Interest Payable	(207)		(207)
Accounts Payable	77,668	(6,218)	71,451
Net Cash From Operations	156,108	(6,218)	149,890
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Building & Improvements	(5,107)		(5,107)
Furniture and Equipment			-
Net Cash Used For Investing	(5,107)		(5,107)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Building Loan Principle Reduced	(48,860)		(48,860)
Net Cash Used For Financing	(48,860)		(48,860)
Net Cash Increase (Decrease)	102,140	(6,218)	95,923
Cash at Beginning of Year	117,136	18,076	135,212
Cash at End of Year	219,276	11,858	231,134
<b>Accounts Payable</b>			
Accounts Payable	97,564		97,564
Building Loan Payment Due Jan 1	4,461		4,461
Mortgage Principal Due Jan 1	2,372		2,372
Other Restricted Funds		11,858	11,858
Cash Available	114,880		114,880

## Statements of Financial Position - December 31, 2020, 2019, and 2018

	2020	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash In Bank	231,134	135,212	137,482
Accounts Receivable	4,900	8,700	11,302
Prepaid Expenses	7,271	5,558	4,783
Buildings & Improvements (Net of Depreciation)	1,606,087	1,683,401	1,755,937
Furniture & Equipment (Net of Depreciation)	44,347	50,023	61,964
Loan Costs (Net of Amortization)	11,571	13,398	15,225
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,905,310</b>	<b>1,896,292</b>	<b>1,986,693</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	97,564	19,896	33,902
Interest Payable	2,089	2,296	2,519
Designated Giving	11,858	18,076	12,639
Arvid/Fern Anderson Memorial	40,000	40,000	40,000
Audrey Anderson Memorial	41,354	41,354	41,354
Building Loan	497,946	546,806	598,681
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>690,811</b>	<b>668,427</b>	<b>729,095</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,214,499</b>	<b>1,227,865</b>	<b>1,257,598</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>1,905,310</b>	<b>1,896,292</b>	<b>1,986,693</b>

## Designated Contributions - 2020 Annual Report

### Breakdown of Designated Contributions

	2020	2019	2018
<b>Designated Giving Categories:</b>			
<b>C&amp;MA Great Commission Fund</b>	61624	68,889	69,844
<b>C A M A Services</b>	600	450	320
<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	14750	13,011	30,545
<b>Memorials Fund</b>	270	810	1,520
<b>Thanksgiving Offering</b>		2,563	
<b>Great Commission Women - Day Group</b>	2130	3,895	3,115
<b>Great Commission Women - Evening Group</b>	1150	3,164	3,075
<b>Adult Missions Trip</b>	3535	36,000	17,840
<b>Youth Missions Trip</b>	100	11,737	5,945
<b>Sunday School/AWANA</b>	2700	7,449	3,140
<b>Love Offerings</b>	5690	75	100
<b>Total Designated Giving Contributions</b>	<b>92,550</b>	<b>148,043</b>	<b>135,444</b>

### Notes:

During 2011, a contribution was received from the Audrey Anderson estate in the amount of \$41,354 for supporting our Nowthen Missionaries. On January 1, 2012, these funds were used to reduce the loan balance. Each month the amount of interest that would have been paid on this portion of the loan is set aside to support our Nowthen Missionaries.

During 2006, a contribution was received from the family of Arvid and Fern Anderson in the amount of \$42,000 to support the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund for our children and youth. Initially, \$2,000 was placed in the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund and \$40,000 was invested. The investments were redeemed and on March 1, 2012, the loan balance was reduced an additional \$40,000. Each month the amount of interest that would have been paid on this portion of the loan is set aside in the Big Sandy Camp Scholarship Fund, and the money is used to reduce the cost of attending camp for those who complete a scholarship application.

## **Audit Summary - 2020 Annual Report**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the financial records for 2020 and have again found the financial records and process to be well organized and in good condition with no abnormalities.

We reviewed financial statements and the internal controls. This included the regular contributions, invoices, bank statements and corresponding documentation.

- Samples of deposits were matched to bank statements and to deposit summaries prepared by the offering counters. We found that monies were deposited in a timely manner and distributed correctly to the accounts designated by the givers.
- Invoices and payables were reviewed and found to be paid accurately and timely.
- Time sheets for part-time paid positions are reviewed and approved and payments made in a timely manner.

Weekly deposits are counted by two individuals each Sunday morning. The counters verify the deposit amount, reports are prepared and signed by each individual. Deposits are promptly delivered to the bank each week.

From the audit we performed, we feel confident that the financial records of Nowthen Alliance Church for 2020 are in satisfactory order.

We would like to commend those involved with the financial activities of the church for the exceptional organization and hard work. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Bauer  
Aaron Burquest  
Scott Jones

## **Deaconess Report – Annual Report of 2020**

Serving this past year as Deaconesses have been Brenda Bauer, Bette Boesiger, Donna Bremer, Lois Fredell, Cindy Goodrich, Julie Hall, Mary Jones, Jeannie Murdock, Robyn Palmquist, Donella Petro, Dorene Russell and Amanda Wilder.

We met the 3rd Sunday of the month, to pray over the many needs in our church body, as well as to discuss other areas of service where we could be of help. Our regular areas of service include ministering to our widows, sending cards of encouragement, get well or sympathy to the congregation, and sending holiday greetings and encouragement cards to our college students and those serving in the military.

Our meetings were postponed during the months of March through September due to the coronavirus pandemic, along with all the events originally scheduled to take place during 2020. We did continue to encourage our widows with prayers, cards and phone calls. We also sent a special devotional prayer journal and helped to deliver Easter Lilies to members of our church.

Debbie Stenzel and Mary Jones have been coordinating "Take Them a Meal". As in past years, this is a much needed and appreciated ministry. We want to thank the many in our church family who have provided these meals.

In the past year, we prayed for the families of the people who passed away during the pandemic, including LaVerne Stone, Helen Fullerton, Betty Mealhouse, Bill Schulz, Evelyn Harding, Margaret Nordhausen and Louis Wilhelmi.

Serving the congregation of Nowthen is a calling and a blessing, and many hands lighten the load. It has been my pleasure and a blessing to serve with these women over the past year.

In His Service,

Lois Fredell, Chairperson, on behalf of the Deaconess Committee



## Alliance Women Day Group - Annual Report of 2020

Our Alliance Women group meets for the purpose of praying for and continuing to support the International workers (IW) who serve the Christian & Missionary Alliance, as well as through other organizations. The Day Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 am in the church cafe and/or conference room. This year we also met on Facebook video during the months we were unable to meet. In 2020, our monthly attendance typically averages 4-9 people, with a high of 11 when we combined on a Thursday with the women in the Sunday morning group.

Our meetings continue to follow a similar format that has been followed in the past, but is less structured. We begin with a devotional prayer and have moved to packaged/simple snacks, from our previous homemade snacks, for refreshments. We review our IW newsletters and updates, and pray for them and their families. We also pray for any other prayer requests that are brought to our attention. Due to Covid-19 prayer has been our main concern. We were blessed to hear from Jamie O'Dell in person this year. A quick business part of our meeting is held at the end of the meeting where we consider available funds and how we may best use the resources to support our IWs.

The IWs we continue to pray for represent the Christian & Missionary Alliance, Navigators, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Reach Beyond, Pioneers, REI (Resource Exchange International), Open Air Campaigners, YWAM, Wycliffe, and individuals from Nowthen Alliance Church who served on short term missions trips, or new ministry opportunities (Rob & Kelsey Bergfalk).

Meeting Notes on 2020 (The Year of Covid-19):

**April**-we discovered that we could pray online with Facebook video!

**May**-we prayed again on Facebook video

**June**-members from our group purchased gifts and Nancy & her daughter delivered them to Guardian Angels Care Center for the workers there to disseminate, due to Covid guidelines.

**July**-we may have prayed online, I don't see notes

**August**- Combined group with the Sunday ladies-11 attendees in all at church with masks

**September**- Tally update-YWAM wants them to go to Ohio, Tally planned a trip to interview

**October**- No meeting-Missions Conference & Operation Christmas Child Collection

**November**-small group, only 4 praying in the library

**December**-Jamie O'Dell spoke at church with 9 attending!

**January**-Meeting cancelled due to weather

**February**-prayer & planning for Women's brunch to be held in May

**March**-prayer and recruiting for ladies to help hand out brochures

We are continuing to speculate about the Alliance Women and the role it will play in the coming years in supporting our IWs. We appreciate being able to gather and to pray for our missionaries. We have been delighted that our church has allowed us to be able to allocate money that has been collected at our meetings to distribute to the missionaries that are most needy at the time of our monthly meeting.

We look forward to another year of serving the Lord by serving our devoted IWs.

Respectfully submitted at Nancy Thompson's request by Joni Aspengren

## Alliance Women Day Group Treasurer – Annual Report of 2020

<b>Balance Forward</b>	\$226.00
<b>Meeting Offerings</b>	\$2,320.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2,546.00

### Expenditures:

Speakers	\$199.00
CMA International Workers	\$ 823.00
Other Nowthen International Workers	\$1,473.00
ATEK Bible Project	\$50.00

Total Expenditures \$2,545.00

**Year End Balance** \$1.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Fischer  
Treasurer

## **Alliance Women Sunday Group – Annual Report of 2020**

In Romans 12:12, the last part of the verse tells us to be faithful in PRAYER. That is what we try and do for our international workers and their families around the world. Our workers here and overseas were impacted tremendously by Covid in how they could minister to those that they went to share the Gospel with. Most were in a lockdown as we were here. That meant that they had to come up with new ways to try and reach the lost. Also that meant homeschooling for a lot of workers which would take up some of their ministry time, and also make for a learning curve for them and their children. Zoom was able to be used for some ministries but that didn't take the place of being able to meet one on one, or to meet new people. Continue in prayer for our workers as they, like us, work through this time of adjustments.

We were able to meet in person 6 times this past year, which we were grateful for, to intercede for our workers as a group. We count a privilege to be able to be a part of their ministry in that way. We also uphold our church family in prayer.

We were with our offerings able to help support some of the workers' needs. We also have had the Newman children as our adopted Missionary Kids and were able to send them a little Christmas cheer before they went overseas.

We are thankful for the part we can play in supporting our workers through our prayers. We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour. We try to have current requests from our workers along with letters that some send out regularly to keep us up to date on their ministry and needs. We would love to have other ladies join us for this time. If you are unable to join us, let us know and we can get the requests out to you, so you can join in praying for them.

For Alliance Women,  
Carol Manske

## Alliance Women Sunday Group Treasurer – Annual Report of 2020

<b>Money received</b>	\$1,150.00
<b>Money Spent:</b>	
Aroma Cafe (Taiwan)	\$ 200.00
Thrane	\$ 200.00
Every Meal	\$ 150.00
Newman children	\$ 250.00
Big Sandy Camp	\$ 200.00
Guyatt	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Manske