

# INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

**International Worship Centre  
VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
June 19, 2024  
6:00 PM – 7:20 PM  
1077 St. James St.**

The **2023 Annual Business Meeting** was conducted virtually again this year via Facebook. The livestream opened for all members at 6:00 pm and formally started at 6.30 pm after determining there was a quorum of 156 members. The formal meeting for the 2024 IWC Annual Congregational Meeting was declared. Marie Gravoso did the emcee and opening prayer. Pastor Junie Josue, IWC's Lead Pastor, presided over the meeting.

## **Devotion**

Pastor Junie Josue exhorted the members on *Philippians 3:12-14* <sup>12</sup> *I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.* <sup>13</sup> *No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,* <sup>14</sup> *I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."*

He expounded on the verses saying that the Apostle Paul had clear a goal, he knows his destination and he pursued it with all his might. He exhorted the members to faithfully follow Jesus to the end by going and making disciples of all nations. That the life of Christ be manifested in us and through us changing the lives of others, pursuing the God-given calling and purpose to reach Canada and beyond with the gospel. There are a lot of people that needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. While attending life groups and church services are good, we also have to reach out to others. Let's go out of our comfort zones and outside the confines of the church as we have a world to win. We have to press on towards the goal that God has ordained for us as a church.

## **Minutes of Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting for the 2023 Annual Congregational meeting was read by Ptr. Bong Sumayod on behalf of Ptr. Ghigie Gonzales, Council Secretary.

*Motion for acceptance of the 2023 Minutes of the Meeting was raised by Bella Madrid, seconded by Chit Cochon and voted upon by the congregation.*

## **Treasurer's Report**

Bobby Fineza presented the audited financial statements for the year 2023 with revenues of \$1,717,724 and expenditures of \$1,323,811 resulting into a surplus of \$393,913. The financial performances and share in total revenues for the five sites were: IWC-North at

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\$263,857 at 15.36%; IWC-Transcona at \$216,367 at 12.60%; IWC-Neepawa at \$137,688 at 8.02%; IWC-Brandon at \$103,826 at 6.04%; IWC-Portage la Prairie at \$21,737 at 1.26% and IWC St. James at \$974,250 with 56.72% of total giving. The Pareto principle still remains in terms of giving where 20% of donors have given 80% of IWC's total revenues.

*The Motion for acceptance of the financial statement report was moved by Erika Joy del Mundo; seconded by Shiella Tuason-Vasquez; and voted upon by the congregation.*

## **Secretary's Report**

Pastora Ghigie Gonzales shared the report highlighting IWC's departmental achievements and key events throughout the year, beginning with the Digital Team, whose efforts led to sustained and enhanced online engagement for IWC. Kidztown's Vacation Bible School (VBS) entitled 'Stellar' attracted 92 attendees. The Uprising Youth Camp entitled "Resonance" was attended by 79 campers; 44 got saved and 27 were water baptized. The Rendezvous camp entitled "Username" was attended by 60 young adults who were filled by the Holy Spirit. YDC continued to serve as the outreach arm through sports, offering various activities such as open gym basketball, badminton, billiards, taekwondo, and more. YDC also hosted the practices of some athletes of the 2023 World Police & Fire Games. Outreaches for all sites were held having their own share of loving the community by doing random acts of kindness activities. The Pursuit Ministry hosted the Love Strike bowling event attended by 30 couples.

The LEAD Department continued to offer year-round sessions on the Leadership Training Track. In 2023, the courses were offered in various forms: online learning, a hybrid of on-line and face-to-face meetings and in person classes. We had 115 people who graduated from ENLIST (Membership) and 26 people from the EMPOWER (Launchpad) across all Sites. The DISCIPLESHIP Department continued to provide Life Group materials, support, and training to all LG leaders. The total number of Life Groups (LGs) for all IWC sites is sixty-seven (67). St. James Site welcomed 199 newcomers and/or visitors where 70 responded and 46 people were brought into the life groups. The Multi-Sites continued to work with Central Support for administration and operational requirements and with the Lead Pastor on the ministry side. With the addition of Portage la Prairie, IWC North's daughter site, this brings us to 6-active sites of IWC.

*Motion for acceptance of the Secretary's Report was given by Jeanette Roces; seconded by Rob Villafranca; and voted upon by the congregation.*

## **Lead Pastor's Report**

Pastor Junie Josue presented the 2023 Lead Pastor's Report. He excitedly reported on the launching of another site at Portage la Prairie in April 2023. After eight years, a Vision Conference titled "Into the Deep" was held, featuring Ptr. Jerry Berenguer as the keynote speaker and attended by 250 participants. It was in 2023 that we bid goodbye to Ptr.

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Jerome Basa as WIN Pastor who moved to Calgary with his family. Ptr. Junie expressed appreciation to all the church's leadership: the Council, the Site Pastors, Network leaders, the staff, and all ministry volunteers including the support of his wife, Fatty, and his entire family for their unwavering support and serving faithfully aside from their generosity in giving. He thanked all the leaders and volunteers who served behind the scenes every Sunday. Lastly, he thanked the Lord for His grace and favour in this church as we serve Him in sharing His love and the Good News to His people in the harvest field in Winnipeg and Canada.

*Motion to accept the Lead Pastor's Report was given by Hailene Magtuloy; seconded by Wendy Cabading; and voted upon by the congregation.*

## **Pastor's Council Appointment**

Fermel Distajo was the outgoing Council member. We welcomed back Ptr. Jojo Cochon & Bella Madrid as the incoming Council members.

*Motion for the acceptance of the Council returning members was given by Ptr. Ghigie Gonzales; seconded by Walfredo Rivera; and voted upon by the congregation.*

The meeting ended with a closing prayer by Marie Gravoso. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes Taken By:



Ptra. Virginia V. (Ghigie) Gonzales  
Council Secretary  
May 12, 2025

Noted by:



Ptr. Junie Josue  
Lead Pastor