

## VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2025 / 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM / 1077 St. James St.

The 2024 Annual Business Meeting was conducted virtually this year. The livestream opened for all members at 6:00 pm and formally started at 6.30pm after determining there was a quorum of 237 members. The formal meeting for the **2024 IWC's Annual Congregational Meeting** was declared. Atty. Marie Gravoso stood as the emcee and led the opening prayer. Pastor Junie Josue, IWC's Lead Pastor, presided over the meeting.

### Devotion

Pastor Junie Josue exhorted the members on *Philippians 1:3-6 that says, <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*” Paul prayed for the believers in Philippi and saw them as his joy and pride. As their spiritual father, he appreciated their strong faith and their partnership in spreading God's kingdom. He also thanked them for their prayers and generous support during his missionary journeys. In **Philippians 4:14–19**, we are reminded that the same God who provided for the church in Philippi will also supply all our needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus. He also affirmed that the good work God started in them will continue until Christ is fully formed in their lives. The same is true with us today.

Pastor Junie shared that he feels the same way about IWC. He expressed gratitude for everyone's continued partnership in sharing the gospel and making disciples across Manitoba, now reaching Saskatchewan, and hopefully expanding to other provinces in Canada. This brings him great joy and hope. He reminded everyone that God, who began a good work in us, will complete the assignment He has given us. He ended by encouraging the church to faithfully fulfill our God-given vision until Christ is fully formed in us.

### Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting for the 2024 Annual Congregational meeting was read by Ptr. Bong Sumayod on behalf of Ptr. Ghigie Gonzales, Council Secretary.

*Motion for acceptance of the 2024 Minutes of the Meeting was raised by Erika Joy Cruz-Del Mundo, seconded by Juan Reynaldo Patena and voted upon by the congregation.*

### Treasurer's Report

Bobby Fineza presented the financial statements for the year ending December 2024 with revenues amounting to \$2,049,353 and expenditures of \$1,350,918 resulting into a surplus of \$698,435. The financial performances and share in total revenues for the five sites were as follows: IWC-North at \$286,207 at 13.97%; IWC-Transcona at \$296,555 at 14.47%; IWC-Neepawa at \$200,769 at 9.80%; IWC-Brandon at \$135,437 at 6.61%; IWC-Portage la Prairie at \$48,341 at 2.35% and St. James reaching the million mark at \$1,082,045 representing 52.80% share in revenues. The Pareto principle still remains in terms of giving where 20% of donors have given 80% of IWC's total revenues.

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*The motion for acceptance of the 2024 Treasurer's Report was moved by Hailene Magtuloy; seconded by Walfredo Rivera; and voted upon by the congregation.*

## **Secretary's Report**

Pastora Ghigie Gonzales reported on IWC's various achievements across departments and major events throughout the year. She began by highlighting the work of the Digital team, whose efforts not only sustained IWC's online presence but also enhanced and strengthened its reach and engagement. The Kidztown Vacation Bible School (VBS), entitled "Scuba," welcomed 84 children, providing them with fun and meaningful environment to learn about God. The Uprising Youth Camp, themed "Press On," gathered 90 campers with the support of 48 volunteers representing all sites which resulted in 25 youth being baptized in water. The Rendezvous Young Adults Camp was attended by 91 members of the next generation, many of whom experienced a powerful move of the Holy Spirit.

The Youth Development Center (YDC) continued to serve as an important outreach arm of the church through sports ministries. Various activities such as open gym basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball, billiards, taekwondo, and other sports provided opportunities to connect with the community. The Point Guard Academy attracted 57 young players aged 7–12.

The Pursuit Ministry hosted a Masquerade Gala attended by 30 couples, along with other events such as bowling, summer gatherings, and fellowship activities designed to encourage and strengthen young couples in their relationships with each other and faith in God. Outreach initiatives were carried out across all sites, each demonstrating love for their communities through random acts of kindness and other community-centered activities. There were 14 leaders who attended the Exponential Global Church Planting Conference in Orlando, FL and 12 participated in the short-term mission trip to the Dream Centre in Los Angeles, CA.

The LEAD Department continued to offer year-round sessions through the Leadership Training Track. In 2024, courses were delivered through various formats, including online learning, hybrid sessions (a combination of online and face-to-face meetings), and in-person classes. Seventy-four new members graduated from ENLIST. For EMPOWER (Launchpad/SOL), 44 participants graduated from Western Canada sites (Brandon, PLP, and Neepawa), while 20 participants graduated from the Winnipeg sites. The DISCIPLESHIP Department continued to provide Life Group (LG) materials, as well as training and support for all Life Group leaders. Across the six sites, there are currently 97 Life Groups meeting regularly. At the St. James site, 294 visitors or first-time attendees were welcomed, with 138 individuals successfully assimilated into Life Groups. In addition, 150 people attended the Encounter God Retreat. The Multi-Sites continued to collaborate with Central Support for administrative and operational requirements, while working closely with the Lead Pastor on ministry direction and leadership.

*Motion for acceptance of the 2024 Secretary's Report was given by Ruth Joy Canlas; seconded by Rosemarie Gravoso; and voted upon by the congregation.*

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## **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Junie Josue shared encouraging updates in his 2024 Lead Pastor's Report. One of the highlights was the launching of a micro-church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, led by Charmaine and Gary Mercado. The couple previously served as leaders of one of the satellite churches of their home church in the Philippines, Tabernacle of Faith, and are now faithfully continuing their ministry in Canada.

Pastor Junie gave all glory to God for the 120 individuals who confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior as well as the 40 people who publicly declared their faith through water baptism. While he expressed deep gratitude for these milestones, he reminded the congregation that God is not yet finished with IWC. The church's mission continues, and its vision is still unfolding before our eyes. He concluded by expressing heartfelt gratitude—first to the Lord, and then to his wife, Fatty, his children and grandchildren, the church leaders, staff, volunteers, and all the members whose dedication, generosity, utmost serving and commitment have helped shape IWC into what it is today.

*Motion to accept the 2024 Lead Pastor's Report was given by Erika Joy Cruz-del Mundo; seconded by Cherry Velvet Orido; and voted upon by the congregation.*


## **Pastor's Council Appointment**

The tenure of the following Council Members was extended for a 2-year term period until 2027: Pastor Cliff Borres and Atty. Marie Gravoso.

*Motion for the acceptance of the tenure extension for Council members was given by Reynaldo Patena; seconded by Marian Cagang; and voted upon by the congregation.*

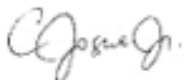
The meeting ended with closing prayer by Marie Gravoso. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes Taken By:



Ptra. Virginia V. (Ghigie) Gonzales  
*Council Secretary*

Noted by:



Ptr. Junie Josue  
*Lead Pastor*