

MINISTRY NIGHT 2019



Jericho Ridge Community Church
Sunday, May 26, 2019
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Jericho Centre
19533 64 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3S 4J3





MEETING AGENDA

01. **DESSERT**
02. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF NOV. 25, 2018**
03. **2018 MINISTRY STORIES**
04. **ADOPTION OF THE 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
05. **ELDER CANDIDATE AFFIRMATION: MIRIAM FAULKES**
06. **FACILITIES DISCUSSION**
07. **2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE**
08. **PRAYER & WORSHIP**

Please remember that childcare is available, should you need it.
Registration for childcare is required online no later than Wednesday, May 22.
The cost is for childcare is \$4 per child.

ELDER UPDATE

CHANGES, CHALLENGES, AND TRUSTING GOD COMPLETELY

Ron Zacharias // Moderator

If one had to sum up this last season of JRCC from the Elder's perspective, the above title "Changes, Challenges, and Trusting God Completely" might do it!

Establishing a physical presence in our community has been, by any measure, a significant undertaking, especially for a congregation the size of JRCC. It has meant that we make sacrifices, big and small, and it has required that we remain in perpetual state of change. The challenges that lie ahead of us can, at times, appear bigger than what we can handle in the natural. We find ourselves at a place where we are completely reliant on God's provision and His leading. What an incredibly secure place to be!

So what has your Elder team been up to this past 6 months? We've met, as always, every other week, alternating between operations meetings and prayer meetings. We've discussed everything from finances, to ministry leaders and teams, to staff concerns, to individual needs within our congregation. We've prayed continually about the decisions we are charged with making. Over the past year, a constant refrain has been to remind ourselves that the building cannot overshadow ministry concerns, and for this reason we have a very capable facility team in Jericho Faith Society (JFS). The building is, after all, merely a tool – a means to accomplish the ministries that we are called to as a church. So we continually ask ourselves, "what next God?"

We have much to do in the next few years. At times it may seem overwhelming, yet if all we see are the tasks that are before us, we run the risk of missing out on the one thing that God wants most for us – a relationship with Him.

We are on an amazing journey together, one that requires much from us, but one that also promises much reward. May we be empowered to stay the course, reminded that the ministry is so much more important than the building, and encouraged that loving our community does not require that renovations be completed before we begin.

In the words of Jesus, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39).

Thank you JRCC, for continuing to seek that relationship with Jesus, as we serve each other and the community around us.





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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Brad Sumner // Lead Pastor



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As we filed into the hard pine pew, my hands would reflectively reach for the brown speckled hymnal and I would flip through until I had my fingers in each page that was dutifully forecast from the front. If I close my eyes, I can still see the flecks in the paper. I can still feel the hefty weight of the book's spine in my little hands. I can still smell the sanctuary and hear the sound of voices lifted up in four-part harmony. The soundtrack of my church experience growing up was almost exclusively shaped by a rich hymnody.

On Sunday nights we could request our favourites, and there was one hymn whose lines have stuck with me to this day. The hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" has a line in the third verse that resonates strongly with me in this season of life together at Jericho. Speaking of God's character, the hymn writer says, "Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide." We breeze past that line pretty quickly but it is an incredible reality that the God who hung the stars into place and who sustains all that exists has a deep desire to be present with us as we walk this journey of faith.

In this hymn, the writer speaks of a two-fold impact of God's presence. First, there's an emotive component. The presence of God brings "cheer" to those who are discouraged. It can be easy in a season of high transition to become discouraged; to begin to lose heart and think, "is it worth it to hang in there relationally, financially, and programmatically through this next season of construction?" But friends, God's presence and power are not taking a vacation during our renovation. On the contrary, at this Ministry Night, you'll hear stories from our kids and our small groups about how life-changing work continues to occur in the midst of all of the other things we are juggling.

The hymn writer then notes that God's presence is not only to cheer, but also to guide. Here I think about the ancient Hebrew people wandering in the wilderness. During their post-Egypt, pre-Jericho sojourn, they lived in tents before they had a permanent home. Throughout that time, God led them personally and providentially. God's presence was never more real and more close than during that season of their lives. They didn't know what was ahead: all they had to cling to were the promises of God and the presence of God. The same holds true for us. So we'll spend time at Ministry Night in a posture of listening prayer where we press in and ask God for fresh promises to guide us in this season.

The hymn writer concludes by asking God to give them "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow." Friends, we need both. There is a strengthening that will be required to be flexible as we navigate the construction dust, the financial needs, and the volunteer dynamics associated with being on a growth trajectory. God has a "bright hope for tomorrow" for Jericho Ridge here in this space. Like God's people of old, we are currently walking out a pathway that has lots of twists and turns and unknowns in it. We are walking into a future where we need God's strengthening hand and guidance. But we walk together in the blessed assurance that morning by morning we are going to see new mercies. And we walk knowing that all we have needed, God's hand has provided. I am more convinced than I have ever been that if there is one thing that is true, it's that God's faithful love endures forever and God's faithfulness to us in this season is not just something to cling to, it's something to sing about!

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JERICHO FAITH SOCIETY REPORT

Peter Ash // Chair, Jericho Faith Society

Since we met together on Sunday, February 10 to provide you with a building update, much has happened! Our team has been in constant communication with Sitelines (our architect) and Shirmar (our construction management firm). We submitted our plans to the Building Department at the City of Surrey on March 20th and they indicated that we will receive feedback from them around 8-12 weeks from that date. Our active dialogue both with the City and with our tenant, Fraser Valley Elementary School, has resulted in several modifications to the original plan that we wanted to share with you.

1. LAYOUT ADJUSTMENTS

We took into account your feedback at the February meeting and made some modifications to the overall layout and design of the main floor spaces. This will result in a stronger capacity for our ministries to operate safely (e.g. washroom redesign) and will allow for ministry growth to occur (e.g. there will be 8 classrooms on the main floor plus a dedicated nursery).

2. BUDGET UPDATE

As we have taken the completed design out for bids, we have realised that our initial renovation budget of \$950,000 was unrealistic. The construction landscape has changed such that both the school and us are needing to almost double our contributions to the project.

	Jericho Ridge Community Church	Fraser Valley Elementary School
Original Renovation Contributions	\$950,000	\$500,000 (approx.)
Revised Renovation Contributions	\$1,704,300	\$1,045,600

RENOVATION Q&A

Peter Ash // Chair, Jericho Faith Society

Q1. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

You might ask, “this is a large increase! Didn’t we have really smart people working on this project?” Well, a few things occurred. First, the Provincial Building Code was updated extensively and this forced a number of major upgrades that we were not at all anticipating because our plan was to submit our plans in time to still be under the old code. (For example, every door knob and every light are now required to be fully replaced as well as expensive energy efficiency dimmers placed in every room). We asked repeatedly, “is the new code going to impact our project?” and the answer from professionals was always “no.” So there is not really anyone to shake a finger at here: it’s just a fact of life building in BC.

Secondly, the electrical servicing coming into this building is still set to the level it was at when it was a house on acreage. In order to stay beneath the service load, BC Hydro required the re-design several of our major engineered systems (our biggest ticket items such as HVAC got a whole lot more expensive).

Thirdly, as the City of Surrey provided feedback on the addition of our mezzanine ministry level, it became clear they were unwilling to “grandfather” the building in under the old code and that a full elevator would need to be installed that serviced all three floors.

Q2. CAN'T WE REDUCE BUDGET BY CUTTING STUFF OUT?

Our team has been wrestling with some tough choices. We backed out all the optional elements and reduced the budget where we could (the commercial kitchen is deferred until future funding can support it), but we are still needing to press forward with the renovation in order to tenant the space to the school so that they can assist in funding the mortgage. Leaving the space as it is now nets us no income streams and we have signed a lease that commits us to completing the renovation process.

Q3. WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET THE MONEY?

The feedback we have received from members and adherents at Jericho is that you are committed to giving generously and sacrificially toward both the operational budget and toward the capital campaign. Our goals for both are stretching us at this time and so we are cautious about putting more strain on people. Our plan is to approach the our lender (the denomination) and ask them to add the additional \$850,000 required on to our 25 year mortgage.

Q4. WHAT DOES THIS DO TO OUR BUDGET?

In 2018, we purchased the building & land for \$8,050,000. We asked for and were approved for a renovation component to our mortgage of \$950,000 (total costs: \$9 million). In 2018, we made a down payment of \$1,800,000 (20%) meaning we currently carry a mortgage of approximately \$7,200,000. This will add up to another \$850,000 to our mortgage. The carrying costs for this are approximately an additional \$54,000 per year once we start into a full repayment schedule. We have two years where we are paying interest only on our mortgage which allows us to see future growth in both attendance and giving. Our plan is that people will have fulfilled their capital campaign pledge contributions by 2021 so that operating budget can bear some increase at the same time our full monthly payment begin.

Year	Capital Campaign	Mortgage Payment	Income from FVES Lease & Rentals	JRCC Budgeted Portion
2019	\$241,744	\$119,000	\$47,000	\$72,000
2020	\$241,743	\$348,500	\$352,744	(\$4,244)
2021	-	\$424,552	\$363,285	\$61,267
2022	-	\$531,026	\$375,000	\$156,000
2023	-	\$532,026	\$385,000	\$147,026

We recognize that this is a big ask for people to consider and that there will be some who feel uneasy about the debt load. As you can see in table above, the amount that Jericho Ridge's operational budget bears for facility costs peaks in 2022 and then declines each year thereafter. Even at the highest point, this still only means a monthly payment for Jericho of \$13,000 for the full use of a fully renovated building in a growing neighbourhood in the most expensive real estate market in Canada. The mortgage will decrease over time and allow us to increase our ministry capacity.

Q5. DOES THIS IMPACT OUR RENOVATION TIMELINE?

No. We have the initial mortgage money necessary to begin renovations as soon as permitting is received. Demolition will begin in June and we aim to be completely moved back in for Christmas.

Q6. WHAT ARE YOU ASKING OF THE CONGREGATION?

The elders are putting forward a motion that we approach our lender, the Canadian Conference of MB Churches, and ask for an increase of \$850,000 to our mortgage. We have had initial conversations and they are willing to consider our request but they wisely require congregational approval as part of the process.

I am grateful for the way in which our JFS team has taken leadership on moving this facility project forward and we welcome your questions, insights and prayers.

Faithfully serving together,



2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Tyler Schacter // Treasurer

Thank you for your continued commitment to the mission and ministry of Jericho Ridge Community Church in 2018. We are once again encouraged by how the people of Jericho Ridge have leaned into service and generosity as we strive to live out our core values.

2018	Budgeted	Actual
General Revenue	\$345,000	\$318,942
General Expenditure	\$355,000	\$351,943
Transfer to Cash Reserve	-	\$33,000

The approved budgeted revenue for 2018 was \$345,000 with an actual revenue of \$318,942. Our approved general expenses were \$355,000 with actual expenses of \$351,943. The resulting deficit of \$33,000 was transferred from the cash reserve account including a portion earmarked to cover expenses arising from our relocation last November. With this transfer, we still prudently have 3 months operating expenses in our cash reserve.

If you include the money given toward the capital campaign last year, 2018 was our largest year ever in terms of radical generosity. The sacrificial giving you have made has allowed for the mission and ministry of JRCC to continue and for the advancement of God's kingdom.

As we look back at 2018, we are thankful for our entire community and the ways each of you have partnered with Jericho Ridge as we navigate this season of high change.

2019 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

As elders, we are happy to report that God’s faithfulness continues through your partnership with the vision of Jericho Ridge Community Church in 2019. Below is a summary of the general giving received so far. We have compared the monthly giving amounts against our budgeted income and the income received during the same month last year.

	2019	Budget	Budget Var	2019 YTD	YTD Budget	YTD Var	2018	2018 YTD	PVM Var	PVYTD Var
Jan.	15,573	33,167	-17,593	15,573	33,167.00	-17,593.37	16,098	16,098	-525	-525
Feb.	17,619	33,167	-15,547	33,193	66,333.33	-33,140.80	15,230	31,328	2,389	1,865
Mar.	26,551	33,167	-6,616	59,744	99,500.00	-39,756.37	16,704	48,032	9,847	11,712
Apr.	26,431	33,167	-6,736	86,174	132,666.67	-46,492.20	24,579	72,611	1,852	13,563

As you can see, giving trends have gradually increased year over year. However, monthly amounts are still below the budgeted amount of \$33,167. We are currently behind our budgeted target year to date and will be closely monitoring revenue as it relates to our projected income in the coming months.

We have also set targets for the repayment of the down payment loan we used to purchase the building. The building campaign target for 2019 is \$241,743.50. Year-to-date, we have received \$39,250 towards the \$80,581 budgeted. We realize that campaign giving is not always tied to monthly incomes and look forward to making up the lost ground as we progress through the year.

By God’s grace, we work together to carry out our ministry goals and objectives through 2019.

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity and faithfulness to the vision and mission of Jericho Ridge

Faithfully serving together,



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUDGET

Budget	2018	2019	2020	Total
	216,513.00	241,743.50	241,743.50	700,000

	2019	Budget	Budget Var	2019 YTD	YTD Budget	YTD Var
Jan.	3,270	20,145	-16,875	3,270	20,145	-16,875.29
Feb.	1,170	20,145	-18,975	4,440	40,290.58	-35,850.58
Mar.	7,350	20,145	-12,795	11,790	60,435.88	-48,645.88
Apr.	27,460	20,145	7,315	39,250	80,581.17	-41,331.17

JRCC ELDER CANDIDATE PROFILE

The Board of Elders provide spiritual and administrative leadership for the congregation and is open to men and women who are gifted, called, and affirmed as congregational leaders. These two individuals have been discerned and called out and those who are covenant members will be asked to affirm them for another two-year term. They have been provided with a copy of the Profile of an Elder and meet all of the biblical and philosophical criteria for serving in this role. We invite your prayerful consideration of Miriam Faulkes for another two year term, effective June 1, 2019.



MIRIAM FAULKES

Miriam is a laughter-loving, God-loving Jericho Ridge-ite who, when not teaching in Kids @ the Ridge, can often be found cuddling any newborns in the church. She and her husband Sean have attended Jericho Ridge since the fall of 2011, and became members in early 2014. In addition to serving part-time on staff to fill in a maternity leave in the Children's Ministry area, Miriam also worked alongside church leadership as a member of the Implementation Team in 2015 and 2016. She has served on the elders board since May 2017.

Miriam currently works at an accounting firm, where she indulges her passion for accuracy in details and organizational excellence.

JRCC VISION NIGHT MINUTES

SUNDAY, NOV 25, 2018, 5-7:35 PM, JERICHO CENTRE

1. PRAYER

2. ADOPTION OF PAST MINUTES

- Annual Ministry Night Minutes (May 27, 2018)
- Special General Meeting Minutes (August 12, 2018)

Membership Vote: Approved (both)

3. 2018 UPDATE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- **Board Moderator Update:** highlights from written report: What a year it has been! Many transitions – new staff, new facility. But God is faithful. Gratitude to the hard work and dedication of the Jericho Faith Society.
- **Lead Pastor Update:** "Long-term security of tenure" and God is calling us to this "holy and specific season" in the life of Jericho Ridge. Analogy/object lesson: planting acorns and the long term goal is for "oak trees" of faithful lives and ministry.

4. 2018 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Both general revenue and expenses have been lower than projected; thus, maintaining the current \$10,000 deficit.
- Related expenses to the building won't be reflected until 2019.
- In addition to general giving, we've received \$1,222,000 of the \$1,300,000 towards the building campaign in 2018.

5. MINISTRY AND FACILITY PLANNING

- Acquiring a building, ironically, has the potential to divert from ministry focus.
- Jericho Faith Society (JFS) charged with the responsibilities of managing the building and its renovations to allow the JRCC Elder Board to focus on the ministry of the church.
- This building only matters if we are going to do something meaningful with it for God's kingdom purposes.
- Stewarding the building well (i.e. finding suitable tenants for financial viability of this project), so that the ministry of JRCC may operate within its walls for the sake of those in this community and beyond (our "glocal" value).

6. 2019 BUDGET AFFIRMATION

- 2019 presents a unique challenge: new building acquisition, capital campaign, pending renovations, and prospective tenants – a budget update forthcoming in 2019 when some of these pieces have been finalized.
- \$398,000 General Revenue 2019 Budget.
- \$233,000 building campaign target for 2019.

AFFIRMED as presented (pending 2019 update)

7. ELDER RE-AFFIRMATION

- Tyler Schacter and David McFarland (to serve their third terms until November 2020)

BOTH REAFFIRMED (Motion to destroy ballots: Approved)

8. PRAYER AND WORSHIP RESPONSE

9. MEETING ADJOURNED