

2023

WMBC
MINISTRY UPDATE



BEYOND SUNDAY

2022

The 2022-2023 ministry year at WMBC has been filled with many highs and lows, both for me personally and for us corporately. I want to thank the church for offering me a sabbatical and the amazing memories and renewal I experienced as a result. I also want to thank you for caring for my family as we've grieved the loss of Julia's mom and my dad. Together we are learning what it means to go beyond Sunday and be a church family in this post-pandemic reality.

Looking back, we celebrate being able to consistently offer programming and connection for our kids and teens, and we are excited to have Jesse join us on the staff team as our NextGen Pastor. Over the course of the year our weekly reach increased by 20%, from 330 in-person connections to 414 by the end of April. In addition, our weekly online views increased 35%, from 97 to 152.

We have grieved together the loss of our loved ones, and the many challenges families have had to face this year. We also grieve the results of hard decisions to let go of staff members in order to build a sustainable staffing structure for our future. I am thankful for a leadership board and staff that have worked with the highest levels of excellence and character throughout a difficult transition.

This past week at the MB Pastor's Retreat, Lloyd & Carol Letkeman prayed for me and was given a prophetic image of wings being unfurled and tested. A worship song from the nineties immediately came to mind, "Shout to the North":

"Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly"

God continues to make the broken beautiful and whole in our church family, and by his grace, by his Spirit, WMBC, we'll fly!



Terry Dueck - *Lead Pastor*

2023



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Dinah Elias *Worship Director*

“And as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.”

2 Corinthians 4:15

We have so much to be thankful for at WMBC. Whether we are singing, speaking, or sharing stories about God’s grace, we do it knowing that we are reaching more and more people and in turn God will receive more and more glory! Isn’t that a great promise?

Looking back at this past year I am reminded once more of how blessed we have been through our worship ministry. We have volunteers, many who have been with us for several years, who continue to give of their time to serve and lead others within the worship ministry. We are excited because we also have new volunteers coming onboard and it’s been a joy to watch the volunteers working together, helping one another out when it’s needed, spending time praying together and caring for one another on a personal level. It is really a great ministry to be a part of.

There are still some areas where we could use some extra help; audio, computer and camera techs specifically. If you are interested in any of these areas, please feel free to contact Eric Wiebe (wiebe_eric@hotmail.com) or myself (dinah@winklermb.com) to learn more.

On any given Sunday our attendance averages about 265 adults who attend in-person and then every week we have anywhere from 150-190 views for our Sunday morning services on YouTube.

Moving forward we want to continue sharing people’s stories, continue to invest in our volunteers through training and community connections, and keep our focus on God receiving more and more glory.

22/23 HIGHLIGHTS

Sermon Series

Beyond Sunday
Genesis
Good News of Great Joy
The Praying Church
Fight Like Jesus
Invested
On Mission

Shared Communion Monthly

Shared Stories *in-person and recorded*

Special Services

Christmas Eve Service
Prayer Service
Gift of Honour Service
Baptism
Next Gen Service

Engaging the pastors with questions following the message

Online engagement remains strong

Family Sunday - Kids in Big Church once a month

Child D moved to our worship service

Led worship for the MBCM Conference here at WMBC

New songs introduced

Jesus Over Everything
Yet Not I, But Christ Through Me
This is Our God
There is one Gospel

Hymns added to song list

Jesus Paid It All
Holy, Holy, Holy
Come thou Fount
Great is Thy Faithfulness



COMMUNITY LIFE

Luke Hildebrand *Community Life Pastor*

This year, our focus as a church community was to go Beyond Sunday. We walked into this year knowing that the ministries under the Community Life banner would play a large role in working towards this goal, and I'm so proud of the ways that we worked together to bring the church together outside of Sunday morning services.

Our potlucks were a big success, and between those and our one-off community gatherings, we managed to gather together outside of our Sunday services every month so far. When you add in our small groups gathering in homes throughout the week, ministry teams meeting behind the scenes, and discipleship courses taking place throughout the year, we gathered together to eat, learn, encourage, and care for one another more than we have for many years. That's a huge cause for celebration!

Looking forward, we want to continue to provide opportunities for us to gather together, and to do so in ways that not only grow our connections with each other, but also in ways that bless our community and show people the hope and joy that we have in Christ. We're also working on some new experiences and environments that will engage our spiritual gifts and help us grow in spiritual practices, and these could even create new small groups!

I want to say a huge thank you to all my ministry teams and team leaders. I honestly could not cover all the ministries under Community Life without you, and God is using each of you to bless and grow the Church. I also want to thank my small group for being a safe place of rest and joy and for being a place where I can just participate in being the Church without feeling like a pastor. Finally, I want to thank God for being patient and kind as I continue to grow in my own journey towards Jesus. He has saved me from so much, loved me through so much, and I can never thank Him enough.

22/23 HIGHLIGHTS

- Bi-Monthly Potlucks
- Grey Cup Party
- Share Your Skill
- 15 Baptisms
- How to Read Your Bible
- 3 New to WMBC Lunches
- Christmas Eve Service
- Divorce Care & DC4K
- Single & Parenting
- 2 New Small Groups
- Ladies Tea (Volunteer Led)



GLOBAL OUTREACH

Terry Dueck *Lead Pastor*

Thank you WMBC for your heart and generosity to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Looking back there are many things to celebrate where God's Kingdom is breaking out!

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

We celebrate that our camps could have a great summer of programming last year and we supported seven students and young adults serving at summer camps, which is the highest total we've had in years!

We reached many families through CarePortal last year, and we've decided to launch a local care network in partnership with Central Station and Gospel Mission Church. More to come!

We had many WMBCers participate in the Coldest Night of the Year walk put on by Central Station that raised over \$90,000 and had over 200 people participate!

Thank you to the many ways WMBCers serve and bless our community through volunteering, and living out their faith everyday!

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

We renewed our commitment and support of Ancla de Amor Orphanage in a big way last year, raising \$28,930 for a staff casita that Alberto will soon be moving into.

We also sent a mission team down in March for the first time in three years to do some work and encourage the staff and kids.

We started a new kid's ministry initiative with Multiply, CCI Brazil, and the Brazilian MB Conference, as we hope to launch children's ministry in many MB churches over the coming years.

Rick & Karen spent time serving with Multiply in Lithuania.

We renewed efforts to share stories and prayer requests – every week in WMBC News we share about our monthly GO Spotlight and highlight one of our partners.

A huge thanks to the GO team - Pete Giesbrecht, Cindy Reimer, Jessica Riddell, Dean Toews, Rhonda Schellenberg, and Matt Friesen.

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GO PARTNERS

LOCAL PARTNERS

The Bunker - \$5,000

Central Station - \$5,000

Show your support and pray for Bev Wiebe (*Executive Director*), Krista Rempel (*Community Development Coordinator*), and Sherry Thomas (*Bookkeeper*)

Winkler Bible Camp - \$2,000

Show your support and pray for Steve & Taniesha Klassen (*Assistant Executive Director & Barn Manager*) & Kellin Friesen (*Summer Experience Director*)

Pembina Valley Bible Camp - \$2,000

Due to budget constraints for 2023-24, we are ending our financial support of Adult & Teen Challenge.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Living Word Temple (*Paul Winter*) - \$5,000

Square One World Media - \$5,000

We hosted a screening for their documentary, and look forward to having Shoab join us this October!

CCI Brazil - \$12,500

We look forward to having Marco & Claudia join us here in Winkler in September!

Melissa Dueck - \$3,600

It was fantastic having Melissa with us in Winkler this last year.

Cliff Heide (YFC Winnipeg) - \$8,500

Brian & Clarissa Krahn (Ancla) - \$8,500

Due to budget constraints we are ending financial support of World Serve Ministries in Cuba



KIDS MINISTRY

Colleen Giesbrecht
Kids Ministry Director

Kids Groups has been a thriving ministry in WMBC this year. To date, we have 175 kids registered, with an average of 95-100 kids coming each Sunday. What's equally exciting is that kids brought their friends to Kids Groups. In some cases, those visiting kids brought their parents with them, who have now made WMBC their home church. Many God moments have and continue to be revealed each week in our Kids Ministry environments. We have worked through tough questions kids have about God and the situations they find themselves in a home or at school. None of this is possible without the dedication and care from our leaders. God provided us with 50 committed volunteers to run Kids Groups this year. On top of that, 23 parents said yes numerous times to helping in Kids Groups and assisting wherever needed.

Over the months of April to June, 14 children will have been dedicated by their parents in our Child D Milestone. In connecting with these parents, it has been a joy to see their heart for placing God first in their families and relying fully on His wisdom and love to bring up their children.

22 children received Bibles from the Bible Handout Milestone this year. This event is where parents present their children with a Bible (provided by us) and walk alongside their child in understanding scripture. This is an amazing celebration of our freedoms as Jesus followers to be able to have a copy of God's word for everyone, and an opportunity for Kids to hear God's voice through His word.

The year is close to an end, with parties to be enjoyed and happy connections to continue with leaders and kids. My time as Kids Ministry Director has come to an end here at WMBC at the end of June. It has been a full and rewarding role where I am walking away a better person than when I started. My goal in Kids Ministry was to offer a Kids Groups Ministry that was fun and safe for kids to be mentored by fantastic volunteers to love and follow Jesus. In the course of the past 8 years, I have been stretched, led things I never thought I could do, started many new things, got to know and work with AMAZING people that happen to volunteer at WMBC, developed a huge appreciation of what our WMBC board does for us, loved a staff family, and been encouraged to grow in my own relationship with God. This WMBC community is an awesome one – one that I am proud to be part of and look forward to continuing to serve alongside in the years to come.

22/23 HIGHLIGHTS

- 50 Kids Groups Volunteers**
- 23 Parent Volunteers helped out in Kids Groups**
- 14 Children Dedicated**
- 22 Second Graders received Bibles**
- Kids Christmas Program on Christmas Eve**
- Pajama Day**
- Monthly Birthday Celebrations**



STUDENT MINISTRY

Jesse Yoder
NextGen Pastor

Though the past year in Student Ministries was full of transition and change, there is much to celebrate and look forward to! Any reflection on the past year must start by acknowledging the tremendous dedication of our volunteer team. Sam Berg, Trish Berg, Tyler Fehr, Andre Slomp, Jackie Slomp, and Val Zacharias all invested countless hours into our Wednesday night programming and building relationships with our students beyond youth nights. Simply put, the past year wouldn't have happened without their passion and commitment. It has been exciting to see a number of WMBC's core values demonstrated through our Student Ministry activities this past year. In March, 13 students and 5 leaders participated in SOAR Heartland, where they experienced a real gospel for the real world. During SOAR, students led worship at a local church, participated in street outreach, and were able to pray for various needs of people in the community. We have been able to hand over the keys for worship to an entirely student led worship team who have done a fantastic job of inviting our group into God's presence. In May, we were able to love our city as our students participated in Winkler's street clean up. We have seen growth in authenticity, through small group discussions, and in being Spirit-led, as we have worked our way through the Youth Alpha Series. Along with countless other events and conversations throughout the year, these instances demonstrate a Student Ministry which is effectively leading students to passionately love and follow Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we look forward towards 2023-24, Student Ministries wants to build on the growth evident over the past year through several key initiatives. First, we plan to return Sr. and Jr. High students to separate ministry nights. Returning to separate nights will allow us to cater content and activities more specifically to these two demographics, which will allow us to more effectively work towards our mission. In separating out these two groups, we also plan to add grade six students to our Jr. High ministry to better reflect the age dynamics of many local schools and also to strategically work at creating a seamless transition from Kids' Groups to Student Ministries. Secondly, we hope to find more ways for students to take responsibility for what happens at Student Ministry Nights. By turning over the keys of more areas, we hope to increase student buy in and provide more opportunities for intentional relationships between students and leaders. Thank you as a congregation for your prayers and generous financial support towards these key ministries as we invest in WMBC's teenagers!

22/23 HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 Students Baptized this year
- 9 Students Graduating this year
- Average attendance of 35 at Student Ministry Nights
- 65 different teens attended Student Ministry this year
- Youth Retreat in November
- Youth Fundraiser in March
- SOAR Heartland in March
- Trip to Activate Games in April
- Graduation Celebration in June

STAFFING UPDATE



Colleen Giesbrecht
Kids Ministry Director

Colleen will be ending her season as Kids Ministry Director at the end of June. She will be missed! Colleen is looking forward to what might be next and will continue to connect and serve at WMBC.



Maryanne Wiebe
New Kids Ministry Director - 1-year term

Maryanne will start as our new interim Kids Ministry Director on June 13 and we are excited having her join the staff team!

Administration

We are continuing to develop a long-term strategy for reception, administration and bookkeeping at WMBC. During this transition, we are thankful for the work of dedicated volunteers and the support of our MB conference!

Receptions/Ministry Support – *Tonille Peters (part-time term position)*

Donations – *Heather Wiebe*

Bookkeeping – *Brittany Doell & Connie Pauls*

Payroll – *MB Conference*

WMBC LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Leadership Board

PROTECT THE WHY

- How will we safeguard our mission?
- What does God want WMBC to look like in three years?
- Are we providing accountability, support, and resources to our staff to carry out our vision?

Staff

OVERSEE THE HOW

- What are WMBC's goals for the upcoming year and how will we achieve them?
- How will we intentionally disciple people?
- How will we measure effectiveness and hold ourselves accountable?

Volunteer Team

MAKE IT HAPPEN

- How will this team support WMBC's vision and goals?
- Are we intentionally developing leaders and discipling people on this team?
- How will we collaborate and communicate with other teams?



Luke Hildebrand
Community Life Pastor
(full time)



Jesse Yoder
Next Gen Pastor
(full time)



Maryanne Wiebe
Kids Ministry Director
(part time)



Dinah Elias
Worship Director
(part time)



Terry Dueck
Lead Pastor
(full time)



Dave Sukkau
Custodian
(part time)

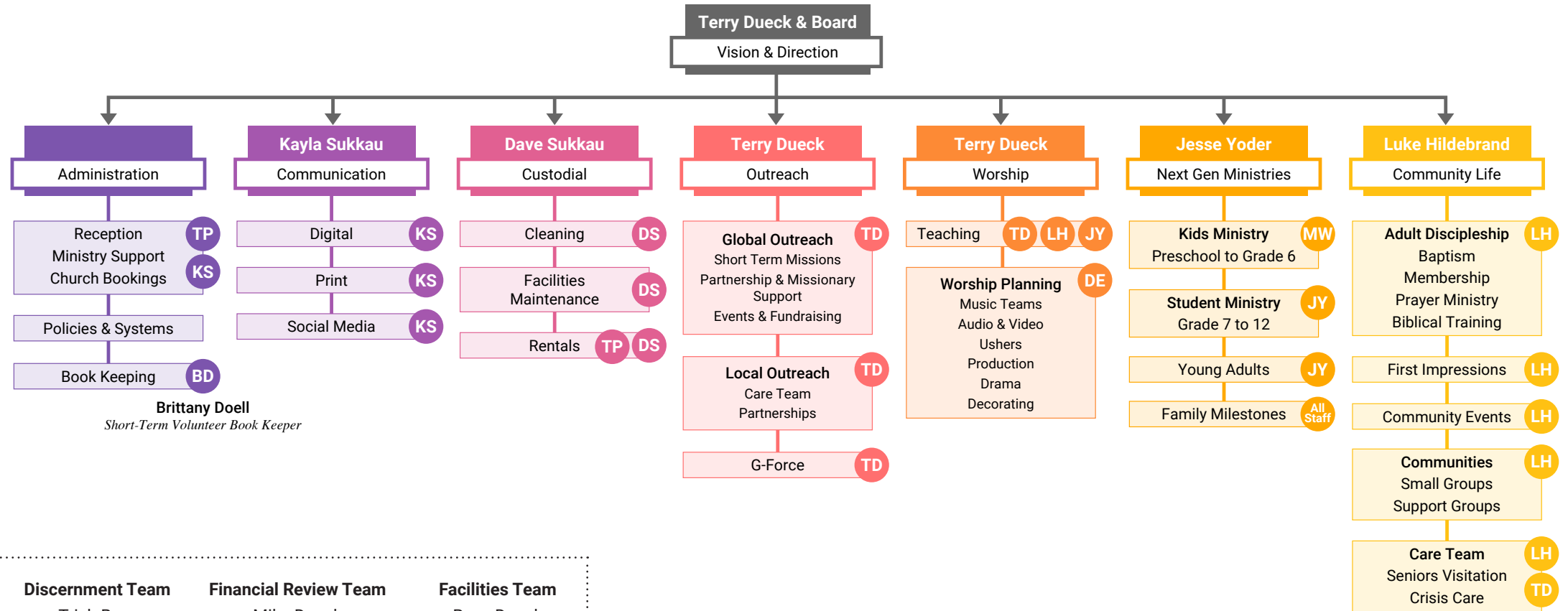


Kayla Sukkau
Communications Director
(part time)



Tonille Peters
Reception
(part time)

STAFF ORG CHART



Leadership Board Trish Berg Dave Giesbrecht Marlon Kuhl Brent Thiessen Garry Wiebe Warren Wiebe Herman Olfert	Discernment Team Trish Berg Steve Friesen Andrew Penner Nicole Penner Governance Team Leslie Hildebrand Linda Penner Brent Thiessen	Financial Review Team Mike Dueck Dave Giesbrecht Gerald Hildebrand	Facilities Team Russ Dueck Richard Elias John Fehr Gerald Hildebrand Ed Rempel Lin Peters
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MESSAGE FROM THE

BOARD

Dear WMBC members and friends,

We're excited to present this year's annual report which highlights what's happened over the past year. Despite some set backs and uncertainties, we continue to move forward in our mission of "Leading people to passionately love and follow Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit".

Here are some highlights:

- Returning to in-person gatherings and full programming.
- Continuing to grow our online audience
- Celebrating 15 baptisms and 14 new members
- Working through challenging and potentially divisive issues with the board. Even when we don't all see things the same way we leave the meetings with unity. Our board members have shown each other grace and lead with humility.
- Hiring Jesse as our NextGen pastor
- Updating our church by laws
- Growth in our children's ministry and hearing stories of parents and grandparents coming to church because of that

There are so many great things to celebrate, but we also realize there are certain areas that need improvement. These are mostly around communication. As a leadership board, we are committed to that. This will include reporting certain things more effectively and frequently. It will also include listening which is vital in communicating.

Opportunities ahead of us:

We have had and will continue to have significant discussions about changes to our administrative structure. During this time of transition the Board and Lead Pastor can easily get bogged down with administrative duties and details. While these are important things in running the church as an organization, we remain committed to seeing our pastor staff focus on spiritual care and discipleship; and our leadership board focus on vision and planning for the future.

Marlon Kuhl - Board Chair

LEADERSHIP BOARD & DISCERNMENT TEAM NOMINEES

The role of the Board is to make decisions that direct and protect the mission and vision of WMBC through the input and feedback of the congregation. The Board delegates the responsibility of how the mission is lived out in the life of WMBC to the staff and provides support and accountability to the lead pastor and the staff team.

With the authority granted to them from the membership (through voting), the role of the Discernment Team is to discern and propose suitable leaders for the Board based on the giftings and diversity needed to represent and lead WMBC



Trish Berg *Board Nominee*

I am married to Sam and have 3 adult daughters and one son in law. I have been attending WMBC for over 30 years. This church is my home and the people I see here every week are my family. One of the things that was emphasized for me during covid was the fact that God created us to live in community. I feel so blessed and encouraged by the people I meet regularly at church. I have been able to serve this church in a variety of ways over the years from Girls Aloud to Worship Team to cleaning toilets to Youth to Discernment Team and more.

Over the last couple of years I have also had the pleasure of serving our church through the leadership board. Sometimes getting involved in the business of church can jade a person. The politics of church can be tough. But my experience has been inspiring. Although we have not always agreed at the board table, we show great respect, integrity, listening skills, honour, and kindness. I have witnessed people's countless hours in getting things done around the church so it can serve people well. I have seen our staff handle stressful situations with grace and faith. I am proud of this church! I would be honoured, grateful and humbled to be voted in to be a part of the leadership board for another 3 years.



Warren Wiebe *Board Nominee*

I am honoured to serve as a Board Member once again. I have been a Board Member for a few terms in the past.

Sally & I have been a part of this congregation for 40+ years. We have seen/experienced some good changes in the church as well as some not so good changes in those years. And through it all God has been faithful.

We are both retired and are enjoying doing life in whatever that brings. We enjoy traveling. We have 3 children, 6 grandchildren all living in the area, and are happy and blessed to be a part of their lives on a near daily basis. Providing snacks after school, surprise visits, following their sports, child care when needed. It will be a challenge to walk this journey and look forward to walk it with folks who are faithful, committed to being servants for God's Kingdom. Pray I will have wisdom, discernment, and be faithful to God's calling in this season.



Steven Friesen *Discernment Team Nominee*

My name is Steve Friesen, and together with my wife Rhonda have been attending WMBC for just under 25 years. Over that time, we've been Small Group Leaders, Deacons and I spent several years on what once was the Nominating Committee. Over the last three years I've had the pleasure of working with a wonderful group of people on the Discernment Committee, and if you'll have me, I'd love to let me name stand for another term.



Andrew Penner *Discernment Team Nominee*

I am honoured to have my name submitted for consideration to be on the Discernment Team. I am 42 years old and have been attending WMBC since I was in grade six. I was married here, my four kids have been dedicated to Jesus here, and have enjoyed building many relationships with some amazing people. I have served in many capacities over the years and I look forward to serving again to help connect people with what God is doing in Winkler and surrounding areas through WMBC.

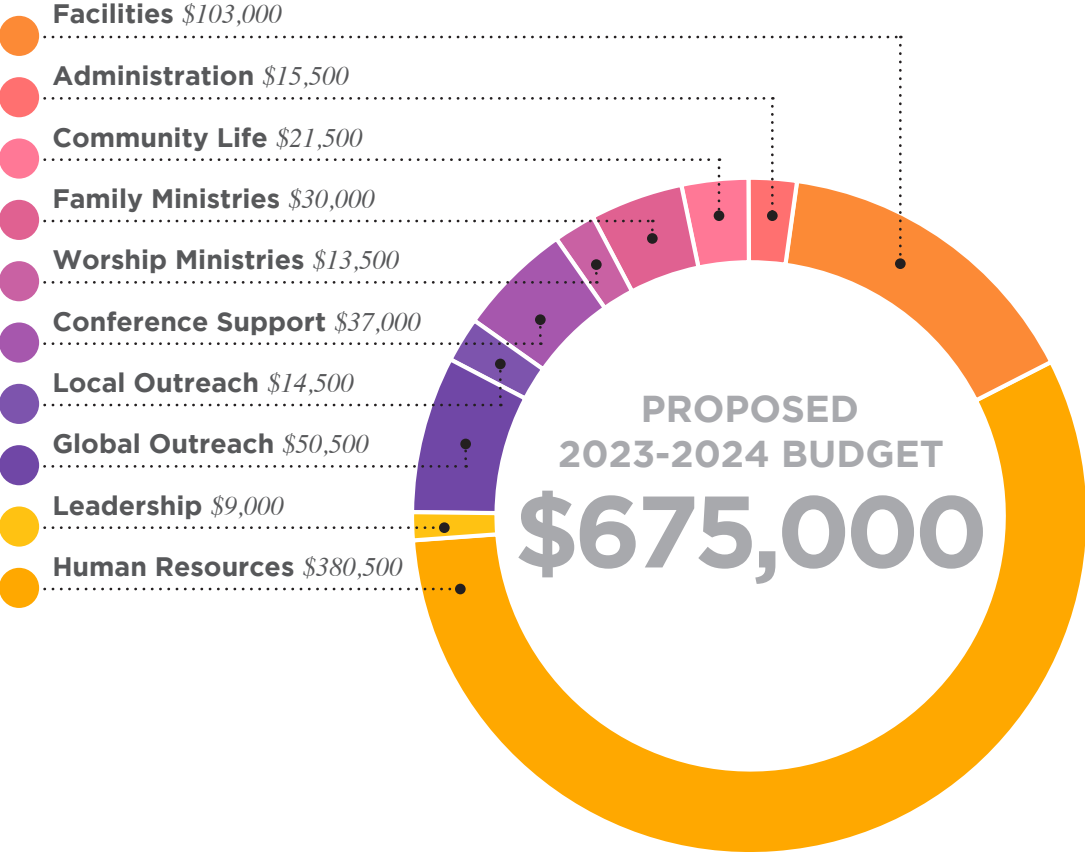


Nicole Penner *Discernment Team Nominee*

Hello, my name is Nicole Penner, I have been married to my husband Kevin for 15 years and we have 3 beautiful kids and 1 in heaven. I have grown up at WMBC, got baptized, married and dedicated all my children here. It is a great church to come along side in growing what Jesus has started and is continuing to do in our city. Some areas I have helped in are leading Sunday school, arranging meals for families with newborns, decorating committee and leading a small group. I would love to continue serving our church on this team!

PROPOSED BUDGET

Thanks so much for your continued generosity.



ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 25 | 7:00 PM

Join us on June 25 at 7 pm at WMBC for our Annual Meeting. Hear updates from the Board, Discernment Team, and Pastor Terry. Members will vote on the proposed budget and Board and Discernment nominees. Looking forward to seeing you there!

