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Spring 2018

Construction Set to Begin This Spring



Emmanuel Home’s new expansion project is well underway! The Building Committee has been working hard to develop detailed plans, and it has been going through the approval process to get the proper permits to begin construction. If everything continues to go well and the schedule is maintained, we anticipate that construction will begin sometime in April, and that the building should be ready for occupancy in the late fall of 2019!

In addition to the growth of Emmanuel Home’s waitlist to more than 90 people; the wait time to move into Emmanuel Home is also growing to well over two years. We realize that people are looking for more living options as well. To keep up with demand and to continue to provide quality housing and care for our seniors, the expansion will include:

- ◆ 30 2-bedroom suites (1126 sq. ft)
- ◆ 20 1-bedroom suites (800 sq. ft)
- ◆ In-suite laundry
- ◆ Balconies
- ◆ Generous amenities with community space, including café, meeting rooms, and a solarium.

Once the project is underway, we will update Society members on the process for signing up for suites. In the meantime, please contact us in the main office 780.478.2051 if you have any questions.

Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta

Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2018

7:30 p.m. Trinity CRC

More information inside

2018 RACE FOR THE AGES

-in search of the golden YEG

Saturday, May 26, 2018

To register contact Maria Bos
mbos@emmanuelhome.ca or online:

[emmanuelhome.ca/involved/
race-for-the-ages](http://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/race-for-the-ages)

First Prize: 4-\$500 travel vouchers



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Message from the Executive Director

Greetings from Emmanuel Home!

It's hard to believe that we are already a couple months into 2018 and looking forward to spring. With the Christmas and the cold winter months in the rearview mirror, we are all excited to get outside and stretch our legs.

Whether it be through the challenges of flu season or the extra effort required to deal with the cold weather, our residents continue to enjoy the benefits of community. The Lord continues to provide for Emmanuel Home through the incredible people that work, live and contribute to make this a special place. Thank you for your role in that!

As we head into a season of building (see front page article) and growth (see back page article), please continue to surround the Society with your prayers and support. We appreciate all that you do, and look to the Lord for His continued faithfulness!

Darren Sinke



Meet Residents, John and Alice Woudstra

John and Alice Woudstra have been residents of Emmanuel Home since the summer of 2012. They were among the first residents who moved into the newly-constructed East Wing. They are residents who have also been committed donors of Emmanuel Home since Alice's father, Frits Meyerink, moved into the Home which is now called the West Wing in 1973.

John and Alice very much enjoy living at Emmanuel Home where John sits in his easy chair on the 4th floor and overlooks the south courtyard and gardens. As the sun filters through their sheer curtains, he reminisces about his experiences at Emmanuel Home. "Adjusting to this new life was relatively easy for us," he says, "as many of our new neighbours were also members of our church community".

John and Alice have been blessed with seven children, 25 grandchildren and 13 (and counting) great-grandchildren, many living in the Edmonton area. Visits from family are a familiar occurrence and fill their lives with much joy. They also participate in the many bus excursions planned for residents to local IMAX presentations, the Alberta legislature, Christmas displays and other cultural destinations. Within the Home, they participate in some activities and especially enjoy movie times and resident birthday celebrations.

In the spring and summer, John can be seen tilling the soil in his raised garden bed and helping to tend the flower gardens around Emmanuel Home. He also either walks or takes the bus to Londonderry Mall where he does their weekly shopping.

Alice regularly can be seen perusing both English and Dutch books in the *Gerry Segger Library*.

The Woudstra's are thankful for the blessings of a comfortable home at Emmanuel Home where they experience a good quality of life as they age. They want to encourage others who are considering a move, to make that decision earlier in life, when they are in their 60's and 70's. Then they are more capable of making a smooth transition and can better enjoy all the amenities available to them.

***For more resident stories, go to our website:
emmanuelhome.ca/involved/testimonials.***



John & Alice enjoy their retirement living at Emmanuel Home.

Friendships keep residents happy and healthy



Staff member, Sonja, makes residents feel right at home and encourages them to remain socially and physically active to maintain good health.



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Emmanuel Home's new Resident Support Coordinator, Tini Oort, regularly visits with residents and encourages them to stay actively involved in the many social activities that are offered for them. She provides social, mental, emotional and spiritual support to residents and families as needed.



2017-18 Board of Directors (l to r) Kelvin Van Dasselaar (Chair), Henry Baker, Bert Kamphius, Harry Vriend, Darren Sinke, (Exe. Dir.), Anko Buwalda, Ebeline Zee-Hawtin, Evert Vroon, Mary Velthuisen. Missing: Allan Brennan.

Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta

Annual General Meeting Notice

Monday, May 14, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity CRC, 13427 57 St, Edmonton

Items of Interest

- Board Introductions
- Report from the Executive Director
- **Special Presentation: Geriatric Social Work**
Patricia Gartner, BSW, Registered Social Worker
- Presentation of 2017 Financial Statements
- Budget 2018 Presentation
- Update on Expansion Project Construction
- Election of New Board Members
- Appreciation of Retiring Board Members
- Staff Long Service Recognition

Society memberships will be available at the meeting. Updated suite designs and architectural renderings will also be on display.

CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta is accepting applications to serve on our volunteer Board to fill upcoming vacancies. We hope to receive a number of nominations with a view to having a diverse, talented and dedicated pool of candidates to draw from for Board service. Three incumbents are eligible for re-election to their second term. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone who will add value to the leadership role of the Board of Directors, please contact Board Chair, Kelvin VanDasselaar kdazzler@live.ca or Executive Director, Darren Sinke dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca, 780-478-2051.

Emmanuel Home Growth Update

The Board has been actively discussing what 'growth' looks like for the Society, outside of Emmanuel Home. Here are some updates on our work:

Neerlandia

On February 9, a town hall meeting was held in Neerlandia to introduce the idea of bringing Christian seniors' housing to that community. Many of our current residents and Society members have direct ties to that area, and we are excited to pursue this discussion further. Approximately 100 people came to the meeting, and there was a great conversation about the concept and demand. The Board is now seeking direct feedback from individuals and groups who would like to partner with the Society to bring this dream to reality.

West End

The Steering Committee continues to meet and pursue leads on appropriate pieces of land that would fit the vision of expanding our operations in Edmonton. There have been a number of discussions with other groups and developers about potential opportunities, and we hope we can communicate a clearer plan and location in the near future!

As we continue this exploration, we continue to seek the Lord's leading and provision. If you want to stay up to date with these discussions and developments, be sure to sign up as a Society member for 2018. There are communications and decisions that only get distributed to Society members, so don't miss out! For more information, contact Darren Sinke dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca, 780.478.2051.

Estate gifts in memory of
Cornelia De Weerd
Gerald Henry Woudstra
were gratefully received.

Donations gratefully received from local area churches in 2017:

Barrhead CRC
Edmonton Covenant CRC
Leduc Ebenezer CRC
Edson-Peers CRC
Emmanuel Community Reformed
Edmonton First CRC
First Protestant Reformed Church
Hope Stony Plain CRC
Immanuel Protestant Reformed Church
Edmonton Inglewood CRC
La Glace CRC
Edmonton Maranatha CRC
St Albert CRC
Edmonton Trinity CRC

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Support the residents of Emmanuel Home! Make a donation online at emmanuelhome.ca Join our Monthly Donors Program. Sign up online or call 780.822.1271 to set up your monthly giving today!



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