



September 11, 2020

Greetings!

At the start of 2020, the Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta was anticipating a year of Grand Opening celebrations, community engagement meetings around growth and expansion, and the usual resident events and gatherings. However, as we all are too aware, COVID-19 has completely changed our normal way of operations and communication.

With thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness and provision, we have been free of COVID-19 at Emmanuel Home. It hasn't come without a cost, though, as residents, staff and families have had to make tremendous and difficult adjustments in order to meet Public Health requirements and recommendations.

With the limits on gatherings and our overall risk-averse approach still in place for the foreseeable future, we do need to address the need for an Annual General Meeting to meet our legal requirements for the election of Board members and presentation of financial information. Instead of our typical in-person meeting at Trinity CRC, and to ensure that our entire membership has the opportunity to receive the same information and participate, we will communicate through an enclosed package, invite you to vote via proxy for the needed Board member representation, and ask questions. After the information is distributed, we will gather any feedback and/or questions via phone or email and communicate the answers with the entire membership.

In this package you will find: *(If you are a Society member and have not received your package, please contact Reception at 780-478-2051.)*

- 1) CEO report
- 2) 2019 AGM Minutes
- 3) Summary of the 2019 audited financial statements
  - a. If you would like a copy of the full audited statements, please contact Darren Sinke at [dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca)
- 4) 2020 budget
- 5) Board member nominees and voting process

**Please direct any Society related questions to Darren Sinke, CEO, at [dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:dsinke@emmanuelhome.ca) or 780-478-2051. The questions and related responses will be summarized and distributed to the entire membership later this month.** Also, if you still need to renew your 2020 membership, please do so online or by contacting the main office!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to providing a Christian environment for seniors in our community!

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

## Report from the CEO's office

Good afternoon!

This past year has been full of change! COVID-19 has been in and around everyone's conversations and planning for 6 months now. I remember that first morning when the provincial decision was made to shut things down in response to the growing threat of COVID-19. Our leadership team sat around the table and had to make some difficult decisions without much information. At Emmanuel Home, we have a community of seniors who rely on regular contact and interaction with their dear loved ones. Two weeks prior, we had just hosted a town hall meeting about the potential West end expansion project and were gearing up to get the ball rolling on the project. We were two weeks away from opening the doors to the North Wing expansion project with almost all 50 suites ready to be filled in April. Discussions were ongoing with Neerlandia about a Christian seniors' home in that community. Needless to say, there was a lot going on that needed to be taken into consideration!

With thanks to the Lord, we can look back on the past year and see His faithfulness and provision despite the challenges we've all embraced. Overall, our residents at Emmanuel Home have been in good health and COVID free. Staff and residents have both taken on the challenges of new restrictions and protocols with a focused and common goal of protecting each other. While I don't want to minimize how difficult it has been for everyone, I do want to commend their willingness and diligence in adjusting to the new normal.

The doors to the new North Wing were opened on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and although the move-in process was slowed, we are almost full and have just a few suites left. We are looking forward to a big party or two to celebrate with you, whenever it is possible, but in the meantime all of Emmanuel Home residents are enjoying the beautiful common areas and our new residents are settling into their suites. We are also pleased to report that the project came in on budget.

Work continues on the design & development of our West end site. Successful re-zoning of the site is anticipated for this fall, at which point we will complete the purchase of the land. In the meantime, our Building Committee has been working away at designing the building and planning for the next steps in obtaining financing and permits for the spring of next year, Lord willing. 39 people have already signed up for the waitlist! Drawings and updated plans will be distributed later this fall. Keep an eye on our website for future updates.

I want to thank the community of Neerlandia for engaging in many thoughtful and serious conversations over the past year and a half. We have decided to put off the work in building and operating a home in that community for now, as the timing is not right to take the next step. However, the door remains open for firing this conversation back up in the future.

Our Life Lease program was launched at Emmanuel Home this past spring, and we have seen some uptake already by residents who are looking to lower their monthly costs by participating in the program. If you are a resident, or the family member of a resident, and would like to know more about this program, please contact Henry Baker, Director of Finance, at 780-478-3063 or [hbaker@emmanuelhome.ca](mailto:hbaker@emmanuelhome.ca).

Through everything that is going on, the Lord continues to provide and protect the Society. The Board of Directors is very engaged in the work of representing you, the Society, as decisions and planning happens to ensure the direction of the Society remains focused on its mission. We all appreciate your support and prayers as this work continues!

In His Grip,

Darren Sinke



## Board Member Update & Election

### Update

Evert Vroon has faithfully served on the Board for the past 5+ years and has supported the Society in a wide range of capacities. Evert diligently worked as the Board Vice-President for a few years, while also serving on a number of committees. Evert has resigned from the Board to focus on a few other priorities, and we want to thank Evert for his many years of faithful service! His second term would have been completed in 2021.

### ACTION REQUIRED:

Voting does need to take place for the election of Board members. On the following page you will find the information on the four names that have been put forward by the Board for nomination. If approved, these four people would complete the 9-member Board of Directors.

### How to vote:

You can vote via proxy in one of two ways. We do need your name(s) attached to the ballot, to ensure that only active Society members are voting. **Voting will close on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.** *(Ballots have been sent out to the society in the 2020 AGM package via email or delivery. If you have not received your package and are a Society member, please contact Reception at 780-478-2051.)*

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## 2020 Board Nominees

### **Kelvin VanDasselaar – 8 month extension**

Kelvin has served as our Board President for the past 4 years. With the current Board turnover and make-up, the Board is presenting the Society with the decision to extend Kelvin's tenure by 8 months, even though he has completed two 3-year terms. Kelvin is willing to remain on until next spring's AGM to foster a smooth transition for the next President and re-balance the amount of Board member turnover that will occur each year.

### **Allan Brennan - 3 year term**

Allan trained to be a Quantity Surveyor (QS) with a firm in England. In 1977, after returning to Canada, he worked as a QS in Toronto, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. In 1989, he took employment as a Cost Manager (construction economist) with the Alberta Government. This role involved the budgeting for the construction and renovation of schools, hospitals and post-secondary education facilities. He retired from the Alberta Government in 2012. Allan is a member of Beulah Alliance Church and currently serves, together with his wife, Marian, as co-leader of their weekly bible study, and as barista for the coffee outreach ministry. In his walk with God he is becoming more and more drawn to areas of service that will honour the Lord and make a difference in the lives of others. Allan's parents-in-law currently live in Emmanuel Home. Allan is the incumbent member of the Board of Directors.

### **Margaret Verboon (Pan Zhang) – 3 year term**

Margaret is a business graduate from Calvin College. She was a past board member with World Renew and Calvin College (enrollment and investment sub-committees). Margaret was also treasurer of Creekside Villas Condominium Board. She has been teaching finance at NAIT for the past 13 years, and presently is on the Board of Governors at NAIT (Governance and Campus Development sub-Committees). She attends Neerlandia Christian Reformed Church.

### **Peter Jonkman – 3 year term**

Peter was born in Holland and, at age fourteen, immigrated to Canada with his family. After completing high school, he attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor of Education and later with a Graduate Diploma (counselling) in Educational Psychology.

Peter began his career as a teacher with the Christian Schools in Edmonton, taught in Edson for 3 years, then returned to Edmonton as a counsellor, assistant principal, and principal for 36 years with Edmonton Public Schools. In 2006, upon his retirement from the school board, he entered the field of real estate as an agent for Century 21.

Peter has had extensive community involvement with Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Edmonton, serving locally as treasurer and president, provincially as treasurer and vice president, and serving as a national board member. He currently (since 2006) serves on the Political Action Committee for the Real Estate Association of Edmonton.

Peter is a former elder and chair of Council of Ottewell Christian Reformed Church and presently worships at Mosaic House East CRC. He has been married to Johanna Jonkman for 46 years. He is the proud father of 4 adult children, 6 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.