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Peter Little, Lead Pastor

Dear Christ Pacific,

Disruptive Change. As I reflect on 2023, this is the phrase that surfaces. So much in our world is changing. A leading example is the advent of AI and the promises and perils it brings.

So much has changed at Christ Pacific too. We saw both Pastor Jericho and Manny move on from Christ Pacific. This staff disruption has brought about difficult changes – and also some really wonderful changes, like Robyn Holcomb moving into the role of Family Life Minister, and the hire of Cole Carson as our Pacific Kids Outreach Coordinator. Disruptive change isn't all bad. In fact, it's a deeply embedded reality for those who follow Jesus.

Changed by Disruptive Grace. When our circumstances change, it affects us from the outside in. Another kind of disruptive change, the kind that Jesus brings, works the other way – from the inside out. When the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ burst into our lives, it is impossible to stay the same. Grace disrupts the lies we believe like, for example, that Jesus is like Santa Claus, making a list of our sins and accomplishments, checking it twice, so he can love the nice people but not the naughty people.

Do you see how disruptive change can be for our good? Do you see how the Lord uses disruptive change to "work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose... to become like his Son" (Romans 8:28-29).

Unchanging. In a world that is changing at an ever-increasing pace, is there anything we can rely on to be stable, firm, solid, unchanging? Friends, I'm betting my life on it!

- "Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens" (Psalm 119:89).
- "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35).
- God is "the Father of the heavenly lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." (James 1:17).

This year, as we navigate the disruptive changes in our world, and as our lives are disrupted wonderfully by the grace of Jesus Christ, we will stand on the solid and unchanging nature of the Lord and the Scriptures that reveal him to us!

Change-Agents. The reason Christ Pacific exists is to introduce people to the disruptive grace of Jesus Christ. That makes us agents of change. We are called by God to participate with him in disrupting peoples' lives, helping others see the difference between Santa Claus and Jesus (!), inviting others to build their lives on the solid rock that is Christ rather than the shifting sands of their news-feeds.

In the upcoming year of change, I urge you to keep turning to the unchanging Word of God, which continually reveals to us the change-inducing grace of Jesus, that you might be a forever-changed agent of change to those who haven't yet been disrupted by the grace of Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Peter Little, Lead Pastor

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

T Cusenza, Business Administrator

Finance:

December 20, 2023 was a long awaited, glorious day. It was the day that the Christ Pacific Church Mortgage was paid off. 100%!! Congratulations and thank you all for your dedication and contributions over the years. If you scheduled a reoccurring gift through Pushpay, feel free to redirect your Mortgage Freedom Fund contributions to the General Offering. Again, Thank You.

Each year we look back and reflect on all the blessings we've been given. This past year the Lord has provided us with traditional tithes & offerings in addition to gifts in the form of IRA Qualified Distributions and Cryptocurrency. All this through the generous and devoted congregants here at Christ Pacific Church. Personally, I am not only thankful but humbled by your faithfulness. The Lord's abundant mercy poured upon us as we received an unexpected legacy gift of \$100,000 plus several large gifts throughout the year. We were also grateful to have received the final government ERC payment of \$96,407.

Facilities:

Maintaining such a beautiful campus requires continual upgrades and refreshment of the area. Many positive things have happened this year, such as the introduction of a large WELCOME sign seen from the parking lot upon arrival. What a hospitable way to greet others with warmth and love.

Just ten months after water came rushing down from a 3rd floor fire pipe, I can happily report that the "Year of the Flood" has ended. During this time, the staff experienced displacement from the office, repairs, and clean-up in the 3-story building. Construction vendors needed to replace dry wall, paint, and install equipment. The 1st floor received new carpet in the hallways, and hard wood flooring in the classrooms. What a marvelous day when preschool opened with a new look, and the staff finally moved back into the 3rd floor offices. Praise God.

Looking ahead to a bright future:

- Plans for the Worship Hall to receive a new roof are underway. The current patch job is holding but won't last long.
- We are also exploring the option to reduce the electric bill, by quite a bit, with the installation of solar panels used to tap into all the free sunshine we receive.

Being very proud of the land we are entrusted to monitor, the staff has spent much time cleaning and organizing the campus to ensure a cleaner environment for all.

Unfortunately, we fell victim to vandalism this year as our Christ Pacific signage which is located on Magnolia Street was damaged. Luckily it was quickly replaced.

Thanks go out to the Bloom Squad for all they do to keep the plants healthy and thriving. Their help is very much appreciated.

Personnel:

This year brought some changes and challenges to the staff roster, but with God's work to be done, we've endured and are encouraged by the new year before us.

Our very own Robyn Holcomb, with all her zeal and enthusiasm, transitioned into a well-deserved full time Family Life Minister position this year.

We're also seeing more of Cole Carson this year, no not behind his drum set, but he's working alongside Robyn in Children's Ministry with a focus on AWANA.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

T Cusenza, Business Administrator

The Christ Pacific Church 2023 Financial Statement is listed below. God provides for all our needs which He has done again. The year had its monthly shortfalls but your gracious giving in December erased our deficit at the conclusion of the year.

CHRIST PACIFIC CHURCH 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of December 31, 2023

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ending December 31, 2023

LIQUID ASSETS		INCOME	Actual	ı	Budget
Operating/Savings Cash on Hand	\$ 464,989	Offerings	\$ 967,798	\$	896,752
Dedicated Cash on Hand	272,314	Other	180,999		75,860
Deacon Cash on Hand	64,105	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,148,797	\$	972,612
Other Assets	 11,101				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 813,180	EXPENSES			
		Payroll & Benefits	\$ 611,519	\$	653,021
		Children/Student Ministries	9,661		10,000
LIABILITIES		Worship	2,622		4,500
Miscellaneous Liabilties	3,994	Outreach	10,765		5,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,994	Adult Ministry	332		500
		Family Ministry	612		1,000
		Membership	6,873		5,000
TOTAL LIQUID NET ASSETS	\$ 809,186	Administration	56,247		53,950
		Building and Grounds	182,201		135,000
		Mission	89,454		92,511
		ECO Membership	11,995		12,130
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 982,283	\$	972,612
		NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ 166,514		
		MORTGAGE FREEDOM FUND			
		Offering Income	\$ 39,368	\$	54,633
		Mortgage Payments	(54,633)		(54,633)
		NET MFF (DEFICIT)	\$ (15,265)		
		TOTAL NET INCOME	\$ 151,250		

2023 Key Notes

- \$464,989 Operating & Savings cash on hand at year end
- \$85,603 average monthly income / \$81,856 average monthly expense
- \$158,842 Christmas Offering
- The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) tax refund income of \$96,407 was received
- Mortgage paid off in December 2023
- In addition, we received dedicated funds for Mission & Ministry:

•	Guatemala/Mission Team	\$17,669
•	Greece Mission	\$9,651
•	Celebrate Recovery Ministry Gift	\$11,000
•	Deacons Ministry	\$14,198

2024 BUDGET

The 2024 Budget was approved by Session during the January 9,2024 meeting. The budget will be presented to the congregation for its endorsement at the church's annual meeting on February 4, 2024. The budget reflects a 3.8% reduction over last year's \$1,027,245 budget. 2024 budget information is below along with the 2023 budget and actual expenditures for the year.

SESSION APPROVED 2024 BUDGET

CHRIST PACIFIC		<u>2024</u>		2023			
Operating + Mortgage		Approved				Actual	
Line Item		BUDGET		BUDGET	Expenditures		
Staff Salaries, Taxes & Benefits	\$	615,754	\$	653,022	\$	611,519	
Children's Ministry		10,000		5,000		7,773	
Student Ministry		10,000		5,000		1,888	
Young Adults/Families		1,000		1,000		612	
Adult Ministry		500		500		332	
Worship/Music		4,500		4,500		2,622	
Outreach		5,000		5,000		10,765	
Congregation Support/Supplies		5,000		5,000		6,873	
ECO National Gathering		2,500		2,500		1,473	
Administration		55,000		53,950		56,247	
Bldg & Grounds	_	180,000	_	135,000		182,201	
OP BUDGET	\$	889,254	\$	870,472	\$	882,305	
Mortgage			_	54,633		54,633	
OP + Mortgage	\$	889,254	\$	925,105	\$	936,938	
Mission 10% of Op + MFF		88,924		92,510		89,454	
ECO Membership Dues		9,782	_	9,630		10,522	
TOTAL	\$	987,961	\$	1,027,245	\$	1,036,914	







Pacific Worship 2023 Britt Carson Worship Minister

Starting the year with attending the ECO conference was a wonderful jumping off point in terms of being inspired and fired up for possibilities in my ministry. I was encouraged to take risks and lean into what God is doing in our community and throughout the world, so this year, I tried to do just that.

We purchased a little bit of equipment that allowed us to get additional musicians up on the stage for worship. This included some of the ladies from our Pacific Youth group and I am looking forward to continuing to incorporate them and other youth into 'big church'.

We also added a few new but familiar faces to our worship team throughout the year. Hardy joined us to play keyboards, Amrin joined us leading songs and playing guitar, Tim hopped up to play the bass, and Mia signed on as a bassist as well. It was so encouraging for me to have people excited and interested in worshiping with us and willing to jump in head first. In addition to this growth, the Pacific Worship team began collaborating consistently with Celebrate Recovery for Illuminate nights of worship and for Friday meetings, which felt like a wonderful step in a beautiful direction. I love that we are able to be a church of ministries supporting ministries, and our family grows because of this!

As a team, we were also blessed this year with the opportunity to gather and worship with local leaders in ministry in worship on a few occasions. Ben and I led worship at a Likewise OC event which is a wonderful organization that serves and preserves worship leaders by providing community, care and competency. I have been very blessed by the relationships and conversations had at these events, so it was an honor to get to be a part of it in that way. Paul, Dawn, Cole, and Aaron are often at these events as well so it is a great growth opportunity for our team outside the walls of Christ Pacific Church as well. Our worship team was also asked to participate in Refuge HB's Resonance Summer Concert Series, which is a free-to-attend, outdoor summer concert series, featuring guest musical artists, food vendors, artisan vendors, and biblical wisdom. It was a super fun evening of worship and fellowship and relationships with the Refuge team were formed and solidified. It felt really wonderful to partner with another local church and we were so glad to be asked to take part in what God is doing in this community through this other body of Christ-followers.

Other ways we focused on reaching out to our community and neighbors this year included releasing a Pacific Worship cover of a worship song and creating a Pacific Worship Instagram page. I am looking forward to continuing to grow our online presence with the goal of connecting with others and drawing them to community and a relationship with our living Lord Jesus.

This year as Cole came on staff, I also had the opportunity to support his and Robyn's ministries and grow myself as well. I had never been to AWANA before so naturally trying to handle a lot of the administrative side of it was a challenge. As we were challenged though, God was present and showed us how able He is to use anyone to accomplish His good plans.

Some other highlights of the year included the prayers that started happening in little groups after worship services. I started noticing this in the summer, and I've been so proud and blessed seeing our church wrap its arms around each other this way. I've also had the privilege to hear how worship has been affecting our church, whether through a specific song, message, or combination of worship elements. I feel it is such a gift to have one of the best seats in the house to watching how the Spirit of the Lord moves among His people at Christ Pacific Church. I can't wait to see what He does in 2024!







CHRIST PACIFIC PRESCHOOL

Dee Dee Orel, Preschool Director

End of the Year Report 2023

Christ Pacific Preschool

First and foremost, I would like to say "Thank you" to all of you for loving our preschoolers, staff, and families. The events have been a wonderful connection for our families to get to know one another and feel the love of Christ.

We had a lot of "first" moments this year:

New flooring, new cabinets, and paint in all classrooms.

First time in the history of Christ Pacific Preschool where our 2 ½- 3-year-old classes filled up 2 days during registration with a "wait list."

The preschool joined the Trunk n Treat event and had a "Noah's Ark" trunk. The families loved the event.

Church staff joined us for our first-time family dinner before the Parent meetings catered by "Northside Café." We had wonderful feedback and over half our families joined us for the greet and meet dinner.

Over 80 guests showed up to hear the Christmas story in Chapel where our 5-year-old children dressed up and acted out the birth of Christ. It was a glorious morning.

We are blessed and grateful for a wonderful community. Thank you for all your participation and volunteering for all these amazing events. What a great family, church!

Staff Bible verse and word this year: "Peace." Philippians 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing."

Your Sister in Christ,

Dee Dee Orel

Christ Pacific Preschool, Director











Christ Pacific Preschool Profit & Loss September 2022 through August 2023

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE		STAFF & BENEFITS EXPENSES	
Income 4000 - Tuition	\$421,379	5000 - Payroll	\$300,071
4005 - Registration	12,900	5030 - Payroll Taxes	25,135
4006 - Registration - Summer School	1,600	5090 - Worker's Comp Insurance	9,141
4010 - Extended Day	8,955	5036 - Pension Benefits	5,737
4012 - Friday Fun Day	7,158	5038 - Employees Qualified Tuition Red	
4020 - Summer School	17,360	5050 - Staff Appreciation	912
4025 - Late Fees	95	5085 - Membership/Training	480
4030 - Fundraising/Donations	999	5093 - Mileage Reimbursement	174
4031 - Fundraising-Trike-A-Thon	8,404	STAFF & BENEFTS EXPENSES	\$356,103
4033 - Fundraiser-T-Shirts	250		
4050 - Interest Earned	10		
4051 - Gain/Loss New Covenant Fund	5,983	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$456,330
4090 - Miscellaneous	3		
TOTAL INCOME	\$485,096		
Expense		NET INCOME	\$ 28,766
OPERATING EXPENSES			
5035 - Payroll Service Fees	3,035		
6000 - Office Expenses	3,056		
6010 - Copier Lease & Maint.	2,828		
6015 - Donation Expenditures	116		
6017 - Field Trips	274		
6020 - Playground Expenses	674		
6025 - Facility Maint. & Repairs	2,200		
6030 - Facility Use Fee	59,600		
6033 - Fundraising Purchases	685		
6034 - Insurance	450		
6037 - Postage	47		
6040 - Professional Fees/Consulting	380		
6049 - Push Pay Charge	9,599		
6055 - Licenses & Fees	1,063		
6070 - Trike-A-Thon Expenses	695		
6070 - Classroom Expenses	5,663		
6072 - Snacks	4,290		
6074 - T-Shirts	386		
6075 - Friday fun Day Expenses	626		
6078 - Scholarship	4,560		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$100,227		

PACIFIC KIDS OUTREACH

Cole Carson, Pacific Kids Outreach Coordinator

In August of this year, God put it on my heart that it was time for a change. The day I told Britt, I thought that running the AWANA program could be something for me, was the same day the staff prayed for someone to come and fill that role. Ephesians 2:10 "We are created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." God head already planned this one in advance!

AWANA

From Jericho, "AWANA 22-23 was great. We had new and returning faithful leaders who stepped up like Tensi and Dawn Keesey, along with the middle school assistant Molly Bobar leading our Cubbies group upstairs which averaged 20 preschoolers; we had Cindi Wagoner and Marian Evans along with a middle school leader Emily Isaac with our kindergartners; we had Joyce Trestik and Beth Turner lead our first grade group which sometimes had 17 first graders; we had Jim Morris and Nancy Koch joyfully encourage our 2nd graders who had the most energy; last but not least, Dan Kulka and Linda Lee led our 3-5th grade boys and Erin Morris and Cathy Hogan led our 3-5th girls group. It was an honor to help 75+ kiddos hide God's Word in their heart but couldn't have done it without the awesome servants who showed up, prayed for and encouraged kids weekly."

In September when I got hired, Robyn and I went to an AWANA conference where we both received information on how to run a successful kid's program. This year we focused on making resilient disciples. Everything could not have come together if we didn't have such amazing volunteers. The veteran volunteers helped me get prepped and put my mind at ease that it was going to be a great year. We also had some amazing new volunteers step up and even lead groups this year for their first time coming to AWANA.

Jericho had done such an amazing job getting AWANA started and making it an exciting welcoming place to be. My goal was to expand on it and make it my own so the program could be as successful as possible. The first big goal was to make the kids feel that they "Belong". I made the opening ceremony more interactive by getting the kids on the microphone to do their club chants. We almost brought the house down last night. We were so loud! I made a new intro that changes the lights in the Worship Hall when the countdown starts. Once the countdown hits zero, the lights go crazy and we jump around. I also found some animated videos that help show the "Armor of God" that could be applied every day in their lives. Britt and I recorded our own "Fruit of the Spirit Song". Hearing the kids shout "Love, Joy Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control" is something special, their love for Jesus is so genuine.

Kids Outreach

We had a very successful Trunk or Treat this year. Britt and I had the music car where kids could come and play drums with me to make it interactive. The Tree Lighting was the biggest event this year. We added more interaction in the Nativity story for the kids. We also picked up the stage for the band and the story to be told on. I made an animated video of the Nativity story that is on our YouTube channel. It is read from the "Jesus Story Bible", I believe the kids liked it because it almost had 200 views before Christmas.















MOPS AND MOPSNEXT

Robyn Holcomb, MOPS Coordinator

In 2023, my goal for MOPS was that I wanted every mom to feel like she "belonged." That was my word for the year. I wanted every woman that walked through the doors to feel seen, heard and loved when she was at MOPS. When you have a group of 40-50 women, all with different personalities, all with various backgrounds and beliefs, some coming with friends, some coming having been in the program for a few years, and some knowing no one before they walk in those doors, it can be a bit challenging. In early 2022, I had it on my heart to do this activity called "Stand Up for My Sister." In the activity, you give everyone a sheet that has various statements on it, such as "I have suffered from depression," "I look in the mirror and don't like what I see," or "I have been in an abusive relationship." The list has about 20 items on, and you check yes if any of them apply to you. You don't write your name on it, you don't add details, you just check yes if it applies to you. When everyone was done filling out the form, I collected them all, and then repassed them out, making sure everyone got a paper that wasn't their own. I then stood at the front of the room, read each statement and asked that if your sister checked yes to that statement that you please stand up in their place. One by one, I read the statements, and each time, many women would stand up. As I continued to read, the statements got more intense, and as the ladies stood up for their sisters tears filled their eyes. After we were all done, we talked about the activity and how it felt. One mom said, "did you notice not one woman had to stand by herself? It made me realize I am not alone, especially not here."

In the fall of 2023, I welcomed 4 new moms to my leadership team and we have 11 new moms in our group. This year at our leadership retreat, my leaders and mentor moms came up with an idea that for every meeting, I should have a co-coordinator, a point person, to help me run the night. They each took meetings and events and divided them up amongst themselves, and it has been so helpful. Now, for every meeting, I get a call or text from my co-coordinator asking how they can help me get ready for the upcoming meeting. I am so grateful to my team for this support.

Over this past year, we have been able to cover topics such as fighting fair in your marriage, the importance of authentic friendships: how to find them and how to keep them, a grown-up's guide to your kid's wiring, positive self-talk, and shaping attitudes about money, along with our fun meetings like holy yoga, Mom University where we learn tips and tricks from other moms, our mentor mom panel where we gain wisdom from the ones who have been there, done that, our MOPS Family Bonfire, Mopsgiving and our Bunco Christmas Party.

Throughout the year, I wanted our MOPS moms to feel a sense of belonging at Christ Pacific MOPS. In 2024, I want my MOPS moms to feel that sense of belonging with Christ. I want them to know Him, love Him and to know that they are one of His children.































FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Robyn Holcomb, Family Life Minister

To say that Pacific Kids suffered a huge loss this year, with Pastor Jericho leaving Christ Pacific, would be understatement. Through that loss, we grieved, we leaned on one another, lifted each other up, and we have created something new and exciting in Pacific Kids. After Pastor Jericho left, Pastor Peter asked me to consider becoming the new Family Life Minister, and after spending a lot of time talking with my family and praying about it, I decided to answer the call and accept the position. The only problem was, I could not lead MOPS and AWANA, since they run at the same time. After praying that God would please send someone with a lot of energy, enthusiasm, love of kids and sharing the gospel, and possibly be good with the tech booth, God answered those prayers with our amazing Pacific Kids' Outreach Coordinator, Cole Carson, who checks all of those boxes, including the tech booth one! God is so good!

Families are a priority here at Christ Pacific, and we want them to feel that way. This year, we have been focusing on how to help families feel valued here. We have been remodeling the Pacific Kids' Check-In area and adding more signage around campus, so that it is easier for parents to be able to get their kids from car to class. We have made the journey from check-in to class interactive as the kids follow the fish on the walls to the floor with their classrooms, and we are adding classrooms signs to make it clear which room the child goes to. We have also added 10 Pacific Kids' volunteer staff to our monthly rotation, so that there are more helping hands in the classrooms. Lastly, we started a bible buck store, that is open once a month, where kids can use the bible bucks they earned throughout the month to buy candy and prizes. They earn these bible bucks by attending on Sundays, bringing their bible to class, bringing a friend to Sunday School, doing bible study activities that we hand out at home with their families, participating in class, and attending special events at Christ Pacific. The store is run by our Pacific Youth Students who help out in kids' ministry on the last Sunday of the month. The kids love this store and are very motivated by it!

This past summer, we welcomed 125 kids to our Twist and Turns VBS. We could not have pulled off such an amazing VBS without the help of our 60 volunteers. Every year, we have a mission that we support and encourage the kids to bring money to donate to. This year we chose to raise money for All4Aid, which was the mission organization that our Family Life administrative assistant, Eliana McElderry, was in Greece with. The kids raised over \$1,100 for All4Aid.



We also had the amazing opportunity to send 13 kids and 4 leaders to Hume Lake for a week away at summer camp. Throughout the year, we hosted a few restaurant fundraisers to raise money for our kids to go to camp because they had raised the rates to \$700 per child to attend. We were hoping to offer each child the opportunity to go for \$350, half the amount required. We prayed about, hosted the fundraisers, and were astonished by the kindness and generosity of the congregation. Not only were we able to send all of our children to Hume for \$350 each, but there was one family that was struggling financially, and we were able to give them a full scholarship to Hume! At Hume, 11 of the kids accepted Jesus as their savior, and the only 2 that didn't, had done so at Hume the year prior.

At Trunk or Treat this year, 180 kids walked around in adorable costumes to 30 trunks of members of our congregation. This event doubled in size from last year! Our neighbors know who we are and they are starting to come around more and more!

Our Christmas Tree Lighting was magical this year! The parking lot overflowed and as the snow fell from the tree, I stood back and just looked over the sea of people and started to cry. It was so beautiful! We had over 500 people in attendance at the event. This year we included food trucks, in hopes that more people would stay for the Christmas story, and they sure did! We also included an interactive element in the story where the kids received a bell and rang it whenever they saw the angel appear. It was so sweet to see their faces light up and their hands shake with such fervor, whenever Peter (I mean, Gabriel) appeared on the roof.

As we look ahead to next year, I want to revitalize and reinvigorate Pacific Kids by continuing to show families how much we value them here at Christ Pacific.



























YOUTH MINISTRY

Peter Little, Lead Pastor

Baptism! The baptisms Zoe and her mom Autumn in April last year was the result of Zoe hearing and receiving the good news of Jesus at winter camp (camps change lives!) and of her mom Autumn doing the same as she engaged in worship here. Never under-estimate the effects on adults of kids and youth responding to the gospel!

Belonging! As you know, our youth ministry is in transition, since our former Student Life Minister Manny Gallegos left in June. It has been so great to see the students stick. They're here not because of any particular Youth Minister, but because they experience a sense of belonging – both belonging to Christ and belonging in this community of faith. We celebrated our youth Christmas party with 27 teenagers!

Service! Eight teenagers choosing to volunteer for our Awana kids' outreach on Wednesday nights is the result of these youth feeling a sense of belonging at Christ Pacific. How did that happen? It happened by so many adults intentionally engaging these teenagers on their terms. It happened because a bunch of you hosted dinners with and for our youth group. Service is the best way to belong, and these youth are serving because they belong!

Leaders! I have had the privilege of working alongside a great team of leaders who care deeply about connecting these teenagers to Christ and his Community at Christ Pacific. A big thanks goes out to Susan Edwards, Pam Paul, Annie Van Leer, Steven Sprague, Dawn Keesey and Paul Keesey! As I regular tell them – Together you are a great Youth Minister!















DEACONS

BOARD OF DEACONS

- 1 Rosmarie Harrison
- 2 **Brian Wolff**
- 3 Nancy Koch
- 4 **Rick Davies**
- 5 Jim Morris
- 6 **Dawn Keesey**
- 7 Marni Hood
- 8 **Larry Lee**
- 9 Nancy Isnali
- 10 **Heather Anastasi**
- 11 Pam Jarrett
- 12 **Gail Smith**
- 13 **Dotti Yee**

As set forth in Scripture, the office of deacon is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Our duty as deacons at Christ Pacific is to build relationships with our assigned covenant partners, so we can be there for those who are in need, sick, or have experienced a life changing event, such as a birth or death in the family. Deacons help shepherd people to Christ through their actions, words and prayers.

Board of Deacons (BOD) mission statement: As servants of Christ, we minister to the needs of our church family and community through prayer, godly guidance and compassion in action.

Don't know who your deacon is? Go to: cpchb.org/deacons. At bottom of the page use the searchable map. You may also call the church office for assistance. Please help us serve you by letting us know when our help is needed.

As deacons we meet monthly to conduct business and receive empowerment training through study. Some of our individual and group responsibilities to Christ Pacific and its covenant partners are:

Moderator - Nancy Koch Deacon at Large - Nancy Koch Staff Advisor - Peter Little

- **Treasurer Dotti Yee**

NANCY

- ·Pray for the pastor, staff, covenant partners and their families.
- ·With discernment and prayer, apply a detailed, session approved, fund administration policy to those who request support. 2023 community assistance was provided which included rent, utilities, gasoline and food.
- ·Build relationships with our assigned covenant partners through sending cards and text messages, making phone calls and having in person conversations.
- ·Serve communion during Sunday service and to those who are homebound.
- ·Gather information for those needing meals due to sickness, medical issues, birth of a child, death in the family for meal train coordinator Anne Gillespie.
- ·Provide transportation to church for those who don't drive in support of our transportation coordinator Karen Reynolds.



DOTTI

- Organize and serve at Christ Pacific memorial services.
- Act as greeters on Sunday mornings.
- Provide funding to Bread of Life for the neediest in our community.
- Support of those in immediate need in our community through the giving of spontaneous food gift cards.
- Support other local Christ Pacific missions, such as VBS service projects and the Christ Pacific preschool ministry, as directed by session.

Help was provided in the amount of \$15,620 to covenant partners and community members. 55 people received spontaneous gift cards totaling \$550. An accounting of our gifts and stewardship is in the monthly deacon treasurer's report.

The Board of Deacons thanks everyone for their continued support in 2023 through prayer and giving. The Board of Deacons is funded 100% through covenant partner giving. You gave \$13,737.99 in 2023. Your dedication has given so much hope and encouragement to others. To give follow this link: cpchb.org/give.

In Gratitude Your Deacons,

Rosmarie Harrison, Brian Wolff, Rick Davies, Dawn Keesey, Jim Morris, Marni Hood, Larry Lee, Nancy Isnali, Heather Anastasi, Pam Jarrett, Gail Smith, Treasurer – Dotti Yee, Moderator – Nancy Koch



SESSION

Class of 2026

Rick Gilmore - 1st term Katherine Couto - 1st term Vicki Devore - 1st term Mary Strain - 2nd term

Class of 2025

Bob Griffin - 1st term

Jeff Holcomb — 2nd term

Brion McHale - 1st term

Jim Thomson - 2nd term

Class of 2024

Linda Lee — 2nd term Nick Lundy — 1st term Wray Watkins — 1st term



PETER LITTLE



JIM THOMSON CLERK OF SESSION

The Session is made up of twelve active elders and our two pastors. Together they have the responsibility and authority for governing our congregation and guiding our mission for Christ in the world.

These spiritual leaders are responsible to ensure the faithful proclamation of the Word, the right and ordered celebration of the sacraments, the means of discipleship for the congregation, and the faithful exercise of church discipline. Our elders and pastors lead by setting an example, setting policy and setting priorities.

Our elders are elected annually by the congregation to serve three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Elders (as well as deacons) are ordained to this particular role, and although active service on the Session is for a maximum of six consecutive years, elders (and deacons) are ordained for life. The saying goes, "once an elder, always an elder."

The first seven affirmations elders must make to be ordained are the same affirmations every elder, deacon and pastor in ECO must make. They are:

- 1. Do you believe in One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you boldly declare Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church?
- 2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the unique witness to Jesus Christ and the authority for Christian faith and life?
- 3. Will you receive, adopt, and be bound by the Essential Tenets of ECO as a reliable exposition of what Scripture teaches us to do and to believe, and will you be guided by them in your life and ministry?
- 4. Relying on the Holy Spirit, do you humbly submit to God's call on your life, committing yourself to God's mission, and fulfilling your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and guided by our confessions?
- 5. Will you be governed by ECO's polity and discipline? And will you be accountable to your fellow elders, deacons, and pastors as you lead?
- 6. Do you promise to be faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?
- 7. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- 8. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people in their worship, nurture, and service to God?



MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor Peter Little, Arlene Chatman, Doug Boynton, Mary Strain, Gary Wells, and participants-at-large, Amrin Anastasi, Kim Green, and Cathey Ryder comprise the team.

Our "CEO" of communication, education, and offering opportunities is how we engage our congregation and community to join in God's mission of following the Lord Jesus Christ.

We fulfill our responsibilities to Session and you, the congregation, by partnering in ministries of social justice, peace, reconciliation, evangelism and meeting the needs of the underserved, near and far. We meet monthly, plan missional activities, pair our team members with each of our mission partners for prayer support, connection, hosting and hospitality when they visit our church, and maintain bi-directional communication through email, phone calls, e-blasts to our subscribers. As moderator, Mary S. participates in presbytery-wide mission meetings.

From Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Costa Mesa, Westminster to Africa, Japan, Central America, Europe, India, and Asia, the reach of our 16 mission partners is vast. During 2023, we were privileged to hear from two prospective mission partners, who shared the ministries God has called them into serving His Kingdom. The work and devotion of our mission partners is truly mind-boggling. Some of our partners serve in restricted access nations, or countries where there is very little evidence Christianity. Yet, these mission partners share the love of Jesus Christ in creative, relational ways, sparking curiosity and a path to faith in Him by the work and presence of the Holy Spirit.

We invest in God's kingdom through the congregation's and local community's radical generosity. We strive to meet our goal of tithing 10% of Christ Pacific's operating budget for the work of our mission partners, which totaled \$90K in 2023. Additionally, you all donated enough clothing for the Guatemala mission trip to fill 10 duffel bags, weighing 50# each. Furthermore, the wheelchair donation fund for Bethel Ministries International in Guatemala, generated \$12,439 with an additional \$2,500 in cryptocurrency, enabling even more people in need of a wheelchair to become recipients. Our highest collection number so far, according to our treasurer, Gary Wells!

We had the privilege of hosting Ben and Emily Mooney of Bethel Ministries International, and their 2 young daughters this past Spring. We also had the privilege of hosting Pastor Chris and Rhoda Mkandawire from David Livingstone Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Livingstone, Zambia. Pastor Chris preached a sermon for us. We also commemorated the 100th anniversary of David Livingstone Memorial Presbyterian Church, by having a banner and giant card made for all to sign. Our mission partner, Debi Elliot, is carrying it back to Zambia next month.







CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Julie MacDonald, Monica Samples and Tim Keesey

Every Friday night at Celebrate Recovery (CR) Huntington Beach, we say, "When Life is Hard, God is Good," and each week we see evidence of God's miracles to know how true it is! Christ continued to be incredibly faithful to our ministry in new and exciting ways. This year's focus was on connections with CR and our larger CPC church community.

Among some of the blessings the Lord provided in 2023:

- We launched a new www.celebraterecoveryhuntingtonbeach.org webpage. It's streamlined, well-organized and informative. Each week someone mentions that they learned about us from our website. We are hosting our page as a subpage to www.cpchb.org which enhances our ability to share our ministry with our home Church, and to share CPC with anyone searching for CR.
- We also merged CPC's Pacific Worship Illuminate ministry with our CR ministry! Each quarter we blend a beautiful, prayerful evening filled with worship, prayer, bible verses, and messages of God's work and miracles in the lives of our community. We've seen amazing participation in these events, creating a sweet connection with CPC and CR communities together.
- CR's 13th anniversary event hosted over 115 people (newcomers, CPC attendees, and CR regulars) for dinner, worship, and a sweet celebration of our years of faithfully following Christ's teaching.
- The Step Studies were also very successful, graduating 12 men and 19 women.

As we start 2024, we are praying for even more connections and depth of relationships as we seek to welcome all those that the Lord brings to our front door. We are excited to see what He has in store for us.





GUEST SERVICES

Ken Smith, Chief Strategy Officer

Some studies have shown that new guests will often choose whether they will return to a church within 7 minutes of arriving on campus. This is why Hosts/Hostesses and Ushers are such an integral part of church growth. But everyone else is just as important! Reflect upon your own mindset as you arrive at church each Sunday morning. Consider and pray about these questions?

- 1. Do I come to church hoping to meet someone new and be a welcoming influence?
- 2. Do I arrive early enough to engage guests, showing interest in them?
- 3. Do I choose my seat to position myself to welcome new guests I don't know.

Our goal is to change church culture to effectively encourage and equip everyone to engage and welcome guests, making them feel loved.

We are continuing to recruit volunteers to replace Ushers and Hosts/Hostesses who are unable to continue serving in this capacity. Please begin to pray now, discern how you will respond when called to join any of Christ Pacific volunteer teams.

PRAYER

You may have noticed that you can submit prayer requests in several ways:

- Send an email request to prayer@cpchb.org
- Send a request from the Christ Pacific website by clicking "Prayer Request"
- Send a request directly from the QR scan code located in the bulletin.
- Submit a written prayer request on the bulletin tear-off and deposit it in the offering plate or silver offering box in the worship hall or wire basket at the Yellow Umbrella.

I often encounter guests who yearn for prayer for personal circumstances but are reluctant to share their needs. A part of sharing our lives is to be vulnerable with one another without fear of judgement. I encourage you to believe that God will hear and answer your prayers. Consider Revelations 5:8 "And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints".

Your prayer requests are distributed to a group of about 80 saints committed to pray for you from their homes. The church staff also prays for each request at their Tuesday morning staff meeting. A smaller group, furthermore, gathers each Monday Night from 7:00 to 8:00 via Zoom to pray for you, the church, and community.

You are encouraged to submit prayer requests and/or join us on Monday night over Zoom for prayer. You may access the Monday Night prayer gathering through the church website by clicking on Connect > Events > Scroll down to the prayer image. Click on the "join Meeting" under Prayer Nights. We would love to have you Join a group of 4 to 8 people to pray together on Monday night.

If you feel called to pray, we would love to have you become a part of our prayer team. Contact Ken Smith by email at ksmith@cpchb.org.

BREAD OF LIFE

Brian Wolff

BOL serves the less fortunate, in the name of Christ, every Sunday from 3 pm to 4 pm. Our mission is to let them know they are loved and cared for, just as God does. We fill their stomachs so they can hear the message. We do an opening prayer and offer individual prayers, which are increasingly utilized by our guests.

We have four amazing teams who shop, cook and serve, as well as connect with our guests on a personal and spiritual level. We use name tags for our guests and servers, so we may address everyone by their name. We want them to know we care about them, as people, just as God does.

Along with the meal, we supply hygiene kits, blankets, socks, panchos and first aid items, which they greatly appreciate.

This year we began a pantry and joined up with other nonprofits to receive large donations of perishable foods and other supplies.

Also, this year, on holidays and inclement weather days, when we would not normally serve, we have given out gift cards and other supplies to ensure our guests are still able to have a meal. Our guests are dependent on this.

We are so grateful for the initiative Gina Neal has taken with BOL. She has done research and put together a resource list for our guests. We have also developed a relationship with Be Well for mobile mental health services, which have been utilized by BOL on multiple occasions. We also partner with the City of Huntington Beach and Serve City to better serve the less fortunate. We are looking to grow our mission to assist with housing and job placement.

This year we had a Christmas party and served 41 guests a full, sit down dinner and gift bags, which included a meal gift card. Since the pandemic, the number of guests have increased from 10-12 to over 40. In the past year, we have had three guests, who have attended BOL for many years and joined us for a church service for the first time.

When we started BOL we had six teams, now we have four. We are always looking for new volunteers, regardless if they attend

Christ Pacific or not.

So grateful to be a part of this mission.













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