



2009 Annual Report

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Director's Report



Greetings!

Atlantic Canada is comprised of beautiful coastlines, quaint villages, nice towns and good sized cities. We enjoy a diversity of culture – background, musical interest, sport, industry, economy, pace of life – and understand there is a significant range of spiritual health.

We have a unique strategic opportunity to reach these communities with the Gospel of the Living Christ; unique because we are geographically based in this region - this is our primary mission field, strategic because we have networks to assist one another and because many of us have spent our lifetimes here - we recognize the cultural roots in our areas, an opportunity because we have the mandate and the power we need to do it.

We need your help as we pray for and then with determined steps reach the communities that surround us with the soul-saving Good News, equipping the saints among us to love others enough to share the hope they have in Jesus Christ with gentleness and respect – to the work!

The emphasis for this convention and ministry year is church planting. We have invited Tom Nebel to speak about the strategies and systems that have been effective in planting many congregations in the Great Lakes region of the US.

The stories included here represent some of the lives changed by a new relationship with Jesus Christ through the ministries of our congregations in the past year. I pray that they stir your heart and encourage you as we pursue the main thing – to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Because of Jesus Christ,

Glenn

Mission:

- Fellowship Atlantic exists to provide resources and encouragement to congregations so that mission can be accomplished well.



One of our first members at Living Water had been suffering from a stroke related illness for the past 8 years. She finally succumbed to the illness and is now with our Lord. I had the privilege of officiating the funeral service. During the time of reflecting on Fannie's life upon others, one of her brothers spoke up and shared that Fannie visited his home on many occasion and shared about her being baptized and of their need to trust in Jesus as their Savior. At first they thought she was crazy but God's Spirit honored Fannie's faithfulness and he stood up at the funeral and said because of Fannie's witnessing both he and his wife stand here today as born again believers.



AWANA

God still shows up in worst case scenarios. This past January our Awana leadership struggled to find some place to relocate our Wednesday night club. As each possibility was exhausted they made the decision to cut out the game time portion of our Awana Club night, a choice that could very well deflate the excitement of our club. In a space that I affectionately described as a "meat locker", we crammed 80 plus clubbers and leaders for the next 3 months.



During this time we gave the kids more time with their Awana leaders and more time to memorize God's word, which led to more hand book completions and deeper relationships between the leaders and their kids. Our attendance stayed consistent and kids came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

MALL CHURCH

On February first we had our first service at Bedford Place Mall. Our children's ministry, StoneRidge Kids, would be holed up in the hallway of the mall in portable room dividers. Many would assume that a displaced ministry would simply maintain during this time and just survive. God, on the other hand, knew that there were some who would take their first big faith step in the middle of the hall at the Mall. Jodi's primary grade small group was discussing the Bible story about what heaven is really like. Without being prompted, one young boy asked if he could be sure that he was going to heaven. Jodi explained how he could trust Christ and then he prayed, completely on his own, trusting Christ to save him. Two more in that group of 10 also trusted Christ that day. As Jodi shared the good news with the parents after the service, there was a real excitement as parent's prayers were being answered.



Roy Rushton (baptism picture facing page)

When we arrived at church that summer morning, we had no idea what to expect. Pastor Steve's latest message series was on the story of the Prodigal Son, and so far we had been treated the previous week to a powerfully dramatic monologue told from the perspective of the Father. We were looking forward to another emotionally and spiritually moving Sunday morning service this day.



The message this morning focused on the prodigal son himself and at the end there was a song. It was 'When God Ran' by Benny Hester. When the music started, Melissa Benson rose and stood front center stage moving her hands fluidly as she signed the opening verse. A teenage boy and a fatherly man then silently acted out the story while the song continued to play. It was a powerful visual demonstration, but became much more so as, after the actors embraced in reconciliation, the father-figure moved forward and one by one, people seated in the congregation rose, pulled black shawls off their shoulders and moved forward to embrace him as well. It was obvious that these individuals were a part of the play; however, no one expected what happened next.



As if on cue, an older gentleman rose to his feet and came forward as well and embraced 'the father'. At first the rest of us thought it was part of what had been planned for the morning. But as the truth began to dawn on us all, there wasn't a dry eye in the house as Roy Rushton, then 81 years of age, came and took his place beside the actors on the platform that morning. No one had been expecting anyone to respond in this way, and as Melissa then signed the last verse of the song, we could see that she and all the other actors were extremely surprised and very moved.

Later that summer, we had our second baptism of the year and after seeing nine people baptized upon request, Steve put out a general call to anyone present who would also like to be baptized that afternoon. Among the four individuals who came forward, Roy Rushton, in spite of a worrisome heart condition, confidently made his way into the river ready once again to demonstrate his willingness to live for Christ. Pastor Steve makes the same announcement every Baptism, but this was the first time anyone else has come forward for baptism in this way. In total, 13 people were baptized that afternoon.

Fellowship Atlantic Balance as at 03/31/2009		Summary by Fund			
		2008-09			2007-08
	Oper. Fund	CP Fund	Total	Total	
ASSETS					
Checking Account	10,069		10,069	1,166	
Investment Account		21,230	21,230	20,418	
Total Bank Accounts	10,069	21,230	31,298	21,584	
Accounts Receivable	-				
HST Receivable	560		560	755	
Capital Assets	618		618	927	
TOTAL ASSETS	11,247	21,230	32,476	23,232	
TOTAL LIABILITIES					
	-	-	-	-	
EQUITY					
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,042	21,230	22,272	23,513	
Invested in Capital Assets	927	-	927	927	
Current Surplus (Deficit)	9,277	-	9,277	(1,208)	
TOTAL EQUITY	11,247	21,230	32,476	23,232	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
	11,247	21,230	32,476	23,232	

Donation Summary 2008 / 09 Fiscal Year	Donors	General Revenue
		Charitable Organization
	Associated Gospel Churches	2,400
	FEBCC (designations to FelAtl)	720
	Church - FA Regional	
	Crossroads Baptist Church	1,700
	Faith Baptist (Lunenburg)	2,600
	Faith Baptist (Great Village)	4,936
	Faith Baptist (Sydney)	5,650
	Fellowship Baptist Melvern Square	1,299
	Forest Hills Fellowship Baptist	1,200
	Grace Baptist Church	1,000
	Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist	4,950
	Living Water Baptist Church	420
	Main Street Baptist Church	2,900
	PAXnorth	2,500
	Seaside Community Baptist	3,400
	Sovereign Grace Baptist	2,400
	StoneRidge Fellowship Baptist	8,820
	Wood Point Baptist Church	1,400
	Victory Baptist Church	450
	Individuals	950
	Corporations	500
	Other	1,790
	Total	51,985

Fellowship Atlantic Financial and Budget Report	Operating Fund				Notes
	2007-08 Budget 04/01/2006 to 03/31/2007	2008-09 Actual 04/01/2008 to 03/31/2009	2008-09 Budget 04/01/2008 to 03/31/2009	2008-09 Diff	Proposed Budget 4/1/2009 3/31/2010
REVENUE					
Total Event Revenue	4,500	1,950	1,500	450	-
Total General Revenue	59,000	51,985	62,000	(10,015)	52,000
Total Designations to Satisfaction	2,000				-
Total Other Revenue	1,761	812	1,500	(688)	-
TOTAL REVENUE	67,261	54,747	65,000	(10,253)	52,000
EXPENSE					
Total Payroll Expense	41,000	26,859	37,500	(10,641)	24,000
Total General & Admin. Expenses	9,100	6,831	8,500	(1,669)	6,000
Total Regional Director Expenses	10,500	8,910	11,000	(2,090)	9,000
Total Event Expenses	4,600	1,638	2,500	(862)	3,000
Total Regional Development	3,400	1,232	3,000	(1,768)	10,000
Total Regional Church Satisfactions	2,000				-
TOTAL EXPENSE	70,600	45,470	62,500	(15,380)	52,000
NET INCOME	(3,339)	9,277	2,500	7,077	-

Notes.

1. The budget figures for 2009-2010 are included in this report with the same major headings as last year for comparison purposes. The intent in the future is to show how funds were dispersed as it relates to the areas identified in the strategic plan.

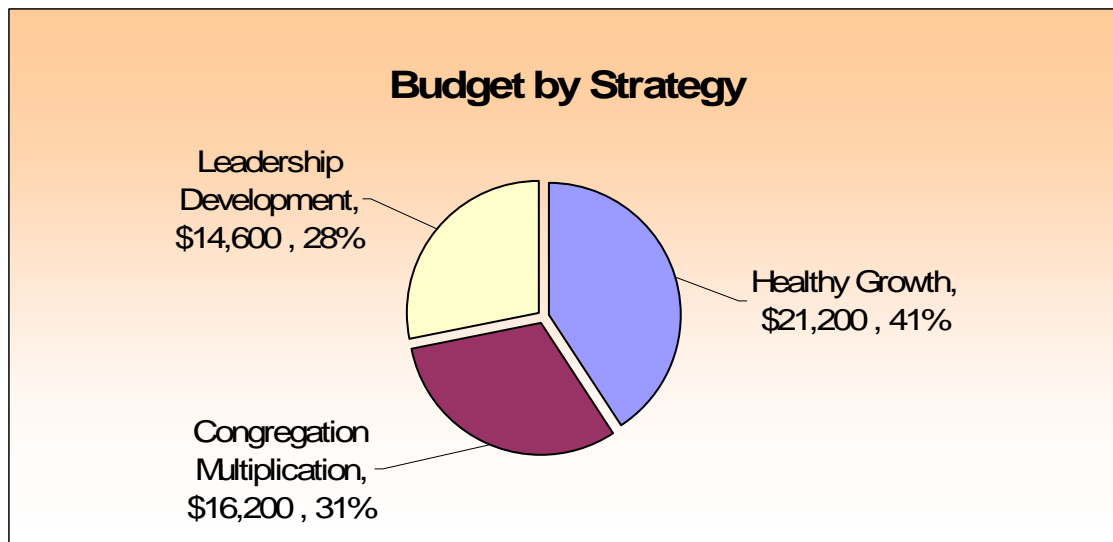
2. Fellowship Atlantic maintains a fund for Church Planting initiatives. The current balance in that fund is \$21,229, which includes \$812 of interest earned in 2008. No expenses were incurred on this fund in the last fiscal year.

3. The 2008-09 Budget does not include any amounts for designations to other congregations - any amounts received that are designated for regional congregations are disbursed accordingly. These amounts are recorded as they come in and go out but are not included in the budget this year and are not included in the accounting of ministry operations.

2009-2010 Budget by Strategy

This budget is intended to align financial resources with the strategic plan, and reflects priorities of time and resources. For example, 40% of the salary component of the Regional Director is earmarked for Healthy Growth strategies, primarily in the area of structured weekend consultations/evaluations for this year.

	2008-09 Budget	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Budget
Expenses			
Healthy Growth			
Conversion Growth Rate	6475	3,369	3000
Bridge Building	2875	1,025	900
Consultations	<u>11325</u>	<u>12,824</u>	<u>17300</u>
Total Healthy Growth	20675	17,217	21200
Congregation Multiplication			
New Congregations	10075	11,599	12000
Show Value	<u>9425</u>	<u>4,468</u>	<u>4200</u>
Total Congregation Mult.	19500	16,067	16200
Leadership Development			
Resources	7575	3,931	4600
Clusters	<u>12250</u>	<u>6,617</u>	<u>7000</u>
Total Leadership Development	22325	12,186	14600
Total Expense	<u>62500</u>	<u>45,470</u>	<u>52000</u>



Strategic Plan

For Fellowship Atlantic
April 2009 to March 2010

Feb 21, 2009

Preamble: The Regional Council of Fellowship Atlantic has set a vision for what mission accomplished will look like in our region in 2012. This vision is described in the main headings below. The sub headings below outline the steps to be completed this year so that these future targets can be achieved, which we believe will bear fruit in our Region and bring glory to God.

1. Healthy Growth: Fellowship Atlantic believes that healthy congregations are growing congregations. By 2012, 80% of our congregations will be implementing clear strategies for building meaningful bridges to their communities and will be experiencing at least 5% conversion growth per year.

5% conversion growth:

For the calendar year 2009, 40% of our congregations will be experiencing 5% conversion growth.

Bridge building

By Mar 2010, 40% of our congregations will be implementing clear strategies for building meaningful bridges to their communities.

Congregational consultations

Schedule and complete 3 congregational consultations, where a consultant leads a team to evaluate and prescribe solutions to a congregation.

2. Congregation Multiplication: Fellowship Atlantic will initiate congregation plants and assist congregations to reproduce, resulting in a minimum reproduction rate of 5% per year in this region. By 2012, a majority of our congregations will have experienced the joy of birthing a congregation and will have a plan to plant their next one. By 2012, this region will be a growing region of at least 30 congregations.

New congregations

Provide regular accountability and leadership support to existing planting teams to ensure a healthy startup.

Implement a church planting strategy that produces at least 1 planting project by the end of March 2010.

Currently unaffiliated congregations

Meet on a monthly basis with leaders of at least two unaffiliated congregations to explain the Fellowship and our mission in this region, and show evidence that the value of partnering exceeds the value of remaining unaffiliated.

3. Leadership Development: Fellowship Atlantic believes that healthy churches and church reproduction are the result of healthy mission-minded leaders. By 2012, a majority of our congregations will have intentional, measurable spiritual development systems in place. Additionally, by 2012 a majority of our pastors will be in some form of mentoring relationship for personal and congregational development.

Resources

Provide resources and an online forum on leadership development materials and best practices.

Implement a web-based application to measure the quantity of people in each stage of a leadership development track for each congregation.

Pastoral clusters

Start 1 more pastoral cluster, – to meet regularly for encouragement, troubleshooting and personal and congregational development.

Nominating Committee Report

**indicates person to be voted on*

<u>Executive Committee</u>	*President – Pastor Frank Kohler	Lake Echo Fellowship
	Past-President – Jerry Weatherby	Faith, Great Village
	*Vice-President – Pastor Glenn Ronson	Crossroads, Valley
	*Secretary – Pastor Stephen Michels	Fall River
	*Treasurer – Paul Dowie	StoneRidge Fellowship

Credentials Committee 3 from Main Street, Sackville, NB.

Auditors *Margie Anderson (Lake Echo)
*Cathie Osborne (Lake Echo)

Nominating Committee *Pastor Steve Hiltz
*Pastor Steve Adams
Frank Kohler
Jerry Weatherby

Auditors Report

May 25, 2009

To the Board of Directors of Fellowship Atlantic

We have evaluated the records and financial statements for fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 for Fellowship Atlantic. Our work did not constitute a formal audit or examination to attest to the reasonableness, accuracy or completeness of the financial information. However, we did conduct random sampling of the records for fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 and traced the summarized accounts back to details held in the electronic records and then back to the source documents. We found no material irregularities in the samples we traced. From this process we are also able to report that the records are maintained in an organized manner and were readily accessible during our analysis.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Anderson (Lake Echo)
Cathie Osborne, CGA (Lake Echo)

Fellowship Atlantic Directory - 2008

Congregations and Regional Executive

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