



COMMUNIQUE

FALL 2021

Meet your Directors

Arthur Soman is a long standing member of Hope in Toronto. His wife Pauline is the Music Coordinator at Hope and together with their three children, have been active participants in serving at Hope. Arthur is a retired banker, having worked with one of Canada's leading banks for over three decades. While not serving on the WELS - Canada board of directors he enjoys the summer months, after the winter hibernation period. An avid golfer, he is also a part time player's assistant and marshal at a local golf club. When not on the golf course, one can surely find him working in the garden, his new found hobby.



WELS-Canada AGM

The 2021 AGM will be held electronically again this year over Zoom. Unfortunately COVID continues to hamper our efforts to gather physically. There has been difficulty in obtaining enough billetters to house all of our delegates so the Board of Directors decided to offer our yearly meeting via Zoom again this year. We do plan to meet physically for 2022. The date is Saturday, November 13 @ noon eastern (11 central, 10 mountain, 9 pacific). Watch for more materials to be e-mailed out soon.

Treasurer

We are happy to announce that Khrista Petrie has agreed to be our WELS-Canada bookkeeper. She will perform all of the hands-on duties that Robert performed with QuickBooks, preparing cheques, reports, and other various

accounting tasks. Mr. Ken Wings has agreed to serve as the WELS-Canada Treasurer and will be the liason between Khrista and the Board.

New Pastor. . . New Vicar!

Pastor Jonathan Kock was ordained and installed as the assistant to the President of WELS-Canada at St. Paul Lutheran church on Sunday, 22 August. He and his wife Abby have spent the last week and a half getting settled and familiarizing themselves with their new city. Vicar Jeremiah Wallander and his wife Kelli arrived in Toronto 16 August to begin his service as Hope's Vicar. He was installed 29 August. VVWe all pray for our Lord's blessings upon your ministries!

New Canadian MLC student

St. Paul, Ottawa member Renée Johnson arrived onto the campus of Martin Luther College 18 August for her first year of college. She is very excited to be on campus and is looking forward to her studies. (Actually, her father reports that she's "over the moon" with joy being at MLC). She extends her thanks to WELS-Canada for the \$10,000 tuition assistance for her first year. God's blessings upon your studies Renée!

Praise and Proclaim

Praise and Proclaim is a WELS-affiliated gospel ministry that partners with WELS congregations by providing comprehensive evangelism training. Our primary goal is to help faithful members who have limited experience with personal evangelism to feel comfortable and confident to talk about what Christ has done for us on the cross. Our training includes a meaningful experience to put training into action and a digital evangelism component. For a brief overview of our training, visit: <https://praiseandproclaim.com/in-person-training/>

Mission Journeys

WELS Mission Journeys provides an opportunity for all WELS members to walk together in the Great Commission. Through church- or school-based volunteer trips to WELS mission fields at home and abroad, members have the opportunity to engage in Christian service. Pre-trip training led by a team leader equips volunteers to have significant impact during their trip. While volunteering, the learning and sharing of outreach ideas will allow teams to explore how they can use their God-given abilities to engage in outreach activities in their home congregation upon their return home. With the Lord's blessing, these trips will inspire a lifelong journey of service and outreach for all who volunteer. The trips are self-funded by the team. Often the team's congregation finds a way to help. The WELS charge is \$25/person. This includes a t-shirt and the online training materials. There is a need for congregations to both host and send teams. Visit: <https://wels.net/missionjourneys/>