



NEWSLETTER

Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society
Winter / Spring 2021

WE'RE BACK

No, we weren't lost, we simply got sidetracked. We had intended to get a newsletter out sooner, but it simply got put off until tomorrow. You know what they say about tomorrow, it never comes. We are not offering any excuses; we are simply apologizing. We should have been in touch sooner. We'll also promise to try and do better in the future.

UPDATES

1. Board of Directors

Over the past several months the Board of Directors has experienced a number of changes. Two long-serving members, David Carruthers and Gordon Dennis, have stepped down. These brothers have served faithfully for a considerable length of time and we thank them for their participation and contributions. They will be missed. Both of these men remain interested in the Society and plan to be involved, just in a different capacity.

In the meantime, the remaining Directors have appointed Stanley Helton and Margaret Hibbard to serve as directors until such time as an election can be conducted.

In addition, Ben Wiebe has stepped down from serving as President of the Board of Directors and is now the Vice-president. Murray Hibbard is now acting as the President.

2. Board of Directors Activities

As with so many things, the current pandemic has changed how we conduct Society business. We have held our meetings via Zoom and communicated by email.

The board has been working on updating the CCHS web site and social media presence.

There have been minimal financial expenditures for society business and none for the archives. Some members have continued to pay their membership dues and others have chosen not to do so at this time. The bank account holds sufficient funds to carry on business when we are able to resume normal activities.

3. Archives

A lot of changes have been made as far as Historical Society archives are concerned. Most of the materials have been sorted and filed. Dave Carruthers has agreed to receive requests for access to the archives and facilitate this for the present. Admission to the archives is by request only.

We have received a few requests for archival information and, thankfully, were able to supply what was requested. In the future, we anticipate that we will receive other requests for information and, hopefully, will be able to come up with suitable answers.

4. Annual General Meeting

We have tentatively scheduled our next Annual General Meeting for August 21, 2021. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to participate in this important event. The location and format are yet to be determined; and will depend on what the situation is at the time. We will notify you as the date draws closer. Rest assured, plans are being considered; but are not yet finalized.

5. By-laws

The CCCHS Board of Directors has reviewed the Society's bylaws and is proposing some changes to meet the society's current needs. These changes will be provided to the current paid-up membership for your review. The 2021 / 2022 memberships are due at the beginning of the fiscal year which is July 1, 2021.

Any questions or concerns should be presented to the Board of Directors by July 23, 2021.

The changes to the by-laws will be presented to the membership in August at the Annual General Meeting for a ratification vote. Comments or discussion should take place before the meeting as mentioned above. A working copy of the changes will be made available for viewing at the annual meeting before the vote takes place. Anyone who is paid-up by the date of the Annual Meeting will be eligible to vote on the proposed changes.

SOCIETY NEEDS

1. Membership

We are currently inviting more people to become members of the society. While anyone is welcome to attend meetings, participate in various events and activities,

and make use of the archives, only paid-up members are eligible to vote and sit on the Board of Directors. In order to vote or be elected, you must have the membership for the current year paid on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting. If you have not yet paid your membership, we encourage you to do so. Also we ask you to try to recruit new members.

The 2021 / 2022 memberships are due at the beginning of the fiscal year which is July 1, 2021. They can be paid by personal cheque to CCCHS, care of Treasurer Margaret Hibbard, 47 Madison Court W, Welland, ON L3C 7G1.

For those who are more familiar with the tech world, you may now pay your membership dues by sending an E-transfer to donations.ccchs1@gmail.com. Please be sure to indicate what the password is. Your receipt will be issued at the beginning of the new calendar year.

In addition to needing more members, we need individuals who are willing to stand to be elected to serve as directors. If you are willing to serve as a director, please contact one of the members of the board. We also request that you encourage others to consider the possibility and let us know who they are so we can encourage them as well.

2. Archives

We have some personnel needs for the archives. There is need for some individuals to volunteer as resource people and be responsible for answering requests for information. One of these should be prepared to serve as a supervisor/coordinator so that searches may be carried out in an efficient manner. Other responsibilities would include sorting, filing, and cataloguing any new acquisitions. Currently, minimal sorting and filing still needs to be done and a catalogue system

needs to be completed. There may be a need from time to time for someone to be in the archives while they are being used.

3. CCCHS Logo

Do you have an artistic flair? We are interested in having a logo that could be used to identify the CCCHS. This logo would appear on the Society's letterhead, the newsletter, the website, and any other suitable location. Who knows, someday we might even have a plaque made up to hang in the archives. We are inviting anyone who is interested to submit a design for consideration by the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to offer a prize for the successful submission other than our grateful appreciation and recognition for your contribution. If numerous submissions are received, it may be advisable to include the general membership in the selection.

4. Newsletter

One final need at the present is journalistic in nature. If you are interested in serving as editor for the newsletter, here's your opportunity. If you have an inclination and the drive to write, we have a ministry for you. There are various individuals who are interested in contributing material; but we need someone to co-ordinate organizing, publishing, and distributing this periodical. If you think this is a ministry for you or would be willing to give it a try please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

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