

REPORT for the ANNUAL MEETING

May 19, 2019

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Dear Wollaston Church Family,

It is such a pleasure to present this Annual Report as a reminder of how the Lord has cared for us and helped us in every way we needed...just like the Loving Father He is!

You are about to hear from a dedicated Group of Leaders, who deeply love the Lord and have responded to His Call on their life, to serve, to give, to lead and to love God, Others and the Church. As you read through these reports, I hope you are praying throughout, giving thanks to God for all He has done and the great Kingdom Workers He has sent us.

I am grateful that the Lord has such great love for us all, that He hasn't been slow in his return...rather He's been *patient* with us, not wanting ANYONE to perish, and deeply desiring EVERYONE to come to repentance. (*2nd Peter 3:9*)

This means that we have this window, *right here and now*, as a wide – open opportunity, presented to us by this a-MA-zingly patient, loving God of ours, to acquaint our Neighbors, Co-Workers, Friends & Family with the Love & Good News of Jesus Christ! So I say, **“By all means necessary...Let's do it!”** (*1st Corinthians 9:13 – 23*)

As we celebrate all that has been accomplished this past year, let's keep in mind that we've only just begun! The Lost & the Lonely are thirsty for an answer. AND WE HAVE THAT ANSWER. (He's been our Rescue, our Healer, our Deliverer...*our ANSWER!*) As a result, we pray that we'll continue to be faithful to His purpose as we carry out His mission *across the street and around the world!*

It is a Joy to serve as your Pastor.

Pastor Stretch

Report of the Church Board Secretary – 2018-2019

The Church Board was comprised of the following members organized into the following committees. The year elected is displayed in parenthesis.

Stewardship/ Personnel

Merritt Mann (chair) (2017)
Don Christensen (2017)
Bill Esselstyn (2017)
Matt Jayne (2017) (Observer)
Linda Masterson (2018)
Harriet Simons (2018)

Buildings/Equipment/Technology

Kipp Caldwell (chair) (2017)
Dave Cawthorne (2018)
Matt Jayne (2017)

Church Program/Ministries

Matt Salah (chair) (2018)
Bob Keuther (2018)
Sarah Kirksey (2018)

NMI

Lynn Bollinger

NYI

Robin Dean

SDMI

(vacant)

Board Actions

The Church Board took the following actions at its ten regular meetings.

- Elected Don Christensen as Board Secretary. (April)
- Elected Bill Esselstyn as Board Treasurer. (April)
- Approved the expenditure of \$22,000 for the possible hiring of two graduate assistants and a Children's Ministry Intern, with \$12,000 of that total amount being taken out of the Employee Contingency fund. (April)
- Approved the movement of \$43,580.83 from the Building Fund to the General Repair Fund (7207) for the purpose of finishing a number of church maintenance tasks, including replacing 18 lower windows underneath the sanctuary, replacing all gutters around the church, along with wrapping the related wood with aluminum and installing vinyl soffits. Any remaining funds will be used to replace some entry doors and possibly the walls in the lobby to open up that area for more effective interaction. (Sept)
- Authorized the pastoral staff, or a pastor's designee, to attend board meetings at the request of the pastor and sit with the pastoral team to provide insights when needed. In addition our board agendas will be constructed to address ministry

reports, opportunities or concerns first so that the team may add insights when necessary and that they be excused when dealing with other business or personnel issues. (Sept)

- Approved the proposed renovation of the existing storage and closet area at the north edge of the lobby to achieve hospitality objectives. (Oct)
- Approved the trial removal of the last four rows of pews in the sanctuary, along with the other changes to that area as recommended by the Hospitality Team, with a target completion date of November 18. The Hospitality Team will work out where to store the pews with the Building/Equipment/Technology Committee. (Oct)
- Approved pastor compensation and benefits agreements effective 1/1/2019 for pastors' Dean, Keuther and Sawtelle, as required by the IRS for designation in advance of tax sheltered annuity, professional expense reimbursements, and housing allowance of: (Dec)
 - - Compensation for Pastor Dean will include a church provided unfurnished parsonage and utilities. For the purpose of providing additional housing related expenses, \$4,800 per year is designated as housing allowance. This designation shall be in effect until modified by the church board.
 - - Compensation for Pastor Sawtelle will include a church provided unfurnished parsonage and utilities. For the purpose of providing additional housing related expenses, \$2,500 per year is designated as housing allowance. This designation shall be in effect until modified by the church board.
 - - Compensation for Pastor Keuther will include for the purpose of providing housing related expenses, \$15,600 per year is designated as housing allowance. This designation shall be in effect until modified by the church board.
- Approved allocating \$20,000 additional funds to the General Repairs line item under Church Utilities and Maintenance to cover the additional renovation expenses. (Dec)
- Approved the Online Giving Policy statement as distributed to the board. (Jan)
- Approved moving \$100,000 from the "Undesignated Resources Available for Ministry" fund to the Building Fund to support necessary building improvements. (Feb)
- Officially accepted Don Reed's resignation as of February 11, 2019, with payroll salary to be paid through the end of February, 2019. There will be a special Don Reed day of celebration, February 24. (Feb)
- Approved renewing District Minister's Licenses for Jennie Doan and Chelsie Maynard. (Feb)
- Approved the Annual Elections Nominating Committee composed of members Marikae Toye, Ron Rieder, Megan Johnston, Lora Wooster and Pastor Stretch. (March)
- Approved the FY 2020 proposed budget. (March)
- Approved the use of the WCN Internal New Ministry fund, with a balance of \$14,800, to provide seed money for Upward Sports Ministry, including funding for one year of an ENC Grad Assistant for Upward. (March)
- Approved moving \$3,600 from the Employee Support Fund to the NYC Fund to cover the Sawtelle's NYC expenses. (March)
- Approved combining the "Home with Friends Fund" and the "Pastor Discretionary Fund" to form the new "Crisis Relief Fund". (March)

Don Christensen

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal 2019 Highlights:

Funds Received for Operations & Ministry:

- Operating income totaled \$ 557,212
- Designated ministry giving and in/out funds totaled: \$ 32,905
- Mission 10% specials given directly to Nazarene HQ \$ 6,649
- Total all funds given: \$ 596,766
(Amount given through PushPay Giving: \$ 66,035 from 66 giving units)

Facilities Stewardship:

- The Board approved an additional \$63,581 to complete lower level window replacements and other necessary renovations.
- General Repairs and maintenance of church properties totaled \$80,531.

Supporting the Global Mission of the Church:

22% of total giving, used for others \$132,068

- World Evangelism \$ 29,699
- NMI Programs \$ 10,265 (Mission Radio, Local Projects etc.)
- 10% Mission Specials \$6,649 (Child Sponsorship etc.)
- Alabaster Offering \$ 759
- NCM Hunger Relief \$ 748
- Deputation \$ 4,864
- Kosovo Partnership \$ 10,000
- College Scholarship Grants (Attending Christian Colleges) \$2,700
- Support for Eastern Nazarene College \$ 12,399
- Support for NE District COTN \$ 20,309
- World Changers Grants \$ 5,000
- Work & Witness Honduras \$ 28,676



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Balance Report Fiscal Year End March 31, 2019

Designated Ministry Funds		Balance	Discretionary Ministry Funds		Balance
Alabaster Fund	\$	-	Audrey Ward Estate Funds		
NMI Discretionary	\$	5,872.01	- WCN Internal New Ministries	\$	-
Work & Witness Fund	\$	2,030.52	- College Scholarships	\$	19,050.00
Crisis Relief Fund (Pastor Discr/HWF)	\$	3,695.03	- World Changers	\$	6,862.24
Women's Retreat Scholarship	\$	1,890.95	- Future Missional Needs	\$	82,052.40
Children's Ministry: VBS	\$	-	Total Audrey Ward Estate Funds	\$	107,964.64
Camp Scholarships	\$	220.80	Ministry Support Funds		
NYC Fund	\$	6,269.37	Upward Sports Ministry	\$	17,306.50
Youth Work & Witness Fund	\$	2,735.25	Wedding Use Fees	\$	1,050.00
Youth Fundraising - Water Project	\$	20.00	In/Out Building Use Deposits	\$	1,573.00
Children & Youth Ministries (R.Cameron)	\$	3,636.25	Total Ministry Support Funds	\$	19,929.50
Emergency Fund (Fidelity Account)	\$	67,439.91	Employee Support Funds		
Building Fund	\$	101,350.00	Employee Contingency Fund	\$	124,843.51
Short Term Fund - Love Offering	\$	559.00	Total Employee Support Funds	\$	124,843.51
Total Designated Ministry Funds	\$	195,719.09	TOTAL FUND OBLIGATIONS	\$	448,456.74

FUND HIGHLIGHTS

Funds Raised and Expensed for Designated Purposes

Alabaster Funds Given	\$	759.00	Establish Upward Sport Fund	\$	17,306.50
World Changers Grants Given	\$	5,000.00	Establish Crisis Relief Fund	\$	3,695.03
Work & Witness - Honduras	\$	28,676.00			
Youth NYC Fundraising & Payments	\$	38,996.00			

AVAILABLE RESOURCES as of March 31, 2019

CFSB Operational Account	\$	14,438.44	CFSB Tiered Money Market	\$	511,117.47
CFSB Debit Card Account	\$	2,750.39	Fidelity Investments	\$	67,439.91
TOTAL RESOURCES				\$	595,746.21
Undesignated Resources Available for Ministry				\$	147,289.47

Wollaston Church of the Nazarene

FY 2019 Budget to Actual & FY 2020 Budget

DESCRIPTION	FISCAL 2019				FY 2020 BUDGET
	ACTUAL (3/31/19)	BUDGET	\$ OVER/UNDER	% SPENT	
GIVING TO OTHERS					
ENC, District Mission, P&B Support	55,157	57,800	-2,643	95.4%	\$54,900
World Evangelism Fund & Local NMI Support	35,345	52,650	-17,305	67.1%	\$45,650
TOTAL - FY '19	90,502	110,450	-19,948	81.9%	
TOTAL - FY '20					\$ 100,550
MINISTRY STAFF					
Ministry & Support Staff Salaries	93,996	111,780	-17,784	84.1%	\$85,250
Pastoral Staff Salaries, Benefits & Housing	196,487	200,060	-3,573	98.2%	\$200,810
TOTAL - FY '19	290,483	311,840	-21,357	93.2%	
TOTAL - FY '20					\$ 286,060
MINISTRY EXPENSES					
Worship Ministry	6,423	12,200	-5,777	52.6%	\$14,400
Outreach	1,499	3,225	-1,726	46.5%	\$3,700
Music Ministry	942	3,400	-2,458	27.7%	\$3,650
Children's Ministry	6,442	10,625	-4,183	60.6%	\$9,300
Early Youth Ministry	462	1,500	-1,038	30.8%	\$1,050
Senior High Ministry	15,185	14,960	225	101.5%	\$13,810
Campus Ministry	2,441	3,200	-759	76.3%	\$3,100
Adult / Connections Ministry	2,039	5,000	-2,961	40.8%	\$3,000
Social Ministries	5,018	7,610	-2,592	65.9%	\$7,700
TOTAL - FY '19	40,451	61,720	-21,269	65.5%	
TOTAL - FY '20					\$ 59,710
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Office Administration	37,923	37,468	455	101.2%	\$39,090
Church Utilities, Maintenance & Equipment	97,946	93,275	4,671	105.0%	\$94,900
Van & Bus Rentals	4,962	3,000	1,962	165.4%	\$4,500
Annual Meeting	0	500	-500	0.0%	\$500
TOTAL - FY '19	140,831	134,243	6,588	104.9%	
TOTAL - FY '20					\$ 138,990
GRAND TOTAL	562,267	618,253	-55,986	90.9%	\$ 585,310
Amount needed weekly to fund FY 2020 Budget					\$ 11,256

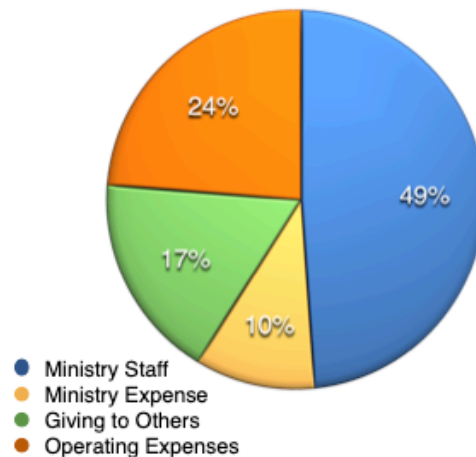
OPERATING INCOME - Received FY 2019

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 516,060
Faith Promise Offering	\$ 35,345
Sunday School Offering	\$ 719
Interest Income	\$ 2,063
Dividend Income	\$ 3,025

Total Operating Income **\$ 557,212**

Weekly Average of Operating Income \$10,716

BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2020



Respectfully Submitted: Bill Esselstyn, Treasurer

Nazarene Missions International

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) is responsible for developing not only the mission programs of the Nazarene church at large but also for encouraging and equipping the congregation to live missionally within our local communities and around the world. Please accept this annual report of some of the ways that we have fulfilled our goals as a council this year:

Local Involvement:

- ◆ Albanian Neighbor Ministry: Lora Wooster is the point person for this ministry and has already begun the English Language Learners program for those in our community who need people to love them through this ministry outreach. If you have any interest in this local ministry opportunity, contact Lora Wooster via email at lawooster@gmail.com.
- ◆ Faith Promise: In February, we were inspired by our Faith Promise speaker, Rev. Albert Hung and our Faith Promise commitments totaled over \$34,000. This is very close to what was taken in last fiscal year for NMI, but the number of families/individuals who participated this year (32) is less than half of those who pledged to give last year (79). During the weekend we were challenged to be open to all the creative ways that God could use you and me to connect with our neighbors wherever we live. How is God already at work in the lives of your friends? How can you be an instrument of love and peace in the hands of our all-powerful and creative God?
- ◆ College Outreach: Here on the corner of the ENC campus, we are uniquely poised to have a lasting impact on the lives of young adults that is not afforded to most churches today. Our building provides a space for prayer, worship, discipleship and more for the students of Eastern Nazarene College. This year, our sanctuary was used for young adults to worship, pray, hear the gospel, gather and be baptized. If you have an interest in mentoring, discipling, praying, cooking a meal, or ministering to the students of ENC in any way, at any time of year, we need you.

Global Involvement:

- ◆ Operation Christmas Child: Hannah Mohnkern led our Operation Christmas Child ministry through the fall so that we could send gifts to be delivered at Christmas time around the world to developing countries. Thanks to all who helped to organize and contributed to this ministry.
- ◆ Kosova Partnership: We are now in the fourth year of our partnership under the direction of Mena McCabe and Marikae Toye. Our partnership continues to model what it means to live in a reciprocal relationship with our sister churches in a different world area through various connections such as video-conferences. Merritt Mann recently returned from celebrating the 20th year of the Nazarene Church in Kosova as well as the dedication of the Prishtina Ministry Center, which was recently built. The Wollaston church was able to send funds ahead of Merritt to allow the Prishtina Church to outfit a kitchen in the Ministry Center.
- ◆ Mission Trip to Honduras: Under the leadership of Pastor Andrea, we sent a team, in a joint effort with the South Weymouth Church of the Nazarene, to connect with the work of God and the Church of the Nazarene in Honduras. We praise God for this second trip to Honduras, as well as new opportunities to connect with the mission of God in the world.

As we look to the year ahead, we are excited for new ways in which we can reach out and build relationships through prayer, friendship, and fellowship—here in our community and throughout the world.

In Anticipation,
Marikae Toye
NMI Council President

Spiritual Formation

“You are what you love.” James A.K. Smith

This quote has become central to the way that I think about spiritual formation and discipleship. What or whom *do* I love? Does the way I spend my time reflect that love? Do I truly resemble the One who I say that I love above all?

My prayer for our congregation is that we all grow deeper in love for Christ and grow in our resemblance of him. I want to see each member of our community equipped and mobilized to join Jesus in his mission of redemption in the world and to do so through their own unique spiritual gifts. I believe we can be a church so in love with Christ and his creation that we are willing to risk anything to follow where he calls.

I am thrilled to get to partner with our Spiritual Formation team to create opportunities for us to order our lives around Jesus. We have an incredible team this year: Matt Holt, Jill Dean, Britney Jayne, Kelly Sautter, Betty Wagner, and Susan Watkins. This past year we tried some new things with intergenerational small groups and the Bible Project and I am looking forward to building on what we learned as we prepare for a new semester of small groups and further opportunities for relationship building. I am anticipating great things in this next year as the Holy Spirit continues to guide us as a community.

Prayerfully,

Chelsie Maynard
Spiritual Formation Pastor

Worship Ministry Report

Wow another year has gone by. The 2018-2019 year has been filled with many changes and blessings both in ministry and in my personal life. This was a certainly a year of learning and growth.

This past fall the church board approved for our worship team to receive inhouse worship leadership training. We partnered with Church Planter & Pastor Melinda Priest. She brought us insight into the structures of crafting worship services by having the leadership team read “The Worship Architect”. We learned about creativity in worship, how to develop and create cohesive worship teams, new technology in sound and media, and how to prepare for weekly worship ministry. She brought in a sound expert from her former church to help us evaluate the sound, media, and setting of our worship space. With Melinda’s expertise and role with the college we began dialogs with Lynne Bollinger (ENC chaplain) and John Nielson (ENC Faculty member and director of the Worship Arts Major) on how Wollaston could come alongside and partner with the development of students who are in the Worship Arts Major.

The Consultant of our Sound, Media, and Worship Space shed some light on some of the problems that we have. Sound equipment is just like a car it really only has a 10 year life span. This is just about where our current soundboard is and the speaker system we have is about 15 years old. Our Sound system gets far more use then a typical church and does not sit idle during the week. So glad it’s not collecting dust. So with this in mind we talking with ENC’s spiritual development office and religion department to see if this is something we can accomplish together.

Melinda inspired the worship team members to have a full understanding of what God requires of us as True Worshipers. “More Than a Song” was the title of the workshop. She shared with us the importance of full preparation through our hands, heads, and hearts. We looked at scriptures that apply to each. I share the following three scriptures that were apart of the dialog to inspire all of Wollaston to remember that it is not the worship ministry team that is positioned on the platform who are called to worship, but all those who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Hands Psalm 33:1-5

*Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord; it is fitting for the pure to praise him. Praise the Lord with melodies on the lyre make music for him on the ten-stringed harp. **Sing a new song of praise to him; play skillfully** on the harp, and **sing with joy**. For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does. He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth.*

Head Romans 8:5-8

*5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but **those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.** 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but **the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.** 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

Heart Psalm 86: 12

*I will praise you, Lord my God, **with ALL my heart**; I will glorify your name forever.*

We have been grateful for Melinda's Leadership this past year and we look forward to seeing how God uses her in planting a church located in Jamaica Plain.

Our Leadership team has had some changes. The Hammer's are ministering at the Nazarene Church in Pawtucket, RI and Mike Maynard and his Fiancé Hannah Welsh are now serving at St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene in Duxbury. We have been blessed to add John and Amy Nielson along with Bubba Snodderly and Jasmine Vigo.

As for my personal life what many may or may not know is that last spring, after 15 years of Service To Eastern Nazarene College in the Facilities Department, my husband Mike Johnston took a new Job working as the Building Supervisor for Atrius Health in Boston (Copley and Post office Square). This created a whole host of changes for our family biggest being we lived in an ENC owned house. Amazingly enough we were able to buy our first home in Quincy.

It was in these moments of personal change and transition I was reminded how God's people, the Bride of Christ, are the vessels to providing God's Love, Comfort, and Provision. I saw the face of God in those who sent words of encouragement, in those who prayed over us when financing didn't go smoothly, in those who dropped everything last min on a Friday to help us load a truck so that Moving on Saturday during the October Nor'easter would go faster, in those who showed up in that Nor'easter to unload our truck, in those who unpacked my kitchen so it was ready to go, and in those who painted rooms so that our home would feel like our own. These are the true acts of worship as presented in Isaiah 58; the worship where we come alongside those in need and where no one has

to walk this journey alone. When these are our acts of worship, the scripture says,

Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well watered garden, like an ever flowing spring. Isaiah 58: 10b-11.

I pray in the year ahead that our offering of worship “Be More Than a Song”, that we are prepared through our hands, heads, and hearts and that we journey together to be the light in the darkness.

In His Service and Yours,
Megan Johnston, Worship Coordinator

**Wollaston Youth Ministry
Annual Report
2018-2019**

A little over a month ago at our Regional Festival of Life, I watched as a group of our teens stand on the platform singing the song from the Greatest Showman, "This is Me," and I wept. My tears came out of a deep sense of gratitude to our Creator God, whose name was proclaimed through testimony from several teens that day, who 6 months ago did not even have a relationship with him. He is a God who continues to pursue us relentlessly, no matter where we are in our journey, and that has been evident this year in our youth ministry. God has been so good and here are just a few reasons why we celebrate His goodness within our youth ministry (in no particular order...HE IS JUST REALLY GOOD!!!!).

New Life in Christ: Over the past year, we have seen three students from outside the church (Sophie, Aaron and Gianna) all accept Christ for the first time. I can't begin to put into words what those moments were like. From baptizing Sophie in a kiddie pool on the front lawn of the church, to Face Timing from vacation with Aaron and bunch of his new youth group friends as he chose to accept Christ, to gathering in the living room of the Zarges Family to pray the prayer with Gianna, a girl we've been praying for for several years...WOW. There are not enough words. God is truly good and never gives up on us.

The Faithfulness of Our Teenagers: While God has been up to some amazing things in our youth ministry, it is no surprise that while choosing to stand up for their faith, our teens have been challenged by their peers in their schools. It has not been an easy journey, but they continue to remain faithful to Him, leading Fellowship of Christian Athletes in their schools, having faith based conversations with friends, running Dodgeball Tournaments to get the gospel message out, and starting lunch groups where kindness and inclusivity can pervade the hallways of the public schools. I am so proud of them.

Mission Trip to New York: This past August we had the opportunity to serve with 12th Rock Ministries, a non-profit sports ministry run by a former ENC student, Greg Jaloszynski. Our teens jumped right into a week of running an Amped Camp (like a VBS but sports related) at night, working hard at a farm, running sports clinics for migrant workers children and more. It was awesome to watch how they stepped up to lead.

Mission Trip to Honduras: Just recently we arrived back from our first joint Mission Trip to Honduras with South Weymouth Church of the Nazarene. The week consisted of 20 of us (teens, adults, college students) putting on Vacation Bible Schools for over 1200 children, building a security wall for a church, and ministering in a local orphanage. The relational bonds that were built were priceless and the leadership observed in the local Pastors and missionaries was incredible. What an amazing experience!

District Events and Involvement: I have had the opportunity to serve on the Executive Council for the New England District NYI as well as lead both the District and Regional Festival of Life Events for New England. We had a great group of teens participate in those events and it was awesome to watch God move in some of their hearts. I was also deeply impressed with our college students who stepped up to volunteer and lead. Over the past year we have also participated in Teen Camp, Fall Retreat, and the Quest, all District Events that promote deeper discipleship and leadership among our teenagers.

Local Service Opportunities: We have continued to partner with the Quincy Crisis Center monthly to serve local families once a month. We are deeply saddened that they have closed and will be looking for new local places to serve. We also continue to partner with the Forgotten Initiative (Foster Care Ministry) and had the privilege of teaming up with several local churches to throw a Christmas Party for local foster families. That was awesome! We've also helped to sort clothing and come alongside of that ministry in whatever way possible. Throughout the year, we have found ways to do Random Acts of Kindness, both on campus and off campus, trying to bring small rays of hope to our local community.

Dodgeball Tournaments: This year, under the leadership of one of our teens, Will Zarges, we have been able to partner with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host two Dodgeball Tournaments right here on campus, that have brought in between 150-200 local teenagers. One of those tournaments raised over \$2000 to help two local families (including our own MacFarlands), cover the expenses of some significant medical bills. It was a pretty incredible thing to watch teen leadership at its finest!

Fuller Young Adult Cohort: Last year, we were invited as a church to participate in a young adult cohort through Fuller University. Our cohort team has included Pastor Stretch, Robin Dean, Will Campbell and myself. This year we successfully pulled off our first experiment, hosting a Hospitality University that had about 50 participants, creating a brand new Sabbath Space geared toward Young adults, and creating two intergenerational welcome teams that serve every Sunday morning. It's been awesome to watch people find connection with each other and with things they are passionate about. We have been invited to a second cohort this year and are in the beginning of launching a new experiment this Fall that will center around "Story and Testimony." Our team will consist of myself, Will Campbell, Robin Dean, and Sarah Kirksey (who were just being trained at Fuller Institute in California this past February).

Coaching Certification: Last May, I traveled to California to participate in a cohort that included a three day intensive workshop on Advanced Coaching Mastery. The cohort is designed to give you the tools to help you lead more successfully in the settings you work in and in the end help others achieve their goals as well. With some intense training, some major self-reflection, and actually having the opportunity to coach several people within the months that followed, I am now officially certified as an Advanced Coach. I am hoping that I will be able to use this certification to come alongside youth workers, college students and others that are looking to master certain goals in their life. It's been an amazing privilege to learn and grow under this program.

Youth Ministry Team: There are a lot of youth ministries that would do anything to have the group of youth leaders that I have on my team! Having your church sit in the center of a college campus is a pretty sweet thing. I am grateful for college students like Richie Gardenhire, Moesha Daniels, and Julia Cuthbert who have continued to show up faithfully each week despite the crazy college schedule. I am especially grateful for college student, Justin Reed, who has been a rock star intern all year and will continue to be one next year as he finished out his senior year at ENC. Not only do we have college students, but we also have some amazing post college students. Anne and Dave Cawthorne, Jodi Loftus, Robin Dean, Tim Stanford, and of course my husband, Nate Sawtelle have been consistent voices of wisdom and listening ears to our teens. They are AMAZING!!!

Events, Youth Group, Small Groups, and MORE: I promised I would keep this report to two pages, but there are so many other things to celebrate!!! The year has been filled with Destination Unknown Trips, Corn Mazes, Christmas Parties at Fire and Ice, 80's All-Nighters, Nazarene Youth Conference Pre-Parties (which we are taking 30 teens to by the way!!!!), Fundraisers, Bible Studies, Intergenerational Small Groups, prayer nights, some amazing youth groups on Saturday nights, teen leadership opportunities and so much more. God has been faithful, exciting, and continues to lead us in what we do.

When I look back at the year, it's been full of so many different moments. It's been busy at times, joy filled at times, challenging at times, and surprising at times, but one thing that has remained...God has always been a consistent and faithful presence. I am grateful for a church that allows me to teach at Eastern Nazarene College, travel when I feel like God has called me, support me in continuing to learn and grow, and live out this call to Youth Ministry in the way God asks me to daily. Thanks to my amazing family...Nate, Biruk and Madhavi, for being a rock star and consistent support of encouragement and love. I am grateful.

All For His Glory,

Pastor Andrea

**Pastor Andrea Sawtelle
MIYA Young Adult Cohort
Fuller Institute**

“The church as we know it is calibrated for a world that no longer exists.”

Scott Cormode (Fuller Institute)

That quote, as we let it set deep in our hearts and minds, is one that has made our church leaders re-think the what, why, and how of ministry. That is why when in the Fall of 2017, our church was asked to participate in a cohort through Fuller Institute that would focus on the church finding better ways to reach young adults (ages 23-30), we said a strong YES. After 6 months of intense, online training, and a 3 Day Summit experience at Fuller in California, we came home ready to launch an experiment called, “The Sunday Morning Experience,” in which we chose to focus on the practices of biblical hospitality and sabbath, in efforts to create a greater sense of belonging among our young adults.

We started our project, by hosting a 4 week Hospitality University, where we targeted a 23-30 year olds (called JV) and above 40 year olds (called Varsity), to learn about how to practice Biblical Hospitality. Our curriculum included sticky note brainstorm sessions, chances to practice empathy and listening skills, conversations on hospitality and much more. We had about 50 people in attendance

After the 4 week session, we invited anyone who attended to make a 3 month commitment to serve on an intergenerational welcome team, that included creating a culture of welcome throughout the church (using new signs, a total renovation in our lobby, and the removal of 15 pews to create a coffee and sitting area in the back of the church), as well as setting up and running a Sabbath Space for young adults. That space included pancakes, espresso, prayer stations, and opportunities for conversations. Each intergenerational team was asked to serve every other week alongside of each other in hopes that belonging would be felt.

The experiment has led to some amazing bright spots within the church. People of all ages have reported feeling purpose and belonging in new ways as they’ve entered into deeper connections through serving with people they’ve gone to church

alongside of for a long time. We've seen a major shift in the entire Sunday morning experience as intentional effort has been made to create spaces where conversation can take place, including listening and empathizing with one another, especially our young adults. We've also helped to connect people who weren't connected to each other. On top of those bright spots, we have given the foyer, the back of the sanctuary and the MGR a brand new look that is inviting and purpose filled.

There have been some incredible stories that have come out of this experiment. We've watched as people like Ron have not only learned how to work an espresso machine for the first time, but has used that "task" as one in which he can have some significant conversations with young and older people. We've seen people like Hannah, Brad, Bev, Chelsie, Bethany, and more, show up weekly to make pancakes and coffee for our young adults, creating spaces where they feel seen and heard and known. We've heard stories of people within the church having life changing conversations in our new spaces, including one story in which a young girl was ready to take her life, but was able to have a safe place to talk through that. We've watched as new people have come in through the doors of our church and have been seen and remembered the next week because of a welcome team that has been trained. We've even watched little kids find their places and serve with their families as they've held up signs outside to welcome people in. The connections made have been priceless and the culture of belonging that is being cultivated has been so important.

One of our team members said, "Culture change is hard. We're just getting started." Our team would agree with that! While we've taken some significant steps forward, we still have a ways to go in reaching people of all ages in this community. That being said, we still have a lot to learn. We've been invited to a second year of this cohort and have excitedly said "YES" to Fuller. This past February, Sarah Kirksey, Robin Dean, Will Campbell and I traveled back to California for a second Summit in which we began working on a new initiative that will be launched this Fall 2019. The focus will be on Story and Testimony and you won't want to miss it!

Please keep our team in your prayers, and join with us as we continue to experiment, learn, step out, and take risks, all for the purpose of reaching the young adults and lost in our community. Your support has been and will continue to be greatly appreciated!

Grateful,

Pastor Andrea

Children's Ministry Annual Report, May 2019

This task of highlighting a year in ministry doesn't change in difficulty each Spring as I attempt to put into words a year of ministry at Wollaston. Fortunately, a year-round calendar helps to provide an overview of all that has taken place. As I review each year it fills my heart with gratitude and awe at the responsibility of caring for young lives and families, at the blessings God continually provides, and at the sheer fun of doing ministry with each of you! I am blessed and highly favored!

Staff is an integral part of being able to effectively minister to our children, families, and community outside our church walls. Children's Ministries has a tremendous staff and I would be lost without their partnership in ministry. The following people serve weekly, monthly, or in some regular way in children's ministries: **Thank you! You are deeply loved and appreciated!**

Beatriz Arguedas	Megan and Sadie Johnston
Floyd and Jenaë Bartrom	Jeff and Sarah Kirksey
Nick and Jaime Burt	Lucas Keuther
Jessie Caldwell	Patsy Malas
Nicki Caldwell	Yesenia Martinez
Yvonne Christensen	Jason McCabe
Heidi Christmas	Maddie Moran
Eric Clark	Christine Moriarty
Christina Davidson	Amy Nielson
Tenny and Jennie Doane	Kim Polsgrove
Sophia Eckardt	Ashley Prax
Annetta and Amy Esselstyn	Don and Kelly Sautter
Julie Estey	Nate and Andrea Sawtelle
Danielle Farmer	Annika Schmitt
Sheny Foster	Sarah and Todd Shobert
Ed and Amie Gardner	Cathy Urban
Autumn Hamman	Corinne Volpe
Kim Hensley	Bill and Betty Wagner
Matt and Britney Jayne	Vern Wesley
Lauren Jeffrey	Bev and Jenna Zarges

This is a tremendous group of people and is not all inclusive. There are many of you who help children's ministries through VBS, Trunk or Treat, Christmas party, egg hunt, and still others who donate supplies, money, and pray regularly for our children, families, and ministries. **#ittakesanarmy**

I am proud and honored to link arms with each of you and serve together for the Kingdom! Together we are ministering to 43 family units with 84 children! Thank you for blessing our faith community and me by serving the Lord through Children's Ministry!

Highlights throughout the year:

~Two students went to Kids' Camp last summer; one child is registered for this summer's camp.

~Pastor Andrea and I continue to work through our sixth graders transition into youth group. Last summer's process was the best and the youth group does a great job at welcoming in the younger students.

~Whenever I speak to community families, VBS comes up. They tell me how much their kids love it, can't wait for it to come around again, and how they constantly listen to the VBS songs. This is awesome! What else could we ask for but to be a beacon of Light and Hope in our community!? One additional thing to highlight about VBS is how involved our teens are and how important this is to the successful running of VBS. Teens: YOU make a difference and we couldn't do it without you. Keep showing up!

~Early Youth students (5th and 6th graders) continue to bring friends to both small group time and monthly early youth events. One of these friends even asked Jesus into her heart this Spring! That's what it's all about! This winter students went through the Catechism curriculum and one student was baptized.

~Ashley Prax served as an intern last summer and this winter/spring semester did practicum hours in children's ministries. She has faithfully served in ministry throughout the year in many varied roles and responsibilities. She has even recruited fellow students to join the ranks of children's ministry staff! Ashley begins her senior year this fall! She is gifted with kids, has a heart for Jesus and ministry, and is a wonderful servant leader. I am so thankful to have you Ashley!

~This month all background checks will be updated for those serving in any children's ministry area. This occurs every three years and new staff are background screened as part of their orientation process.

~Outreach ministry events: Trunk or Treat; Christmas Celebration; EGGStravaganza: This year changes were made to all our large outreach events. Each one had a new leader and had minor tweaks to 'shake things up a bit' and give a small facelift to each event. God uses each one to plant and cultivate seeds in our community. I am thankful for the partnership with Campus Kinderhaus in supporting these events and using them as another opportunity to connect in our community.

~KidSpace: After School Club has taken on a life of its own! At the end of May, we will complete our second school year in this program, even with taking a session off this past fall. When we resumed in January, we had a staff of nine adults, rotating through 4.5 hours and ended up with 44 students! Over the last almost two years we have connected regularly with 28 family units and 45 students that are from the community (this does not include

church families that participate in KidSpace.) I can't wait to see how God continues to work through this ministry!

As I serve in our church I am also blessed to serve in our community and District. Meeting and praying with Pastors Stretch and Andrea and fellow Quincy pastors is encouraging and a privilege. Attending District Pastors and spouses retreat is a gift to Bob and I and we are thankful you provide that opportunity for us. Participating on the District Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries (SDMI) Board keeps me in the loop and a part of district ministries and I am grateful for that. And in our church, getting to participate in areas outside of children's ministry is life giving for me as well. Things like Prime Timers (no, I'm not there yet by age!), thank you for always inviting the pastoral staff to join your luncheons; serving in the 8:00 service, crafting a church-wide communion experience, providing pastoral care, and leading (with Bob) prayer with teen parents once a month. I am grateful for all the varied ways I have opportunity to serve.

This year has been especially difficult personally. My mom's health has been poor, and distance makes this a challenge. Last May and this past February, I spent time in Florida assisting my parents with many doctors' appointments, hospital stays, rehab, etc. I am thankful for the support of Pastor Stretch and all of you in understanding my absence and providing time and flexibility whenever needed. Then in October the unexpected death of Richard Robbins unsettled our family, since he was such a part of ours. Through these hard days, we trust God.

The days ahead are ultimately bright because God is there. He knows the roads we will travel and journeys along with us. The opportunities for Kingdom work are all around us. Let's pray for eyes to see, ears to hear, hearts that break for that which breaks the heart of God.

I believe in Children's Ministries we are well positioned to continue to expand our community connections, serve families as they enter our church, come alongside families in their faith journeys, and continue to encourage boys and girls to:

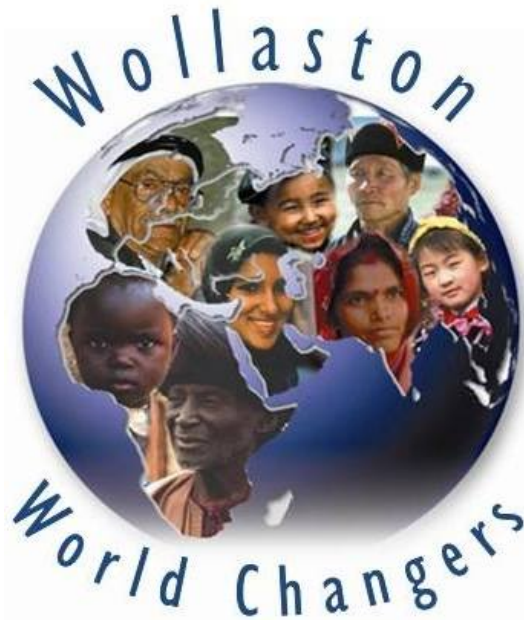
Discover God's Love

Grow in God's Love

Share God's love with others!

Truly, a great place to be!

Pastor Bev



World Changers Report

The 2019-20 Wollaston World Changers Board of Directors is **Yvonne Christensen, Ashley Clark, Chelsie Maynard, Hannah Mohnkern, Matt Salah, Nate Sawtelle, Kelvin To, David Wooster, Vern Wesley**, Co-Chair, and **Pastor Stretch Dean**, Co-Chair.

Five applications were submitted for the Board to review and three applicants were chosen to split a grant totaling \$5,000. The 2019 recipients are:

Bloom– (\$1,500) funds will be used to empower the people living in the community of Buffelsrivier, South Africa to embrace their existing dignity and abilities to improve their own spiritual, emotional, physical and economic well being. This ministry is facilitated by Neal & Julie Estey.

The Rest Stop– (\$1,000) funds will be used to provide those dealing with homelessness a safe, warm place on Saturday mornings. The Rest Stop provides snacks, games, basic necessities (socks, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) as well as the intangibles: a listening ear, acceptance, community, kindness and love. The Rest Stop was born out of Forest Hills Covenant Church and Sue Christensen is one of their volunteers.

Upward Sports Program & Ministry- (\$2,500) funds will be used to begin a new initiative for outreach and connection in the community surrounding Wollaston Church of the Nazarene & Eastern Nazarene College. This partnership helps church and college leaders leverage the power of sports to connect with families – churched and unchurched. Promoting the discovery of Jesus thru sports is the mission. This new ministry will be facilitated by a graduate assistant under the supervision of both church and college personnel.