

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE FUND OF THE CANADIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

2020 marks the first year the newly appointed Management Committee has assumed the day to day duties involved in administrating the Retirement Assistant Fund (RAF) of the Canadian Reformed Churches. After many years of being faithfully monitored by Pastor J. Visscher (chair), Chester Baarda (secretary), and Steve Vander Molen (treasurer) on behalf of the Board (the councils of Cloverdale and Langley), a new management committee was appointed by the Board as proposed at the last triannual meeting held in May 2019 and approved in December 2019.

We thank the brothers that have so faithfully served for many years – over 100 years served collectively.

The new committee is comprised of the following brothers and sister from four different congregations in the beautiful Fraser Valley.

Harold Leyenhorst (Langley)	Chair
Derek Hoogstra (Cloverdale)	Vice Chair
Steve Vander Molen (Aldergrove)	Treasurer
Leroy Van Spronsen (Langley)	Secretary
Oliver Hansma (Aldergrove)	
Ron Santema (Abbotsford)	
Jenny Vanderzyl (Cloverdale)	

This new committee met for the first time in January 2020 and looks forward to serving the churches. We feel we have big shoes to fill and are thankful that Steve Vander Molen has graciously agreed to continue his task as treasurer.

Member Matters:

As there has not been three years since the last report, there is less activity to report than previous years.

Since the last report in May 2019, Rev. R. Aasman (Edmonton Providence) and Rev. J. VanPopta (Fellowship: Burlington South) have retired from active ministry. Well they remains busy I am sure, disbursement are now being made from the fund to these churches.

Sardis joined the RAF upon their institution bringing the total number of member churches to 59 as at December 31, 2019.

Financial Matters:

The financial details and statements related to the operation of RAF can be found in the Treasurer's Financial Summary and will be introduced by our treasurer. For now, it is sufficient to say that we have been blessed during 2019, allowing for the fund to adequately meet its needs for the year.

2020 is turning out to be a very different year and we are thankful that most of the annual disbursements are offset by annual assessments received and not from the invested fund balance.

Closing:

Again this year, as in the past, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father who has provided for our needs in so many ways and who has also provided the Foundation with the means to carry out its mandate, which is to assist its members in fulfilling their financial responsibilities with respect to ministers, missionaries, professors, and toward their widows, children or orphans, as the case may be, insofar they result from the provisions of Article 13 of the Church Order.

In HIS service,

Leroy Van Spronsen