

Meetings of the Anabaptist Community Fellowship

Last week of August or first week of September, 1968. 8:00 P.M. at John and Lydia Hiobart

Those present: John and Lydia Hiobart
Don and Anne Krause
Margaret Ann Unruh

John Hiobart gave an overview of the study done last year by the members of the group then present.

The purpose of the church was outlined.

Discussion followed concerning the needs of the children. It was decided to have our own Sunday school.

It was decided to meet at John and Lydia Hiobart's house for the worship service on Sunday morning.

It was suggested that we think about fixing up Hiobart's basement for church services.

Coffee was served following the meeting.

Sept. 8, 1968. Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

The worship service included singing lead by Don Krause, a devotional lead by Bill Peters and a Bible study lead by John Hiobart on I Cor. 13.

The children attended Sunday School taught by Lydia Hiobart.

Sept. 13, 1968. Friday, 8:00 P.M. at Bill and Betty Peters.

Those present: John and Lydia Hiobart
Bill and Betty Peters
Don and Anne Krause
Marlene Cartens
Marc Unruh

Discussion began concerning the organization of the church. Topics suggested for future discussion were:

- the constitution of our church
- the organization of our church
- financial disbursements
- the aims and purpose of our group.

It was suggested that we have a Bible study and a devotional activity at the same time as, and related to, the aspect of the constitution being discussed. The Bible study and devotional would be conducted on Sunday morning and the discussion of the constitution would be held on our weekly meetings.

Suggested topics for future study include:

- the New Testament church
- Anabaptist history in relation to other established churches.

It was decided that a secretary should record the date and time of meetings, those present, the important points brought out in the discussion, as well as the decisions of the group. Marc Unruh was chosen as secretary.

A discussion followed of the first Sunday morning worship service. The impressions given were favourable.

Our next Sunday's program was discussed. John and Lydia decided to give a ten minute autobiography and testimony. The people could begin during the devotional period of our next Sunday's service. Also for this Sunday it was felt that we should each think of our own concept of the church and write out a few lines on what we feel the church is.

A financial report was given by John.

A discussion was held on the budget and how we will raise our donation to the church.

A discussion was held on where we should hold our Sunday morning services-Hiebert's basement or their living room. The pros and cons of each in a living room were discussed. (Their living room was used for the most part over the next 2 1/2 years.)

Sniffles were served following the meeting.

Sept. 15, 1966. Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

The worship service included autobiographies of Bill and John and a discussion lead by John Hiebert on the church. The children attended Sunday School in Hiebert's basement. (Sunday School was held each Sunday morning until late spring with an adult from the group taking the children each Sunday.)

Sept. 25, 1966. Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. at Krauses.

Those present: John and Lydia Hiebert
Don and Anne Krause
Bill and Betty Peters
Darlene Martens
Marg Unruh

Scriptural reading-Romans 8:1-6.

Autobiographies were given by Lydia Hiebert, Anne Krause, Margaret Ann Unruh and Darlene Martens.

Topics for the Sunday morning services were discussed.

An outline of the topics was given to everyone. The topics included:

- Anabaptist view of the Church
- Anabaptist view of Scripture
- Anabaptist view of the Christian Life
- Church Discipline
- A Brief study of several Statements of Faith.

The topics of study presented in the Concern article by Ieland Harder on the anabaptist view of the church were discussed. It was decided to cover two topics at a time each Wednesday evening.

A discussion was held on how each would participate in the worship service.

The day of our Church organization was discussed as was the ordination of John and Lydia Hiebert.

It was decided by the group to extend the invitation to John Hiebert to be the minister of this church.

Sept. 29, 1968. Sunday, 9:30 AM.

The worship service included a devotional lead by John on the subject of worship. The study period lead by John included study of the Anabaptist view of the church as compared to other traditions and a study on the Believer's Church in the New Testament.

Oct. 2, 1968. Wednesday, 7:30 PM at Margaret Annus

Those present: John and Lydia Hiebert
Don and Anne Krause
Bill and Betty Peters
Darlene Bartens
Margaret Ann Unruh

Guest: Faith Theason

Meditation: Matt. 6:24 and a prayer by Michel moist.

It was suggested that the home where the meeting is, be responsible for the devotional meditation.

Two statements of Faith were discussed. These were the "Constitution of the Church of the Savior" in Washington, D. C. and the "Covenant of the Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship" in Winnipeg. Topics included in the discussion were ecumenism, voting, the Gospel and social concerns, baptism, the concept of church, types of church, the word, communion, and the use of the word covenant.

It was decided to be in assigning homework to members of the group. For next week Bill and Betty Peters with the help of John and Lydia Hiebert will prepare a statement of the purpose of the group as they see it. The rest of us will prepare a statement of the purpose of the group as we understand it to be after being here this short while. Another assignment for each one of us is to prepare a basic outline for a constitution, including the major divisions.

It was decided not to have a service on Thanksgiving Sunday as half the group will not be here.

A discussion was held on the use of a school for Sunday morning services. It was decided that Don Krause should enquire this week into the use of the music room in a school in northern Kamloops.

Coffee was served at the close of the meeting.

Oct. 5, 1968. Sunday, 9:30 AM.

The worship service included a devotional on the Scriptural view of the Church and a study of Scripture as viewed by the Anabaptist Churches in relation to other churches.

October 10, 1968. Thursday, 7:30 PM at Peters.

Those present: John and Lydia Hiebert
Bill and Betty Peters
Don and Anne Krause
Margaret Ann Unruh

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meditation: Scriptural reading and prayer.

The need to have a spokesman from our group was discussed-- someone to make contact from our group to the Mission Board. Bill Peters was chosen by group consensus to be the spokesman.

On October 25, Jake Tilitzki, Walter Petkau and Ed Goersen plan to come up to Kamloops.

It was decided to have our church organization service and John and Lydia Hiebert's ordination service on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 24, 1966. It was suggested that we have a fellowship meal after the service.

The bulletin was discussed. It was suggested that the cover of the bulletin be drawn up by someone in the group--to symbolize our work. It was suggested that a story of the history of the group be printed in the bulletin.

We need to think up a name for our Church.

A discussion was held about which ministers to invite to participate in the service. Rev. F. Froese and Rev. J. Tilitzki were suggested.

It was suggested to have Walter Petkau speak to the group on Sunday morning, Nov. 24, in preparation for the organization service.

It was decided to invite Rev. Niens to the ordination and organization as conference representative and design an area of participation for him after he arrange the program.

It was suggested to have two separate short sermons, one for church organization and the other for John's ordination. Rev. Tilitzki would be asked to give the organization service, as member of the Mission Board and Rev. Froese will be asked to officiate at John and Lydia's ordination service.

Don Krause spoke about the music room at the Brockelhurst Secondary School and said that he would contact the school this week.

Discussion of the Welfare Association's suggestion that there be a boarding home in Kamloops for Indian Girls. Could we, with the help of a voluntary service couple, assist in something like this? John suggested that we investigate this.

Don requested prayer for a family, the mother of which is now seriously ill. Group and silent prayer was held.

Don suggested that the constitution of our church be based on relationships:

- relationship to God.
- relationship to each other in the group.
- relationship of our group to our community.

John suggested topics for the constitution. These included Theology, life of the Christian, membership, life of the congregation, mission of the church and polity of the congregation.

Coffee was served following the meeting.

October, 15, 1966. Tuesday, 7:30 P. at Arcauses

Those present: John and Lydia Hiebert
Bill and Betty Peters
Don and Anne Krause
Darlene Martens
Marg Unruh

Meditation: Scriptural and devotional reading.
Jake Filitski, Walter Hetkau, and Ed Goerzen decided not to come up on Oct. 25.

Bill lead the discussion concerning the ordination service:

- as to the correct procedure in extending the call.
- it was decided to have John Niebert given the authority to serve in all ordinances.

John handed out pamphlets on Amnonite history and one on "Christian Discipleship" by Clarence Sauman which is to be studied for this Sunday. Four of the ladies in the group were asked to prepare various parts of this for discussion.

Discussion was held on whether we should move to a school or not. Are we beginning to drift from our objectives? Our objectives need to be outlined carefully. The needs of the children in the group were discussed. The type of building that we would have was discussed. The building could be one that could be used in service to the community seven days a week.

Discussion of the purpose of our group included the main topics of:

- every member involved in a task
- mission orientation
- emphasis on Anabaptist theology
- combined emphasis on evangelism and service.
- strong emphasis on commitment
- close fellowship
- part of the Amnonite brotherhood.

John handed out a "Guide for Faith and Order" that he had prepared from our discussion of the Constitution last Thursday. This was discussed.

Assignment for next week-study of the Christian's relationship to God.

Coffee was served.

Oct. 20, 1968. Sunday, 9:30 AM at Nieberts

The worship service included a devotional on discipleship lead by John and a study of the pamphlet "Christian Discipleship" by Clarence Sauman.

Oct. 22, 1968. 7:30 PM at Margaret Anns

Those present: John and Lydia Niebert
Bill and Betty Peters
Jon and Anne Krause
Darlene Martens
Marg Unruh

Meditation and Prayer lead by Marg

It was decided that we must outline the program for organization Sunday.

The pros and cons of moving into a school were discussed. Can we have and still retain our image of being a people-centered church? We decided that we will continue to meet in the home and if our needs change we should bring the subject up again.

John distributed a restatement of what John and Jon discussed as their homework. These included paragraphs about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible and the Christian life. These were discussed.

- membership in the congregation
- life in the congregation.

It was decided that a draft could be made of each group's discussion and this could be presented at the next Wednesday's meeting.

Closing song and prayer
Coffee was served.

Oct. 27, 1968. 9:30 AM. Sunday.

The worship included a devotional on "forgiveness" from Col. 3:12, 13 and a study on the "Anabaptist Concept of Discipleship."

Oct. 30, 1968. 7:30 PM at Peters

Those present: John and Lydia Niebert
Bill and Betty Peters
Don Krause
Darlene Martens
Marg Unruh

Meditation and prayer: Betty.

Bill stated that Rev. Froese and Rev. Tilitsky will be able to come on Nov. 24.

Discussion of preparations for our retreat weekend.

There was a discussion of the program for Sunday, Nov. 24, as outlined and presented by John and Bill. Membership book and a guest book will be purchased before this service. The hymns which will be sung will be typed inside the bulletin.

Short discussion on how the constitution could be outlined.

Discussion of membership requirements and commitments. This led to a discussion on Baptism.

Will closed in prayer.
Coffee was served.

November 1, 2, 3, 1968. Weekend Retreat at Camp Squeah.

Those present: John and Lydia Niebert
Bill and Betty and Carrie
Don, Rene, Vivian and Stanley
Darlene
Margaret Ann

During the morning Bible study the groups were divided into groups, discussing and preparing paragraphs on:

- life in the congregation
- the mission of the church
- the organizational structure of the church

The groups came together and we discussed the prepared paragraphs.

During the day we also discussed again, the topic of church membership. It was decided that before membership would be granted, the applicant would complete a survey of the following points:

- the plan of salvation
- the doctrine of the Bible
- the Christian life
- church history with emphasis on the Bible
- the objectives of the church

The structure of the new Testament Church was also discussed somewhat.

On Sunday morning, the worship service included a devotional "Scriptural portrait of Christ" in which we each took turns reading various scriptural passages.

Dealers then took the children for Sunday school.

The study was presented by Anne and Betty, as they reviewed their reading done on the topic of the life of the congregation.

A discussion of some of the following points followed:

- the meaning of conversion
- the concept of life in prayer
- the view of the church as a family
- the use of women's groups.

The worship service closed with prayer in which all were able to participate.

Nov. 6, 1963. 7:30 AM at Darlene's--urses residence

Those present: John and Lydi

 Betty and Bill

 John and Anne

 Darlene

 Margaret Ann

Reading: Darlene

The retreat weekend was evaluated. The comments given were favourable ones such as: it was a real valuable workation, it was flexible, it served to unify the group, it brought us together for a common goal, it helped us to get to know each other on a different level.

The statement prepared by John on the structure of the Church was reviewed. It was felt that only broad statements should be made at this time and the more detailed structure drawn up at the retreat should be saved and used later when the need arises.

It was felt that John should continue as treasurer.

There was a discussion of the statement on the "Life of the Congregation." Discussion related to the necessity for the benefit of the group to discipline and exclude members. The need for and the type of annual membership discussions

It was decided that John should

discussed and make appropriate changes as necessary.

For our meeting next week we should think about a new name for our group and a name for the constitution.

Don presented a need in the community--the need for better homes for teenagers. It was felt that Don should inquire further about this and find out how the community could respond to this need.

Closing prayer: Darlene.

Coffee was served following.

Nov. 10, 1968. Sunday 9:30 AM at Nieberts.

The Sunday morning worship service included a devotional on the Christian life presented by John and a study of John Loder's Concern article on Binding and Loosing.

Nov. 13, 1968, 7:30 AM at Arrugas.

- Those present: John and Lydia
- Bill and Betty
- Anne
- Darlene
- Margaret Ann

Devotional reading: Anne

All members of our fellowship group gave indication that they would like to become members of our new church. Darlene indicated that she would like to remain a member of her own church and become an associate member of the church here. A unanimous decision at the retreat was that we would have associate membership for people who will be in loops for an interim period.

A plan for the cover of the bulletin was drawn up by Don and submitted to the group. It was decided that minor changes may be made and that the bulletin cover would be sent for printing this week.

A discussion was held about the name of our church. The meanings of the word "Fellowship" were discussed. It was decided to call our church "Kauloops Menonite Fellowship."

There was a discussion of the final draft of the constitution and minor changes were made. Its title will be "Statement of Beliefs and Objectives of the Kauloops Menonite Fellowship."

The way in which we developed the constitution was evaluated. Coffee was served.

Nov. 17, 1968. 9:30 AM at Nieberts.

The Sunday morning worship service included a devotional on "Man--the image of God" and a continuation of the study on Binding and Loosing.

It was decided that the commitment which we will read at the organizational service will be drawn from our statement of beliefs by John.

Nov. 24, 1968. 9:30 AM at Moose Hall. Sunday.

A number of friends and relatives joined us for a worship service which included a devotional noon and a sermon given by Reverend Froese.

November 24, 1968 2:30 PM. Christian Education Center of the United Church

The service of organization of the Ramloops Lennonite Fellowship and the Ordination of the John Lieberts included an organization message by Rev. J. Tilitzky and an ordination message by Rev. S. Goerzen. Rev. F. Froese officiated at the ordination ceremony. There was a response made by John Liebert and a membership commitment read by the members of the congregation.

A fellowship meal followed the service.

Dec. 1, 1968. Sunday.

scripture: Jeremiah 6: 1-5.

Walter Letkau lead a devotional and a discussion. Some of the main points of the discussion were:

- how can we remain creative-flexible?
- the need to test any project chosen.
- don't spread ourselves thin--rather each has his own assignment and others develop him for it--each one should not help in all tasks.
- any project should relate to us and our work here and not be separate from it.
- the formation of discussion groups on various topics.
- help one person to become involved in a project--he organizes a group of people from the community around him and goes ahead with it.

Dec. 6, 1968. Sunday morning.

Talk and discussion by John on taking Christ out of Christmas and leaving Christmas to the department stores and those who want to celebrate it in a secular way.

Dec. 8, 1968. Sunday evening.

Walter Letkau will write an article about our church for the Canadian Lemberite.

The group arranged to give an honorarium to each of the men participating in the organization and ordination service.

A discussion centered on how we can assimilate new members into our group.

There was a discussion of the lecture series being planned in ramloops starting January 21, 1969. John and some of the other members of the group were involved in planning the series with the Adult Education Department.

It was decided to have communion next Sunday morning. Baptised believers would participate in communion.

One evening during the week.

Met with a Social Worker and discussed such topics as Foster Parents and Family Service.

Dec. 15, 1968. Sunday.

John lead a devotional on the person of Jesus and a talk on Christmas and how it has been celebrated throughout church history.

Jan. 5, 1969. Sunday.

Beginning of the Universal Week of Prayer.

Devotional on the power of the gospel.

During the study we used the outline prepared for the Week of Prayer, discussing it and spending some time in individual prayer and meditation, ascertaining the meaning and use of prayer in our lives. An outline was prepared for our home use this week.

Jan. 6, 1969. Wednesday.

Reading and prayer on the subject of prayer: Marg.

Continuation of the Prayer Week scriptural readings and discussion.

Family life education meetings are being held in the Anglican Church.

The B.C. Conference is coming up soon.

The idea of a coffee house was discussed.

There was also a discussion about increasing our Sunday School.

Jan. 12, 1969. 9:30 AM Sunday.

Following the last of the study on prayer there was some singing and then a Communion service. John lead a talk on various themes of communion. These were:

- communion
- confession
- celebration
- commemoration
- consecration

Scripture passage was John 17: 20-26.

The Communion was followed by a period of sharing, prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Jan. 15, 1969. Wednesday, at Bill and Betty's.

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Anne
Bill and Betty
Darlene

Guest: John Fenner

Scripture reading: 2Cor. 13.

It was decided that each person in the group would do a book review. They would each take about half an hour and so would have one each Wednesday. A schedule was made out.

It was decided to have two meetings every second week. That means we could attend the lecture series one week and have our regular Wednesday meeting the other.

It was suggested that we each make a list of the books we have in our homes and turn this list into Don. In that way we could be able to share our books among each other.

The following list of topics were suggested for our Sunday morning studys:

- the Bible with emphasis on God's plan of redemption.
- the Christian life.
- objectives of our church.
- the Bible
 - What is the Bible?
 - What is the theme of the Bible?
 - What is the climax of the Bible?
 - How was it written?
- survey of the Gospels (Life of Christ)
- study of Acts (early Church)
- study of the Epistles (theology)

It was decided to study one book and the Life of Christ.

It is more devotional for a Sunday morning. We would take two to three months--maybe until Easter ending with the death and resurrection. This Sunday John will prepare a talk on the "Coming of Christ." We are all to read through work.

An outline will be worked out for us and for John Peoples.

Money is accumulating in the Sunday School and Church.

We should make sure a certain portion of it goes out regularly. There is about \$800.00 in the treasury. It was decided to give \$100.00 now to the B.C. Conference, as a symbolic action of support for them and also symbolic that we are not simply a parasite.

Membership in the B.C. Conference was discussed. Because we are now an organized church does not necessarily mean we must join the conference.

It was moved by Don that we meet another day this week to discuss involvement. (Sunday night).

It was suggested that perhaps we need a brochure to acquaint people with our church- its aims, etc.

Jan. 26, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional on "Hallowed be Thy Name."

Study on the beginning of Jesus work.

Jan. 29, 1969. Wednesday.

Don's book review on the Concern article #15 on the Charismatic Movement.

The C.M.B.C. Choir is coming in May. What should we plan for them?

Decided we must begin thinking about enlarging our Sunday School. We must look into new approaches, methods, teaching aids, perhaps open air.

John mentioned his discussion with some of the young people of Ramloops of his concern in beginning a coffee house in Ramloops. The young people have taken this idea up and have met about it and would like to work on this idea. John will meet with them this week.

There was a discussion of how we can be united in our discussion and study.

The questions to be considered on Sunday were outlined.

Feb. 2, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional on "Thy will be done" and "Give us our daily bread".
The study centered on answering the following questions:

-why did Jesus heal so many people?

-why did He not heal others?

-What is the relationship between sin and sickness, body and soul?

-Is demon possession a reality in a scientific enlightened society? What is the relationship between demon possession and mental illness?

Feb. 9, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional and study on God and Christ as seen in Isaiah 22 and Isaiah 53.

Feb. 12, 1969. 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, at Don and Annes

Those present: John and Lydia

Don and Anne

Mary

Guests: Keith and Ted.

Keith and Ted presented their ideas on the coffee house and discussion followed. They read their charter (from the US group), their beliefs and objectives, discussed some of the problems and needs of the teenagers here in Kalamazoo. They discussed the great numbers of young people that are involved in their planning, (150 at one meeting), the ways they have raised and plan to raise money, their ideas as to place and the fact that they have immediate plans to begin. In response to the question of how we could help they said we could give "moral support, help in communication that the group is, what the coffee house will be, to the community; help in physically setting it up and if we desired, to help supply some of the funds necessary.

Feb. 16, 1969. Sunday.

Scripture: Ps. 51.

Devotional: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Study on Jesus as teacher as seen in portions of Luke and Matthew.

Mar. 5, 1969. 8 P. Wednesday, at Arika and John Peoples in Hermit.

We each wrote a contemporary version of the Good Samaritan story. A discussion followed.

Mar. 9, 1969. 9:30 A. Sunday

Devotional on Christian growth; Lk. 23:10
John told a story.

Study on the religious people of Jesus day.

Mar. 11, 1969. 7:30 P. at Don and Anna's.

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Anna
Barlene
Mark

Talked about having a Christian Book Fair next Oct. Would it be possible to interest the other churches in something like this? John and Don will look into this.

Discussed whether we would establish a kindergarten in an unused school in the area. Decided this is not desirable now but perhaps a program for children in the summer could be planned.

Our Sunday morning bible studies were discussed and it was decided to order a copy of material now written on "Salvation," and think about using it for our group.

Mar. 16, 1969. 9:30 A. Sunday.

Study on Eternal Life: John 6:45-51.
Coffee

Devotional on Judas and Pilot, two of the people involved in Christ's crucifixion.

Mar. 17, 1969. 7:30 P. Wednesday at Araks.

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Anna
Barlene
Mark

Discussion of extending a formal invitation to a new Mennonite family in Kasloops to attend our group for a trial period if they would desire to do so.

Discussion of the possibility of another family joining us as associate members.

Discussion of last Sunday's service when a number of guests were present.

Book report by Anna: What in the World? by Williams.

There was a discussion of where we are now as a church, how we personally feel about the church and about being here in Hamloops. Both positive and negative feelings were expressed.

Mar. 27, 1969. 7:30 pm. Thursday, at Darlene's

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Anne
Darlene
Mary

There is an Evangelical Conference in Winnipeg soon. John has been selected to go by the Seminary's involved.

Book report by Mary: How the Church can Minister to the World without Losing Itself, by Gordon Kilroy.

Mar. 30, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional: Jesus tri. 1.

Study: Parables at the time of the trial. How did the various people involved feel?

April 10, 1969. Thursday. 7:30 pm at Don and Anne's

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Anne
Darlene
Mary

O.S.S. Choir arrives May 15, 1969. Planning for this occasion included meals, beds, transportation and activity. There was a discussion of how we could present the concerns of our group to them.

John spoke of a Family Life Center that he visited in Banimo. Along with 14 other concerned people, Bill met together on Monday, April 14, 1969, about forming a Family Life Association in Hamloops.

It was suggested that we have weekends out at the lake this summer, at least once a month. This could include a family camping series with discussion groups planned for the afternoon.

Activities were suggested for young people in the summer. Two week cycling trips with retreat weekends were discussed.

It was suggested that we write church letters to the Peters, the Woths and the Demples. Bill and Betty Peters were transferred to Kenticton last month.

April 13, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional of songs and sharing of our Easter experiences.
Bible study on the meaning of the presence of Christ.

April 16, 1969. 7:30 PM. Wednesday at Church.

Those present: John and Lydia

Don and Anne

Barlene

Guest: Henry

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Devotional: Scriptural passage on service

Report on the meeting involving the plan for a Family Life Association in Hamloors.

The need for a telephone answering service was also mentioned.

Discussed the book fair.

Discussed the college choir tour.

Book report given by Lydia on that summer of love by A. Smith, a story of Martin L. King.

April 20, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional:

Study: First and second chapters of the book They Give Themselves, lessons on Christian stewardship, by Cornelius J. Dyck.

April 23, 1969. 7:30 PM. Wednesday at Don and Anne's

Those present: John and Lydia

Don and Anne

Barlene

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Reading: 11 Tim. 2 and 3.

Discussion on Scripture reading and prayer in schools.

John has written an editorial in the Hamloors Sentinel.

Don feels that there is a real interest in the schools as far as Christianity is concerned and that perhaps work can be done along this line in Hamloors.

Discussion of communication media put out by Argus and by the Lamonites, ex., "Choice" and its use in Hamloors. John will investigate this.

John read out a letter from the Marion Williard House indicating some of their needs.

There was a letter from the Commission on Home Ministries indicating their needs.

Big Brother's needs were discussed.

The suggestion was made by Don to at us look for a good rebuilt typewriter for the Marion Williard house.

It was decided to donate \$100 to the Big Brother Association.

It was decided that we send \$200 to the Commission on

Home Ministries.

Discussion on coming of college choir re getting a gym and planning skits.

Discussion of the needs of various families in the community.

April 27, 1969. 9:30 A. Sunday

Devotional: Several scriptural readings having to do with stewardship of time.

Study: Chapter 3 of They Gave Themselves on the stewardship of time.

Sunday School with the children is being held each Sunday during adult study time. The adults take turns teaching.

May 4, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional:

Study: Chapter 4 of They Gave Themselves on Stewardship of Talents.

May 6, 1969. Wednesday, at Tempels

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Jane
Marlene
Frances Weinko
John and Erika
Marg

The Danloops Christian Hostel asked if a member of our church could serve on their board.

Don suggested that we continue to study the topic of stewardship this Sunday and look at each other and the needs of our community.

Talked about our skit when the group presented the C.C.C. concert.

Book report by John Tempel on Company of Men by Robert Bly.

Prayer request mentioned.
Prayer.

May 7, 1969. Saturday at Frans

Those present: John and Lydia
Don and Jane
Fran
Marg

Planned menu and activities for the C.C.C. choir concert.

May 11, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional: story of Jacob and Esau. Emphasis on fact that we each have our own gifts.

Study: Discussion of gifts of two members of our group along with study of scripture in Chapter 3 of They Gave Themselves.

The children put on a Mother's Day tea for the adults, inviting them to see some of their projects and activities.

May 15, 1969. Thursday.

Picnic and outdoor sports with members of the choir, followed by a sharing of experiences, volley ball, coffee, sharing about our church, singing.

May 18, 1969. Sunday.

Only four people present. Using paper and pencil we drew our own everyday interpretation of the feeding of the 5000.

May 21, 1969. John, Lydia, and Anne.

Those present: John and Lydia
John and Anne
Barlene

Discussed using the program "Choice" on the radio in Lamloops.

Suggested that to work it another university lecture series with members of the community for the fall.

Talked about the Youth Conference in Lamloops which John is involved with, being planned for August 1, 2, and 3, with Dr. Long, a Vancouver psychiatrist. The young people have asked for some type of religious service on Sunday afternoon. Perhaps Hannah Lewis would be asked to do this.

John will attend the conference on Evangelism in Winnipeg and the Canadian Conference in Saskatoon.

We decided to camp out as a church one weekend soon. The summer recreational needs of children in Lamloops were discussed.

We decided that for the short period in the summer when John and Lydia would be away we would go to church elsewhere.

There was a discussion of ways in which we could let people know about our church. He suggested names of people that could be contacted.

May 28, 1969. Wednesday.

We will sponsor "Choice" on the radio from August to October.

We will sponsor John when he goes to the Canadian Conference.

We evaluated the work of our church in answer to a questionnaire made out by John. Many negative and positive feelings were expressed.

Negative:

- we have been critical of the church.
- we have not come up with a positive approach to the church.
- the children have not had the benefit of a Sunday School.
- faith has been challenged to the point where it almost seems to no longer exist.

- we have not each taken the initiative in group discussion, involvement in inside and outside activities as we should have.
- we have developed, studied about our relationships to our fellowman but not to God to the same extent.
- we still have some problems with worshipping in a house.

Positive:

- our approach can be and has been very helpful to some people.
 - we can relate to different types of community people, and different types of needs.
 - our Bible study and devotionals have been very practical, something that we can apply to our own lives.
 - John, as minister, has found his work fulfilling and satisfying, so that we can support him in.
- We closed in prayer with an opportunity for group prayer.

June 5, 1969. Thursday.
 Those present: John and Lydia
 Don
 Fran
 Darlene
 Marc

Scripture reading from Kings.

Would we like the Advisory Committee to come and see us? It was decided to have the men on the committee to come on Monday, June 8, 1969.

A Coffee house will be set up at Kani Overlander Days. This will represent the group that is planning a youth conference here in Warloops in August. This group is also interested in having a permanent coffee house in Warloops.

A Board of Directors has been established for the family counselling center. John is closely involved in this.

Margaret Ann has enquired about volunteer work with the Recreation Commission for two weeks in July.

Time was spent determining the gifts of members of the group, under the headings of arts, personality and capabilities.

June 8, 1969. 7:30 PM Sunday.

Devotional: Ps. 113. "Why Worship God"

June 9, 1969. 7:00 PM. Monday, at Diebarts.

Those present: John and Lydia
 Don
 Bill and Betty
 Darlene
 Fran
 Marc

Advisory Committee: Jake Tilibski, B.C. Mission Committee member.
 Cornie Tempel, Executive Secretary, Canadian Mission Board.
 Ed Goerzen, Secretary, Canadian Mission Board.
 Walter Letkau, B.C. Service Representative.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40: ?.

Brief overview of the start of our project as outlined in a statement prepared by John.

Some expressions by members as to:

- what the project is doing.
- how members feel about spiritual life.

Questions to the advisory committee:

- What are the reasons for our going?
- Under what conditions can we remain?
- Under what conditions is our work authentic?

The Advisory Committee asked for our feelings. Don stated some demands which are crucial for participants of the group:

- initial acceptance of the theory of what we are trying to do.
 - complete commitment to the cause.
 - because of departure from traditional we must have regular meetings in which we all support each other.
 - people should move here for this purpose--have a missionary vision and commitment, and stay.
 - too few leaders, the rest are followers--need more leaders.
- Other opinions expressed:
- Unless John gets support from people who are committed to this project, it cannot continue.
 - reason we have this turnover is that we don't have committed people.

-we are so small that when someone suggests something the rest can't follow because its not what they would like to do.

-Fran expressed feelings of people who come to this church for the first time from a larger church and how the transition is very difficult.

-expression of various members about our relationship to each other and to people in the community.

- are we too close to each other?
- do we have friends outside the group?
- do we invite them to come? Why not?
- new faces would add stimulus to our conversation
- do we invite people to come to church or to a discussion group?
- are we becoming too used to each other?
- can new people feel at home here?
- is our image too churchy?
- are we too closely knit to invite others?
- how do we use the word church? Do people get the idea of a regular church?

alter asked if we could have a period of dialogue and invite non-believers, then break off for worship for believers. Have people come in from the hostel, or have trials for a period of dialogue. Then break off for worship or continue on with some setting and just create the atmosphere.

We need a church that is:

- people centered.
- social concern centered.
- worship centered.
- celebration centered.

Its not that the membership should be more than six, but that the experience should be more than one.

Gornik asked if we have focused so strongly on trying to find our niche in haaloops and in that way missed the celebration experience.

Bill feels the group should continue. The work of the group and John's work are important and these contacts should continue.

Jetty expressed the needs of the children in the group.

Have we had a problem with personality clashes, eg. style of things, how comfortable we feel in the group--yes.

What are the options:

- need recruitment-which advisory committee can help with.
- need good personal relationship with men who employ here in haaloops, to get jobs for people who want to come.

-Walter stated we may have to start by dying and then starting up with a new structure, eg. a grain of corn dies and a plant grows.

-Ed asked if we have not worked stone project together which will strengthen the group. Do we feel a sense of defeat because we have no project in which all are involved?

-Just deal with our main problems:

- mother's social needs.
- children's educational needs.
- Sunday morning kindergarten to meet the needs of the mothers and the children, not with the desire to build a church.
- play and play therapy- is a good learning process.

-are these our real problems or is it acceptance of the concepts of the project?

-Need to be a little more conscious of planning worship experiences. Do we need the authoritative approach? Should we change our type of worship to meet people's needs?

The Advisory Committee will take our concerns and their recommendations to the Canadian Mission Board and they will decide if we are to continue under the present arrangements. There is no reason why they should not accept what the advisory committee advises.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee:

Ed feels the board would accept the continuation of the group. They had expected the church to have problems and now have reached these problems.

Jake feels O.K. about the project. He would commit himself to recruiting members and supporting Joan. The work is good and we haven't given it a chance yet.

Walter states we need an evaluation tool to use for next year at this time. The board should be on our coat tail in a positive aspect. Should call in resource people from the board, from the community to exchange ideas more often.

Cornie read the report that John wrote at the start of the project, where he said it would take a few years before we would have committed Lemmonite and community people here.

Walter stated that the project is not a success or a failure, but its an experience.

Closing prayer: Jake.

June 12, 1969. Thursday, at Joan and Peter's.

Those present: John and Lydia

Don

Fran

Barlene

Mary

Singing: Songs of Thanksgiving.

Litany: a reading by John with group participation.

A reading from The Imitation of Christ by Thomas

A Kempis.

John brought up the fact that we have some money to disperse. Perhaps we could go below the \$1000.00 for now. A number of needs and the amount to be given were discussed.

-Canadian Conference-expenses for the travel of the Advisory Committee-- \$150.00.

-Bethel Bible Institute--audio-visual needs-- 125.00.

-Canadian Lemmonite--one membership-- 75.00.

- Lemmonite Central Committee-- 50.00.

Mission City Young People are going to come up for a camping experience on Labour Day weekend. They would like to visit our church on Sunday morning.

Evaluation of our meetings on Sunday.

Group prayer.

July, 1969.

Those present: John and Lydia

Fran and Peter

Don

Mary

Scripture: Romans 15.

Mary told of her work in the parks with the summer recreation program for children.

John told of Book Back Evangelism--placing books in stores for sale.

Discussion centered on the needs of our church for this coming fall. It has been hard to get a nucleus of committed people. Perhaps its better to start a group without a nucleus, so ethnicity would not be a problem. We need to connect faith with Christ and not culture.

The three legs of the church must be in balance.

- Preaching and Bible study.
- Fellowship.
- Service.

Types of church, based on New Testament examples were discussed.

Discussed Anabaptist and Mennonite position on the church.

We again had thoughts of meeting outside of a house to encourage other people to come.

Discussion of the mid-summer diaconic- a conference for young people planned for this summer.

Prayer.

July, 1989.

Theme: Jesus-the Bread of Life- Matt. 15.

July 31, 1989. Wednesday.

Reading: Acts

Discussed the Peace Booth at the Fair.

Planned a Celebration with Hespel's for Tuesday. The program is to be about children with each person taking a part.

August 17 and 24, John and Lydia are away.

We decided to continue to meet on Sunday evenings.

We decided to study David Schroeder's book Learning to know the Bible, on Sundays, and have resource people from the community come in for a study session.

We discussed a book by Roselmann, Faith and Community on experiments on Church growth.

We discussed the Evangelism Book.

August 3, 1989. Sunday.

Theme: Parable of the Unjust Steward- Matt. 16:1-16, 24-25.

August 10, 1989. Sunday.

Bible Study: Hebrews 11.

September 3, 1989. 7:30 A.M. Wednesday.

Discussed "choice" radio program.

Discussed Book Back Evangelism--would this detract from personal evangelism?

Discussion of a coffee hour discussion program, restaurants.

We are each to think of resource people for these discussions.
Couple's retreat was evaluated.
John gave a report on his two week work on family
counseling.
Study of Chapter 1 of Learning to know the Bible.

September 7, 1969. Sunday.

Theme: Book by Eric Lender, The Liturgy.

September 14, 1969. 5:30 PM at John and Lydia's.

Fellowship to 1- with emphasis on one-on-one people present.
Evening service followed with 11 people present.
Theme: Fellowship.
Scripture: John 17.

September 17, 1969. 7:30 PM. Wednesday.

Scripture: Colossians 4.
Sunday evening program outlined to public witness by
Betty Goerzen.
Discussion of Wednesday evening program; possible
topics and resources:
-Native Indians
-Analysis
-Mild on poverty
-Musical concert
Winning plans were made for a Fall retreat. Marlene,
Lydia and I are to work out type of story to have.
Discussed a project of teaching a group of children
Sunday mornings.
A discussion of what each will be involved in this
winter. Marlene is to do posters for Bible studies.
Studied Chapter 2 of Schroeder's book.

September 21, 1969. Sunday

Devotional: Bear one another's burdens.
Study: Continued with Chapters 1 and 2--the history of
a people and the history of salvation.
Discussed our retreat and the areas of our life that
we would like to evaluate.

September 24, 1969. 7:30 PM. Wednesday at home.

Those present: John and Lydia
Marlene
Brenda
Betty
Dana
Guest: Marilyn

Reading on the Inland Journey

We outlined the retreat.

Lydia suggested a project that the girls could work on. Perhaps we could ask ourselves if there are girls that could benefit from one to one relationships as well as help in meeting their specific needs. Perhaps we could form a girls group in which we would relate to each girl according to her need, such as mending, cooking, sewing, dyings, etc.

Colleen

Prayer.

September 24, 1969. 7:00 P.M. Sunday at John and Lydia's.

Worship: Address, Slaves to Sin.

Study: Outline of Bible history.

October 1, 1969. Wednesday.

Scripture reading and prayer.

Don told his work with the Christian Hospital.

Review of each person's activities as part of the group and outside of the group.

Statement of financial disbursements and assets. We have \$973.00 as a balance. Bills were discussed and disbursements made for the radio program and the family counselling center.

Retreat: discussed--have decided to go to East Carrier Lake.

Began study on relationship to God using Luke 24:13-35 and Mark 16:12 and 13. Compared the walk along the Emmaus Road to situations in our own life and answered questions to evaluate our relationship to God.

October 4 and 5, 1969. Saturday and Sunday.

Questions for individual meditation and sharing.

Continued with the study on our Relationship to God.

Worship: Praise and Thanksgiving.

October 5, 1969. 7:00 P.M. Sunday.

Devotional: Faith.

Study: The 400 years between the Testaments.

October 8, 1969. 7:30 P.M. Wednesday.

Those presents: John and Lydia

Barlene

Betty

Brenda

Marg

Devotional: Ps. 23.

Review of Beliefs and Objectives of our Church.

Discussion of concerns of individual members in our group and request for prayer.

Concern expressed re a family in the community.

Coffee

Group prayer.

October 15, 1969. Wednesday.

Those present: John and Lydia

Darlene

Brenda

Betty

Barry

Devotional: Romans 5:1-11.

Members of the group volunteered for canvassing for the United Appeal.

Review of our membership commitment.

Don and Anne have decided not to worship with us at the present time.

It was decided that we as a group will meet Sunday morning--at John and Lydia's, and Wednesday evening --at Margaret Ann's.

The meetings for future Wednesdays were planned.

It was suggested that we each give a devotional on what we have found meaningful in our devotional life.

Prayer.

October 19, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional: Jonah and racial prejudice.

Study: Chapter 4 of Learning to Know the Bible by David Schroeder.

October 22, 1969. Wednesday. at John and Lydia's

Those present: John and Lydia

Betty

Brenda

Darlene

Barry

Study using Acts (live Creative Approach) lead by Betty.

October 26, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional: 1 Peter 2: 4-10.

Study: Priesthood of Believers and Anabaptists.

October 29, 1969. Wednesday at John and Lydia's

slides of Marg's MCC experience in Kentucky.

November 5, 1969. Wednesday.

Devotional: Mark 10:12

John got a typewriter for Marion Willard Hodge.
Report for Brenda and Betty on Elizabeth O'Connor's

Call to Commitment.

It was decided that we all make an effort to share something which we had read, some of our devotional insights or something of our spiritual life, during our Sunday morning service.

It was decided that on November 30, 1969, we would have an annual meeting of our church where we would make a commitment for the next year.

November 9, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional: Matt. 5:38-42

Discussion of David Schroeder's article of November, 1968, on war.

Study: the Writing of the Gospels, Chapter 5 of Learning to know the Bible.

November 10, 1969. Wednesday, at John and Lydia's.

Fellowship Birthdays Dinner for Betty

Those present: John and Lydia
Darlene
Betty
Marg

Betty and Brenda have asked to join us as associate members.

We will have Church membership rededication on November 30. We will have communion at that time.

It was decided that if the Family Life Center needed another months rent we would supply it. John is president of the Board of Directors of the Kalamoons Family Life Association, and Marg is attending councillor training sessions.

November 23, 1969. Sunday

Discussion of Discipleship, worship, witness, service,, and the tithe.

November 30, 1969. Sunday.

Devotional: Covenant.

Prayer: group

Singing

Individual testimonies

Membership Commitment:

Lord,

in appreciation of Your continued grace,
love and sustenance over the past year,
we dedicate ourselves:

-to a life of faith that seeks to
exchange our will for Your will

-to a life of witness which places
witnessing to You above all else
including our vocation

-to the use of our vocation, time and
financial resources for Your honor
and glory

-to continued witness to You through the
program of our Fellowship

For this, Lord, we pray for your
support and strength.

Communion

John is going away to a Conference in Newton, Kansas.

December 7, 1969. Sunday, at Marg's.

Musical appreciation evening and Carol sing.

December 10, 1969. Wednesday.

Devotion and discussion on the Christian symbol of the
fish and the Fish Groups that are starting up. John has already
talked about this group with members of the community. Apparently
some of the Anglican Church women are interested in this.

Discussion of the supper we are planning for this Sunday
with the girls from the Marion Hilliard Home.

December 14, 1969. Sunday

Poem and Prayer for Anne Michelle's Birthday.

Carol singing

Devotional on Gifts and Giving by Marg.

Prayer

Singing

Study: Luke 2.

Prayer.

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December 21, 1969. 7:00 P., Sunday.

Devotional: John 1
John lead a discussion on Christmas.

December 31, 1969. New Years Eve, at John and Lydia's.

Those present: John and Lydia
Marlene
Grenda
Marg

Discussed spiritual exercise.
Discussed ways in which we could tell the Christmas
story in our setting.
Lunch and coffee was served.

January 4, 1970. Sunday

Overview of the book of Matthew and some of the teachings
of Jesus from that book.

January 7, 1970. Wednesday.

Slides and discussion of the Commission of Home Ministries.
Discussion of John's report about our church to the
Conference.
Discussion of how we can get more involved here in Harloers.
Decided to send a sympathy card from our church to
Mrs. Harry Birks, whose husband and five children died in a
boat accident in Blackrock.

January 11, 1970. Sunday.

Discussion and summary from the book of Mark.

January 14, 1970. Wednesday.

Discussed the written report that John will give to the
conference concerning our church.
Watched a TV program, "Beddick-Part I," about a minister
who had a happy congregation and the misunderstandings that dev-
eloped. Discussion followed.

January 18, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional by Betty from Luke 5.
Study: Overview of Luke.
Discussed need to invite others and how to do it.

January 21, 1970. Wednesday.

Watched Part II of "Reddick" and discussed it.

January 25, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: The Presence of God.
Study: An overview of Paul and the Apostles.

January 25, 1970. Sunday PM.

Met to arrange for the Medical Mission Sisters Concert which our church is sponsoring in Manloops.

February 4, 1970. Wednesday

Started study on the life of Paul-when he established his churches and did his writings.
Planned for future meetings in this series.

February 8, 1970. Sunday PM.

Met with members of the Annanite Brethern Church.

February 15, 1970. Sunday PM.

Prepared for Medical Mission Sisters Concert.
We need to:

- make bulletin inserts for churches in town
- prepare radio and news paper releases
- write letters to churches in outlying areas
- get the tickets made
- sell the tickets

Betty, Brenda and Darlene are acting as voluntary receptionists for the Family Life Association. John and Marg are counsellors.

February 18, 1970. Wednesday.

Darlene's presentation on Asia Minor during Paul's time.

February 22, 1970. Sunday.

Discussion of "Community."
Brenda's presentation on Palistine during Paul's time.

February 25, 1970. Wednesday.

Betty's presentation on the Personality of Paul

March 1, 1970. Sunday

Devotional: The Dynamic First Church.
Study: Lydia's presentation on Paul's Journey's.

March 4, 1970. Wednesday.

The Bible School Choir are coming through on April 4, 1970.
Marg's presentation on Paul's writings.

March 8, 1970. Sunday.

Discussion of a poem.

March 11, 1970. Wednesday.

Preparation for the Medical Mission Sisters Concert.
John gave part of his presentation on Paul's Theology.

March 15, 1970. Sunday.

Communion.

March 18, 1970. Wednesday.

Preparation for the Medical Mission Sisters Concert.
During the next two weeks we got together to make
posters, distribute them and arrange for ticket sales
as well as sell them.

April 3, 1970. Friday.

4-Medical Mission Sisters arrive
Coffee at John and Lydia's.
Afternoon-drive around Kauloops.
Supper at John and Lydia's-Fellowship meal.
Concert
Reception following.

April 4, 1970. Saturday.

Columbia Bible School Choir here.
Fellowship meal together.
Gym night.
Singing and Sharing.

April 5, 1970. Sunday.

Discussion of impressions from the Medical Mission Sisters
Thoughts on the resurrection.

April 8, 1970. Wednesday.

Income from the concert was \$713.25. The Canadian Mennonite Publishing association felt they did a little better than break even in sponsoring a concert here in Hanloops.

Planned studies for future Sundays on the other books of the New Testament.

On Wednesdays we will listen to tapes from the evangelist congress on evangelism.

April 12, 1970. Sunday.

Topic: Sharing the Gospel.

April 15, 1970. Wednesday.

Our approximate bank balance is \$750.00, and some disbursements can be made.

It was decided to pay tuition of \$110 to Marg to go to a counselling course this summer.

It was decided to give \$50.00 to the Christian Hostel. The investment for Bookrack evangelism would probably be \$50.00.

It was decided to designate \$50.00 through MCC to McDowell for educational toys for the Day Care Center (Kentucky).

It was decided to meet Sunday evenings at 7:30 P.M. till the end of May.

April 19, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: Deut. 30:19 on choice.

Study: Lydia's presentation on I John.

April 22, 1970. Wednesday.

The second part of John's presentation on Paul's Theology.

April 26, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: On love-to love someone is to become involved in his destiny. Also Eph. 2:14-walls.

Study: Brenda's presentation on I John, III John and Jude.

April 29, 1970. Wednesday.

It was decided to order some tapes from the commission of home ministries on Church renewal.

It was decided to investigate Bookrack evangelism again for Hanloops.

It was decided to look at a new printer to donate to the Christian Hostel.

May 3, 1970. Sunday.

Bettys study on I Peter.

May 5, 1970. Tuesday.

Going away fellowship supper for Carol.

May 10, 1970. Sunday

Devotional Bible study: I Peter 1:3-11.

Study: John's presentation on II Peter.

May 16,17,18, 1970. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Weekend retreat on the Shushwap, a recreation weekend weekend mainly.

May 27, 1970. Wednesday.

Discussion of the possibility of developing a Crisis center in Kamloops. It would utilize less people than a coffee house. Could control the situation ourself rather than have other groups in. Could have a reading room, coffee perk, people there to talk and answer the phone.

Various members of our group will be away on holidays from now on.

May 30, 1970. Saturday.

Visit from Palmer Becker and Walter Petkau.

Topic: The work of the General Conference Church and the offices in Newton. Palmer Becker brought the tapes on church renewal with him.

We discussed a second series of radio spots.

June and July, 1970. Wednesday and some Sunday evenings.

Presentations on the books of the New Testament completed: Marg on James and Darlene on Hebrews.

Listened to tapes from the Commission on Home Ministries.

Interviewed by Ben Johnson, from the Church Renewal Center

were: Elton trueblood
Mrs. Gordon Cosby
Thomas Carruth
Jarall McGracken
Walter Albriton
William Tarel
James Robertson
George Kinnison.

to found the tapes very stimulating. They lent themselves to discussion and they were a new way of getting resource people into our group.

Some specific meetings during June and July are listed below.

June 24, 1970. Wednesday.

Discussion of Poverty Fund and articles sent to us, as well as what we can do. For instance, contribute money or put on poverty discussion evenings, such as films, forums and film strips.

Some funds were dispersed as our bank balance is near 1000.00

-150.00 still to be given over to the Christian hostel in the form of an iron-ment grinder or underwear.

-25.00 we received from our work with the Medical Mission Sisters. It was suggested that we order a commentary with the money.

-30.00 approximate, for John's trip to the Canadian Conference.

-John's trip to Camp Saugher for the pastors Conference. John will submit a bill for this too.

-Discussion of John and Lydia's Salary. They feel they can live fine on their salary.

July 12, 1970. Sunday.

Review of the topics and happenings at the Canadian Conference.

July 14, 1970. Tuesday.

Branda and Darlene will help out a gentleman whose wife is in the hospital. They have 5 children.

We have decided to buy the tape recorder that we have been renting. The rent will be part of the payment. The remaining amount is 16.00.

August 1970.

Eric and Mary Wiebe have started to participate in our group.

John and Lydia have gone to couples camp, where John is a speaker.

At the end of August Norma Sorum and daughter Teresa and friend Debbie began coming to the group.

Darlene shared her Camp Counselling experience at Ootsa Lake at one meeting.

Last two weeks in August Marg went to a marriage counselling course in Banff.

September 2, 1970. Wednesday, at Eric and Mary's.

Those present: John and Lydia
Eric and Mary
Betty
Brenda
Darlene
Norma
Terresa and Deboy

Devotional by Eric

There was some discussion about ordering the Faith at Work magazine.

It was decided to order a subscription to the Canadian Mennonite for Betty, Brenda and Darlene for a three month trial period, and one for Norma if she desired it.

Eric was elected poverty fund representative.

Marg was elected treasurer, however the books are not ready to be turned over to her and Joan will continue to act as treasurer for a short while.

We discussed a commitment service in November for renewal of the membership commitment.

We will have a communion service on the last Sunday in September and Betty and John will plan it.

It was decided to make the previous loan of \$250.00 to the Kamloops Family Life Association a gift rather than a loan to be repaid.

Future meetings; Wednesday we will listen to tapes and on Sunday we will be studying from the book on witnessing called Tell it like it is. We are on Chapter 3 now.

We discussed ways in which we can advertise our group, for instance putting up a poster on the college bulletin board and advertising in the paper.

A retreat was planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13 at Nicola Lake in Merritt. However it was cancelled later because of cold weather.

September 6, 1970. Sunday. at John and Lydia's

Guests: Dave and Charlene, relatives of John and Lydia

Marg gave a brief review of the course at Banff.

Study: John lead a discussion on Relationships from the third chapter of Tell It Like It Is. We each wrote out a paragraph answering the question "Who is this man Jesus?" A good discussion followed.

Dave and Charlene were asked to go to the center of the circle and the group gave them a few words of wisdom for their forthcoming marriage.

Sang: Blest Be the Tie that Binds.

No meeting Wednesday as John is visiting churches in Vancouver for the Commission of Home Ministries.

September 13, 1970. Sunday A. 11 participants.

John shared some of his experiences in Relationships. Mary gave a talk from the Sanif course on "aliveness." A discussion followed.

September 15, 1970. Wednesday, at Jerry's.

Devotional: From John. I.

Mary and Harold Hibbert have phoned John and Lydia about coming to our church. (They joined us a week or two later.)

John lead a discussion on participation in our group.

It was suggested to invite Bernie either us to our church to talk about Eric in a small group.

We listened to a tape on a Sicilian with a tape. A discussion followed.

September 23, 1970. Wednesday, at Eric and Mary's.

Devotional: on relationships by Eric

Financial Dispersments: Decided to send \$132.00 to the Canadian Conference and \$100.00 each to the General and S.C. Conference, keeping in mind that we would like to send the rest of the amount designated per member later.

Suggestion to review "The Reconciling Community" for our next study project.

We will do Chapter 5 of Tell It Like It Is on Wednesday.

We will listen to Rich Killers tape on Sunday

Communion will be on Sunday evening October 11.

John will buy six chairs for the group.

There was a discussion of the growth of our group, our growth together, spiritual growth and individual growth.

September 27, 1970. Sunday.

Tape: Yoke Fellowship House by Sam Larick.

Devotional: Jesus our friend.

During the Fall months Lydia will be having Sunday School with the children that are present.

October 5, 1970. Monday, at the Nurses Residence.

Roll play of conversations with others to enhance witnessing.

Study of Chapter 5 of Tell It Like It Is, concerning the seven principles of witnessing.

A good discussion followed.

October 11, 1970. Sunday. Thanksgiving.

Devotional: Joy and Love-Fruits of the Spirit.

Study: What makes a thankful person?

A discussion followed.

October 11, 1970. Sunday II, at John and Lydia's.

A Communion service and Fellowship

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October 18, 1970. Sunday.

Discussion of problems that are concerning us in our work in the church, for instance in our relationships. We are looking for opportunities to move on from knowing a person in a professional relationship to a friendship relationship and having them come to church.

Discussion of topics of current interest, such as liberation and baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues.

October 21, 1970. Wednesday.

Tape and slides from the Commission on Home Ministries.

October 25, 1970. Sunday.

Discussion on Peace.

October 28, 1970. Wednesday.

Planning meeting--Suggestions for topics of our Sunday meetings for the next few weeks were made.

November 1, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: on Anxiety and Worry--Matt.

Study: on Patience, using Jesus as an example.

November 4, 1970. Wednesday.

Planning meeting.

Planned to do some of the exercises from Tell It Live It It at home and use the chapters for our devotionals and content on our Wednesday night meetings in November.

Planned our Sunday morning topics designating people to lead them and dates on which to have them.

Brenda and Betty will alternate as receptionist in the Family Life Association office on Thursday evenings.

November 14 will be a workday on the Sunday School room in John and Lydia's basement.

Darlene will assist Lydia in Sunday School for this next month. We have had approximately five to seven children in Sunday School each week--mostly school-aged children.

We decided to have a Christmas supper for the girls at the Marion Hilliard Home.

November 8, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: Church and State as Jesus saw it.

Study: Johns presentation on the Church and State, showing the development of the concept of Church and State throughout Church History.

November 11, 1970. Wednesday, at Eric and Mary's.

Birthday dinner for Marg.

Continued the discussion of Church and State. Two student nurses, Donna and [redacted], who are studying Annonites for their Sociology class were present.

November 15, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: Kindness.

Study: Witnessing to the State.

No meetings this next week as John is in Indianapolis.

November 25, 1970. Wednesday.

The church commitment service will be on Nov. 27, 1970.

To be included in the church commitment statement:

- Relationships: vertical-to God
- Horizontal-in our group
 - outside our group
 - in the world

Each person is to have an individual commitment or testimony about his own life and involvement in the group.

Future meetings were planned.

November 29, 1970 Sunday.

Devotional: Colossians 2: 9-10.

December 2, 1970. Wednesday, at Eric and Mary's.

Membership commitment and Communion service will be on December 13.

Barion Williard Super will be on Thursday, December 17.

Discussion: resolution lead by Darlene and Ann. Michael.

December 6, 1970. Sunday.

Devotional: Christmas

Discussion: Celebration of Christmas.

December 9, 1970. Wednesday at Mary and Eric's.

Discussion: Medical ethics lead by Mary, Eric and Brenda.

December 13, 1970. Sunday morning.

Scripture from Isaiah.

Devotional: Jesus-how do you see Him.

Discussion: Objectives of our group.

December 13, 1970. Sunday evening at Harold and Margie's.

Overview of past year: Marg.

Membership commitment and Communion service.

Commitment-1970:

Father,

As individuals and as a group we desire to rededicate ourselves to You.

We praise You for Your goodness to us in the past year.

We thank You for Your Son, in whom our faith and salvation lie.

We ask for the continued presence of Your Holy Spirit in our lives, for through His leading and power we will receive strength and help in keeping this commitment.

As individuals we strive:

- to make Christ the Lord of every area of our lives.
 - to grow spiritually by maintaining an active devotional life as participants in your church we strive:
 - to give freely of our time, talent and possessions to His work and life.
 - to show a mutual love and concern for varied gifts in our group, in order to build each other up spiritually and spiritually.
 - to feel a responsibility for the spiritual growth of the group as a whole, as well as the growth of the group in numbers.
 - to see in our vocation a daily opportunity to live out our Faith and Love for You.
 - to recognize as our Christian duty, the need to express Your love in word and deed to the people in their community.
- For this, Lord, we pray for Your help and strength.
- Amen.

New Years- Games night at John and Lydia's.

January 3, 1971. Sunday.

Prayer week.

Devotional and discussion: Goals for 1971.

January 7, 1971. Thursday at Marg's.

Devotional: Songs about poverty.

Discussion on poverty lead by Betty and Lydia.

January 10, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional on prayer lead by Harold.

Study on a theme from the Old Testament.

January 13, 1971. Wednesday at Eric and Mary's.

Discussion on change lead by Eric U. and Harold.

January 17, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional: the sharing of feelings.

January 30, 1971. Wednesday.

Financial Dispersments discussed.

Our present balance is \$375.00

We decided to designate 50% of the expected income- that is \$750.00 to projects outside of Kaneland. This will be given quarterly with opportunity to change this quarterly to local project centers. Expected income for this year is \$1500.00.

B.C. Conference-13.3%

Canadian Conference-46.3%

General Conference-40%

To complete our 1970 dispersments we will give the:

Canadian Mennonite-100.0%

Canadian Conference-150.00

General Conference-150.0

Planned next series of activities:

-suggest-a school of prayer-Harlene and Brenda will work on this with John.

-liter-study series on the Psalms.

Invitation to all to participate on Sundays.

Created with

Walter Laetkau will be here on January 31, 1971. Topic: How
Walter to discuss- his work, his expectations, his vision, his
changes in his vision.

January 24, 1971. Sunday.

Scripture: Gal. 6 and Is. 51.

Devotional on prayer.

Study: The comparing of two states of being: one with God
and one without God.

January 27, 1971. Wednesday.

discussed the outline of School of Prayer by Walter Laetkau
and his invitation using questions from a outline about our
selves and prayer.

John Laetkau's devotional about prayer.

Decided to loan \$100.00 to a gentleman in the community
to join a union so he can get work.

January 31, 1971. Sunday.

Those present: John and Lydia.

Eric

Harold and Marg and Betty

Brenda

Guests: Walter and Noble Laetkau

Hal Folker

Chick Nelson

Barbara Singer

Walter discussed his work and his vision for continuing
service.

February 3, 1971. Wednesday.

Scripture: 1 John 4:13-19.

Hal Folker would like to see a fish house started in Hauloos.

Eric has been asked to become a member of the board of Directors
of the Hauloos Family Life Association. He did not accept.

Study and discussion: Learning to pray for others.

February 7, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional: Service to the poor.

Study: Old Testament Theology.

February 14, 1971. Sunday.

Theme: Beautiful people- collage, devotional, poems and
songs written by Betty.

Study: Old Testament Theology.

February 17, 1971. Wednesday.

Those present: John and Lydia

Eric and Mary

Harold and Marg

Brenda

Betty

Barlene

Marg

Lively discussion of Catch 22, a satire on war.

February 21, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional: The story of the Good Samaritan in modern day terms as told by Bruce, Tim and Dean. Presentation by the Sunday School.

Study: Old Testament theme.

February 24, 1971. Wednesday at home.

Those present: John and Lydia

- Barlene
- Betty
- Brenda
- Gary
- Eric

Study and discuss: Learning to pray in groups. Did some exercises in prayer and sensitivity.

February 28, 1971. Sunday

Started a series of devotionals on the topic "In Search of Meaning".

Devotional: "Finding acceptance"

Sharing:

Study: ?

March 3, 1971. Wednesday.

Brenda talked about the Jesus people she met on the weekend. Discussed our sensitivity experience of last week. It was a positive experience.

Read excerpts on Conversational prayer from Rosiland Under's book.

Divided into two groups and had prayer in conversation.

Discussed using this form of prayer on Sunday mornings.

March 7, 1971. Sunday

Devotional and study: an exercise on "Finding faith."

March 10, 1971. Wednesday.

Devotional on Conversational Prayer.

Sharing: Walter and Elsie Wiebe are coming to Kamloops to live and work.

Walter Paetkau spoke to the social workers in Kamloops.

Discussion: Praying in public and types of prayer.

March 14, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional: Worship is the celebration of God's activity in the world. "Finding Freedom"-Gal 5:1-15.

March 17, 1971. Wednesday at Eric and Gary's.

Devotional from the Gospel according to Mark.

Planning for next series of Wednesday meetings on the theme of the "Family."

1. Helping people with problems.
2. Courtship
3. Sexuality
4. Marriage
5. Children
6. Divorce

We will have our name added to three church signs to put on the highway entrances to Kamloops.

It was decided to run the "Choice" radio program on WJLB for three months.

John is on the Ministerial Committee planning the 1971 Crusade in Harloops from May 2-9, 1971.

There is a meeting of the Fish group on March 20.
Discussed our next communion service.

March 21, 1971. Sunday.

Guests: Elias and Eleanor Bergan.

Devotional: "Finding Fellowship".

March 22, 1971. Wednesday. at Eric and Mary's.

Listened to Jesus Christ Superstar.

March 23, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional by Eric: "Finding Purpose".

March 31, 1971. Wednesday at Marg's.

Those present: John and Lydia
Betty and Berlene
Larg
Eric and Mary
Elias and Eleanor
Larg

Our present bank balance is \$649.25. John will make quarterly payments as designated previously at January 20, 1971 meeting.

Discussion: Courtship and Preparation for Marriage lead by Eric and Mary.

April 4, 1971. Sunday, at Harold and Marg's.

Devotional by Harold on two Commandments: "Be Fruitful and multiply and love one another."

No study. Some attended the Easter Cantata at the Alliance Church.

April 4, 1971. Sunday, 7:30

Communion service.

Theme: "Commemoration" - based on the seven last sayings of Jesus.

April 14, 1971. Wednesday.

Four people present. We talked about Easter harmonies.

April 18, 1971. Sunday.

Elsie and Walter Siebe and Peter Friesen joined us.

Devotional: "The Church, Reconciliation and the Christian."
Poem by Michelle Guoist.

April 21, 1971. Wednesday at Largs

Discussion and role play on helping others with problem situations in their life, lead by John and Marg U.

April 25, 1971. Sunday at Harold and Marg's.

Devotional lead by Harold.

April 28, 1971. Wednesday.

Discussion on Attitudes about ~~Created without~~ society.

First "Choice" tapes on the radio deal with marriage.

May 2, 1971. Sunday at Harold and Mary's.
Devotional and study lead by Harold on "What is being done?"

May 9, 1971. Mother's Day, at Marg and Harold's.
Sharing about our mothers.
Poems about mothers
Discussion lead by Harold on the place of women in our society.

May 13, 1971. Wednesday at Walt and Elsie's.
Review of Financial Statements for 1969-1970.
The next few meetings on the "Family" were planned.
A retreat weekend in June was planned.
Elias will make some Sunday School Tables to use with young children.

May 16, 1971. Sunday.
Guests: Len and Martha Pauls.
Discussion lead by Walt and John on "What is being done?" and "What prevents us from being human."
Discussion on Matt. 13: 15 to 20.

May 18, 1971. Wednesday at Eric and Mary's.
Discussed plans for retreat.
Discussion lead by Mary and Mary L. on the "Qualities of a good marriage."

May 23, 1971. Sunday.
Scripture: Col. 3:12.
Devotional: Building up the Church-Edification.

May 30, 1971. Sunday.
John shared about how our church was formed and the objectives of the group at that time.
The group divided into small groups and shared and prayed about the experiences they expected to have this coming week.

June 1, 1971. Wednesday.
Discussion on "Solving problems in marriage" by Lydia.

June 6, 1971. Sunday.
Discussion on an aspect of the Church.

June 9, 1971. Wednesday.
Discussion on Parent-Child Relationships lead by Brenda and Marg. H.

June 11, 12, 13, 1971. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
Retreat at Mile High
Those present: John and Lydia, Anne Michelle and Mark
Lillian (babysitter)
Marg and Harold, Bruce, Tim, Dean and Carol
Eric and Mary
Elias and Eleanor and Garry.
Walt and Elsie, Connie and Marlee.
Martha and Len Pauls
Helen Peters
Betty and Brenda (n...)
Marg.

Friday evening.

Coffee and discussion in the cabins.

Saturday morning.

Started off by listing what we wanted to talk about:

Purpose of church membership

Purpose of the church

Purpose of our group

Responsibilities of members versus the minister.

the Place of children in the group

Began on these topics by listing the Characteristics of the Church.

Saturday afternoon.

Recreation.

Saturday evening.

Singing

Discussed the purpose of our group to some extent and discussed the intentions and feelings of people in our group toward our church and each other.

Sunday morning.

Singing

Scripture

Discussed the purpose of our group

Discussed what mission is

Spoke of our advisory committee, that we are looked upon as a mission project and an experimentation project in starting new churches.

Sunday afternoon.

Recreation and packing up.

June 16, 1971. Wednesday, at Walt and Elsie's.

Parent-Teenager Relationships discussed by young people from Eric's school and Vicky and her friend.

Discussed drugs in the schools and attitudes of parents and teenagers.

June 20, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional on "Being lost" lead by John with scripture readings by Marg L. and Bruce.

Discussion on "Being lost" and a meaningful prayer life.

June 23, 1971. Wednesday and Harold's.

Discussion on "Divorce" lead by John.

June 27, 1971. Sunday at Harold and Marg's.

Harold led a discussion on the concept of "being lost" an important object in our lives.

July 1-4, 1971.

John and Lydia, Walt and Elsie, the Pachtans and the Adrians are at the Scotch Creek Camp Site. Various members of our group went out there at individual times for fellowship and talk.

We decided to stop regular services until mid-August when most people would return from holidays. The group would meet for social occasions over the summer.

Sunday, August 8, 1971.

Marg and life singer passing through. Our group had picnic for them in McDonald Park. People: Joe, Dick, Frank and Alliance church attended. Walt Wiese was in charge. The group sang on Walt and Elsie's lawn and a lively discussion followed.

August 15, 1971. Sunday.

Marg and Harold had the group over to their new house for a fellowship breakfast. A meaningful discussion of summer experiences and Christian life followed.

The group got together at Mission Flats for a picnic supper.

August 22, 1971. Sunday.

The group met at Walt and Elsie's to share summer experiences.

August 29, 1971. Sunday at John and Lydia's.

Devotional: on Ezekial's vision lead by John

Lively story for the children lead by Lydia on building house on the rock.

John shared some of his BC Conference and Fresno experience. He shared his renewed enthusiasm for the small group and set some goals for himself in helping the group grow.

September 6, 1971. Monday

Mary and Walt will be our Music Committee.

Eric, Harold and Lydia will be our Christian Education Committee.

Decided the Adults would take turns being with the children, one with the younger children and one with the older children.

The next three Sundays were discussed.

It was decided to have a planning weekend on the first weekend in October. All are to come prepared with a list of topics.

September 12, 1971. Sunday. Guests: Doug and Sue Kirk.

Worship centered on choosing goals

Divided into groups of four to talk about our individual goals for next month.

Devotional on the need for group goals.

A list was made of suggestions of topics of future meetings.

September 19, 1971. Sunday morning.

Topic: How can we articulate our Christianity?

September 19, 1971. Sunday evening.

Fellowship supper at John and Lydia's.

Communion

Devotional using music.

Theme: Covenant.

Those present: John and Lydia

Eric and Mary

Harold and Marg

Henry and Elsie Hubert

Walt and Elsie

Helen Peters

Betty

Marg

September 26, 1971. Sunday.

Mary B. shared some of her life in counseling, her participation in counselling at the counseling Family Life Center and work experiences, and the part the church has played in these things.

October 4, 5, 1971. Saturday and Sunday.

Planning weekend at Walt and Elsie's.

Topics to be dealt with are:

- Committee structure
- Secretary, treasurer
- Finances
- Place of meeting
- Membership
- Topics of meetings
- When to meet
- Outreach-Choice

Mary Diebert has volunteered to act as treasurer of the group. Mary B. will continue as secretary.

Bank balance once the bills are paid will be \$560.00.

Participants will turn over to Mary H. what their expected contribution may be for this next year so a budget could be planned.

John suggested an out-reach project that would include:

- renting or getting an old house.
- getting a VS unit to work in voluntary projects in the community.
- using one floor as a place for us to meet and as a center for other groups to meet.
- having the VS unit run a coffee house type project.

other suggestions:

- have a reading room with Christian literature
- have books and records for sale.
- look for a house in the area of the college.

Walt moved that we look into doing this- to start with by:

- writing to FCC or VS
- find out from other church centers what they do, programs they have,
- discuss zoning with the city
- informal talk with real estate people

othersuggestions:

- have a room serve as a Day Care Center, make it self supporting.

-meet with Young People at Sorrento to hear what they are doing.

A discussion of membership followed. Walt and Elsie indicated that they would like to join our church.

Saturday evening

Discussed approaches to studying the Bible.

The second hour could be a discussion of the sermon, depending on the topic.

Discussion on what we mean by devotional. What do we mean by
quiet setting?

Outline of the service- that can change.

quiet period.

singing.

Responsive reading

Story

Devotional-Children having cookies and milk.

There was a suggestion from the music committee to get an
auto harp. There was a suggestion for the group to sit together
and sing-learn new songs or listen to some music.

October 13, 1971. Tuesday at Walt and Elsie's. Thanksgiving.

Eric and Mary planned a musical service. Edna sang
and John's service in between.

October 20, 1971. Wednesday.

Discussion of topics for next months.

Suggestion to use the General Conference Curriculum. The
General topic is "What does it mean to be a Christian."

Using our previous list of topics that people want to have
discussed a new list of related topics was drawn up and partici-
pants in the group were designated to discuss them.

November 7, 1971. Sunday, at John and Lydia's.

Devotional and study lead by Helen on "What does it mean to
be saved?"

November 14, 1971. Sunday

Devotional and study on "What does it mean to have a personal
relationship with God?"

November 21, 1971. Sunday.

Bobby lead a devotional and study on "Seeking God's will".

November 28, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional and Study on "Sin and judgement-and how Jesus
views right and wrong." lead by Mary A.

November 29, 1971. Monday.

Bank balance now is \$147.94. This year we have given the:

-Canadian Conference-\$250.00

-General Conference-\$225.00

-I.C. Conference-\$75.00

The books were audited by Dave Clark, Office Manager of the
Credit Union on November 24, 1971, and turned over to Mark A.
on November 25, 1971. Mark A. and John will have signing
authority for our church.

Discussion of a Voluntary Service project during the
summer at McQueen Lake. A letter will be written to George
Johnson, Director of Voluntary Service for the General Conference.
Eric is to be in charge of working out these arrangements.

Discussion of where the group would stay and how the meals
would be looked after. We would desire a group of about eight
young people. It was decided to go ahead with this project.

A Remonite Central Committee project for the winter was
also discussed. A group of eight young people would also be
considered. John, Walt and Mary will be on the committee.

for this project. The types of projects considered could be:

- day care center
- prison visiting
- working in Agency Offices
- Youth work
- Drop in center

John is investigating the possibility of our group using the Overlander School on Sunday mornings.

suggestions for the future:

- "Christ in the Concrete City" being put on by Columbia Bible College
- Film "Martin Luther King".

December 5, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional and Study lead by Lydia on the "Holy Spirit and the Church".

December 12, 1971. Sunday.

Topic: "Possessions and Community ownership" led by Peter Lobe from Vancouver.

December 19, 1971. Sunday.

Devotional and study lead by Wilt on "Ethics and Life Style."

January 17, 1972. Thursday, at Marg's

Scripture reading: Titus

Choice "3" on improving marriage relationships and preventing marriage breakdown is \$100.00 a month for three months. We will run this for three months and then reduce it to \$67.00.

Discussed "Prophets," how non-negotiable work is done at evangelism.

Linda Lawson will be asked to come join us on the weekend of January 22 and 23, to talk with us about her voluntary service work in Haiti.

John will try to get the Overlander School started again in Sunday mornings.

Discussion of church wide volunteer service work done on July 10-28, 1971. Eric will lead this in the future.

Discussed a youth committee work conference in March.

Discussed the possibility of having a "polling" selection service unit here. The group decided this could be a worthwhile project. The group decided to have a "polling" service unit here. The group decided to have a "polling" service unit here.

January, February, 1972. Sunday mornings.

Work on the "The Bible Book of the Old Testament" by J. I. Packer. The group decided to have a "polling" selection service unit here. The group decided to have a "polling" selection service unit here.

January 29, 1972. Saturday, at Gary and Linda's.

Linda Lawson showed slides and talked about her experience and work in Haiti as a nurse.

February 17, 1972. Thursday. At 11:00 AM.
Our program bank balance is \$100.00. In 1971 we had receipts from 1977.00 and the total of receipts was \$100.00. The bank balance on December 31, 1971 was \$50.00.

- Discussion centered on ways to improve our program in the school. The suggestions were as follows:
- we need to have more of a direct approach
 - could bring a table to use for a display?
 - could a singer help?
 - we should not rush through the first part (worship), go on to the second part (study).
 - first part could be the life of Christ and His disciples and His teachings to us.
 - make study in the second part.
 - just about a spontaneous worship service - prepared a service with some songs to sing!
 - involve the children more fully - singing - perhaps have some part of the worship service.
 - the whole group could role play - could's part of our Bible stories and involve the children.
 - use conventional prayer on Sunday morning in small groups.
 - we will - Sunday morning also use the worship service.
 - make our music more contemporary - perhaps have a program on music or emphasize music for a while.
 - Eric will bring coffee and the group will meet with coffee. Ideas expressed following indicated that in the school we felt we could not get to each other as frequently and perhaps sharing coffee would help.
 - that about breakfast together first?
 - Do we need a beef session?
 - John would like to get together with someone else in planning the worship service. Will volunteer.

Discussion centered on the part of children in the morning service. It was also suggested that we should have an outing with emphasis on the children and then one with emphasis on the adults.

The group will supply basic needs for Phyllis to do her housekeeping. Members of the group will go out shopping with her. We will give her a grocery shower be prepared to help into her suite.

February 26, 27, 1972. Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Retreat at Mac in Duane, large room with just under 20 adults. Suggestions and discussion:

- suggested that we meet at a time other than Sunday morning. We would be much more relaxed and informal in the evening and could get to know each other better - not have our Sunday morning food and risks.
- Saturday evening would be most informal.
- we need still, to have a special time for the children. That could be Sunday morning and then we could do a better job with the children and the adults would be free for the discussion.
- The group seems to want two things. Some are for very informal times - drama, nothing prepared and each contribute, or more formal worship - inspiration, Bible study, sermons and singing that is loud.

-How can we please the both groups. We need to be all things to all people and we need to be successful.

- Does John feel a real commitment to the church (he pays one-half his salary) and does he really believe in the mission of the group - i.e., does he really think to himself, etc.
- Are we really thinking of this as an experiment or do our personal success depend on this group.
- Are we really concerned about the individuals in the group or are we concerned about the group itself.
- Suggested that someone else - or two or three people - join to the conference to report on the activities in our group, rather than John.
- Purpose of this retreat - get to know each other and air some frustrations.
- Discussed the nature of the group in the school and in the home.
- Discussed the atmosphere in the group on Sundays versus week days and social meetings.
- Discussed the role of John in the group and his responsibility to the larger church and conference.
- Discussed the nature of the worship service.
- We need to define what we want, what the group is all about, what we want it to be and on that basis work out what we want to do concerning worship, etc.

Following these discussions it was felt that the structure of the church needed to be changed. John's role as minister of the group ceased. Meetings following the retreat are not being recorded as the secretary's role ceased too.

March 3, 1972. Friday at Eric and Mary's.

Various members of the group expressed their feelings as to why they came to this group.

Ideas expressed about the need to have some group identity and goals.

The group has expressed some concerns, eg.:

- educational and other programs for the children.
- educational weekend-camping
- not meet Sunday mornings - to let children who want go to another Sunday School
- family experience for the children.

Decided to meet Sunday nights for first while. Other concerns to talk about:

- worship
- music
- leadership and participation.

March 5, 1972. Sunday at Jim and Carol's.

Discussion on what is worship and on the part of music in worship.

Suggestion to let a person or group of persons take turns taking the meetings and leading them in the way they are talented, etc., and then evaluate after a few weeks.

March 12, 1972. Sunday

The "Gospel according to Peanuts" planned by Elsie.

March 17, 1972. Friday at Harold and

Childrens party planned by Harold and skits from the Bible as carried out by the children as skits by the adults.



March 19, 1972. Sunday evening at Doug and Sue's.
Discussion lead by Doug and Sue on Christian care of children.

March 26, 1972. Sunday evening at Eric and Mary's.
Listening to "Jesus Christ Superstar" and a discussion planned by Eric and Mary G.

April 2, 1972. Easter Sunday.
John planned an outdoor Easter Sunrise Service utilizing scripture, poetry and role play. Fellowship followed over a wiener roast and communion.

April 8, 1972?
Study at Honey and Elsie's.

There were a number of other individually planned evening and quite a few informal fellowship and social evenings throughout the spring.

June, 1972. Retreat at Sorrento.
Walter Dietkau was our resource person.
The Statement of Purpose that came out of the retreat is:

"We are a Christian community that attempts to provide the setting and atmosphere to search for personal and social meaning and to accept, enjoy, encourage, instruct and care for one another and our fellowman."

- The following "task forces" were set up:
- a planning task force.
 - a conference contact task force.
 - a voluntary service project task force.

A number of fellowship and social evenings followed during the rest of the summer. A number of members enjoyed participating with the Voluntary Service young people at the Reuben Lake Study project. In September weekly band evening meetings were planned by the planning task force. A fellowship dinner was held for John and Lydia shortly before they left for Vancouver.

Included now is a letter sent by the conference contact task force to Mr. Henry Gerbrandt at the conference offices in Winnipeg. The letter was written in the fall of 1972 and illustrated the feeling of most of the people in the group at the time.

"Dear Mr. Gerbrandt,

I was pleased to talk to you on the telephone. Eric, myself and the others in the group whom I told about your phone call, are glad to know of your continued concern and interest in us.

We as a group have decided that we would very much like to keep in contact with the Conference of Annonites in Detroit, even though about half the group are of non-Annonite backgrounds. We have decided that we would not like to have any formal ties with the conference. We recognize the freedom and support the Conference has given the group in the past in utilizing this approach, and we thank you for it.

We want very much to continue to inform you of the progress of the group, for instance, the success or failure of any of the approaches we try. We desire feedback from you as to the direction we are taking. We would be very much open to having you or any one from the conference drop in and visit us. Please let us know when any of you are expected to be in our area and we will arrange this.

Our group will still be called the "Acadloop's Annonite Fellowship." Our business address has changed to Henry S. Bart's place..... However, Eric Siebe and myself are still the contact persons for the conference and any communication that you have with the group can be directed to either of us.

Thus far, we have been relying on the group members to determine the direction of the group. That has worked so far has been encouraging, and at times exciting. The group members have been enthusiastic about taking on responsibility for planning and leading meetings. At times we have felt frustrated at the slowness of this process. What we are doing, actually is laying a new foundation, and therefore, we are looking at a lot of basic questions. We need to do this in order to determine what our church will be like, however, it has seemed slow.

As we discussed with you previously, we have a "task force" of four persons who are determining the needs of the adults and children in the group and planning the meetings accordingly. At the end of November this method of leadership will have been in operation for six months and will come up before the church for evaluation. If it is felt to be successful, another group of four persons will be chosen to plan meetings for the next six months. I suspect that we will continue this method of leadership for another six months to further evaluate it. The programming has not been as consistent and satisfactory as we would like, particularly during the summer months, however, we have been more enthusiastic about our fall programming. At times we question whether members of the group will continue desiring to take this leadership responsibility, or will a leader evolve from the group, and will we move to a system of more directive leadership?

At the present moment we have eighteen adults and twenty-two children in the group. As you know most of the participants are young married couples with young children. About half of the members have been unhappy in the traditional type of church and are finding a renewal of their faith in the informal atmosphere of the small group approach. Many would not be attending church had they not found a church available that would meet their needs. We meet in various homes on Sunday evenings from six to eight-thirty.

Lately, topics we have considered are prayer, and the authority and use of the scriptures. Members have enjoyed the uniqueness of getting to know each other and their differing

theological view points in an atmosphere of openness and respect. We are beginning to feel free to be ourselves again, after experiencing a few months of tension in our interpersonal relationships. We desire to relate our worship experience to our lives and have enjoyed role playing family situations. Our aim is to be a church that is flexible enough to meet the widely differing needs of its members. We still have a lot to learn in this respect.

Another aim of the group is to provide a worshipful, educational and family-like experience for our children. A family worship experience is planned for the first part of our Sunday evenings together, designed to meet the needs of adults and children. This is often informal where children are allowed to be themselves. An educational and play time is planned for the children while the adults meet for discussion. We desire that child-adult relationships develop specifically on a one to one basis, with the uniqueness of each person being recognized. Here we are trying to find an alternative to the traditional Sunday School, in attempting to deal creatively with children's needs.

Another concern we feel as a group is the need to have fun and to get to know each other in this way too. So a number of our activities center around celebration and having fun together.

I hope that this will give you the information that you desire about our group at the present moment. You may have some further questions about our relationship to the conference. I, myself, am not sure if I am aware of all the aspects of our past relationship. I understand that our only formal contacts were through the salary that was paid to Joan and through the advisory committee from the conference. Does this mean now that we have no formal contact unless we create one? As I mentioned before we as a group wish our contact to be informal. We would appreciate any comments that you would like related to what I have written about this and other aspects of our group.

We thoroughly enjoyed your last visit with us and would very much like to see you again, when you come out to S.C.

Thank you for your continued optimism and enthusiasm concerning us and our house church."

Meetings continued throughout the fall and winter on a weekly basis. A highlight of the fall was a meeting with Jim Brunkshanks from the Sorrento Center for Human Development when he discussed vocation, mission and salvation with us.

January 25, 29, 1973. Family retreat at Sorrento.

Resource person was Jim Brunkshanks discussing "A New Style for the 1970's" using the Beatitudes.

Our evaluation meeting was held near this time and it was decided to continue with the task committee of four persons, only each month a person would drop off the committee and a new person would come on. Meetings continued weekly, for the most part, throughout 1973 alternating between family and adult worship experiences, adult discussion, children's activities, family fellowship and recreation.