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THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: THE CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL (AUSTRALIA) LTD.

The past twelve months have heralded in change is a number of ways across the denomination with the restructuring proposed and approved at the last Annual General Meeting of this Company being rolled out, some senior pastoral positions changing, pastoral transfers, newly credentialed pastors assuming roles in different churches and Outreach Churches growing to the stage to be ready to be fully released to become a Chartered Foursquare Australian Church.

Restructuring of the Movement:

Subsequent to the overwhelming majority support for the proposal I presented at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company, to restructure parts of the administration and the establishment of three specific departments to foster (a) Evangelism, (b) Education (training for the Next Generation of Leaders [NGL's], and (c) Church Growth and Development, to enact those changes required changes to the existing Company Constitution (as at 21/04/2017).

I did not feel to take the proposed restructuring changes to the vote at last year's Annual General Meeting for approval but rather felt not to rush this so people had the opportunity to ask questions and further discuss the proposal. For this reason, I made myself available to many of the Foursquare Areas to further cover details within the proposal. Following this, a majority vote of Company members (Credentialed Foursquare Pastors and elected Local Church Delegates) was required to enact the changes to the Constitution and this was conducted via a postal vote which resulted in the following result:

- Motion for the establishment of the three proposed new departments of Evangelism, Education and Church Growth/Planting – motion approved by a majority vote.
- Motion for the President to appoint personnel to the positions of both the District Supervisor and the Overseas Mission's Director – motion lost.

More than sixty eligible voters failed to cast a vote and just over twenty who votes sent postal votes which failed to reach the Returning Officer by the advertised time and date of the close of the ballot. This no doubt had a bearing on the final results.

Pastor Francis (Jim) Yap has been appointed Coordinator of the Education Department (to foster NGL's) and Pastor John Hemans has been appointed Coordinator of the Evangelism Department. Both appointments have been approved by the Directors.

These changes are positional changes are now incorporated into the Company Constitution.

The third appointment for Coordinator for Church Growth/Planting will be actioned soon after the other two are fully functional so as all three can complement each other in a unified forward vision so that outcomes are able to be measured.

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Newly Chartered Churches:

- Maclean NSW: New Life Church Lower Clarence – Senior Minister: Pastor Lewis Kollmorgen, July 2017
- Springwood/Melbourne Vic: GPdI Foursquare Church – Senior Ministers: Pastors Krisno & Debbie Wibowo, March 2018
- Cranbourne North Vic: The Living Way Church – Senior Ministers: Pastors Asanka & Shermi Hewawasanm, March 2018; Founding Ministers – Pastors Ingrid & Lanil Gunasekara.
- Unanderra NSW: Gospel Mission Church – Senior Ministers: Pastors Charlie and Theresa Harb, March 2018

For details on other outreach works established and churches awaiting chartering refer to the District Supervisor's Annual Report.

Pastoral Position Changes

- Pastors Wayne & Lorelle Magee will step down as Lead Ministers at Heartbeat Church Coffs Harbour as at 1st May 2018. Incoming Senior Pastors are Cliff and Shelly McConnell who transferred to the Heartbeat Foursquare Church from ACC Townsville in February 2017.
- Pastors Ares and Dian Pasaribu have transferred from their former Sydney GPdI Indonesian fellowship to plant a new church at Wallsend on the Central Coast.
- Pastors Ian and Georgina Hamilton have transferred from the Southern Highlands Foursquare Church to assist in the newly Chartered Gospel Mission Church pastored by Charlie and Theresa Harb
- Pastor Rommel Insigne from FCF Macarthur are pioneering a church in the Sutherland area.

The District Supervisor will advise of other outreach works and pastoral changes which have occurred throughout the year.

Women's Ministry

- The Foursquare S E Asia Women's Conference was held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia in September 2017 and was attended by a representation of women leaders from Foursquare Australia.
- It was decided by the leadership of HopePoint Church Sydney and Heartbeat Church Coffs Harbour to press on with the Women's Conference as two local church initiatives instead of a denominational event as so much forward planning had been already completed prior to the restructuring of the denominational women's ministry department.

Church Withdrawal/ Legal Proceedings

As advised to the 2017 AGM, the former Caves Beach New Hope Church Foursquare Church which withdrew from the Foursquare movement in 2016 and the Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Australia) Limited are currently still engaged in legal proceedings over the ownership of the former church building located in Belmont Street, Swansea. While these proceedings are ongoing at this point, comment will be refined to the basic claim and counter claim.

- Our Foursquare claim – the building was gifted to the movement by the original purchaser, former Pastor Albert Booth (Retired) and is therefore the property of the denomination.
- The Caves Beach New Hope Church claim – the building belongs to the current church members.

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It is hoped that these legal proceedings will be completed during the current financial year. The Treasurer may speak further to the fiscal aspect of the case in his Annual Treasurer's Report.

New Zealand Foursquare Convention

I was again privileged to attend the Annual Convention of the Foursquare Church New Zealand in late 2017. Other representatives from Australia included Pastors Bruce and Maureen Banton and Dr and Pastor Julie Stott. USA Foursquare President, Dr Glenn Burris was to have been a speaker but his sessions were covered by Dr Stott when he had to withdraw because of the death of a family member in the United States.

Safe Church Training

Many Pastors have been inquiring about the Safe Church training following the appointment announced that Pastor Judy Bradley has assumed the role of Foursquare denominational trainer. The Training Officer of Safe Churches (Australia) run by the National Council of Churches (Australia) left the organisation in 2017 and the organisation needed to find a suitable replacement and to update their training manual. This has taken some time and married to the unfortunate serious accident that Pastor Bradley suffered and her recuperation during the year her training was delayed. This is now rescheduled for June 2018 after which a schedule for updating training by church personnel will be advised. It is mandatory that Safe Church practices are maintained in every Foursquare Chartered Church and Outreach Church. Training is to be undertaken every three years.

Illnesses – Prayer Points

Pastors_Wayne Kembrey, Judy Bradley and David Blanchard underwent major surgery during the past twelve months. Please maintain prayer for their continued recovery. Please also continue to pray for Pastor Greg Lawson's healing and any others who you know are ill and were hospitalized during the past year.

Closing Remarks

I wish to personally thank every pastor and leader across the movement for their continued faithfulness in serving God's people in The Foursquare Church (Australia). You are the ones at the 'tip of the spear' to press on through the day to day situations that arise in any position of Christian leadership. Reaching the lost, training and developing future leaders and serving the wider flock each week doesn't just happen but requires dedication, self-sacrifice and a heart of contrition. I thank each of you on behalf of the Board of Directors for your servant's heart and diligence.

I pray the Lord continues to prosper you in the role that He has released and entrusted to you at this time and in the days ahead may we see many souls won for His Kingdom.



Wayne F Magee (Rev.)
President

