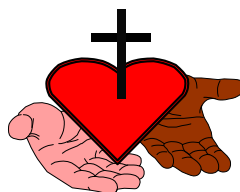




Cooperative English as a Second Language Ministries (CESLM)

2006-2007
Annual Report

Cooperative ESL

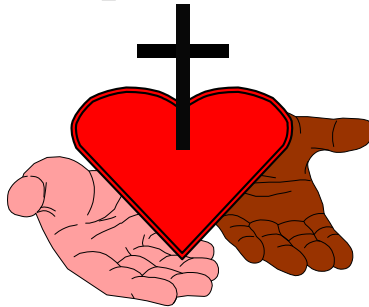


Ministries

Our Mission:

Empowering churches to reach out in love through ESL to the foreigners and immigrants in our community.

Cooperative ESL



Ministries

Our Vision:

We envision Calgary churches as societies' leaders in welcoming and integrating newcomers to Canada. We will equip church-based ESL ministries to be visible demonstrations of how God's love dissolves barriers and builds community. Throughout the city will be many church-based ESL ministries, networked and working together as parts of the body of Christ.

Who We Are and What We Do

The Cooperative ESL Ministries Society is committed to nurturing the highest ethical and professional ESL teaching practices based on Biblical principles, and promoting the teaching of ESL as a ministry. We will support Calgary churches in their efforts to meet our new neighbours' felt needs:

- for improvement in their English language skills
- for connection with members of the community
- for acceptance and affirmation
- for assistance in understanding the Canadian culture & environment
- for referrals to other helping agencies.

In so doing, we will break down barriers, be bearers of good news, and build stronger integrated communities. We will also be a living example of the unity of Christ's Body.



The Intended Beneficiaries Are:



The new immigrants, refugees and internationals who have come to the Calgary area as they improve their English, learn Canadian culture, gain friends, make professional/job-related connections, and become fully functioning members of society.

Volunteers of goodwill from any denomination. These volunteers will grow in cross-cultural awareness and appreciation, and will gain skills in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and in networking.

Church communities who will be trained to run programs effectively and treat newcomers as whole people, rather than just English students.

Society as a whole. Society will benefit by increased connections and understanding between the newcomers and the more established Calgarians. By reducing the angst of new Canadians, thus shortening their entry-to-employment time, there will be less frustration and wasted brainpower on behalf of the newcomers. In addition to improved economics, this integration and acceptance will strengthen the social fabric and contribute to a sense of belonging. Each person and their culture and religion will be treated with respect and dignity.

Values for Cooperative ESL Ministries Society:

What do we value?

Faith – fitting in with God’s purpose.

Unity – cooperation from within:

The CESLM board

Churches

Students

Teachers

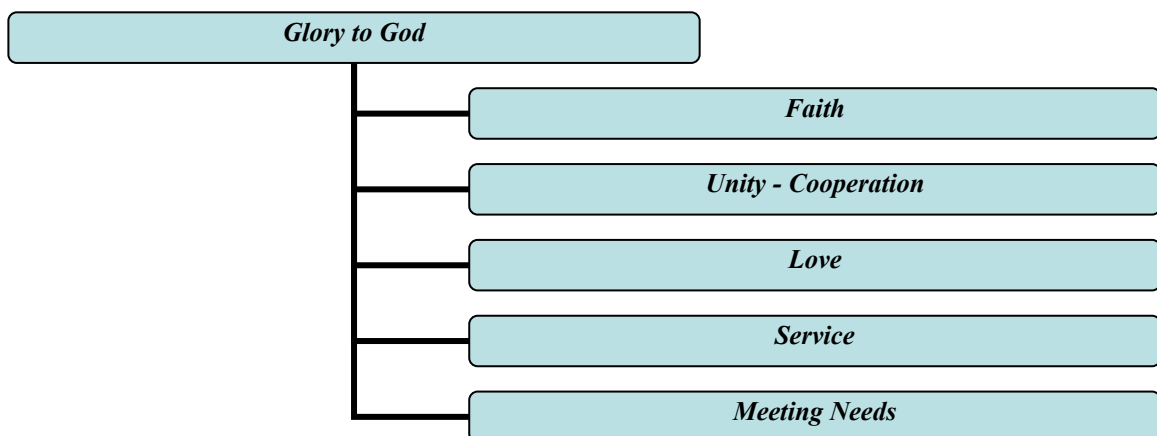
How do we build unity? We build unity through encouragement, openness, consensus, loyalty and common vision, all the while focusing on diversity and uniqueness.

Love – for students and one another. What does this mean practically? It means we are approachable, non-judgmental, open-minded, humble and willing to learn.

Service – we value serving God, serving one another and serving the international community.

Glorifying God – through acting with integrity, honesty and transparency.

Meeting Needs – we value meeting people’s practical need to communicate in English as well as their spiritual need for Jesus.





“Caring Connections for a Cohesive Society”

Letter from the President

*2006-2007 Cooperative ESL Ministries 2006-2007 AGM,
September 29, 2007*

What a joy it is to be part of the courageous band of people who “understand the times” (1 Chron. 12:32) and align with our awesome God by “welcoming the stranger.”

It is no surprise that Canada is #1 among western nations in receiving people from all over the globe as carefully selected economic immigrants, (skilled workers, business people, live-in caregivers, provincial nominees), reunited family members, and refugees, plus foreign students, temporary foreign workers, refugee claimants and visitors.

This remarkable diversity could be a foretaste of the crowd around the throne at the culmination of history. We get to start experiencing it now.

Societal cohesiveness doesn't just happen. We must work toward it.

Robert Putnam, a famous researcher on Social Capital, found that when diversity increases speedily in society as it more often will, people tend to “hunker down” and withdraw. The antidote to this fragmentation is found in the “myriad personal experiences” between individuals.

The Cooperative ESL Ministries society is doing its best to multiply these connections between newcomers and “mainstreamers.” Many newcomers find they need help with English, even though they've studied and even used it before. Our reductions, idioms, and cultural assumptions need “de-coding.” The internationals need a safe place to ask questions, and people who will listen. We need the broadened perspective that comes from getting to know people of other cultures. It is truly a win/win situation, personally and communally.

Ordinary people of good will can be enlisted to help the newcomers in the first few years of their adjustments. Internationals and their families need friends in order to be socially integrated. Occupational integration comes only *after* social integration, with its expanded vocabulary and proficiency in English. CESLM has first-rate training to turn willing volunteers into caring ESL “learning facilitators” and conversation partners in church-based ESL outreaches.

We are currently conducting our fourth 30 Hr. Training course. Among the 36 “Trainees” and 11 teachers and helpers, we have 31 different churches represented. There are currently between 30 and 35 churches offering ESL in their facilities across Calgary. We would like to see a “critical mass” of 15% of Calgary's churches involved. We're almost half-way there. As of December 2006, a count showed a total of 5810 students already served.

Our Spring Conference (the eighth), “Welcoming New Canadians: ESL and Intercultural Support,” saw 90 people involved over the Friday night and Saturday at Foothills Alliance church. At least one new ESL outreach started as a result and more “seeds” were planted.

This year, with funding from Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, we were able to add Intercultural Workshops to the suite of services available to our stakeholders (churches). These are proving very popular, eye-opening, and helpful. Bev Chambers and her workshop facilitators are doing a masterful job.

We now have the beginnings of a National Network of ESL ministry cooperatives in Toronto, Calgary, and Vancouver. Winnipeg is stirring. News articles and unsolicited stories by others have been encouraging growth:

- a report on the CESLM by CBC that was picked up nationally in 2005
- an article in Christian Week in spring of 2006
- the two and a half page story on ESL cooperatives in the 2006 summer issue of Faith Today, with pictures by Peter Fleck
- the City Light News (Calgary) story, by Doris Fleck
- the Field Report done by 100 Huntley St. on Calgary's CESLM this spring (rebroadcast in the summer)

We thank CBS for their support. Any church-based ESL program can invite Southern Alberta's District Director of the Canadian Bible Society to come and present a free Bible to their willing students. We also thank the churches who are starting to see this ministry as worthy of financial support, and who have given us the use of their facilities for our events. We appreciate those who are "Teaching Associates," supporting us at \$20/yr. This year we've made arrangements for donors to support CESLM monthly through automatic withdrawals. We thank the six who are the pioneers in this. We can also facilitate gifts of public securities through Link Charity, eliminating the requirement to pay capital gains tax on an increase. If you are an Albertan, the spring budget made it possible for you to have a 50% tax credit on your tax return for any gift to a charity over the \$200 threshold.

I'm incredibly grateful for the professionals serving on the Board and their generous gifts of time, skill and energy.

We invite your prayers and your partnership in this society-changing endeavor. Responding now can be transformational.

To God be the glory,

Madeline Johnson

Points to Ponder.... Most Significant Implications of Immigration

- By 2030 immigration will be the only source of Canada's growth. (StatsCan report Mar/07)
- Canada would need 2.6 million immigrants per year by 2020 and 7 million by 2050—raising its population to 165.4 million—to keep its ratio of retirees to workers at 20% (Sept. 2006 Study from CD Howe Institute)
- Calgary is expected to grow by 225,000 people over the next decade.
- The "face" of Calgary will be multicultural, multilingual, multi-religious population, which will boost Calgary's cultural capital and contribute to a more cosmopolitan city.
- Calgary faces ongoing labour force shortages which may be offset by immigration. As aging workforces and labour force shortages are a global concern, Calgary will need to offer competitive advantages to attract new workers. However, new immigrants will face ongoing challenges in social, cultural, and labour force integration. Adults will require more English as a Second Language (ESL) training and better recognition of foreign credentials to allow for workforce integration; children and youth will require improved ESL instruction and public education. If Calgary succeeds in meeting these challenges, everyone will benefit.
- If we do not succeed, the negative outcomes may include increased poverty/social and economic polarization, racism, neighbourhood segregation, school dropout and crime, and ongoing labour force shortages with serious negative economic spinoffs.



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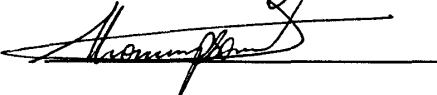
Selections from the Audit Report

(full report is available on request)

**COOPERATIVE ESL MINISTRIES SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 38,331	\$ 6,005
Receivables	113	1,247
Inventory	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	39,944	7,252
Capital assets (Note 3)	<u>602</u>	<u>1,367</u>
	<u>\$ 40,546</u>	<u>\$ 8,619</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,883	\$ -
Deferred revenue	<u>28,290</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>32,173</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Invested in capital assets	602	1,367
Unrestricted	<u>7,771</u>	<u>7,252</u>
	<u>8,373</u>	<u>8,619</u>
	<u>\$ 40,546</u>	<u>\$ 8,619</u>

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COOPERATIVE ESL MINISTRIES SOCIETY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
REVENUE		
Designated funds	\$ 2,270	\$ 120
Donations	2,725	138
Reference materials	1,060	4,064
Registrations	8,623	8,184
Sundry and memberships	<u>543</u>	<u>320</u>
	<u>15,221</u>	<u>12,826</u>
EXPENSES		
Conference costs		
Facilitators	-	1,749
Facility rental	268	350
Food	4,264	2,804
Supplies and sundry	<u>2,651</u>	<u>260</u>
Advertising and printing	123	159
Amortization	765	655
Communications	658	270
Designated funds disbursed	2,270	120
Interest and bank charges	760	349
Meetings and training	1,648	591
Office and sundry	1,771	570
Professional fees	<u>289</u>	<u>270</u>
	<u>15,467</u>	<u>8,147</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ (246)</u>	<u>\$ 4,679</u>

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at June 30, 2007 and 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

CALGARY, ALBERTA
September 4, 2007


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*The Cooperative ESL Ministries Society is a response to God's call
to make His **glory** known by demonstrating the **unity**
of the body of Christ as we reach out in **love**
to the new neighbours
that God is bringing to us from around the world.*

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