



Presbyterian Music Camp

2023 August 20th to 25th

**Report to the Synod of
Central, Northern Ontario and Bermuda
2023 September 25**

At Presbyterian Music Camp, music is central to our celebration and praise of God. We welcome all families and individuals who come together to experience inclusive Christian community in a natural outdoor setting.

Presbyterian Music Camp (PMC) 2023 - Summary:

PMC found a new home in 2023, Camp Kintail, near Goderich. Interest in PMC was very strong this year; camp was fully subscribed within a few weeks of the opening of registration. We had 156 registered campers, 116 adults, 12 teens, 18 children (5 -12) and 7 children under 5. The Deans for our week of camp were the Reverend Hugh Donnelly and David Linderman, both long-time campers and active leaders in Presbyterian congregations. Our Deans inspired our camp with the theme “Jesus, the great storyteller”. The theme was explored in morning and evening worship services led by the deans and by camper families. Blessed with many volunteer workshop leaders, PMC 2023 offered a broad spectrum of activities including prayer group, bible study, choral and instrumental music, arts and crafts, drama and nature exploration. Recognizing a need within our community, the Caring Community Initiative subcommittee of the PMC board organized mental health workshops at the 2023 camp, thanks to the generous support of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The grant is supported in part by a bequest to The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

PMC Theme in 2023. “Jesus, the great storyteller”

Morning and evening programs at PMC start with a short worship service. David Linderman opened services with music and short inspiring readings and quotations. Hugh Donnelly introduced the theme of the day and shared a meditation on the theme. Two of the evening services were led by camper families, focusing on the theme of the day.

Themes of the Day

Monday - Stories of Identity: Who are we as the people of God? Luke 8:42-48. (the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment)

Tuesday - Stories of Comfort: Where do we find peace? John 20:19-22 (resurrection appearance to the disciples)

Wednesday - Stories of Challenge: Where do we find growth? Matthew 5:13-16 (salt of the earth)

Thursday - Stories of Inclusion: Who's in God's community? Matthew 14:13-21 (feeding of 5000)

Friday - Stories of Hope: What keeps us going? Luke 24:13-35 (Emmaus)

PMC 2023 Camp Program

Camp Kintail was already booked for the week-end that would have been the final week-end of PMC, so this year camp finished on Friday, shortening our typical program. Workshops ran from Monday to Thursday with the final concert on Friday morning. Likewise, fewer evening programs were held, focusing on those most beloved by the community: campfire night, live-band karaoke / coffee house, variety (skit) night, and the closing Agape worship service.

Camp Kintail is a beautiful facility. The Kintail camp leadership and staff were wonderfully helpful and accommodating in supporting us as we adjusted our program to the new site and to the larger than usual number of campers.

The daily workshop program is presented in Exhibit 1. The schedule was designed to provide activities for each demographic in each of the 5 workshop periods. It has been customary for large group activities, like Camp Choir and Concert Band to be held in the morning, providing an opportunity for community building with child care options for parents. The afternoon workshops are generally smaller but more numerous, appealing to diverse interests.

As part of a special initiative of the board in 2022/2023, PMC offered Mental Health workshops led by Tom Roes, Registered Social Worker and Family Therapist. Two workshops were held each day to increase the opportunities for campers to attend. Approximately 30 campers attended one or both sessions. The conversations were free-flowing, discussing topics suggested by participants, expertly facilitated by Tom Roes. On Thursday, Tom met with individuals for 15 minute, private sessions and was also available through the week for one on one conversations. Feedback from campers was overwhelmingly positive.

Results from Camper Survey

Campers were asked to complete on-line or hardcopy surveys at the end of camp. We were very pleased to get 89 responses from a total camp population of 156, 25 of which were children 12 and under. The survey results will be considered in planning the 2024 camp. Key insights from the survey were:

- Campers were very happy with the Kintail site. The accommodations were comfortable and clean. The cabins would benefit from more shelving/storage space.
- The food at Camp Kintail was great. There were suggestions for more vegetarian protein sources and raw vegetables.
- The program was very much appreciated. There were requests for more variety for young children and non-musicians. Some workshop / event locations felt cramped.
- Campers look forward to a longer camp.

PMC Administrative Accomplishments in 2022 / 2023

The two main administrative initiatives of the PMC board last year were the camp site search and the Caring Community Initiative (mentioned above).

Caring Community Initiative

Through the course of the 2022 Music Camp, the PMC board recognized that many in our community were experiencing mental health challenges, exacerbated by the isolation of the pandemic. The PMC board struck a subcommittee, the Caring Community Initiative (CCI), to review our 2022 camp experience and to propose recommendations. The subcommittee's recommendations addressed camp procedures and training, and proposed that we offer a mental health workshop at the 2023 camp. The workshop was intended as a safe and supportive environment to better understand mental health issues. The cost of the training and mental health workshop recommendations were generously supported through a Presbyterian Church in Canada Special Projects Grant, which in turn was made possible by a bequest to the church. The subcommittee has prepared a full report that will be issued to the PCC.

Site Search

The PMC board was notified at the end of October, 2022, that Camp Tamarack had contracted with another, larger group and would not be offering a week to PMC. A subcommittee of the board reviewed a list of Ontario Camp Association registered camps that rent their facilities to the public. Through internet research and phone interviews, the subcommittee narrowed the list down to two viable candidate sites, which were visited in December. Camp Kintail, a Presbyterian camp near Goderich Ontario was selected. Due to previous commitments, Camp Kintail could not offer us a full week of camp until 2025, but could accommodate shorter (Sunday to Friday) camps in 2023 and 2024. Camp Kintail is a fantastic facility that can accommodate all PMC activities and has more to offer. While many campers were upset by the news that PMC would not be returning to Camp Tamarack, our experience at Camp Kintail was excellent and feedback from campers about the site is very positive.

For over 25 years PMC has been part of the Synod of Central, Northern Ontario and Bermuda (CNOB). Relocation to Camp Kintail places PMC's physical location in the Synod of Southwestern Ontario. Conversations have already begun and will continue with the Synod Executive CNOB about the implications of this change of physical location. PMC's relation with the Presbyterian Church in Canada is very important to us and we are looking to continue and build that relationship.

Current PMC Financial Summary

The Board follows the principles listed below in the management of PMC finances:

- We will be good stewards of PMC community money;
- Our goal is to be revenue neutral;
- We prioritize making camp affordable for families and support campers that need financial help;
- All board and staff positions are unpaid, direct expenses related to camp activities are reimbursed at cost.

Even before the move from Camp Tamarack, the Board recognized that inflation of food and other costs over the last few years would necessarily increase camp rental and therefore PMC registration fees. The fees at Camp Kintail were higher, and structured differently. To encourage campers to make the move to camp Kintail and to ensure that registration fees for families would be affordable, the Board agreed to implement only a modest 5% increase in the adult camper fee and to subsidize the youth rate by \$200/camper from our surplus. (It must be acknowledged that, because our camp was two days shorter, our camper fees increased more than 5% implicitly.) We budgeted \$7,000 from our savings to cover a potential overrun. Thankfully, due to high registration numbers and generous donations to the Alison Stewart-Patterson fund that supports campers in financial need, the deficit for PMC 2023 was limited to \$3223.97. Our financial position is still preliminary; the final numbers rely on the HST rebate that we will receive at the end of the year and the gains or losses in

our Consolidated Portfolio investments. A financial summary is presented in the table below. A detailed accounting of our financial position (as of September 15th) is presented in Exhibit 2.

Table 1: Financial Summary of PMC 2023 Camp Operations as of 2023 September 15

Financial Summary of PMC 2023 Camp Operations - PRELIMINARY - as of 2023 Sep 15			
Revenue	Category	Amount	
	PMC Camper Registration Fees (w/o HST)	\$66,675.00	
	PCC Consolidated Portfolio Gain/(Loss)	\$1,399.80	
	Mental Health Program Grant PCC	\$4,375.00	
	Merchandise and Tuck Sales	\$2657.56	
	Charitable Donations	\$4187.00	
	ESTIMATED Public Service Body Rebate	\$7,031.32	
	Total Revenue		\$86325.68
Expenses	Category	Amount	
	Camp Kintail Fee w/o HST	\$73150.00	
	Site Search Expenses	\$2084.30	
	Camp Operational Costs (music, photocopying, recognition gifts for Deans)	\$2156.75	
	HST paid on expenses	\$10099.81	
	Cost of Merchandise sold	\$1555.40	
	Cost of Tuck sold	\$503.39	
	Total Expenses		\$89549.65
	Net Loss from Camp Activities		-\$3223.97

Membership of the PMC Board

PMC board elections were held at the first meeting of the new camp planning year, on September 30th. The board of directors for the 2023/2024 camp planning year is presented in Exhibit 3. New directors will assume their roles as of October 31.

Acknowledgements:

Presbyterian Music Camp is very grateful to the following people and organizations:

- The Presbyterian Church in Canada for moral and financial support of our Caring Community Initiative;
- To Directors and Staff of Camp Kintail for their patient and accommodating support of our move to, and first camp at, their facility;
- To outgoing Directors of the board, for their selfless, dedicated service to the Music Camp community.



Taras O. Broadhead

Presbyterian Music Camp - Board Chair

Exhibit 1: PMC 2023 Workshop Schedule

<div><div>Period 1</div><div>10:00 am - 11:00 am</div><div><div>Celtic Session</div><div>Bluevale</div><div>This workshop will focus on learning an Irish jig. Topics include learning by ear as well as adding traditional ornamentation. This is an instrumental workshop, most suited for wind or stringed instruments capable of playing a single melody line.</div></div><div><div>Cherubs</div><div>MacDonald Meeting Room</div><div>A fun place for toddlers and pre-schoolers to play and laugh while their parents do other workshops or just hang out with their kids and other parents.</div></div><div><div>Children's Choir</div><div>The Nest - Basement</div><div>A choir for children, aged 6-12. Sing fun songs with your friends and see how much fun a choir can be!</div></div><div><div>Concert Band</div><div>Rec Hall</div><div>Instrumental music for woodwinds, brass & percussion – bring your own instrument, and a music stand if you have one.</div></div><div><div>Mental Health Workshop (AM)</div><div>Mackay Hall</div><div>Discussion and insight with a mental health professional. Bring your questions about anxiety, depression, ADHD, self-harm, suicide, or any other mental health topics. Participate as much as you want, whatever works for you.</div></div><div><div>Prayer Group</div><div>The Nest - Board Room</div><div>Last day will be booked individual appointments if you want private discussion.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Period 2</div><div>11:15 am - 12:15 pm</div><div><div>Camp Choir</div><div>Rec Hall</div><div>Four-part singing for campers of any musical ability. Music reading is not required.</div></div><div><div>Cherubs (continued)</div><div>MacDonald Meeting Room</div><div>A fun place for toddlers and pre-schoolers to play and laugh while their parents do other workshops or just hang out with their kids and other parents.</div></div><div><div>Children's Games</div><div>The Nest - Basement/Various Outdoors</div><div>Games and outdoor activities taking advantage of what the site and staff have to offer.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Period 3</div><div>1:30 pm - 2:30 pm</div><div><div>Advanced Hand Bells</div><div>The Nest - Basement</div><div>An exploration of ringing techniques, including shakes, damped and undamped malleting, matts, matt lifts, thumb damped plucks, and singing bells. Repetitive features sections that include changing metres, malleted and rung bells.</div></div><div><div>Banjo</div><div>Beach Porch</div><div>This is a safe space for banjo players and enthusiasts to escape persecution and learn styles and techniques on a 5 string instrument.</div></div><div><div>Beginner Guitar</div><div>Bluevale</div><div>Learn your first guitar songs along with chords and strumming patterns.</div></div><div><div>Crafts for Kids</div><div>Harmony House</div><div>Different crafts every day.</div></div><div><div>Mental Health Workshop (PM)</div><div>MacDonald Meeting Room</div><div>Discussion and insight with a mental health professional. Bring your questions about anxiety, depression, ADHD, self-harm, suicide or any other mental health topics. Participate as much as you want, whatever works for you.</div></div><div><div>Strings</div><div>The Nest - Board Room</div><div>Durt off your violins, violas and cellos! This is a reading-based workshop for string ensemble. We will try to accommodate all ages and levels, but some playing and experience on your instrument is necessary. Feel free to bring music you'd like to play.</div></div><div><div>Swimming and Canoeing</div><div>The Beach</div><div>Beach fun!</div></div></div>	<div><div>Period 4</div><div>3:00 pm - 4:00 pm</div><div><div>Adult Crafts - Pen & Ink</div><div>Harmony House</div><div>A few studios working towards a larger piece. Some drawing experience required. Pens and paper provided and available for purchase after the workshop.</div></div><div><div>Adult Crafts - Watercolour</div><div>Harmony House</div><div>Come play with watercolour. Learn some basic techniques and try a few easy projects.</div></div><div><div>Advanced Choir</div><div>The Nest - Basement</div><div>Sing some challenging a cappella songs.</div></div><div><div>Beginner Recorder + Ukulele</div><div>Bluevale</div><div>The goal of beginner ukulele is to have fun. We'll learn a little musicianship while we're singing familiar songs and practicing a handful of the most common ukulele chords. There will be one reggae tune. No previous experience required. Please bring a ukulele, but if you don't have one, we'll figure something out. Workshops are only 30 minutes long.</div></div><div><div>Book Club</div><div>Beach/Beach Patio</div><div>Young Adult/Dystopian: Sophie by Neal Shusterman Contemporary Realism: Someone Began Shouting by Iggy Moyses Indigenous and Canadian Voices: Five Little Indians by Michelle Good Historical Fiction: The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah</div></div><div><div>Garage Band</div><div>Rec Hall</div><div>It might get loud. Jam out to some songs and learn some skills along the way.</div></div><div><div>Nature Exploration</div><div>Outdoors, varies</div><div>Time and days may vary depending on the weather and activity.</div></div><div><div>Swimming and Canoeing</div><div>The Beach</div><div>Beach fun!</div></div><div><div>Youth Choir</div><div>Mackay Hall</div><div>Sing some choral music with your friends.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Period 5</div><div>4:15 pm - 5:15 pm</div><div><div>Theginner Hand Bells</div><div>Rec Hall</div><div>An introduction to playing hand bells in a group.</div></div><div><div>Bible Study</div><div>Mackay Hall</div><div>Daily discussion based on the theme for each day. This year, teen and adult bible study is combined.</div></div><div><div>Drama Improv</div><div>The Chapel</div><div>Laughter is welcome!</div></div><div><div>Drum Circle</div><div>Rec Hall</div><div>Learn the basics of hand drumming. Bring your djembes and other drums if you have them. If not, we have a few banets.</div></div><div><div>Electric Guitar for Acoustic Players</div><div>The Nest - Board Room</div><div>Learn how your Acoustic Guitar knowledge and skills translate and what's new. You do not need to bring an electric guitar to the workshop.</div></div><div><div>Guitar Songs</div><div>Harmony House</div><div>Monday - Beatles play-and-sing-a-long Tuesday - Band oriented deep dive on Full Force Gale by Van Morrison Wednesday - Mystery songs Thursday - Song sharing free for all</div></div><div><div>Kids' Camp Memories</div><div>MacDonald Meeting Room</div><div>Scrapbooking and more!</div></div><div><div>Non-beginner Ukulele</div><div>Bluevale</div><div>Take your ukulele playing to the next level!</div></div><div><div>Relaxation</div><div>TBD - with beds</div><div>Take some time for yourself and enjoy guided relaxations.</div></div><div><div>Sport of the Day</div><div>Various Outdoors</div><div>Sport, time, and place will be announced at lunch.</div></div><div><div>Swimming and Canoeing (ends 4:45)</div><div>The Beach</div><div>Beach fun!</div></div></div>
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Exhibit 2: Preliminary Statement of Financial Activity - 2023 Jan1 to Sep 15

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR JAN 1 - Sept 15, 2023					
REVENUES					
PMC camper registration fees		86,675.00			
Registration Fees from Grant, ASP and Gemmell		8,650.00			
PCC Consolidated Portfolio Gain/(Loss)		1,399.80			
Mental Health Grant from the PCC		4,375.00			
Merchandise sales		1,937.00			
Tuck sales		720.56			
General Fund Donations		2,877.00			
ASP fund donations		1,050.00			
Moncrieff fund donations		175.00			
Tom Gemmell fund donations		85.00			
Estimated Public Service Body Rebate		7,031.32			
Total Revenues				92,975.68	
EXPENSES					
Site fee paid to Camp Kintail		73,150.00			
Donation to Camp Geshar		100.00			
Grant Expenditure for the Roes family fees		3,000.00			
Gifts of Appreciation		264.03			
Music for all Groups		1,061.43			
Police Check		0.00			
One License		0.00			
Equipment upkeep		0.00			
first Aid, Blanket		7.99			
Administration (All printing, photocopying, pens etc.)		458.05			
Site Search Expense - Travel		1,302.30			
- Meals, Rooms		682.00			
Insurance		0.00			
Bank Service Charges		118.75			
GST 5% On Expenses		3,907.90			
PST 8% on Expenses		6,191.91			
Total Camp activities expenses				90,264.36	
Cost of Merchandise Sold:					
Merchandise inventory at start of accounting period	\$ 281.00				
Plus Merchandise purchased (by PMC)	\$ 2,193.20				
Cost of merchandise available for sale	\$ 2,474.20				
Merchandise inventory at end of accounting period	\$ 918.80				
Cost of Merchandise Sold:				1,555.40	
Cost of tuck items purchased and fully sold				503.39	
ASP fund disbursements				3,125.00	
GEM fund disbursements				0.00	
Moncrieff fund disbursements				226.50	
Tom Gemmell fund disbursements				525.00	
Total Expenses:				96,199.65	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					
Gross Loss from Camp Activities				-3,931.04	
(HST Portion is \$-3068.49)					
PCC Portfolio holdings (Gain)				1,399.80	
Donation to Camp Geshar				-100.00	
Merchandise Sales Applied to General Fund				381.60	
Tuck Net Income - Applied to ASP (Will be)				217.17	
ASP Fund Net - Donations less Disbursements				-2,075.00	
Tom Gemmell fund				-440.00	
Moncrieff Fund				-51.50	
Mental Health Grant to be used in 2024				1,375.00	
Change in Net Assets:				-3,223.97	
Beginning net assets				44,996.07	
Ending net assets				41,772.10	

Exhibit 3: Officers and Directors of the Presbyterian Music Camp Board,
2023-2024 - Confirmed 2023 Sep 30, Effective 2023 Oct 31

Officer/Director	Position	Candidate (2023-2024)	Renew
Officer	Chair	Peter Rosefield	2025
Officer	PCC Liaison	Doug Kendall	2024
Officer	Secretary	Alison Cooper	2024
Officer	Treasurer	Debi Vanderstelt	2024
Dir/Off	Registrar/Merch	Cathy Whiteside (Officer)	2025
Director	Admin/Procedures	Marilyn Broadhead	2025
Director	Advertising/Social Media	Liz Gautreau	2025
Director	Camp Liaison	Anne Audet	2025
Director	Dean	Rae-Lynn Rosefield	2025
1 Dean vote	Dean	Shannon Vanderstelt	2025
Director	Staffing/Scheduling	Jesse Fegelman	2025
Director	Youth Representative	JD Robertson	2025
1 YR vote	Youth Representative	vacant	2026
Director	Dir at Large/PCC Liaison	Sarah Dupont	2025
Director	Director at Large	David Linderman	2026
Director	Director at Large	Ian MacCready	2025
Director	Director at Large	Lindsay Weidelich	2026
Director	Director at Large	Alicia Pilgrim	2026
Director	Director at Large	Arminta Carmichael	2026
Director	Director at Large	MJ Perry	2026
Director	Director at Large/PBC	Taras Broadhead	2026
Director	Director at Large	Erin Eisner	2026