

The Lord's Recovery in Canada

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The Lord's Recovery in Canada

Brother Watchman Nee Visits Vancouver



In August/September 1933, Brother Nee visited Vancouver, Canada.

This was the last place he visited before returning by steamship to Shanghai on September 8, 1933.

Br. Watchman Nee Visits Vancouver

In Vancouver, Brother Nee attended and spoke at an exclusive Brethren conference held during the Labour Day weekend from September 1 to 3, 1933. Brother Nee spoke concerning “Jesus, the Friend of Sinners” and some in the audience received salvation. The meetings were held at the Brethren Gospel Hall located at East 8th Avenue and Ontario Street. This building still exists today and is only one city block away from Hall 2 of the church in Vancouver.

In early 1975, two Vancouver brothers visited an elderly Brethren brother who had attended the meetings in which Brother Nee had spoken. He said of Brother Nee: “No one has ever suffered more through tongue or pen than that brother.”



Brother Watchman Nee spoke in September 1933 in this building, once owned by the Exclusive Brethren.

Beginnings and Spreads of the Lord's Recovery in Canada

The Lord's Recovery in Canada grew mostly from its beginnings in both Vancouver and Toronto. Various other localities in Canada had a few saints who came directly from the Far East, often as students. Their increases came mostly from migrations from either Vancouver or Toronto, gaining of new saints locally, and later with immigration from the Far East and other places.

Brother Lee frequently held conferences in both Vancouver and Toronto, providing a solid basis upon the pure revelation of the Scriptures as accurately taught by both Brothers Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. As a result the churches enjoyed a steady increase in numbers.

Vancouver

Meetings in Vancouver began in 1965 in the homes of two brothers who came from the church in Hong Kong. By the late 1960s there were approximately 50 saints meeting in an upstairs room on 823 East Hastings Street. Most of these saints were from Hong Kong. Brother Lee visited the church in Vancouver at least five times prior to 1973.

In 1973, a group of saints migrated from Toronto to join the saints who were already meeting in Vancouver. The meetings were moved to a rented office on 433 West Broadway.

From 1973 to 1975 the Lord marvelously added to the church many local people from different parts of the province through the riches of Brother Lee's ministry.

Brother Lee visited the church in Vancouver again in November 1978. By 1983 the church had outgrown the rented facilities and purchased a meeting hall at 2255 Quebec St. Brother Lee visited once more in March 1988.



*Brother Lee & Sister Lee at
Queen Elizabeth Park*

Vancouver

During the 1980s, members of the church in Vancouver migrated to **Calgary, Edmonton** and **Winnipeg** to strengthen the Lord's testimony in those localities. Saints also began meeting as the churches in **Burnaby** and **Surrey** when some members moved there from Vancouver. With continuing increase, an expansion to the hall at 2255 Quebec St was needed; it was completed in 1989.

In 1998, the church purchased a second meeting hall at 105 East 50th Avenue while retaining its existing hall at 2255 Quebec Street (or 77 East 7th Avenue). In the same year, church members living in the neighbouring city of Richmond were formally established as the church in Richmond.

The church in Vancouver, meeting on the ground of oneness, continues steadfastly in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles as did the early church in the New Testament (Acts 2:42) and enjoys the rich blessing of the New Testament ministry that gave birth to it.

Toronto

Toronto began with a family moving from Taiwan to Waterloo, Ontario in December 1965. This family learned that a couple in the Lord's Recovery was moving from Germany to Toronto and initiated contact with them. Shortly thereafter, another couple and their relatives moved from Hong Kong. Gradually other overseas Chinese students from Hong Kong arrived and joined the meetings. By 1967, local saints were also added.

Brother Lee visited the church in Toronto and held conferences in May 1968, June 1969, June 1970, June 1971, and the spring of 1972. In 1969 some young people attended a conference with Brother Lee in Erie, Pennsylvania and were greatly enlivened. In 1971, a group of saints moved to Toronto from a free group in Baden, Ontario. This happened after a sister from a Mennonite free group heard about the meetings in Elden Hall, Los Angeles and attended. Another sister from that same free group went to "rescue" her and eventually she herself was caught and others followed. The church in Los Angeles had prayed fervently for these Mennonites in 1970 and 1971.

Toronto

The Lord's Table was established in Toronto in the summer of 1968. In the fall of 1970 meetings were held in a rented facility in Willowdale, Ontario. In 1971 a property was leased for meeting in downtown Toronto close to the University of Toronto. During those years there were migrations to other cities in Canada including Vancouver, London, and St. Catherines. In 1975 a property was purchased in North York at 671 Sheppard Ave. E and construction began on the meeting hall. Brother Lee again held a conference in Toronto in 1978.

In 1987 a third meeting was introduced in Scarborough, Ontario and later a property was purchased on Meadowvale Road. (In 2004, this property was sold and another property was purchased at 7 Gretna Ave. property). In 1993, having outgrown the downtown Toronto property, the saints there moved to 24 Cecil St. When all these municipalities became amalgamated as the City of Toronto, the North York hall became Hall 1, the downtown Toronto hall became Hall 2 and the Scarborough hall became Hall 3.

GTCA - Coquitlam

Saints living in Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody met in the Church in Vancouver, Church in Burnaby and the Church in Surrey. There were some home meetings and saints who had the burden for a church to be raised up in the Tri-Cities began to pray.

During the turmoil in 1992, Brother Lee had the foresight to encourage the leading brothers in Vancouver to reserve the names of the church for the cities in the Lower Mainland, including the Church in Coquitlam.



Home meetings in the Tri-Cities in the 1990s

GTCA - Coquitlam

Saints in the Tri-Cities came together to pray and participate in the training for GTCA Coquitlam.

Saints in the Lower Mainland, local full timers and FTTA trainees came to strengthen the saints in the Tri-Cities to pass out gospel tracts in the neighborhood and visit the saints in the homes. Bible seminars were given at Douglas College Coquitlam Campus.



GTCA Coquitlam
January 31, 2011 – February 12, 2011

GTCA - Coquitlam

Saints in the Tri-Cities began to have the first Lord's table meeting as a district of the church in Burnaby in Kyle Centre, Port Moody.

Leading brothers and saints from the Lower Mainland churches came weekly to supply, support and strengthen the Lord's day meeting over a period of 6 months.



*First Lord's Table as a district of the Church in Burnaby
Kyle Centre, Port Moody, March 6, 2011*

GTCA - Coquitlam

194 brothers from 14 churches from Canada and 2 churches from the US, brother Ron Kangas, saints from the Lower Mainland, Bellevue and Tacoma were present.



*Taking the ground of the Church in Coquitlam
Canada Brothers Conference, Vancouver Hall 1, November 6, 2011*

GTCA Cities in Canada

2009 Montreal, Quebec

2011 Coquitlam, British Columbia
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Hamilton, Ontario

2013 Hamilton, Ontario

2015 Mississauga, Ontario

2016 Abbotsford, British Columbia
Laval, Quebec
Mississauga, Ontario

2017 Abbotsford, British Columbia
Laval, Quebec
Lethbridge, Alberta
Ottawa, Ontario

2018 Hamilton / St. Catharines, Ontario
Lethbridge, Alberta
Kitchener, Ontario
Ottawa, Ontario
Windsor, Ontario

2019 Burnaby, British Columbia
London / Vaughan, Ontario

2020 Airdrie, Alberta
London / Guelph, Ontario

Canada Brothers' Conferences

In November of each year, leading and responsible brothers from all over Canada have gathered together for a weekend for a time of blending and perfecting. Joined by some of the coworkers each year, this time of blending has been very crucial and instrumental in the Lord's blessing the leading brothers and the churches in Canada with an unprecedented oneness and one accord.



In November 2019, 270 brothers from across Canada attended this conference held in the meeting hall of the church in Toronto.

Further Development Concerning the Work

Bibles for Canada

Summer School of Truth

Campus Work

Full-Time Training in Anaheim

Bibles for Canada

Bibles for Canada (BfC) was inaugurated in **June 2006** with a distribution in the Markham and Kitchener/Waterloo areas of Ontario in conjunction with a Bibles for America tour.

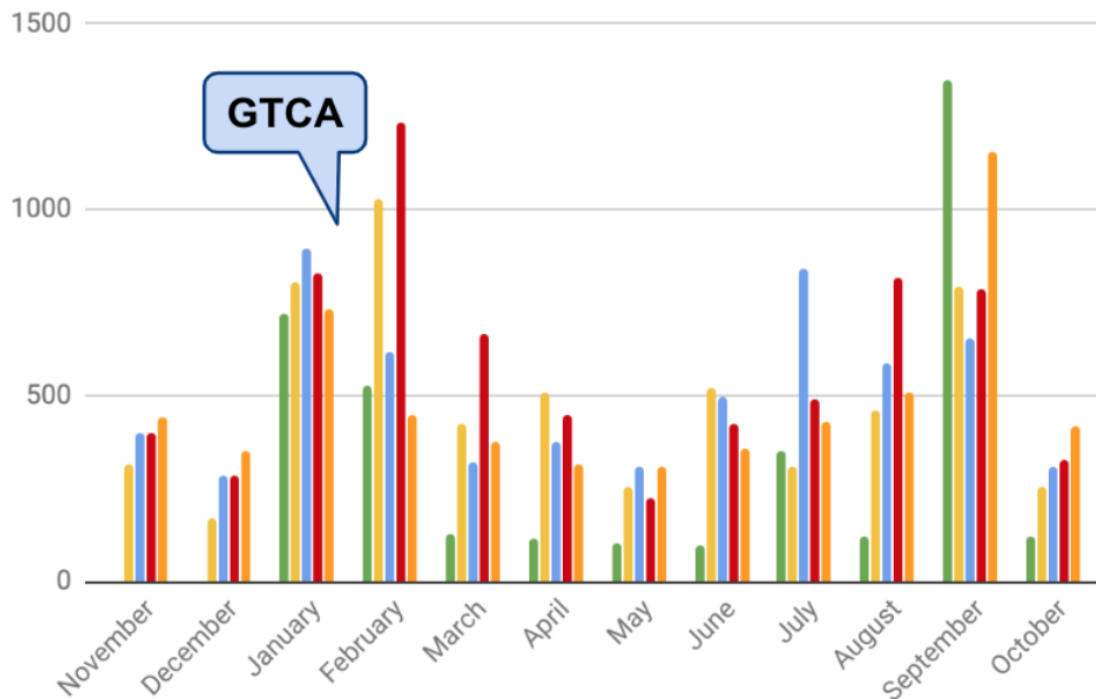
A second distribution took place in July in Edmonton, Alberta. The saints in both areas were greatly rejuvenated by their participation in these events. The church in Calgary has taken on the responsibility for the administration of BfC and the distribution of Bibles.

In the year 2019, over **5,800** New Testament Recovery Versions and ministry books have been distributed through distributions in localities and online orders from the BfC website.



Bibles for Canada

BfC All Order + Dist. Volumes - By Month



- Total 2016: **5834**
(+61% from 2015)
- Total 2017: **6080**
(+4.22% from 2016)
- Total 2018: **6926**
(+13.9% from 2017)
- Total 2019: **5831**
(-15% from 2018)

Summer School of Truth

Since 1994, the churches in Western Canada have participated corporately in the one week long Summer School of Truth held in Vancouver, BC. By 2002, the Summer School of Truth was held at Trinity Western University, a campus facility an hour's drive from Vancouver. This afforded a wonderful environment where the young people could participate in the Summer School of Truth with no distractions.

At the same time, the young people from churches in the Northwest United States and their serving ones also attended. Today, the Summer School of Truth is a joint effort among a number of churches in both Canada and the United States. There is untold benefit for the young people of different churches blending together in a spiritual atmosphere. Also, this blends the serving ones from many different localities in one coordination and affords an excellent opportunity for their perfecting.

In August 2019, a total of 291 saints were gathered together, representing 15 localities in Canada and 9 localities outside of Canada. Of these 291, 75 were serving ones and 216 were young people.

2013 SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH  TWO SPIRITS *LANGLEY, B.C.*



2014 SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH

 THE BIBLE *LANGLEY, B.C.*



Campus Work

The start of the apprenticeship program in Austin, Texas afforded an excellent opportunity for FTTA graduates to join the campus team and learn to serve the Lord on a full time basis. In April 2001, 30 leading brothers and serving ones from Greater Vancouver visited the church in Austin to fellowship concerning the campus work.

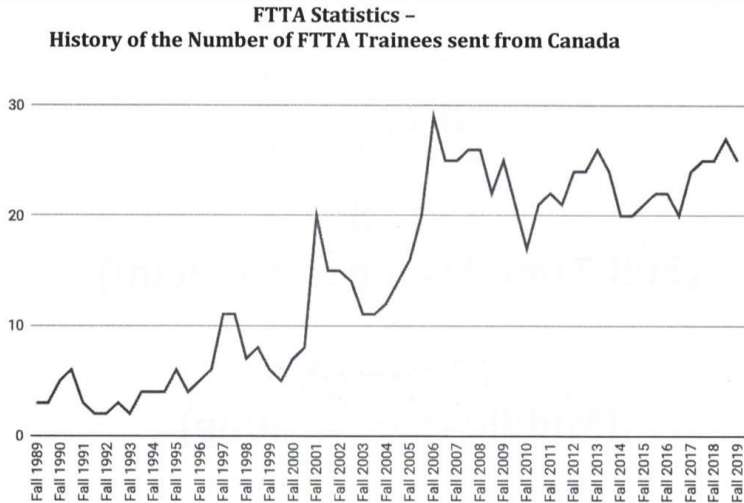
In the fall of 2003, with all the churches in Western Canada in one accord, the first team of 10 brothers and sisters from the Vancouver area attended the campus apprenticeship program in Austin. The team returned to Vancouver in December of that year to begin the campus work, concentrating on the largest campus in western Canada, the University of British Columbia (with 61,000 students). The team also serves at another strategic campus, Simon Fraser University (with 35,000 students). The churches are beginning to reap the benefit of the labour on the campuses.

Today, there are:

- 12 full-time serving ones in the campus team in the Greater Vancouver Area.
- 6 full-time serving ones in the campus team in the Greater Toronto Area.
- 3 full-time serving ones in the campus team in Montreal.

Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA)

We are beginning to see the "pipeline" continuing from children, to young people, to college and all the way to the FTTA. Trainees are being built up in the growth in life, being equipped in the realization of the divine truths, and being cultivated in their spiritual capacity to beget, nourish, perfect, and build up the Body of Christ. The number of trainees attending the Full-Time Training in Anaheim has been steadily increasing.



Current FTTA trainees from Canada: **25**

Current FTTA-MA trainees from Canada: **7**

Average number of FTTA trainees from Canada each term

- Before 2004: 6.9
- Since 2004: 22.1
- 2009-2014: 22
- 2015-2019: 23.1

Total sent to the FTTA: **281**

Canada

SENT & RELATED | FALL 2019



TOP: SARAH JULBA, GRACE LIU, SARAH NOGA, JUSTIN YANG, JACK CHIA, TIM CHO, BENNY EPP, JUSTIS MEIER, EMMANUEL AUGUSTINE, ESTHER LIAW, JENNY LEE, BECCA LEE
BOTTOM: HANNAH BROWN, MASAKO KATO, STEPHANIE CHEN, JOYCE LIU, LAUREN LIU, ANNA BECKER, VIVIAN TONG, FIONA CHANG, TIFFANY SAYSON, JESSIE YANG,
FRANCES LIN, IWONA ABRAHAM, RACHEL KAO

The Localities in Canada

Localities and Populations

	Localities	Population	Lord's Day Average Attendance
British Columbia	Vancouver	675,000	275
	Burnaby	250,000	150
	Richmond	215,000	370
	Surrey	520,000	273
	Coquitlam	140,000	93
Alberta	Calgary	1,336,000	175
	Edmonton	981,000	68
	Lethbridge	92,000	35
Saskatchewan	Regina	230,000	23
	Saskatoon	273,000	35
Manitoba	Winnipeg	750,000	65

Localities and Populations

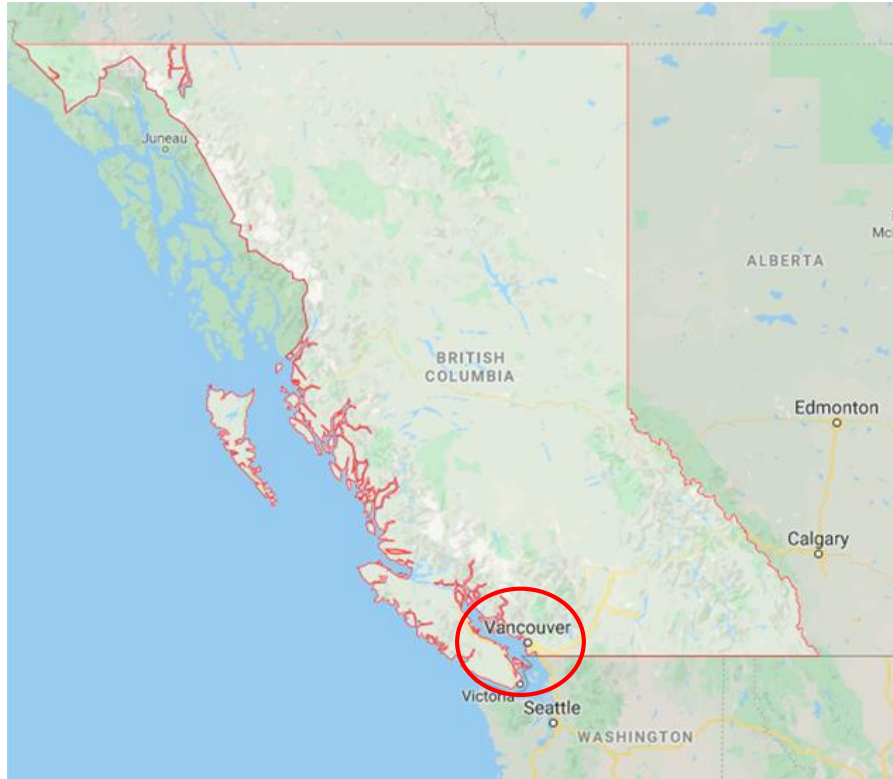
Localities	Population	Lord's Day Average Attendance
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Ontario	Adelaide-Metcalfe	2,990	24
	Brampton	600,000	22
	Mississauga	830,000	52
	Hamilton	580,000	30
	Kingston	137,000	5
	Kitchener	242,000	105
	London	405,000	97
	Markham	342,000	70
	Ottawa	995,000	55
	Richmond Hill	208,000	25
	Sault Ste. Marie	74,000	15
	St. Catherines	133,000	16
	Toronto	2,930,000	270
	Windsor	233,000	30

Localities and Populations

	Localities	Population	Lord's Day Average Attendance
Quebec	Montreal	1,780,000	170
New Brunswick	St. John	71,000	9
Nova Scotia	Halifax	431,000	23
Prince Edward Island	Charlottetown	36,000	40

British Columbia



Churches in British Columbia (Lower Mainland):

- Vancouver (1965)
- Surrey (1986)
- Burnaby (1988)
- Richmond (1998)
- Coquitlam (2011)

Alberta



Churches in Alberta:

- Calgary (1979)
- Edmonton (1984)
- Lethbridge (2018)

Saskatchewan



Churches in Saskatchewan:

- Saskatoon (1999)
- Regina (?)

Manitoba



Church in Manitoba:

- Winnipeg (1983)

Ontario



Churches in Ontario:

- Toronto (1968)
- London (1968)
- St. Catherines (1979)
- Kitchener (1988)
- Ottawa (1994)
- Windsor (1995)
- Mississauga (1997)
- Adelaide-Metcalf (1999)
- Brampton (2001)
- Markham (2001)
- Hamilton (2003)
- Kingston (2005)
- Richmond Hill (2006)
- Sault Ste. Marie (?)

Quebec



Church in Quebec:

- Montreal (1986)

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, & Prince Edward Island (PE)



Churches:

- Saint John, NB (?)
- Halifax, NS (?)
- Charlottetown, PE (?)

Meeting Halls

(Period: 2009–2019)

Meeting hall in Richmond, BC - Completed 2012



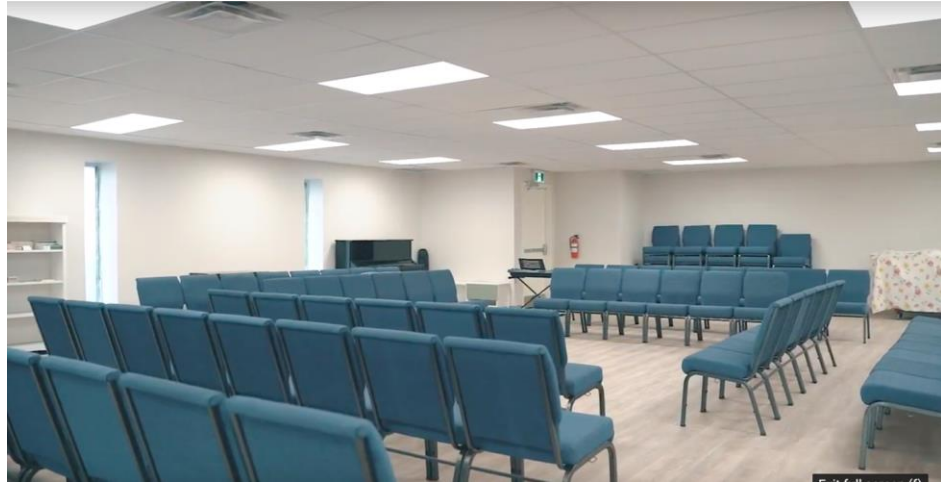
Meeting hall in Surrey, BC - Completed 2016



Meeting hall in Coquitlam, BC - Purchased 2017



Meeting hall in Ottawa, ON - Completed 2019



Meeting hall in Vancouver, BC - Completion 2020



Vancouver Hall #1 Construction Project



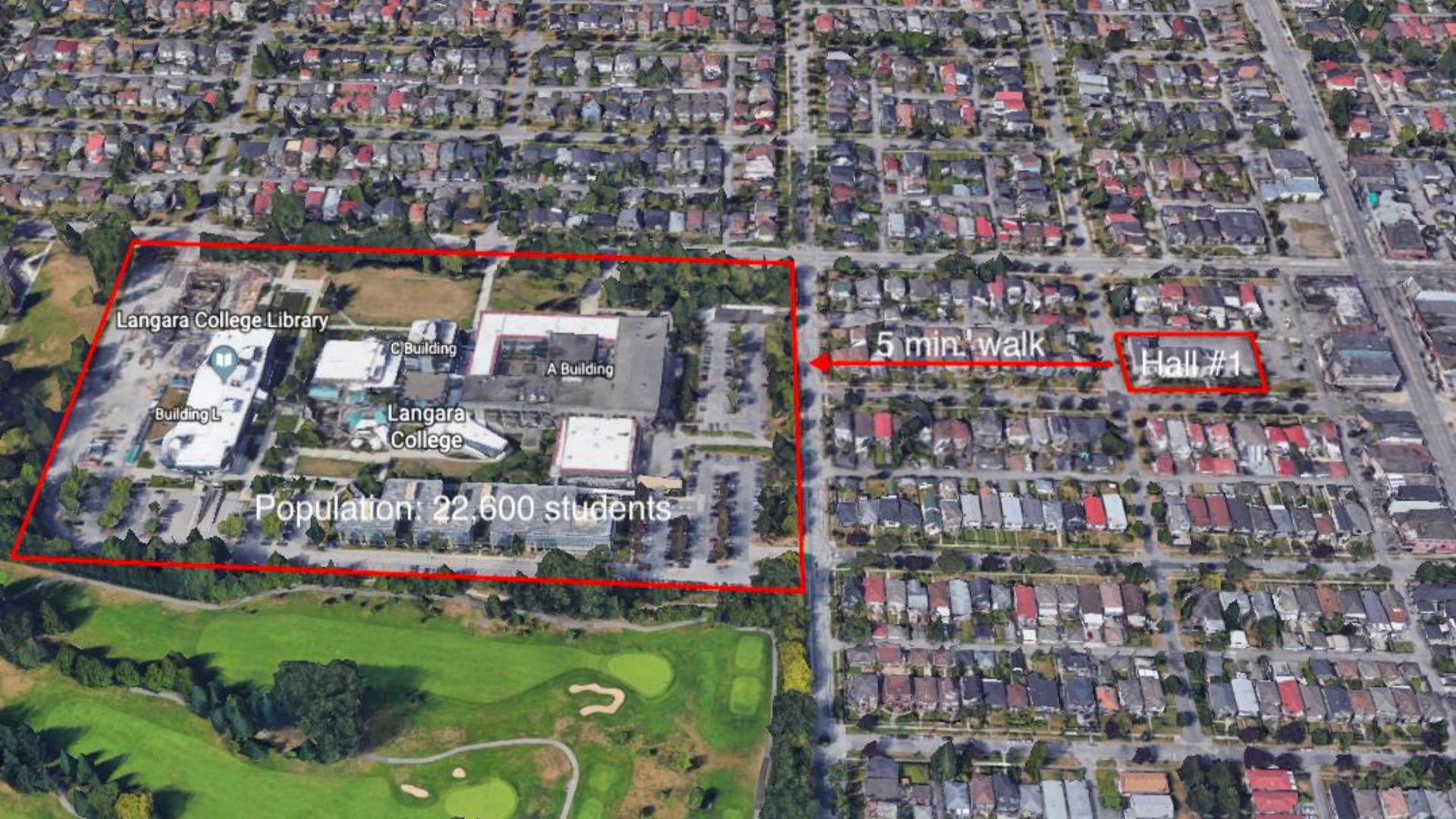
The University
of British
Columbia

Population:
61,113

25 min. drive

Hall #2

Hall #1



Langara College Library

C Building

A Building

Building L

Langara
College

Population: 22,600 students

5 min. walk

Hall #1



Fire
accident

May 7, 2015

Sisson

Global
NEWS

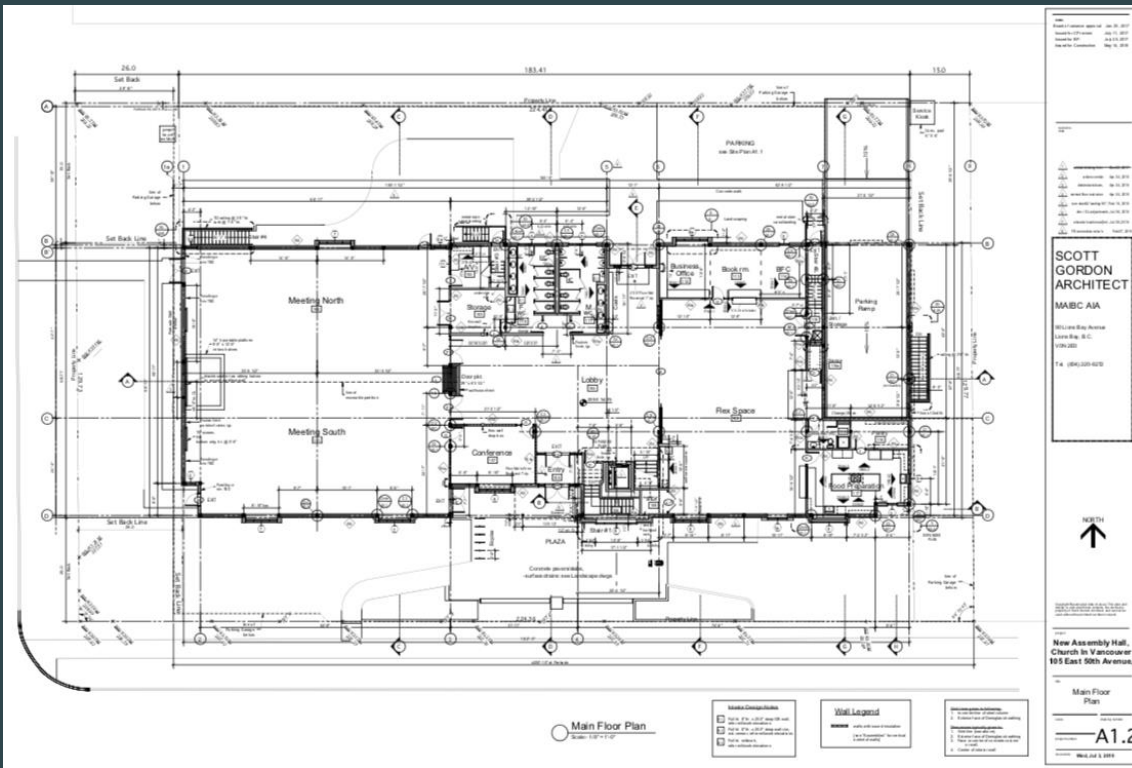


Demolition

May 2016



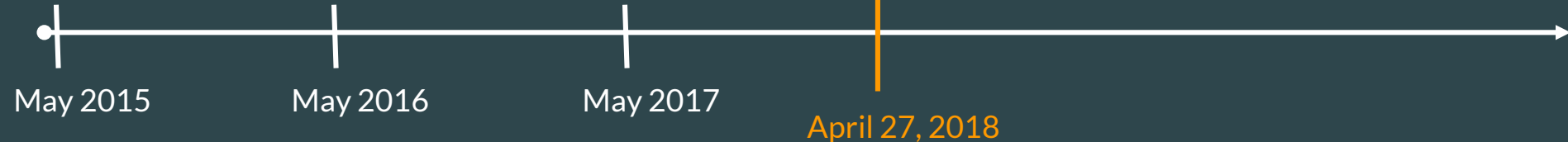
May 2015



Property Details:

- Address: 105 E 50th Avenue, Vancouver
- Site area: 29,114 Sq. ft.
- Building floor area:
 - U/G parking: 23,933 Sq. ft.
 - First floor: 16,842 Sq. ft.
 - Second floor: 7,771 Sq. ft.
- Parking stalls:
 - 52 U/G
 - 4 ground parking
- Capacity (approximate):
 - Main hall: 550
 - Overflow: 450
- Estimated budget: US\$ 12,000,000

Development Permit approved





Building Permit issued - breaking ground





Excavation

May 30, 2018



May 2015

May 2016

May 2017



Foundation footings





Underground plumbing



Oct 15, 2018



May 2015

May 2016

May 2017



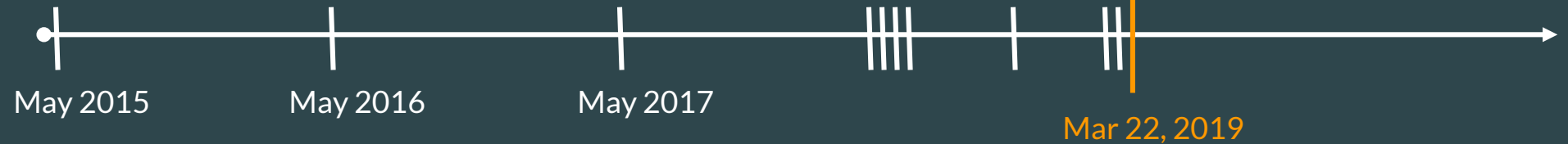
Suspended slab rebar







Concrete pour - 1st floor





Concrete pour - 1st floor

Mar 23, 2019



May 2015

May 2016

May 2017





Visiting saints from Brazil, S. Korea, and India
praying for the project on the property





Structural steel being erected



May 2015

May 2016

May 2017

Aug 19, 2019





Structural steel 95% completed





Structural steel studs





Structural steel studs







Structural steel studs & sheathing





Structural steel studs & sheathing





Structural steel studs & sheathing





2nd Floor



Nov 21, 2019



May 2015

May 2016

May 2017





Underground parking entrance





Exterior sheathing





Exterior sheathing



May 2015

May 2016

May 2017

Dec 13, 2019



Finished building rendition
Estimated completion: Spring 2020

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Budget & Goal	Shortage
As of:	Nov 2018	Dec 16, 2019
Vancouver	\$ 8.5 M	\$ 0.43 M
Outside Vancouver	\$ 3.5 M	\$ 1.18 M
TOTAL	\$ 12 M (budget)	\$ 1.61 M

PRAYER BURDENS

- 1. Final cost to be lower than the estimated budget.**
- 2. Construction to finish on schedule.**
- 3. No loans of any kind.**