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With Easter online-only this year, we put our energy into imagining how we could provide a tangible presence in your lives. The prayer book For A Season Like No Other was released on Easter Sunday and became a huge hit. We were excited to see how it found a place in so many of your libraries. September threw us a curveball again. With hospitalizations rising dramatically, we cancelled our fall launch only days before it was scheduled. Still, so many of you showed up to pick up journals and say hi; it was a surprise blessing. Finally, we made a real effort to make our Christmas Eve services a community touchpoint, whether you could attend in-person or online. It was a beautiful but simple community moment, blending video, in-person, and interactive elements in new ways. Still, many volunteers put in a lot of work behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful for the creativity our teams showed. (BTW, if you haven't the Christmas Eve Youth Video yet, go watch it. Hilarious)

Confronted with another year of pandemic life, we tried new experiments like our prayer book and the newly released book Dirt and Stardust. We mailed out a 12 Ways to Have a Merry Christmas booklet. And we launched new Commons courses. These four-week courses explore topics like Marriage, Jesus-Centered Theology, and an Introduction to the Bible. We are continuing to expand the course catalogue this year with new offerings.

In 2021 thousands of people watched over 1.4 million minutes on our YouTube channel and downloaded almost 30,000 sermons from our podcast. We are incredibly grateful that our approach to the Jesus story continues to resonate with so many.

Financially, this year was tighter than we are used to. We entered the Christmas season with a small deficit. Still, We chose to launch an ambitious Advent Campaign to contribute to important causes. The community responded with profound generosity, exceeding our Advent goals and allowing us to finish the year with a small positive cash flow. We have once again put forward a cautious budget for 2022 that will enable us to maintain staffing and prepare for post-COVID opportunities. Our audited financial documents and budget will be posted to our website by mid-February. We encourage you to review these documents and register for our Annual General Meeting on March 17, 2021. Details are available at www.commons.church/AGM

On behalf of the staff and board, thank you for all you do to make Commons possible.

Jeremy Duncan. Lead Pastor.

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