



# ***THE FOURSQUARE CHURCH AUSTRALIA***

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## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2020/2021**

If I was to look to one word to describe the Foursquare Company year - May 2019 to April 2020, it would have to be GROWTH.

With a thankful heart to God, we have seen the establishment and consolidation of the Education Department, Evangelism Department, the Safe Church Training Department, the roll out of the Global Council's Discipleship Leadership Training (DLT) initiative across the FMI South Pacific Region and the two training seminars conducted by Dr Daniel Brown Discipleship Making Made Simple (DMMS).

Church establishment numbers have increased, mainly in the Australian Indonesian and Australian Filipino sectors. Outreaches from the GPDI Melbourne fellowship under the leadership of Pastors Krisno and Debbie Wibowo have been established across the state of Victoria and while still in their infancy, now minister in Mildura, Robinvale and Cobram. Area 5 Supervisor, Pastor David Blanchard and wife, Pastor Andra, have also started a new outreach church in Albury/Wodonga area on the NSW Victorian border twin cities.

Sadly, during the year, the Cairns outreach church closed because Pastors Darren and Debra Painter had to transfer to Brisbane for their work. Pastors Frank and Vivian Stevens have moved to Ganmain in the mid-west of NSW to establish a new outreach work in that community.

I have been blessed to be able to visit a number of our churches during the 12 month period; some for celebrations and anniversaries, for outreaches becoming a fully Chartered Foursquare Church, for official opening and dedication of new church buildings, ministering at annual church camps and for church business meetings.

During the year, we also were faced with the sudden loss of one of our dear Senior Pastors. Sadly, Rev John Caesar from the Hosanna Christian Fellowship Outreach at Portland passed away last July after the morning service. His position was filled by Pastor Les Kelly, a member of that church upon the recommendation of Pastor Gary Abberton of the Lithgow Christian Fellowship, the church family that established the Portland Outreach.

A strong contingent of Australian Pastors attended the Foursquare USA International "Connection" Conference held at the end of May 2020 in Nashville. The Foursquare NZ Conference held in Auckland in September also drew delegates from Australia and leaders from across the South Pacific. I also thank the Foursquare Overseas Missions Director for deputizing for me in representing Foursquare Australia at both the Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands Foursquare Conferences held in September when I was not able to attend through health reasons. The Vice-president and the DS also represented us at the Australian Pentecostal Minister's Fellowship in late May last year.

As outlined in the Treasures Annual Report, legal expenses in a civil case involving the leadership of the former New Hope Swansea Foursquare Church and Foursquare Church Australia resulted in a decision in New Hope's favour and the movement incurring our own costs as well as their costs. This obviously had a detrimental effect on our annual overall fiscal statement; however we have met and are easily able to continue to meet all our financial responsibilities. I want to personally thank the Treasurer, Mr Andrew Wallis for his continued guidance in our financial affairs. Thank you to the directors for their faithfulness in assisting to steer the Foursquare Australia ships during the past year and I particularly thank Pastors Jim Yap and Paul McCarthy, two of our directors who have chosen to not re-nominate for the Foursquare Board for the current year May 2020 to April 2021. Your input has been extremely valuable.

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It was with a heavy heart that I saw my proposal for the establishment of a permanent central office for Foursquare Australia on land already owned by the movement next to the Living Way Foursquare Church at Ryde fall by the wayside after having had the Board go-ahead to undertake council searches, the drawing up of engineering and architectural plans and a number of meetings with the Ryde City Council. The Company previously has approved the employment of an Administrator to relieve the day to day general office burdens of the Executive Directors and the office was an ancillary and integral part to compliment this vision. Sadly the project which I felt would streamline the administration of Foursquare Australia did not proceed when some directors felt not to endorse the release of the funds for the building, which of course, is entirely their right.

Finally, as a movement, Foursquare Australia is facing a serious dilemma with a number of our Senior Pastors in their latter years currently wanting to retire but without a younger person or couple in their church to move into their role. I would ask all of our constituent younger members who have the call of God on their lives to seek Him in prayer to see if God is calling you into a role of pastoring a Foursquare Church fellowship. It may mean a move to the country away from the city and family. It may necessitate becoming bi-vocational if the church is on the smaller side, but if God is calling you, he will undertake in all aspects of your life. Please pray about what God has for each of you in the days ahead.

I take this opportunity to pray a blessing on every person in our Foursquare Australia movement irrespective of age. The Lord Jesus Christ bless you all powerfully through the anointing of the Holy Spirit and keep you close to Himself in these incredible days in which we live.

In Him,



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