LOOKING BACK AND LOVING FORWARD By Jan Westra, Charter Member Today we sit together, each one a caring friend; We've seen a mix of 'stewards', that God from start did blend; For FIFTY years we've worshiped - with changes felt by all; But purpose never wavered, HIS love became OUR call! First our 'silent prayers' were offered, and bulletins we'd scour, The Ten Commands were proffered, then 'long prayer' filled the 'hour'. The lemon drops and peppermints, were dug from mother's purse, Had organ pre and postlude, and hymns sung, verse by verse! No longer is there silence, to greet us as we come; But sounds of chatter call us - hear asked, "Where are YOU from?" Now music led by praise groups, gives church's starting clime; With drums and keyboard added, to choruses for worship-time. White screens are now before us, with videos, ads and more; God's glory's yet the purpose, not different than before! The seats no longer 'static', as pews in our Calvary place; Our seats now form the settings, the needs of groups embrace. In Baptism and Communion, all ages find their place; A 'sprinkle 'or immersion, does now one's choice embrace; The sermons often flounder from three to seven points; Our hands do rise, and bodies sway, as Spirit each anoints! Yes, 'lottery' chooses council, and women are deacons fine; Korean and Chinese churches, God sent by His design! All people find love and value, when we God's grace employ; Accepting differing backgrounds makes worship 'find new joy'! We've acres of solar panels and Bluetooths at fingertips, Our Bibles 'come down' from iCloud, (daily manna from 'Apple' chips!) Yet with such life changes, great woes come through our door! Our commitments find new service, God's love to all must pour. Some changes were 'decisions', but some not ones we'd planned! Though either way they're offered, with prayer, by faith we'll stand. All change must have true purpose, to "Grow Christ's Kingdom Well"! Our BEST to glorify Him- the Bridegroom's message tell! Our youth will run new 'torches', Fresh breath for long-lived goals;

This poem is dedicated to the 80 charter families of CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH AND IN MEMORY OF HUBERT SLEGERS. WHO ALWAYS HAD A WONDERFUL POEM FOR EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING. Copies of Charter Member families and extended church history are available at the history display.

"Lord, give them true commitment, as they take on our roles." So thank you, Lord, for CrossPoint, a church that's Yours to own;

We're grateful for past FIFTY- for love and grace You've shown!

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



CROSSPOINT CHURCH

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. Psalm 78:4

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 20, 2019

- 1969 September 28, 1969 More than 70 people gather in the Ontario Christian High School gym for the first worship service as Calvary Christian Reformed Church.
- 1970 Calvary purchases property at the corner of Walnut and Ross Avenues, where it will build its first permanent home.
- 1971 Calvary calls Reverend Art Schoonveld as its first pastor and construction on the new worship facility begins.
- 1972 The new worship facility is completed and dedicated and membership exceeds 130 families.
- 1977 Calvary calls Pastor Al Mulder and Calvary's choir, Coffee Break ministry, and Missions ministry expand.
- 1983 Calvary calls Pastor Bruce Ballast.
- 1985 Calvary calls Pastor Don Klop. House Fellowship groups begin, and The Lighthouse is established.
- **1988** Calvary forms its first praise teams.
- 1990 Calvary expands the Walnut facility to accommodate increasing staff and a growing congregation, which now includes 270 families. A friendship class for Salem residents begins.
- 1992 Calvinettes changes its name to GEMS and this program and Cadets continue to grow.
- 1993 Wednesday night IMPACT programs for families and Men's Bible Study Fellowship begin. Calvary hosts its first "Night in Bethlehem" outreach event.
- **2000** Calvary has outgrown its property, and the congregation votes to relocate, searching for a new location and making plans to build a new facility.
- 2002 The Walnut property is sold, and Calvary temporarily relocates to property on Eucalyptus Avenue in Chino. The same year, Calvary purchases 24 acres at the corner of Edison Avenue and Euclid Avenue.

- 2004 Calvary changes its name to CrossPoint Church, A Christian Reformed Ministry, while construction continues on the new facility.
- 2005 CrossPoint holds its first worship service in the current facility and the CrossPoint Children's Center opens. Mothers Of Preschoolers and Men's Adventure Weekend ministries begin. Youth Group thrives, with over 100 students attending each week.
- 2007 CrossPoint calls Pastor Tim Spykstra.
 Wednesday night prayer begins, focusing on praying for the church, community and world.
- 2008 CrossPoint calls Pastor Bryan Vander Tuig.
- 2009 CrossPoint's first Israel Study Tour travels to the holy land to study "in His footsteps."

 Night in Bethlehem begins again as an outreach opportunity at Christmas.

 The baptism fountain is completed.
- 2010 The first Loft House Ministry team goes to Mexico and CrossPoint partners with the Beautiful Gate orphanage in Lesotho, Africa.
- 2012 CrossPoint Bible Institute begins, and hundreds of participants grow deeper in the word.
- **2016** CrossPoint continues to invest in future sustainability by installing 767 solar panels on the roof.
- **2017** CrossPoint calls Pastor Don Porter as Lead Pastor.
- 2018 CrossPoint enfolds the Chinese Congregation, led by Pastor Charlie Wang. CrossPoint's Korean Congregation is formed, led by Pastor Dae Hoon Kim. Vacation Bible School and all Children's Ministry programs experience rapid growth.
- 2019 CrossPoint calls Pastor Lon Wagner as Pastor of Discipleship. CrossPoint celebrates 50 years of God's faithfulness as the church gathers to give thanks for its past and look forward to what God will do in the future.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Opening Song	
Welcome	
Introduction of Former Pastors	
Mutual Greeting	
WE RESPO	OND TO GOD'S GRACE
•	God You Reign
Confession and Forgiveness	
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	O Praise the Name
	Signing by residents of Salem Christian Homes
Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving	g
WE H	EAR GOD'S WORD
"Loving Forward"	
Prayer of Application	
WE (OFFER OUR GIFTS
Offering	The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
	d by the Anniversary Choir under the direction of Mr. Dick Dykstra
WE I	DEPART TO SERVE
Closing Songs	In Christ Alone / The Solid Rock
	Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Closing Remarks	
Benediction	

We welcome all of our guests today and especially those who have played a role in growing CrossPoint Church in the past 50 years. There are hundreds of faithful members, givers, prayer warriors and employees as we look back. We give each of you our sincere thanks and we praise God that you were and are a part of our rich history. We also wish to thank each of the pastors who were specifically called by the congregation to serve; they said yes to that call and we are blessed to have all of them with us here today.

FORMER PASTORS

Reverend Art Schoonveld 1969-1977 Pastor Al Mulder 1977-1985 Pastor Bruce Ballast 1983-2006 Pastor Don Klop 1985-2007 Pastor Tim Spykstra 2007-2014 Pastor Bryan Vander Tuig 2008-2016

CURRENT PASTORS

Pastor Don Porter, Lead Pastor
Pastor Lon Wagner, Pastor of Discipleship
Pastor Charlie Wang, Pastor of Chinese Congregation
Pastor Dae Hoon Kim, Pastor of Korean Congregation