

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From a governance perspective, Rehoboth Christian Ministries is led by a Board of Directors, whose members are elected to three year terms by the Society. Currently, the board consists of:

Rob Duker	President	Edmonton
Marco van't Klooster	Vice-President	Lacombe
Stephanie Bekkering	Treasurer-Secretary	Lethbridge
Wendy Benckhuysen	Director	Millet
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ESTATE DONATIONS POLICY

All designated (restricted) donated funds will be used for the sole purpose for which it was earmarked for by the donating family as soon as appropriately feasible, unless otherwise stipulated within the will of the deceased and/or original terms of the donation.

All undesignated estate funds are to be placed in an internally restricted reserve for the purpose of funding significant capital projects. In order for funds to be withdrawn, the executive director will create a proposal and relevant business case to be presented to the board. Pending board approval, the funds will be released for the design, necessary permitting, and construction of the project. Under no circumstances are the internally restricted estate donations to be used for general operating costs.

Until such a time that the internally restricted estate funds are used they are to held in a separate interest yielding bond account of limited risk exposure. Under no conditions are funds to be used to invest in stocks, shares, EFT's, or any other financial investment that contains inherent financial risk. All interest accrued will remain within the internally restricted estate fund.



FLOURISH! NEWSLETTER

SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
HELPING THEM FLOURISH

- Camp volunteers needed
- Golf registration now open



VISION

By the grace of God, all persons with disabilities have a meaningful and dignified place in society where they can live, contribute and fellowship with others.

MISSION

Rehoboth conveys God's love to persons with disabilities and their families by making room for them and enabling them to flourish.

VALUES

Rehoboth values are Christ-like, including: Serving; Compassion; Dignity; Inclusivity; Integrity; Commitment

BELIEFS

We believe:

- That Rehoboth is diligent in using the power of prayer
- That Rehoboth serves God through serving its clients
- That the work of Rehoboth is blessed by God
- That Rehoboth is deliberate in applying and nurturing the God-given talents of everyone involved

APRIL 2025

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FROM THE REHOBOTH BOARD



As all Rehoboth employees were advised last December and as many of our Friends and other community members may have heard by now, our Executive Director, Ron Bos, will be retiring this summer. After 12 years of faithful service to this ministry it is time to congratulate Ron, and his wife Maria, on strengthening the Rehoboth legacy in such a profound way. Ron's contributions have led the organization through important phases of growth. An improved focus on development of our frontline and administrative team to better serve

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our client community and their families, expanded and purpose-built residential facilities where clients and staff can flourish, expanded social enterprises where we can grow and develop our God-given abilities and serve our communities, and an improved organizational structure by which to steward all these efforts are some key examples of Ron's impact. It has been a privilege for me personally to work alongside Ron with our other board members for the last five years. Together let us give thanks to God for the blessing He has allowed Ron to be for our ministry, organization and community. Ron, our prayer is that God will continue to bless you, Maria and your whole family in the next phase of your journey (and we know we can count on your continued volunteer support at the annual hoedown fundraiser!)

Of course, the process is in full swing to find the next Executive Director of Rehoboth. As board of directors, we are excited by this opportunity to refresh our vision of the future of the ministry and enable that vision with a committed and capable leader. In early February we were blessed by the opportunity to work through a strategic session with Ron, his senior leaders, and our professional recruiting partner to focus on this critical process. We trust in God's continued faithfulness to Rehoboth Christian Ministries and the community that we serve. He knows who that next leader will be and will guide that individual and RCM on a common path to His glory. As our supporting community, your prayers for God's blessing on this process are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the board,
Rob Duker

AND GOD'S PEOPLE SAY AMEN!

In Deuteronomy 10, after Moses came down from the mountain a second time, he rhetorically asked the people of God: "What does the LORD your God require of you?" The answer he gave them was to fear God, love Him, serve Him, praise Him, and keep His word.

And then Moses proclaimed that this Jahweh – this "God of gods and LORD of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God" – is also the supremely compassionate God with a deep love and concern for the marginalized and subjugated in society. In v. 18: "He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing."

At Rehoboth, we know God also has a very loving place in His heart for the people we serve and support: the people with developmental disabilities numbering more than 200 across the province.

It's clear also that the people of God in Alberta have taken Moses' command so long ago to do likewise today.

Over the past 12+ years, I have witnessed the Reformed Christian community rise up again and again to support Rehoboth and our clients. Rising up in prayer. Rising up with broad shoulders to carry volunteer loads. Rising up with donations and financial support. Rising...as Friends of Rehoboth.

This past October, the Friends of Rehoboth blessed us with \$236,134 in donations. All of us at Rehoboth are humbled and grateful that God's love rises and shines from your hearts.

Ron Bos
Executive Director



50
YEARS

DID YOU KNOW?

Next year, Rehoboth will
celebrate 50 years!

Interested in a career with Rehoboth?
The experience is beyond rewarding!
Visit rcmflourish.ca/careers



REHOBOTH EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17	Easter Vine of Hope; Stony Plain Building; 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
May 10	Mother’s Day BBQ & Bake Sale, Coaldale Garden Centre
May 31	30th Annual Golf Classic - Paradise Canyon Golf Resort, Lethbridge
May 31	Farmers Days BBQ; Stony Plain Adm. Bldg; 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 7	33rd Golf Classic; the Ranch Golf & Country Club
June 13	(Tentative) – Pork Roast; Coaldale Garden Centre
June 13	Shred Event; Christian Credit Union (Edmonton & Lethbridge)
June 27	Hoedown; Pioneer Valley Barn, Spruce Grove
July 26	Car Show and Shine; Stony Plain Adm. Bldg.; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



DID YOU KNOW?
55% of Rehoboth individuals have
been in service for more than 11 years.

AGM INVITE - June 21st

The Rehoboth Board of Directors invites members to the Annual General Meeting, to be held via Zoom. The AGM date is Saturday, June 21.

Documents including Audited Financial Statements, the 2025-26 Rehoboth Budget, and minutes of the 2024 AGM will be provided at the meeting. Members can also request them by emailing flourish@rcmflourish.ca or calling 780-963-4044.

AGM AGENDA

Welcome and opening	Rob Duker, President
Establish quorum	Rob Duker, President
Approval of minutes of the June 22, 2024 AGM	Marco Van’t Klooster, Vice-president
Approval of 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements	Stephanie Bekkering, Treasurer
Approval of 2025-26 Operational Budget	Stephanie Bekkering, Treasurer
Motion to appoint auditor for 2025-26	Stephanie Bekkering, Treasurer
Highlights of 2024-25	Ron Bos, Executive Director
Recognition of retiring board member	Rob Duker, President
Election/acclamation of new board member(s)	Rob Duker, President
Question period	Rob Duker, President
Closing	Rob Duker, President



Do you have an example of individuals
Flourishing within Rehoboth?
Submit your stories to
flourish@rcmflourish.ca



CHARITY DaY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

\$26,342

in sales were donated to Rehoboth.

EVENT & FUNDRAISING

SAVE THE DATES!



GENEROSITY SEEN AT CHARITY DAY

Rehoboth was once again blessed with an outpouring of support and generosity for the 2025 Charity Day. Cartwright Lighting & Furniture in Calgary, in partnership with their sister store in Edmonton, Park Lighting & Furniture, hosts four Charity Days over the year in support of various charities. On February 22, 2025, all sales from Cartwright were donated back to Rehoboth; \$26,342 for enhancements to our Coaldale Greenhouse, Woodshop, and Celebration Park. Thank YOU for shopping for a cause and THANK YOU to Cartwright for their tremendous generosity!

cartwright
LIGHTING & FURNITURE

PARK
LIGHTING & FURNITURE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GOLF TOURNAMENTS



A GOLFER'S **DIET** INVOLVES **LIVING ON THE GREENS** AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

COALDALE **30TH** GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, May 31
1:30 p.m. Shotgun

Paradise Canyon
Golf Resort

Registration Deadline
May 16

PROVINCIAL **33RD** GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, June 7
2:15 p.m. Shotgun

The Ranch
Golf & Country Club

Registration Deadline
May 17



GET GOLFING

****Tournaments are a Texas Scramble with dinner to follow****
All funds raised will be utilized for programming and/or infrastructure.

Variety of sponsorship options available.
Register online at rcmflourish.ca or by contacting the respective Rehoboth office.

HAVE A GOOD ROUND - MAY THE FOURS BE WITH YOU

MAKING ●●●

VOLUNTEER AND ACTIVITY FOCUSED

Community engagement makes the difference in all our lives and Brittany is no exception! She actively embraces her connections with others, embodying energy and enthusiasm in all her endeavors. Weekly volunteering at the Mission Thrift Store is not only the highlight of her week but is also for other volunteers and patrons; her infectious smile and hugs are unmatched! If she isn't volunteering, you can find Brittany enjoying everything Grande Prairie has to offer her; from music and karaoke with friends to Special

Olympics, swimming and horseback riding, she makes friends wherever she goes. With the support of her staff, Brittany attends Sunday services, embracing the fellowship and support her church provides. Brittany is a role model for us all by engaging actively in various community activities, demonstrating how positive interactions contribute to well-being, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive together.



HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY

Everyone loves a party and Anna is certainly no exception! Surrounded by her roommates, friends, and staff on February 19, Anna celebrated her 50th birthday with enthusiasm and smiles. So full of love, everyone made sure to leave room for a delicious turkey meal complimented by her favourite Filipino foods. And of course, no celebration is complete without the cake! Beaming while being serenaded by her guests, Anna truly felt loved on her special day. Cheers, Anna!



DID YOU KNOW?
Rehoboth currently serves in excess of 200 individuals across the province.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: STRIKE A POSE

On December 3, 2024, in celebration of International Day for Persons with Disabilities, the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre in Spruce Grove, Alberta, partnered with Goodwill of Edmonton to host a fashion show. Rehoboth Christian Ministries was one of the many organizations that was invited to participate as models for the event. With more than 30 eager participants, a draw was held and seven individuals were selected to model in the show; congratulations to Robin, Jack, Sean, Jolecia, Taylor, Troy, and Terry.

Each model was given a budget of \$50 to spend at Goodwill Edmonton, with the task of selecting an outfit to

showcase in the fashion show. Three staff members accompanied the models on this shopping adventure, and together they explored the store to find the perfect attire to reflect their unique personalities. Accessories such as watches, earrings, sunglasses, and hats completed the looks, ensuring that each model was runway-ready.

The day of the show arrived with an air of excitement and anticipation. Models lined up ready to walk the red carpet in front of an enthusiastic audience of family and friends. Support staff stood by, prepared to offer assistance should nerves become overwhelming. As the models strutted down the runway,

they commanded attention, with the crowd erupting in cheers, whistles, and applause. Their confidence and grace were palpable.

After the show, each model was honoured by the Mayors of Stony Plain and Spruce Grove, who personally presented them with flowers, gifts, and congratulations. The pride and joy on the faces of the models as they stepped out of their comfort zones was truly inspiring. The event was a resounding success, highlighting the talent, courage, and spirit of individuals with disabilities.

●●● CONNECTIONS ●●●

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Central Region clients are always looking for new places to volunteer and give back to their community. This past summer, clients and staff from the Vocational Program were approached by Lunch with Friends to see if they would like to volunteer and meet some residents from around the county. Lunch with Friends is a community group, providing a free lunch every Wednesday to everyone within Kneehill County. Individuals were eager to get involved and now volunteer

twice a month, in a variety of capacities from setting up tables to dishing out food. By far, everyone’s favourite task is welcoming the community in and enjoying the fellowship time. This volunteer placement has also resulted in some new training opportunities; this fall, individuals learned some basics of auto mechanics. Central may be small, but the community has always rallied around the individuals and enjoys having them involved in community events.



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... TO CLIENTS



REMEMBERING ROBERT

My Good Friend Robert lived in cozy Christopher Place (CP), nestled on the outskirts of the bustling city of Lethbridge, where he lived a life full of laughter and cherished memories. Robert (Bob) had a bright smile and infectious laughter, and was a beacon of joy for everyone around him; his spirit shined ever so brightly.

Robert always found joy in the simple pleasures of life—especially bowling! Every Thursday, he used to go bowling. Robert would don his favourite blue bowling shirt, a gift from a friend, and head to the alley with enthusiasm bubbling over. His joy radiated as he rolled the ball down the lane, often cheering louder than anyone else when he knocked down pins, celebrating each strike as if it were a grand victory. His friend right there next to him, cheering, laughing, and playfully critiquing Robert's bowling techniques, all in good fun.

Evenings at CP were filled with the warmth of friendship and the comforts of movie nights. Robert had a soft spot for old American movies, especially the musicals. He could often be found humming the tunes of classic songs, his eyes twinkling with nostalgia. He loved to reminisce about the vibrant characters and lively dances, sharing bits of wisdom and humor he gleaned from countless viewings. His friend would sometimes join in, leading an impromptu sing-along that had everyone in stitches. They created their own world, filled with laughter, music, and shared dreams.

Robert's love for music extended beyond just watching movies; he had a passion for playing the guitar. With a well-loved acoustic guitar perched on his lap, he would strum gently, filling the common room with melodies that wrapped around everyone like a warm blanket. Many evenings, roommates and staff would gather around, some tapping their feet along to the rhythm, others closing their eyes to soak in the soothing sounds. Robert's tunes were not just music; they were a language of joy to everyone around.

As Robert approached the twilight of his life, he remained an embodiment of joy, never letting his circumstances diminish his happiness. His laughter echoed in the halls of the CP, a constant reminder of how beautiful life could be when lived with an open heart. With friends by his side, sharing countless memories and adventures, Robert's legacy is one of love, laughter, and a profound appreciation for the simple joys that life offers. He taught those around him that every moment, no matter how small, is to be celebrated—just like a perfectly rolled strike at the bowling alley or a harmonious chord on the guitar.

In the end, it isn't about the number of years lived, but the love shared and the joy expressed that made Robert's life truly remarkable. As he often said, "Life is a beautiful song, and I'll keep on singing until the very last note!"



Rehoboth Camp Ministry

Fun & Fellowship For People Of All Abilities!

Make a Difference Become a Camp Volunteer

Volunteering at Rehoboth Camp is a beautiful way to live out Christ's command to love and serve one another. As believers, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, caring for all members of His body with compassion and joy. Serving individuals with disabilities is not just an act of kindness—it is a reflection of Christ's love, honouring the truth that each person is fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image.

By giving your time and energy to Rehoboth, you are answering God's call to serve "the least of these", strengthening the body of Christ, and

growing in faith through acts of selfless love. It is a privilege to walk alongside those whom the world often overlooks, sharing in their joys and burdens, and experiencing the deep blessing that comes from serving God's people. If you've never experienced Rehoboth Camp and you're at least 14 years old, we hope you'll join us this summer. If you're interested in learning more about Camp 2024, send us an email. We'd love to hear from you. If you're curious about what camp is like, check out the video below or check us out on Facebook!

Training is provided for all staff on the day before each week begins. It is an opportunity to learn what happens at camp, meet some new people or old friends, and have all your questions answered about this fantastic ministry!

WHAT IS CAMP LIKE?



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HIGHLIGHT OF MY SUMMER

I have been attending camp for several years now and I can honestly say it is one of the highlights of my year! It is fun, engaging, rewarding and full of surprises! Working with the campers and seeing them truly enjoy themselves at camp makes my heart smile. Campers are not the only ones who look forward to camp every year – so do I!! Getting to meet different campers from around the province and creating lasting bonds is very special to me – I think I am a camp goer for life now!

Rehoboth Camp Volunteer

If you're at least 14 years old and haven't yet experienced Rehoboth Camp, we'd love for you to join us this summer!



Counselor Role (Age 16+) Counselors in Training (CITs)

Shadow and Assist Counselors. (Age 14-15) Counselors (16+) play a vital role in caring for campers, building relationships, and ensuring a safe, enjoyable experience. This 24/7 role requires dedication, patience, and a servant's heart.



Bible Leader

Guides spiritual growth through teaching, devotions, and providing support for both counselors and campers. They help foster a strong spiritual environment throughout camp.



Camp Nurse

Ensures the health and safety of campers by administering medications, providing first aid, and educating staff on medical care.



Techie Role

Assist with equipment and media-related tasks, ensuring smooth operation for orientation, chapels, and talent night. They are responsible for taking and organizing photos, maintaining equipment, and preparing a slideshow.



Head Cooks & Cooks

Cooks oversee the camp kitchen, ensuring nutritious meals and managing kitchen staff. They are responsible for creating a balanced menu and maintaining a clean, efficient kitchen environment.

For more information about camp visit our website at rcmflourish.ca/camp or feel free to send an email to flourish@rcmflourish.ca. We are happy to answer any of your questions.



Find out more about the Joyful Noise Choir at rcmflourish.ca/joyful-noise-choir



JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR



CHORAL COFFEEHOUSE RAISES SUPPORT FOR REHOBOTH CAMP

Every other year, the Joyful Noise host a Choral Coffeehouse to raise funds for projects at Rehoboth Camp. The event featured a dessert night and concert attended by over 150 supporters. With the children taking the role of hosts, servers and entertainers, everyone had a great night.

Woodynock CRC, Lacombe	September 7
Ebenezer CRC, Leduc	September 28
Inglewood CRC, Edmonton	October 26
West End CRC, Edmonton	November 16
Emmanuel Home, Edmonton	December 17
Trinity CRC, Edmonton	January 11

Please check JoyfulNoiseChoir.ca for any changes.



BRINGING REHOBOTH'S MESSAGE SOUTH

Rehoboth's ambassadors may be young but when they are sent out, they know how to deliver the organization's message.

Last Fall, at the request of the Rehoboth Board, a bus carrying over 40 children, leaders and chaperones and went to Southern Alberta with this theme – "We celebrate your support!" The context was the completion of Rehoboth's new residence in Lethbridge, Christopher Place, and the welcoming of its residents in the community.

In addition to a community concert and service participation, the choir opened the Reformation Conference at Trinity Reformed Church. The busy weekend, with seven hours travel each day, had nearly everyone asleep on the way home.

The choir would like to express their thanks to the congregation of Maranatha CRC for hosting the choir for Sunday morning worship and lunch. Their warm welcome made the weekend brighter.

