## **CREATIVE DEPARTMENT**

I came on staff at Mapleview Community Church as Associate Director of Creative Arts in August of 2021. As we have weathered this season of Covid, it has been a rollercoaster of experiences and emotions. But through it all, we have seen God continue in His faithfulness, leading us through these challenging days. While at the same time keeping us hopeful and expectant of greater days ahead!

Our worship team members have been amazing in their patience and understanding, as we have had to change weekly plans - many times at the very last minute, during our most challenging moments. But the teams have encouraged one another, and remained faithful in serving, and continuing forward in their own journey, through these days.

I have been blessed by our musicians and singers giving of their time and talents, week by week! We have had wonderful moments of worship in our Sunday services, and in our evenings of Pause worship. And we were able to enjoy our time re-visiting some classic gospel tunes, with our "revival" concert this past summer.

As well, we have been able to continue creating Mapleview music videos for each season. Taking music and the arts to new levels. And expanding our viewership through online platforms, such as YouTube. Our singers, musicians, and tech personnel have this newer avenue to use their gifts and talents to reach and inspire people, on a broader horizon. Literally reaching the world, via the internet.

For our October "Missions Month", it was fun to go further creating more of an atmosphere for the services by writing and utilizing music which represented the cultures of the various countries each week.

It was a blessing to be able to gather in person once again, this past Christmas season. Having opportunity to celebrate the season with our Christmas concert, as well as having our Christmas Eve services again!

Already in the beginning of 2022, we are experiencing God move through our worship. I believe from the trials of the past two years, God is bringing us to a new place in our worship here at Mapleview. Greater things are ahead!

Respectively Submitted, Tony Lind Associate Director of Creative Arts

