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**MANTLE**



O CANADA,  
*we stand on guard for thee*



Dear Servant of the Lord:

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**THE PRIESTHOOD OF EACH BELIEVER:  
SPIRITUAL FREEDOM & EQUALITY IN CHRIST  
1 Peter 2:1-17**

**Text:** “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5).

The notion that some people are superior to others is very popular. It has advocates wherever elitism or snobbery flourishes. Sometimes it creeps out in bizarre forms. For example, a layman once wrote a letter trying to explain some difficulties he had with a church; with twisted, paranoid pride, he repeatedly referred to himself as “Brother Inferior,” insinuating that he was superior because he viewed himself as inferior!

Thomas Paine (1737–1809), an Englishman who moved to America and perhaps was the most influential political propagandist on behalf of the Revolution, used to say that God did not create some persons with saddles and others with spurs; some to be ridden, others to ride them. With this colorful analogy, he voiced a sentiment that helped to produce the American Revolution and a new nation—namely, that all men are created equal.

People are also re-created equal. This re-creation, which we call regeneration, breaks down the class structure that people erect on such foundations as heritage, wealth, position, profession, and power.

Freedom and equality in religion are what the doctrine of the priesthood of each believer is all about.

**The doctrine of the priesthood of each believer is an antidote to the view that the church’s professional ministry is a favored, privileged class among Christians.**

- A. The Christian community is a spiritual house or temple made up of living stones, Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Even if the stones vary in size, they still share the same characteristic. Christians are living stones because they have come to the living chief stone, Jesus Christ, and have taken on His character (1 Peter 2:4).
- B. The Christian community is a holy priesthood. It, therefore, is not proper to say that the church has a priesthood. It is a priesthood! (1 Peter 2:5). It is a holy nation; that is, it consists of holy people (v. 9).
- C. The church’s function is to offer spiritual sacrifices through Christ, sacrifices that God is pleased to accept (1 Peter 2:5). These sacrifices are not reserved for the mysterious inner sanctum that only the church’s official priesthood can enter or are observable only by the faithful who withdraw from the world. Rather, these sacrifices have a distinctive role toward non-Christians; they praise or glorify God Who, through Christ, calls believers out of darkness into God’s marvelous light (v. 9). The movement from darkness to light is visible because of the higher ethics believers manifest (vv. 11–12).
- D. In the Christian community there is equality among believers. Each believer is a priest because he or she helps to make up the total priesthood which the church is.
- E. The recovery of this concept of the entire church as a priesthood and of each believer as a Christian



was a distinctive contribution of the historical movement variously called the Protestant Reformation or evangelicalism. October 31, 2017, is the 500<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversary of the Reformation.** A review of this historical recovery helps in understanding what the doctrine of the priesthood of each believer means.

1. Though factors leading to the view that the official priesthood is a special class appear early in Christian history, the plainest expression of this view became fixed in the Middle Ages.

According to the medieval view, the church’s priests stand between God and man; they are custodians of the sacraments or means of grace; God has chosen to convey grace to sinners through sacraments. Whereas a couple of sacraments may be administered by laypersons, all should be administered, and five must be administered, by priests. Thus priests occupy a privileged status—above man but under God. In fact, a church may use the name “vicar” when referring to a local priest. A vicar is one who stands in the place of another. The idea of the priest as a vicar is this: the priest stands in the place of God or Christ.
2. One feature of the Reformation was a reaction to the medieval view that the church’s official

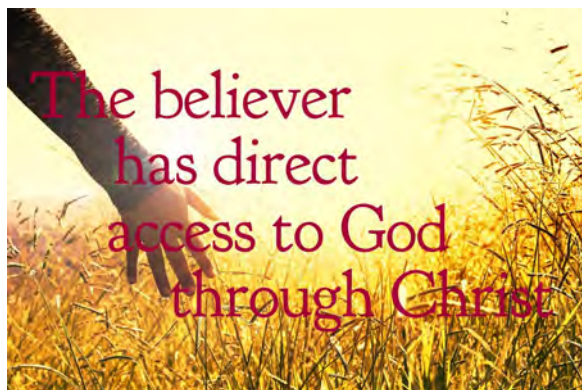


priesthood stands between God and man, administering divine grace. The three cardinal principles of the Reformation are justification by grace through faith, the supremacy of Scripture, and the priesthood of each believer.

Credit is due Martin Luther (1483–1546) for developing the basic rationale of the priesthood of each believer. The root of this principle appears in the doctrine of justification by grace through faith. Rejecting the traditional view of salvation through observance of the sacraments, and appealing to Paul’s reasoning in Romans, Luther held that one gets right with God by believing in Jesus Christ. There is only one way to get right with God, and it is through faith in Christ’s atoning work. Not only is there only one way to get right with God, but there also is only one level of satisfaction. One is either saved or unsaved. There are no degrees to salvation.

Luther did not reject the idea that there should be no ministers or priests in the church. He insisted that a church have ministers. However, the difference between ministers and laypersons, Luther held, is one of function, not status. In status, they are equal. In function, they are different. Though the minister has distinctive functions in the church, these functions do not make the minister a superior Christian. The minister’s functions are necessary for order.

Thus the doctrine of the priesthood of each believer is an antidote to the notion that the real priesthood consists of those few persons whom the church singles out for leadership in worship,



teaching, and pastoral care. This notion is unfair to the essential character Christians share in common; it has a harmful effect in the church, for it deprives the church of some of the resources spread among believers.

In respect to basic character, all Christians

are in charge. Therefore, it is proper to refer to all Christians as a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).

**As a priest, each believer has direct access to God.**

- A. By virtue of faith, said Luther in *On Christian Liberty* (1520), each Christian person is a free, sovereign lord and subject to none.
- B. The meaning of Luther’s point is that faith liberates people and sets them in a lofty position, beyond the spiritual rule of any person. To understand this point, it is helpful to understand the idiom Luther used. It is the idiom of feudal society. A feudatory was a structured society in which one was a lord and others were his subjects, though the status of all subjects was not the same. The feudal system was like a giant pyramid—pointed at the top, broad and flat at the bottom. The numerous castles sprinkled throughout Western Europe are relics of this pyramidal structure, which placed one person in a given territory at the top of the heap and distributed others among various levels of authority and privilege, the lowest level consisting of serfs or servants.
- C. Luther said, in effect, that faith places the Christian in a lofty position. In *On Christian Liberty*, he differentiated between the inner, spiritual man and the outer, physical, social man. He emphasized that each Christian is a priest in the inner person and that faith does not affect one’s outer station in society. Some in the twentieth century may be inclined to criticize Luther for being too mindful of the status quo and for interpreting the liberty of the Christian believer in spiritual terms only. However, we need to recognize the revolutionary nature of Luther’s emphasis on the spiritual equality of believers before God. Luther understood that this principle called for a reordering of the church, and the Protestant Reformation produced several new forms of worship and church government.
- D. The believer does not have to go through some ecclesiastical middle man. Christ is the only intermediary one needs (Hebrews 4:14–16). The believer has direct access to God through Christ.

**As a priest, the believer has responsibility for others.**

- A. By virtue of love, Luther said, each Christian is a dutiful servant and is subject to all. Faith liberates one from the tyranny of sin and from ecclesiastical overlords, and gives one free, direct access to God; love subjects a person to others.
- B. In the biblical sense, a priest never represents himself alone. He has responsibility for others. Aaron symbolized his corporate role as a priest by

bearing the names of Israelite tribes when he went into the Holy Place (Exodus 28:29). The priest made sacrifices for others as well as for himself (Hebrews 5:3). The high priest entered the Most Holy Place once each year to intercede for himself and for the people (Leviticus 16:29–34). Thus the priest is a public, not a private, person.

C. In the New Testament, the concept of the priest's responsibility is a high view, indeed. Jesus Christ is the great High Priest, excelling any high priest of the Levitical system. The high priest of the Old Testament was himself a man, subject to human infirmities. When he offered sacrifices, he offered both for others and for himself (Hebrews 5:1–3). Jesus, however, is the Priest, who, while being tempted, did not yield to temptation and thus opened the way to the throne of grace, to which believers have unrestricted access.

D. Jesus discharged His ministry in the world, in service to others. He said that He came, not to be deaconed (to be ministered to), but to deacon (to minister), and to give Himself in the place of others (Mark 10:45). This He said as a corrective to the notion, esteemed by the world then and now, that the greatest are those who exercise lordship over others. The ministering or priestly function in Christianity is such that the chiefest is the one who is the servant of others.

The priesthood of each believer has two dimensions. Vertically, the Christian stands directly under God; no person can usurp God's place; to give to man the adoration that belongs only to God is a form of idolatry, however subtle its attractiveness or however common its practice in organized religion. Horizontally, the Christian's responsibility reaches out to embrace others.

Where the priesthood of believers is genuine, it overcomes the structured levels that society erects.



Christ breaks down those walls of partition that men erect, so that there are neither bond nor free, neither male nor female (Gal. 3:28).

E. During the days of slavery, the Six Mile Baptist Church, Jackson County, Missouri, founded in 1824, experienced the drama of this radical priesthood that Christ requires. Deacon

Peace was a slaveholder. It was the practice for deacons to wash members' feet in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper. One day Deacon Peace was washing members feet. Before him appeared the feet of a black man. Deacon Peace hesitated for a moment, which, to observers, seemed like a long time. Then he proceeded to wash and wipe the black man's feet. The congregation burst into singing, "Washed in the Blood." The feet were those of Deacon Peace's slave.

The church cannot make it if it relies only on a professional ministry, whether the office be priest, pastor, minister, or something else. The church is a priesthood, and each member is a priest—with direct access to God, with direct responsibility for others. In a sense, therefore, every Christian is in charge.

The ministry of the Independent Assemblies of God International (Canada) is made possible by the Grace of God and your faithful prayers and support. They are very much appreciated and needed.

*Thank-you and may God continue to bless and keep you.  
Your servant in Christ,  
Rev. Paul McPhail*



## *Important Housekeeping*

**Please keep the General Secretary in the loop. Please notify Paul of any changes of contact information i.e. telephone number, address, e-mail address, etc.**

As your General Secretary, I have the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

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## Restoration Ministries - John and Dorothy Barker

For the past 22 years, we have felt blessed to bless others through Restoration Ministries and have often been referred to as “Wounded Healers” by the First Nations. Our motto has always been that **“we are positively addicted to giving people Hope,”** which has led us to street ministry, drug recovery houses, broken families and Federal Prison ministry.

For 12 years, we conducted chapel services in Federal Prisons, Bible studies and even water baptisms. This man (photo below) was saved in prison and after reading his Bible he felt that he had to be water baptized in order to be fully saved. A “lifer” is not usually given a pass; however, we prayed with him and asked for God to favour him so he could be water baptized in a church. Much to



his surprise, a day pass was granted and he arrived shackled at his ankles and wrists at the church with 2 guards. What a glorious time that was. We had cake and really celebrated this amazing transformation in this

young man’s life. Today, we continue supporting inmates who are now on the outside which is an integral part of their success.



It was brokenness attracted to brokenness that drew us together 40 years ago, not a good way to start. At the time, Dorothy was a survivor of abduction, rape, abortion and a broken life, leaving her feeling totally worthless at the young age of 23. John too was very broken through much losses in his life.

One day, God reached down and whispered, “It’s my desire to take losers and make trophies out of them,” based on Joel 2:25. That day, the healing began. Today we are now “healed, whole and no longer ashamed, covered by the blood of Jesus.”

Betty McDaniel, a local songwriter/singer, was in the church service when we were sharing our testimony and, after hearing our story in church, wrote the following song and it was recorded as the “Song of the Saved.”

*“Healed and whole and no longer ashamed  
Covered by the blood of Jesus  
Whiter than snow no more guilty stain  
Washed in the blood of the Lamb*

*There had to be something more  
Than the sorrows we’ve made  
And all of the love we’ve lost  
With our sin and disgrace  
Oh, but I hear the sound of amazing grace  
How sweet is the song of the saved”*

Our lives **are a miracle** of God’s healing and restoration power. ROM 2:11 “For there is no respect of persons with God.” What God has done for us He will do for you. We love sharing this message.

Today we have been married for 39 years and together we have 5 adult children and 9 grandchildren.

*Loving unconditionally,  
Rev. John and Dorothy Barker*



Grace Ministries is having Prophet Roy Ralph ministering  
Friday Nov. 3 7pm  
Saturday Nov. 4 7pm  
Sunday Nov. 5 10am and  
Sunday night at 7pm

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## *Leaders are Demonstrators! - Rev Gwen Dreger*

Philippians 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

People are very skilled at noting what is wrong. Most Christians I have met can spot sin before it arrives and is still in the temptation realm. That doesn't mean that they don't fall in its trap, but they can surely notice it for others warning them of its woes.

While warnings are great, being a constant alarmist can cause wax to fill ears that you hope will hear. We must find the way to keep ears open. Ears are doorways for faith to come. When faith rises, nations can be changed.

Somewhere along life's path, we as ministers, must find the balance between warning and believing. Things go wrong, but we don't have to. The verse in Philippians tells us to 'mark' those walking and to follow them. We are the ones who must demonstrate the 'walk' to others. We must live out the balance of being able to see what is happening and then hear heaven's answer for change.

When we have received heaven's answer, we are no longer directed by an earthly circumstance. This world is crying out for leaders. They are scattered and confused, searching for those who are confident in direction who will live out the scriptures in a way they can follow.

When a catastrophe arises, we arise with hope! We face the hurt, not blaming others, but rising in the power of forgiveness bought through the blood of Jesus. We then

guide others through their turmoil with compassion, mercy, and peace.

This past summer has had many troubles. The Bible warns us not to be troubled or shaken in our minds knowing that these things will happen before Jesus returns in His glory. Let us firmly grasp a hold of God's Word, steady ourselves through believing it and live a life that others can mark.

Leaders!! Rise up! Take your place! Decide to be that living example! God is for us and with us!

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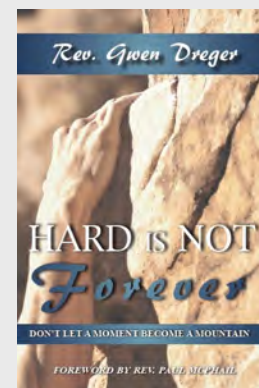
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Just released her second book. Available through the website:  
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### *Hard Is Not Forever Don't Let a Moment Become a Mountain*

In this book you will find tools that explain in a practical, easy to apply way the gift God has given us to be overcomers. Hard does not have to be forever - you can be the overcomer you have always wanted to be!



## National Youth Ministries Committee

At the National Convention in May 2017, a National Youth Ministries Committee was established and members appointed to take lead with youth initiatives within IAOG. The growing concern to have a younger generation actively present led to this establishment.

We have had four teleconference meetings, worked on a vision statement, voted on secretary and treasurer for the record keeping of this committee, and contacted regional leaders for their support.

It is our desire to see that each region within Canada have a District Youth Leader who will work with the National Youth Committee. If pastors know of a person in the IAOG who has a burden to see Youth stay engaged with God, please forward us their contact information. We only accept names recommended by their pastors or regional secretaries of IAOG.

Part of the committee's focus will be to bring in support in the areas of youth ministries. Thus, we have begun researching existing local youth activities within our IAOG churches to establish a baseline of where we will be working towards. This ongoing research requires your support as a youth minister or Regional leader.

**If you are a pastor in a church, will you please take the time to email us back the answer to these questions? Thank you in advance.**

1. Do you have a youth pastor or a youth leader within your church and/or region?
2. What type of activities are currently active with Youth Ministries in your region?  
(i.e. Youth services, Sunday Schools, Youth Conferences/Rallies/Camps, Youth Leadership trainings, etc.)
3. What support would you like to see in ministering to the youth in your area?



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## Credential Renewal Fees 2018

**The time of credential renewal is upon us. This year the renewal fee is \$160.00 if sent in by January 31, 2018.**

Please make all cheques/money orders payable to I. A. O. G. I. (Canada).

After February 1, 2018, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$160.00 = Total \$190.00. Forward Form # 3 with your cheque/money order to your licensing or ordaining pastor/church. The licensing or ordaining pastor/church will send the material directly to me.

For a minister 75 years of age and older your renewal fee is free. All you need to do is complete Form # 3, give us your birth date and we will gladly renew your credentials with no charge. Please complete Form # 3 and forward it to the licensing or ordaining pastor/church.

We are pleased that a few have taken advantage of forms being offered on the web [www.iaogcan.com](http://www.iaogcan.com) and have renewed early.

**Thank-you for your prompt attention to this important ministry matter!**



# 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION



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Room charge: \$109.00 plus taxes Reservations **must** be made before April 7, 2018



## In the Field

If you or your ministry are ministering outside of Canada, we would like to pray for you! Please let the editor know by emailing a picture of yourself along with your logo and the area you are in to [editor.canadianmatle@gmail.com](mailto:editor.canadianmatle@gmail.com).



**GRACE LIFE ministries**  
Kell and Lorri Fransen in India



David and Krista Meisner  
And family  
Thando, South Africa

## National Prayer Initiative - Virtual Prayer event

### Virtual Prayer Event January 7-28, 2018

As in the previous two years, IAOGCan will once again be participating in the 21 day Virtual Prayer event sponsored by PCCNA. However, this year we are video streaming the event to the web!

You will be able to watch various groups engaging in prayer for the unreached, for the lost, for the nations, and you will be able to participate by praying in agreement with them as they focus on specific areas of prayer. All you will need to do is log in to the **AmericaPray.net** website and follow the instructions to connect.

As IAOGCan we will be hosting the evening of **Sunday, January 21, 2018**, and we will be broadcasting a prayer event taking place in Surrey, BC, and hosted by our



General Secretary Rev. Paul McPhail.

**We will be broadcasting it via  
Facebook Live from our  
IAOGCan Prayer Facebook account  
as well as our  
IAOGCan webpage.**

Watching it on the Facebook account allows you to type in comments about the event as it takes place. These comments will be monitored. You will also be able to catch the broadcast on [AmericaPray.net](http://AmericaPray.net).

So mark January 7-28 on your calendar to participate in this North American wide prayer event as we together enter the throne room of God, united across denominations and countries to seek God's intervention and help as we seek to bring the gospel news to bear on all life and to everyone. **Each evening begins at 9 PM EST. Connect to [AmericaPray.net](http://AmericaPray.net). And on January 21, connect to [IAOGCan Pray on Facebook](http://IAOGCan Pray on Facebook) or to the [IAOGCan.com](http://IAOGCan.com) webpage as we host the evening.**

Rev. Gerrit and  
Rev. Elisabeth Apperloo  
IAOG Canada National Prayer Coordinators





2017 is the year Canada celebrates its 150th birthday!

An important history...

*One hundred and fifty years ago in Charlottetown and Québec City, the Fathers of Confederation first dreamed of a united and prosperous Canada.*



Fathers of Confederation - Quebec Conference

*A convincing proposal, first introduced at the Charlottetown Conference, was elaborated at the Québec Conference, and became the framework for Confederation. Three years later, the vision of a union was realized at the London Conference with the creation of the British North America Act. The Act finalized the union of the provinces and on July 1, 1867, gave birth to the Dominion of Canada.*

*The term 'dominion' was a common term used primarily with British colonies. The Premier of New Brunswick, Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, suggested its use in Canada's name as he was inspired from Psalms 72:8:*

*"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,  
and from the river unto the ends of the earth."*



Canada, a nation with heaven's blessing in its name!  
Canada, a nation with hope and vision for unity and prosperity!  
In honour of those who dreamed of a bright future...

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each group winning 150 souls  
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LOVE YOUR NATION!  
Come on Canada – Let us STAND ON GUARD!



***“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’”***  
(1 Corinthians 12:21)

If you were brought up faithfully attending Sunday School every Sunday anywhere from the mid 1940’s to the late 1980’s you would have learned some important lessons, as I did, about serving ‘together’ in the church. It was punctuated by a popular little song, first published in 1943, that went like this:

*When we all pull together, together, together  
When we all pull together, how happy we’ll be  
For your work is my work and our work is God’s work  
When we all pull together, how happy we’ll be!*

The importance of togetherness has its natural foundation in understanding our place of need. The fact is, we’re all needy. None of us are self-sufficient – even though many times we’d like to think we are! Our salvation is proof of that. We could not save ourselves. We needed a savior and He came in the person of Jesus Christ. In the framework of the Body of Christ we need each other to fulfill the work of the kingdom that God has in mind. How do we know that? God has not put every gift inside of a single person but has spread the gifts around in His Body, the church. That is why our text above makes sense when we read, *“The eye cannot say to the hand I have no need of you.”* Notice again, we need each other!

Any time we’re tempted to think we don’t need one another we should remember that the scriptures were given by God the Holy Spirit. That being the case, we must then recognize that it is God through the Holy Spirit that is saying we need each other. Anybody care to disagree with God Who knows best and knows all things??

Togetherness in the church family, the Body of Christ, or our IAOGI family of churches, finds its expression in several realms. The following are a few of those ‘togetherness’ areas:

**1. Putting God first in our relationships** – It was Jonathan who said to David, *“The Lord be between me and thee.”* (1 Samuel 20:42). If the Lord is central to our relationships diversity within unity will thrive and the work of the Kingdom will be done.

**2. Keeping Him as the center of our personal and corporate worship** – We must always remember that true worship is not about us and our preferences, it’s about Him. Our personal and corporate worship must explode in honor of Him! (John 4:24)

**3. Pursuing unity of heart and spirit** – sometimes we can work together but our heart is not in it. Our unity must be more than agreement from our head, but it must be unity from the heart and spirit that breeds enthusiasm to accomplish the work of God. (Ephesians 4:3).

**4. Being faithful in exercising our spiritual gifts** – Paul exhorted Timothy, *“Stir up the gift that is within you!”* (2 Timothy 1:6). ‘Stir up’ in the Greek here means to ‘bring up the life of’. There is the life of the Spirit in our spiritual gifts. We must let that life flow by exercising what we’ve been graciously given.

**5. Being sensitive to the needs of one another** – It is so easy to be self-absorbed. IF we look around and are sensitive to each other needs in the Body and the fellowship we can be of great help to one another (Acts 2:45). This, in turn, helps all of us to contribute at full capacity to what God is asking us to do as a church and a fellowship.

**6. Being committed to being present when the church family or fellowship gathers** – It’s easy for us to slack off and think they won’t miss us at church or national and regional conventions of the fellowship if we’re not there. The fact is, every part is needed. You wouldn’t think of wanting to come to a meeting of any kind and leave part of your body at home. We don’t want parts of the Body to be lacking at any gathering of the local church family or our IAOGI get-togethers!! (Hebrews 10:25)

Let’s never forget that we’re **all needy** and we’re **all needed!!!** Author, Phillip James Bailey made a great observation when he wrote, ***“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!”*** Yes... togetherness!!!

Colin & Mary Wellard are an itinerant ministry ordained with IAOGI. Their ministry is Oasis Christian Ministries International based out of Abbotsford, BC. They seek to build up the body of Christ and our fellowship through renewal, revival, and restoration. Please visit their website at [www.oasiscmi.com](http://www.oasiscmi.com).



*Greetings in Jesus Name,  
I would like to report that we had wonderful services with Colin and Mary Wellard from Abbotsford, BC. These services were held in a gospel tent in Kuroki, SK, from Sunday to Thursday at the end of August. Each of the 5 evening services and 2 afternoon worship seminars were outstanding. Colin and Mary are excellent musicians (piano and organ) and Colin did a fine job of leading worship. His sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and to the diverse congregation was remarkable. The preaching and teaching were so clear and challenging. I would highly recommend their ministry to any church; they will leave a godly deposit.*

*Pastor Karl Kienle*



### **Ministry is Work; Ministry Costs Money**

Aren't you glad to know the Lord is with you as you work? In Haggai 2:1-9, three times in v.4 we are told "the Lord says..." Look how it is worded in these 2 versions. The ESV puts it this way: "...declares the Lord, be strong... and I am with you, go work." The NLT says it like this: "But now the Lord says be strong, ...and now get to work."

As pastors and workers in His Kingdom you cannot do work on earth without earthly finances. We need Heaven's power, Heaven's anointing, Heaven's direction, but to do ministry we will need earthly finances. In verses 7 & 8, the Word tells us, "so the treasures of the nations shall come in . . . the silver and gold is mine." God is a giver, and He loves to give. God loves to watch as His children become givers too.

We are a fellowship of churches, of pastors, of workers, for the Kingdom of God. Webster's defines fellowship as being in companionship, partnership, and having joint interests and goals. Our goal is to see the Kingdom of God grow in might, love, and power; to see churches and ministries grow and for us, as a fellowship, to help provide a covering so that you can do what God has called you to do.

At our Conference in Montreal the idea was discussed that if every church could send a yearly offering to help with the IAOGI costs this would be a great help. It was suggested that if the donation could be even a 'tithe of a tithe' this would help us move forward to help offset our deficit. Thank you to those who are doing this now.

All of you know that denominations or fellowships have administration expenses, and paid staff who receive remuneration from their members' tithe which MUST be paid to be a part of their organization.

One Pentecostal denomination has a \$12 MILLION dollar office budget, where as we are less than \$170,000. While they may be double our size, it speaks to the amount of money collected by that church group, and used for staff, etc.

IAOGI (Canada) currently has two part time positions— General Secretary and Treasurer. The Assistant General

Secretary and twelve Regional Secretaries are volunteer positions who have access to sufficient resources of time and finance in order to facilitate their essential duties. Certain Executive Officers' expenses for hotel and travel to attend the National Convention may be paid. Also, the General Secretary and Treasurer supply office space and utilities, etc. Three officers, General Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant General Secretary have a limited travel allowance.

The IAOGI (Canada) has honoured members at the age of 75 years or older by waiving their credential fees. Many of these send in a donation to support the organization.

God is a giving God. He has made us to be giving people as well.

We are requesting for all churches and ministries give a yearly donation, or offering. Your immediate response may be we can't afford it. But EVERYONE can afford a simple "tithe of a tithe." If you can give more that is awesome.

The great news is, the IAOGI (Canada) continues to grow. You have all heard the wonderful testimonies of how Cuban churches have opened up their doors to the IAOGI. In our future we may have to consider adding more staff, in order to deal with the growth.

As good stewards we need to support our fellowship. We run our fellowship on a skeleton budget, today it needs some meat put onto it!

If you can do it now, great! It has been recommended many times that Thanksgiving might be a good time to give your offering. A way of saying thanks to our Fellowship. Do what works best for you, and your ministry.

Please mark a day on your calendar today, and consider sending the IAOGI a monthly, quarterly or yearly offering.

Thanks, God Bless,  
Pastor Dave Kelsey  
Rev. David Ellyatt  
On behalf of the IAOGI Board

25<sup>TH</sup> PENTECOSTAL WORLD FELLOWSHIP  
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Come as a *consuming Fire*, **purifying the Body of Christ**.  
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WE DESIRE TO SEE EVERY NATION TRANSFORMED AS WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH JUSTICE,  
MERCY, LOVE, AND POWER.

Once again we are planning to return to Singapore, India, and also Nepal. We are looking for powerful prayer warriors!

Kandhamal, Odisha, is a very poor district in Odisha State that suffered the worst persecutions from radical Hindus in the history of India in 2008. God has restored the many thousands of homes that were destroyed and many churches that were broken have also been rebuilt. Odisha is the darkest of India's states and boasts more temples and shrines than all of India combined.

We believe that this is the demonic jugular of Hinduism in India. God is moving mightily there. Our leaders have been training many young men and women plus encouraging the churches to equip to take this harvest for Christ.

The area is incredibly poor so we are bringing 3 teams in November and initially targeting 14 villages to break poverty plus bring drinking water. These are farm projects with irrigation plus fishponds. We want to give tools to the villages so they can be self sustaining in supporting the ministry workers to take this district of over 2400 villages. We are supplying teaching ministry tools and we invite churches to own the villages we will plan to bring the gospel to. We will need help to support harvesters for 1 year. This is an appeal to both individuals but also churches. The area is dark so prayer is critical. We are moving quickly on this mission so please bear this on

your hearts. Please go to our web site [www.gracelifeministries.info](http://www.gracelifeministries.info) to access information and view our newest publications: please click on MORE and pamphlet "Kasini Padar".

Our work in Nepal is progressing and we will take a team there as well. Again Nepal is very ripe for the gospel with possibly the fastest growing church in the world at present. It too is a dark place boasting as the only fully Hindu nation in the world. Our hearts are not only burdened for the church plus reaching this nation. We also want to establish rescue work for sex slavery in Nepal. This has been on our hearts for years to bring these girls to Christ and a new life in Him plus give them a place to heal. This too is a horrible demonic stronghold that God wants to break through prayer and ministry.

Please pray for my wife she is busy writing 3 training books plus will stay back for our daughter who is undergoing medical treatment for 1 year due to iron on her liver caused by her rare blood disorder and having had a number of blood transfusions. Please pray for both my wife Lorri and our daughter Loralie for great miracles of healing.

Pastor Kell and Lorri Frandsen  
For further info please see our web site at [www.gracelifeministries.info](http://www.gracelifeministries.info)



## *Promoted to Glory*



Rev. George Chioreanu (DOB 1943/11/03) was suddenly taken home to be with his Lord and Saviour Saturday, June 3, 2017. Beloved husband of Eugenia (Jenny) for almost 50 years. He is lovingly remembered by his daughters Jacqueline (Timothy), Esther (Valeriu), and Tamara. George is survived by his six grandchildren - David, Sarah, Chloe, William, Daniel, and Sophia. He is the last surviving member of a family of six.

For over 50 years he was a devout follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and an active member of the Romanian Pentecostal Church. George was truly a "one of a kind man" with an unforgettable golden tooth smile. He had a diverse professional career as a Captain in the Romanian Army, an accountant, bookkeeper, pastor, and travel consultant before he retired. George is best remembered as a devoted and loyal husband, father, and grandfather. Additionally he was a life-long Bible scholar and daily lived out his faith through steadfast prayer and a deep spirit of gratitude. He uplifted and inspired all who interacted with him through his encouragement and guidance.

Rev. George Chioreanu joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) February 2, 1984.

If you wish to express condolences the contact information is:

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## Itinerant Ministry of our General Secretary

Rev. Paul McPhail had the privilege to minister/attend:



June 22 & 23, 2017 – Southern British Columbia Regional Convention – Celebration Life Church, SURREY, B.C.

July 25, 2017 – Paul and EFC affiliate leaders had lunch with Bishop Efraim M. Tendero, Secretary General and CEO of the World Evangelical Alliance. The lunch was arranged by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. We heard a report from Bishop Tendero on the work of the WEA amongst the national and regional Evangelical Alliances around the world.

August 12, 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Blessed Hope Ministry, SCARBOROUGH, ON. – Rev. Regulo Tigno, Pastor



August 10, 2017 – Rev. Lloyd Linton's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.



September 10, 2017 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Blenheim Word of Life Church, BLENHEIM, ON. – Rev. Timothy Joyce, Pastor

September 13, 2017 – Eglise Vivante De Christ, Lachine, QC. – Rev. Yvon Stabili, Pasteur



September 14-16, 2017 – Quebec Provincial Convention – Centre Evangelique Universel, Montreal, QC.

September 17, 2017 - 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Dedication of a new church building - Windsor Evangel Bible Church, Windsor, ON. – Rev. David Tarcia & Rev. Bill Tarcia, Pastors.



**Looking forward, please mark your calendar and plan to attend:**

May 7 – 10, 2018 – I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) National Convention – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, ABBOTSFORD, B. C.

## Jesus Christ, the Son of God Part 4 - Charles Willner

### The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ For Our Sins Is The Wisdom Of God:

If the princes of this world had known that Jesus was to be the Lamb, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory; Which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they know it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:8)

It was the plan of God before the foundation of the creation of the world, that Jesus was ready to be the sin offering for humanity.

“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship (the beast), whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)

### Jesus Became the First Fruits of the Resurrection:

Jesus rose from the dead with a glorified body: just like we will have when we rise from the dead.

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. ... For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.” (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

Christ the First Fruits from the dead includes those Old Testament saints who arose from the dead when Jesus presented Himself before the Father, and the veil of the temple was torn asunder. Further, those who are Christ's at His coming shows that all the New Testament saints are going to rise together when Jesus Christ returns.

“And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints



## Jesus Christ, the Son of God Part 4 cont. - Charles Willner

which slept arose. And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” (Matthew 27:52,53)

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” (1 Corinthians 15:51,52)

As a result of Christ being manifested as a man, when He rose from the dead, He had the marks of his crucifixion in His body. This means that even today, in glory, Jesus has the marks of His marks of His crucifixion in His hands and His feet. Not only did He rise from the dead, He rose with the same glorified body that He was born with here on earth.

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see me have.” (Luke 24:39)

“Then said he to Thomas, Reach hither your finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither your hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.” (Matthew 20:27)

Charles Willner has been an ordained minister of the I.A.O.G.I.(C) since January 15, 1976, and is the director of Open Word Ministries. To receive this or other messages, please write:

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## Letter from the Editor - Lani Page

With 3 publications a year, the IAOG Canada endeavours to put out messages of joy, of sharing, and stability in these interesting times. This issue I pondered what type of message would be best – we have seen so many disasters in a very short amount of time, and we each have people in various aspects of our lives looking to us for comfort, for a helping hand, for encouragement.

My impartation this time is very personal, and spans half my life. When I was a child my mom had picked out a Bible verse that she believed spoke over my life – Jeremiah 29:11. About 20 years ago I was challenged to find the Scripture for myself that I believed God had for me – what was my personal Scripture that I could stand on for my life?

Jeremiah 29:11 is a very good scripture – use it for your own life. But God had impressed upon me another one, and this set of verses has help me keep to the straight and narrow. I personalize it, and I quote it all the time, and when I am acting in a manner unbecoming a child of God, this brings me back in line. Let me share it with you:

Psalm 1:1-3

*Blessed is Lani, who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, not stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But Lani's delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law does she meditate day and night. And she shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth her fruit in her season. Her leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever she does shall prosper.*

I use it like this: if I am getting advice from my work manager, or a doctor, I check to see how it lines up with the Word of God. If I am crabby or sarcastic, I check my-



self and see if I am standing in the way of a sinner coming to Jesus, or if I am being scornful, mocking. And if I am dealing with a crisis or helping others in theirs, or even being drawn to have more focus on something not necessarily God-related, I check myself with this – Lani loves the Word of God, Lani meditates on it day and night, it strengthens me, etc.

If I am being shaken, if I am troubled, if my house is being pounded with storms, I remember this – I am a tree, planted by the rivers of water that flow from the throne of God, I am strong, I will make it through, I *always* make it through! I continue to have fruit! I do not wither! AND whatever I do, WHATEVER, I prosper. No matter what!

And if I am in good seasons, I can say the same thing – I am prosperous in ALL I do, and I am a good tree, just soaking up the Word, the Water, the Life, and look at the good leaves in my life! And I get very happy in the Lord. Rejoicing, building myself up in my most holy faith. And you know what happens? My church friends know this is “my” Scripture, and they repeat it back to me when I need it!

Encouragement is very powerful, and it's so important that we use it in the right way, encouraging for good, encouraging ourselves, exhorting others (Hebrews 3:13). I hope you have a blessed and happy, merry, prosperous Christmas season, rejoicing in the Lord with all your heart!

Your Editor, Lani Page

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