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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Paul McPhail



DEAR SERVANT OF THE LORD,

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

UNTIL JESUS COMES, BE WITNESSES

Acts 1:6-12

Text: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (*Acts 1:8*).

Jesus’ earthly ministry was now complete! He was born of a virgin, lived a blameless life, died a vicarious death, and arose from the grave with a glorified body. He had been on earth for forty days since his resurrection “speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” (*Acts 1:3*). He was now ready to return to heaven. The Mount of Olives, just outside the eastern wall of Jerusalem, served as an ideal location from which to view God’s City of Peace. Jesus chose it as the place from which to give his final promise to come again and for his ascension into heaven.

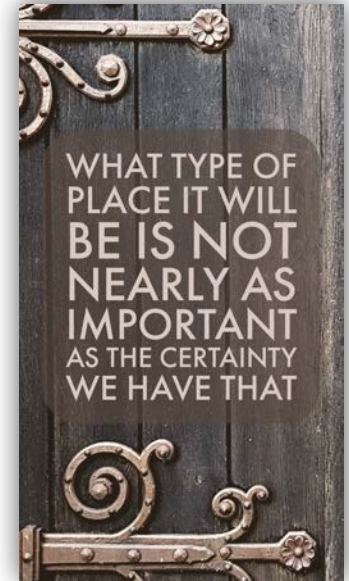
The disciples were curious about the future. When asked about a coming kingdom, Jesus pushed that into the background to give an urgent command for his followers, in that day and every day, to major on telling the world about the Saviour. He used the word **witness**, which is from another noun meaning “martyr.” In the days of Jesus, and those that followed soon after, to be a Christian witness could mean death. In certain parts of the world, it is still dangerous to proclaim the message of Christ. In fact, to be a genuine witness is not easy in any civilization. Certain requirements are necessary. Let us look at three of them.

I. A WITNESS MUST KNOW SOMETHING.

Go to a courtroom and look at a witness on the stand. What is the first requirement? A witness must be certain of the facts, else there is no need for him to appear in court. If the witness says, when asked a question, “I think—” immediately the opposing attorney will arise and say, “I object, Your Honour! We

are not interested in what this witness thinks. We're only interested in what he knows." The judge will then sustain the objection.

What is the first qualification for a witness of Jesus Christ? He or she must know something! Paul certainly did. He said, "I know whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1:12) A great Christian of another generation was asked on his eighty-sixth birthday how he felt toward the next life now that he had reached such an advanced age. He replied, "I have naturally been thinking much of that during recent years. I have stood in the shadow of bereavement many times and sought to comfort sorrowing hearts. Now in my 75th year, I can say, I am not half so sure what the future life is as I was forty years ago. But I'm twice as sure that it is." How true! As we grow older, the details of heaven—that is, what type of place it will be—are not nearly as important as the certainty we have that "[our] Father's house has many rooms" (John 14:2 NIV). We can have a steadfast hope of a home in heaven if we know Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour.



What about your knowledge of the Saviour? A good witness must know something!

II. A WITNESS MUST SAY SOMETHING.

Every once in a while, we read of a witness coming along years after a crime who has a testimony that frees a prisoner from jail. If this person had been a witness at the trial, the prisoner never would have been convicted. This person knew facts but didn't tell them! As a result, the prisoner was convicted unjustly.

To know about Jesus and fail to tell others is criminal! What if somebody knew the remedy for Covid-19, cancer or AIDS and kept quiet? No logical argument nor eloquent persuasive oratory can turn the world upside down; only the simple testimony that Jesus is Saviour and Lord can do that. Many stories have been told of tragedies in people's lives because of undelivered messages. The greatest tragedy, however, is that many people have never been saved simply because a Christian failed to speak the proper words at the proper time.

Our failure to ask someone if he or she would like to become a Christian may be the only reason that person does not become saved. John D. Rockefeller Sr. played golf with a dear friend of his in the insurance business. One day the friend heard that Rockefeller had taken out a life insurance policy for one million dollars. When he saw the wealthy man, he asked, "Why didn't you let me write the insurance policy for you?" Rockefeller replied, "Why didn't you ask me to let you?" Many people never become Christians





simply because good people who know Jesus as Savior and could testify concerning him simply fail to tell a lost friend about Jesus.

III. A GOOD WITNESS MUST BE SOMETHING.

A famous skeptic who was called the spiritual father of Nazism nearly became a Christian at one time. While he was trying to make the decision, he decided to live among Christian people to see what Christians were like. He is reported to have said, “These Christians will have to look a lot more redeemed before I believe in it.” Gandhi attended a Christian school and was disillusioned. He is believed to have said, “I would have been a Christian if it had not been for Christians.” Of course we cannot always accept at full face value such statements from non-Christians as the true reason for their failure to receive Christ. But there is enough truth in such an indictment to make us examine our way of life.

In the courtroom a witness may know something and say something, but if the opposing attorney has evidence that the witness is not a person of integrity, the attorney can present the facts to the court and make an impassioned plea to throw

out the testimony. Likewise, all of our verbose vocalizings will be like “sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal” unless our lives are consistent with our testimony.

The first call is for us to become Christians! Until we have been born again, we begin at no beginning and work toward no end. If you are not a Christian, become one today!

New birth, however, is but the first step of the Christian life. In the ultimate sense, our Christian experience includes the totality of our relationship and fellowship with Jesus from the moment we receive him as Saviour until the day we receive our resurrected body at his second coming. If you are a Christian, be a witness. Seek to be wise as you testify, but do not fail to let others know, both through lip and life, that Jesus is your all in all. Many things make us grow, but the fruit of a Christian in the most real sense is another Christian!

Please let me thank the churches/ministries, and the individuals that continue to send in their offerings and donations to I.A.O.G.I. (Canada). Please know that your prayers and support are very much appreciated and needed.

Yours in Christ,





FROM THE DESK OF OUR ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Yvon Stabili

GREETINGS TO ALL IN THE BEAUTIFUL NAME OF JESUS,

As I write these lines, a passage comes to my mind,

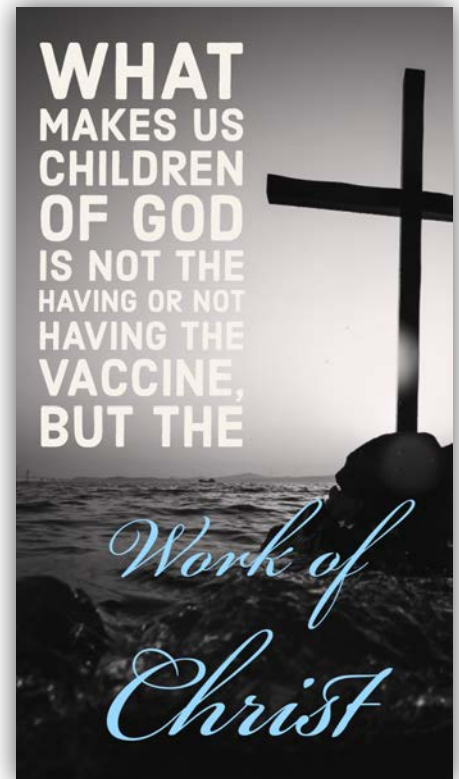
'And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.' Mal. 3 :18

I believe we are in a season where the world must see the difference between those who serve the Lord Jesus and those who do not!

The time we are in is a very strange time, where we see people's position polarized to one side or the other; we see friendships broken and families divided. What saddens me the most is that we see this trend manifesting itself even in the church; Christians insulting other Christians, or some accusing pastors of being false because they have a different opinion. There are pro-vaccine and anti-vaccine, pro-vaccine passport and those who are against. You have guessed the famous covid-19 seems to be more than a virus; it seems to be also a venom injected by satan, in order to try to see the children of God tearing each other by the division he sows.

I invite us for a moment to return together to our foundation which is Christ, who is Himself the living Word of God and the light of the world according to John 1. Didn't He Himself tell us that it is by the love we would have for one another that we would be recognized as His disciples? These few lines are meant to be a cry from the heart: enough is enough! My goal is not to say that those who are in favour of the vaccine are doing the right thing or that those who are against it are right, but simply to remind us that what makes us children of God is not the having or not having the vaccine but the work of Christ on the cross! What will save or lose the people around us is not a shot or not taking it but the cross of Christ.

Whether you are vaccinated or not, honestly does not change anything in my life; in both cases it is up to you to assume your choice. My job is to love my neighbor as myself! You are not less of a brother or sister if you don't have the vaccine, just as you are not more so if you do! What unites us is the work of



Jesus Christ. I received a message just today from a young woman whose family is completely torn apart because of differences of opinion about COVID19. I also understand that her family are pastors and elders who are active in the ministry.

The word of God tells us in 1 Peter 2:17 'Show proper respect to (honour) everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.' I would like to draw your attention to the second point "love the brethren" I would like you to agree that we can together be united in a heartbeat and pray for the body of Christ, yes for our beautiful great brotherhood, but also for the whole body of Christ from coast to coast. I believe that, more than ever, we are in a time where the world needs to see God act. 2021 statistics say that more than 28% of Canadian adults have been diagnosed with a depressive disorder and 40% of Canadians claim to be experiencing anxiety! Can you imagine the distress of people!

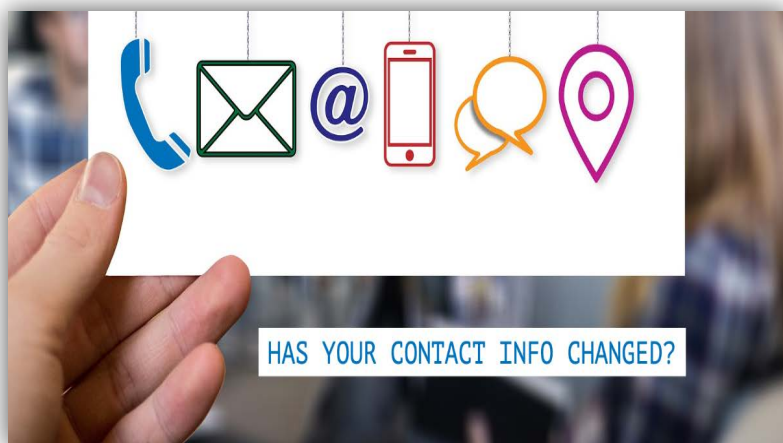
You know what? You and I have the answer to this distress and that answer is Jesus. Let us not let the enemy with his traps and distractions distract us from this great harvest that God in His infinite wisdom has prepared for the times we are in. My brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us work for the unity and advancement of the Kingdom of God always looking forward knowing that victory is ours in Christ Jesus, and that with Him we will do great things and that you and I are more than conquerors no matter what the circumstances. And Paul teaches us in Romans 12 "out of brotherly love let us be full of affection for one another". My friends, the harvest is ready and soon we will need each other to fill our boats; let us stay united and wait for the Lord that nothing will distract us or turn us away from each other.



Thank you for your great work for the Lord, and I am honoured to be a part of our Fellowship because you are also part of it. Be richly blessed.

Your servant in Jesus Christ

Yvon Stabili



The General Secretary has the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership list, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

**PLEASE KEEP US IN THE LOOP WITH
NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS,
NEW ADDRESSES AND NEW E-MAIL
ADDRESSES.**

MINISTRY UPDATES

MISSION THANDO

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As summer is coming to an end in Canada, winter is coming to an end in South Africa. The team in South Africa has been hard at work reaching out to the community around. We continue to provide food for the children each day and food parcels for families in need. July brought a few extra challenges as riots and looting broke out in Durban and other parts of South Africa. A lot of damage was done to businesses in the area where our center is. Many jobs were lost and there were food shortages. The team received extra support from some local donors that helped them get through. Many from Mission Thando went out to assist with the clean up after the riots.



In August, one of our leaders was hijacked at gun point but we praise God for his protection and the safe return of the vehicle. Crime continues to grow in South Africa and with the continuous drop in employment the situation grows worse.



On a more positive note, in August they held a Women's Day event that had about 75 ladies attend. It was a great day of empowering women and reminding them of their strength and God's plan for them. Women came from several areas and great testimonies of God's power were shared with the women. They also had a lunch prepared by the men of Mission Thando.

Back in Canada our church plant in Kisbey, SK continues to press on. This past year we had the opportunity to help a woman who had come out to our freedom session ministry. By our fifth lesson she had given her life to Christ and wanted to be baptized. She also soon realized she wanted out of the abusive relationship she was in and as a church we were able to assist her and move her into her own place. The ladies got together and helped her with dishes and smaller household items. We restarted her on freedom sessions and have been excited to see the breakthrough in her life through the healing power of Jesus Christ. We praise God for all He is doing and thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave & Krista Meisner



CONTINUING THE COURSE

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We celebrate with Christian Fellowship Assembly in Big Trout Lake, ON in the setting in of their new leaders. Rev. Nellie Nothing, Pastor of Wapekeka Christian Fellowship Assembly Church, lead the service and ordination of Rev. Allan John & Margart Nanokeesic on September 12th. (Right). Mr Barry McKay was licensed and recognized as the Youth Pastor and Mr. Frank Sainnawap was also set in as a licensed minister. (Below) We honour the faithfulness of Rev. Levi McKay who has now passed the baton.



In a relay, the only way the race is won, is if each runner actually passes the baton to the next. The first runner is not allowed to carry the baton all the way; it must be entrusted to the next teammate for the next part of the race. If not, not only is the race lost and the team disqualified, but the other runners were not able to fulfill their assignment. What a powerful truth to remember, that the piece that God entrusted us to carry, is not intended for us to retain, hide, bury in the ground or keep to ourselves.



So we see in God's word in great leaders passing on to the next, and God's word and plan being declared and revealed to the next generation.

"One Generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach other also." 2 Timothy 2:2



In the next few pages we share some of the story that brought the Independent Assemblies of God Canada as well as our brothers as sisters at the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies to where we are today. Take time to read and honour those who have gone before as we live out their baton in our today and look ahead as we share our gifts with the body of Christ and the world!



OUR HISTORY

The I.A.O.G./FCA movement was born out of a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the United States and other countries at the turn of the previous century. Its participants welcomed the infilling and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as seen in the life of the Early Church. Numerous local churches formed for the purpose of worship and mission with an openness to the ministry of the Spirit.

Roots of the movement can be traced at least in part to the Wesleyan-holiness renewal and the “Deeper Life” emphases of the late 1800s. Wesleyans emphasized a definite sanctification experience, and Deeper Life advocates stressed an empowerment of the Spirit for witness and service. In addition, the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies points to other sources that are strongly Baptist, particularly in the area of local-church structure.

In 1906 an outbreak of the Holy Spirit occurred among Scandinavian Baptists in Chicago, Illinois. About that time William F. Durham, also of Baptist heritage, saw gifts of the Spirit in his North Avenue Mission. Durham soon became the leading non-Wesleyan voice in the early movement. His “finished work of Christ” theme claimed that the door to God’s gifts was open to all believers immediately upon professing their faith in Christ. Durham affected future Pentecostal leaders in the U.S, and Canada, including a group of ministers who would eventually form what they called the Scandinavian Independent Assemblies of God.

Among them were Bengt Magnus Johnson, who brought from his Baptist background a vigorous stand on local-church autonomy, A. A. Holmgren, of the same heritage, and Gunnar Wingren, who pioneered the great work in Brazil. Also included was Arthur F. Johnson, whose service would continue into the future Fellowship of Christian Assemblies.

Meanwhile in Canada, Scandinavians were influenced as early as 1908 by Christina Larson, who brought the Pentecostal message from her native Norway to the small town of Weldon, Saskatchewan. In these pioneer days, meetings were held in homes, schools and even barns. Contact with other groups was encouraged, however, through the efforts of Carl O. Nordin of Amisk, Alberta, among others. He even made contact with like-minded leaders across the border in the U.S.

Arthur F. Johnson became a mentor to Elmer C. Erickson, whose ministry at the Duluth Gospel Tabernacle in northern Minnesota over four decades was a primary course-setting influence in the fellowship. Johnson and Erickson concentrated on English-speaking ministries, while maintaining contact with two ethnic groups, the Scandinavian Independent Assemblies of God and the Scandinavian Assemblies of God. In 1922 in St. Paul, Minnesota, about 25 ministers from these three groups decided to come under a common, informal banner - an unincorporated fellowship known as the Independent Assemblies of God.

A major concern of this new fellowship was local-church autonomy. A strong emphasis on self-governing local churches had marked the early stages of the Pentecostal renewal and the Independent Assemblies of God were determined to retain that stance.

By 1935 the fellowship listed 54 pastors and evangelists and 21 foreign missionaries. Five years later their ranks had grown to 160.

Levi Pethrus, pastor of the noted Filadelfia Church in Stockholm, Sweden, influenced the fellowship through his visits and writings on “assembly life.” E. C. Erickson launched *Herald of Faith* magazine in 1936. The group’s first national convention was held that year at Brooklyn, New York. For several years, annual national conferences alternated between Duluth and Chicago. Regional and area conferences proliferated, providing a glue for the fellowship.

On the Canadian side, Ole Forseth was instrumental in bringing A. W. Rasmussen to conduct meetings at Bethel Pentecostal Church in the Peace River area of Alberta in the early 1940s. Pastor Rasmussen saw the need for a central gathering point to rally the many small groups, and so he moved his family to Edmonton in 1945. Edmonton Gospel Temple was established the next year.

He was soon joined by T. E. Crane, and together they founded Temple Bible College. The Edmonton church hosted conventions twice a year, in the spring and the fall. Eventually as other churches were planted, the conventions moved around the country and settled on a once-a-year schedule.

During the period up to 1950 the fellowship was fairly informal in its pursuit of Pentecostal experience combined with local-church autonomy and evangelism. Turmoil during the so-called “Latter Rain” movement of the late 1940s stimulated a quest for clearer identity and more cohesive practical cooperation. The ministerial listing process was strengthened. A new magazine, *Conviction* (later renamed *Fellowship Today*) was launched in 1963. The working process of the fellowship was defined in a brochure in 1959, and a new name, Fellowship of Christian Assemblies, was adopted in 1973.

Ministerial development was enhanced by Bible colleges in or alongside local churches, not only in Edmonton but also Seattle Bible College, founded by Philadelphia Church, Seattle (led by Roy Johnson) and Chicago Bible College (later Christian Life College), launched by Philadelphia Church, Chicago. Leadership in home and foreign missions continued strong across the fellowship.

With the eventual passing of its father figures, the fellowship turned increasingly toward task forces and other collegial means for leadership in projects. National convention planning committees prepared for events at conference centers or local churches. In addition to the general convention, a smaller mid-year Fellowship Concerns Conference, open to all, was conceived, to probe matters of theological and practical concern and to enable discussions at the grass-roots level. To this day, the fellowship affirms the two strands of local-church autonomy and inter-church responsibility.

Statements of Nature and Mission and Common Beliefs were adopted in a joint U.S.-Canadian conference at Banff, Alberta, in 1986. The mission statement affirms our Pentecostal heritage and views the Great Commission as the overarching purpose for our existence as a group of churches.

In 2000, the U.S. group voted to incorporate itself as “an association of autonomous local churches,” setting up by-laws, empowering an official board, and appointing a national coordinator. Definitions of membership requirements, expectations, relationships and accountability were spelled out. Each member church was asked to support the fellowship with 0.25 percent of its general-fund income.

In 2007, the Canadian group made structural adjustments of its own, establishing five Fellowship Elders to give guidance and counsel to the churches and ministers. A National Committee of pastors is organized along geographical lines to maintain ties in the various regions.

The American and Canadian groups now list nearly the same number of churches—about 100 each. Though the Scandinavian flavor has faded with the passing years, the passion for Spirit-led worship and effective evangelism remains at the core of the FCA.

For greater detail and information about the background of the FCA, see Warren Heckman's book, *History of the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies*. Order by email (warrenheckman@gmail.com) or by sending \$12.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping to:

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THE HISTORY CONTINUED

The Independent Assemblies of God was birthed in the year 1918 as the Scandinavian Assemblies of God in the United States of America, Canada and foreign lands. It existed under this name from 1918 to 1935.

In 1935 at an annual convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota the Scandinavian Assemblies of God merged with a group called the Independent Pentecostal Church.

The name of this new fellowship was and to this day remains the Independent Assemblies of God International.

Reverend Doctor A. W. Rasmussen D. D. was a Spirit-filled minister of the Gospel and overseer of the Independent Assemblies Of God International which he incorporated in 1964.

He served as pastor of churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was the founder of Chicago Bible College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He was also the director of Mantle Missions which has a worldwide outreach in training the national ministry of various countries, supporting nationals, helped to support orphans, built native churches and supported Gospel radio broadcasts. He published a book entitled "The Last Chapter"

Canadian General Secretaries:

Rev. Stanley M. Hammond (1959 to 1964)
Rev. Harry Nunn Sr. (1964 - 1985)
Rev. Harry Wuerch (1985 - 2005)
Rev. Paul McPhail (2005 to the present)

FROM THE EDITOR CONTINUED...



In about seven months the I.A.O.G.I (Canada) will see another chapter continue as we join together in watching the shepherd's staff of our fellowship pass from the faithful hands of Rev. Paul McPhail to another servant of the Lord. I encourage you to, even now, bathe this leg of our race in prayer. We know the Holy Spirit has more things in store for us and our nation as we move ahead by His Spirit, continuing our course until we all finish our race!

Many blessings!

Ms. Shalane Wellard and Rev. Jason MacKay celebrated their covenant of marriage on July 5, 2021. We were grateful to have some COVID-19 restrictions lift so their ceremony could be held with family and friends, outside, at Celebration Life Church in Surrey, BC with Regional Secretary, Rev. Gwen Dreger presiding over the ceremony. We thank you for your continued prayer, particularly for Rev. MacKay. ☺





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We know God is moving in our midst and throughout our great nation and the world!

Please do not hold back your testimonies, ministry updates, or words of inspiration and encouragement. Staying connected is important!

Please send your articles to us for The Canadian Mantle in a Word document. Articles should be no more than 500 words in length. Don't forget to share some photos too. Friendly reminder, all articles are subject to the discretion of the editor and will be reviewed upon submission.

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Remember! We need each other's gifts!

THINK ON THESE THINGS

From time to time the Lord speaks to His servants words from His heart to His people. IAOGI fully encourages the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These words are submitted humbly and prayerfully. Please take some time to carefully examine how they may strengthen and encourage you.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-31

LET THE PROPHETS SPEAK TWO OR THREE, AND LET THE OTHER JUDGE. IF ANY THING BE REVEALED TO ANOTHER THAT SITTETH BY, LET THE FIRST HOLD HIS PEACE. FOR YE MAY ALL PROPHECY ONE BY ONE, THAT ALL MAY LEARN, AND ALL MAY BE COMFORTED

REVIVAL IS COMING

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We all want to see revival. Not only here in Nova Scotia but across Canada. Back in 2008, I had a vision. I was over Bridgetown (like a satellite) and there was an explosion and as I pulled back, I could see all of Canada. God was telling me that He was going to start something in Bridgetown that would go right across Canada.

When the Lord gives you a vision, what are you going to do with it? It's easy to think that it's going to happen right away. But what do you do when it doesn't happen right away? You keep on doing the last thing that Lord told you to do. Well 13 years later, I still believe that revival is coming and it is closer

than ever. While some people feel that the last year and a half has been a trial for the church, I feel that it has been a test to see how committed the body of Christ is.

I believe that the Lord wants us to get back to basics. His great commission in Mark 16:15-18.

And He said to them, “**Go** into all the world and **preach** the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will **cast out demons**; they will **speak with new tongues**; they will **take up serpents**; and if they **drink anything deadly**, it will by no means hurt them; they will **lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**”

We have to step out of our churches to reach the lost. Gone are the days that the unsaved will walk into our churches. Jesus said, “Go”. What is going to bring the lost into the church? I think one of the biggest things is going to be healing. Our medical system is severely broken and people are looking for alternatives and I believe that the Lord wants us to be that alternative.

Recently, I’ve been stepping out in faith more to see the sick healed. I was visiting someone who was walking around with a cane and I asked them what the problem was. He said it was in his hip and knee. I asked if I could pray for him, and he said yes. I laid hands on him and commanded healing in the name of Jesus. I asked how he felt, he said that while I was praying it was cold where I touched him, which I thought was odd because usually people feel heat. He walked around and said the pain was gone and he put his cane away.

Not everyone I pray for is healed, but that doesn’t stop me from praying for people. Jesus told us to do it and said that they would be healed so the problem is with me, not Him.

One of the things that has really helped me is a course that I took called Divine Healing Technician Training by Curry Blake. He is the General Overseer of John G. Lake Ministries. You can watch 19 videos on YouTube for this course.

I want to encourage you to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.



THE WELLSPRING

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Every sincere minister desires to see God move in their midst. We want to see salvations, healings, miracles, the glory of God and we want to hear testimonies of answered prayer and the goodness of God towards us. Often, we look back to yesteryear with longing. We see how the Spirit moved in the past during times of revival and renewal. Indeed, some of us are students of revival and can retell many of the stories of how God has moved in the past. In our longing to see the Spirit move today, we may have taken notice of what others did in the past during times of revival and think to ourselves, “...if we do the same things as they did, maybe we will get the same results!”

How many times have we had all-night prayer meetings, special services, worship nights, times of fasting, conferences, or special guest speakers – all in an attempt to see God move as He has in the past? These efforts – with good intentions – are tantamount to “re-digging the wells”. We have read

how Isaac re-dug the wells of his father Abraham (Gen 26:18), and we have used this story as an analogy of returning to a place of revival once again. And yet, Jesus, in Whom we believe, teaches us something very different: He has put the well **in** us!

In John 4:1-26 (NKJV), we see another well, Jacob's well, and Jesus says some startling things to the woman at that well. He says "...you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water...but the water I shall give him will become **in him** a fountain of water, springing up into eternal life". As believers we should not be copying what others did in past revivals (e.g. all-night prayer meetings, special services, etc.) in an effort to get the "water to flow".

The "water" of revival is in us!

In John 7:38-39a (NKJV) Jesus says, "...he who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit...". The moving of the Spirit outwardly finds its source in the Spirit Who dwells **within** us, and is contingent on faith in Him, not contingent on our efforts. There's no need to re-dig any wells = you and I **are** the well!

There's an old expression from days when drawing water from a well was common: "priming the pump". The seal of a water pump could get dry from disuse, and if this happened, one would have to "prime the pump" to moisten the seal in order for it to draw water again. Some of us need to "prime the pump" spiritually. We may have become complacent while going about our spiritual duties and may have lost the freshness and zeal of the Spirit. Get alone with the Father again. Take time to seek His face with an open heart and sincere faith. Pray in the Spirit and "prime the pump".

As you pray in the Spirit (and for more than 15mins!) you will discover (re-discover, actually) the water of the Spirit bubbling up and flowing from within you. Your words and prayers will be full of faith and power, effective and fruitful. Your teaching and preaching will be full of insight and will impact the hearts of those who hear you. You will find answers to questions and problems. You will see more fruitfulness in your endeavors and will find strength, energy and grace in the work of the Lord. You will see lives change around you, people being blessed by your ministry, and you will see the sick healed and the lost saved. You will see that the very move of God you've been desiring to see has always been ready to flow from within you! You will say, as William Booth said, "I'm not waiting for a move of God; I am a move of God!"



IS IT JUST ANOTHER REVIVAL COMING OUR WAY?

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I have lived 5 good revivals in my 40 years of ministry. 'The last one was better than the previous one', I would say every time. We've seen many coming to the Lord, miracles, youth on fire, kids falling in the presence of the Lord, an abundance of finances, marriages being restored, people falling on the floor and groaning in the Spirit... It was all good and exciting, but in the long run, they all stopped. Why? Because their eyes were focused on what was going on instead of on God.

How disappointing it is for pastors and leaders to see such times stop because of various reasons, such as wanting to control things, accepting the glory for self, strife, disputes, to name a few. I have even said to God that I would rather not live any more revivals because it was too hard to bear.

However, I did ask God to show me how to live a revival that would last, week after week, month after month, and year after year. Is it possible? The Lord said **'YES!'** He said that we must be in the proper position to be able to live such a revival. He said, *'You must get to know the author of the Bible and you need to allow Him to filter through you all the time'*. As Paul said, it is no longer I who lives, but it is Christ who lives in me and through me by His Spirit in accordance with the Father's will and plans (Gal. 2:20). This requires a lot of work since we must learn what is involved in a revival and then we have to share it with our members which is very demanding as they are not always ready to pay the price. It is important to know how to share this with your members in a way that they would let go of the things of the world and get serious about their walk with the Lord.

One thing that I have discovered is that it is far easier to let Him speak and do through us than us trying to relate things which are from Him. When we live this experience on a constant basis with Him, constant peace sets in and life has a very important meaning. It's all about Him! It's not about us. He has guaranteed us success in all our endeavours. Keeping our eyes and mind on Him and living with Him and by Him every day brings us closer and closer to Him and this is how we get to know the author of the Bible.

He wants to seize your hearts right now. He wants every one of you to live this great revival that we are so expecting. He wants us to discover Him like never before and He wants us to enjoy our lives here on earth with all that comes from heaven.

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (which includes Canada).' (Acts 1:8). Are you ready to pay the price, to make this sacrifice that He has been waiting for, for so long? *Show Him how serious you are and He shall show you how serious He is!*

My wife and I have committed ourselves to pray without ceasing for you all, trusting Him that He will realize His plans through us all – That is His promise!

'PRAYER IS THE KEY TO REVIVAL' as David Yonggi Cho mentioned to us when he came to Rochester New York several years ago. I think that we should listen to a man of such integrity. After all, he was able to establish a church of 800,000 people in Korea. Let us agree and allow Him to build His church in our beautiful Country of Canada, the way He wants it built.

Blessings and Victory to all!

THE VOICE

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Near my home is a chain of prairie lakes, which are located on one of the central migratory routes for geese. In the spring, and particularly the autumn, we witness hundreds of thousands of geese travelling to their destinations. It is amazing and awe-inspiring to watch as they lift off from the lakes, then return



after foraging in nearby fields. Wave after wave of V-shaped flocks fill the sky like speckled clouds—and the noise of their honking is deafening. It's like living next to a sort of "goose-airport"!

There is a voice that God has put deep within these amazing creatures. They hear the call when it is time to travel on. Following this instinct placed by the Lord they find their direction, make their departure, and aim for their destination.

Within the heart of every believer there is also the Voice. Sometimes from God's Word, or by impression, or by supernatural intervention we hear the Shepherd. Deep within our soul He speaks. Jesus said in John 10:27,28, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

Sometimes we're not listening very well, and distractions usurp His Word. His whispers can be buried in the busyness of life. Very quickly people can become disoriented, then overwhelmed with confusion and discouragement.

Lay aside the distractions. Return to the simplicity of God's Word. Focus on Jesus. Listen to His voice speaking within. Keep clarity of direction and purpose. Prepare for departure. We have an eternal destination.



FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CREDENTIALS!

The time of credential renewal is upon us. This year the renewal fee is \$170.00 if sent in by:

JANUARY 31, 2022

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

After February 1, 2021, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$170.00 = Total \$200.00. 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 \$25.00. Please complete Form #3, provide your birthdate 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 and have renewed early. Please feel free to do so also.



REV. DR. MERVIN GORDON EARHART (DOB DEC 16 1936) of Valleyview, St. Thomas passed away peacefully on Friday, August 20, 2021 at the age of 84.

Beloved husband of the late Ruth (Holborn) Earhart. Loved father of J. Brian (Caroline) of London, Tim (Loni) of St. Thomas, Richard (Lydia) of London, Robert (Terry) of St. Thomas and Brenda Drost (Mark) of St. Catharines. Dear brother of Donald Earhart and Joanne Nagy (Frank). Predeceased by siblings Melvin, James, William, Albert, Dorothy, Mildred Foster, Audrey Lampman and Robbie. He will be dearly missed by 23 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren (and more on the way) and a number of nieces and nephews. Mervin was born in St. Thomas on December 16th, 1936, he was the son of the late James and Mildred (Squires) Earhart. Mervin was the Pastor at Good News Christian Community Church, St. Thomas for many years.

Rev. Dr. Mervin Earhart joined I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) August 27, 2002.

He was NOT a member of the Compassion Fund.

REV. DONALD B. FRASER (DOB JULY 11, 1946) was promoted to Glory - August 28, 2021 at 3 AM. Rev. Fraser joined I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) March 1, 1993. He is survived by his loving wife Rev. Roberta Fraser, children, step-children and grandchildren. Rev. Fraser was involved in Home Missions. If you wish to express condolences the contact information is:

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Rev. Fraser was NOT a member of the Compassion Fund.



REV. DR. GARY PENNER (DOB APRIL 7, 1939) was promoted to Glory - September 11, 2021 at 9:15 PM. Gary lead two nurses to the Lord in in his final weeks. Rev. Dr. Penner joined the I.A.O.G.I. (Canada) in August 1973. He was a Pastor and a Teacher. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 58 years Rev. Betty Penner, son Daniel, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. If you wish to express condolences the contact information is:

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Rev. Dr. Gary Penner was a member of the Ministry of Compassion.



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JUNE 10/21 - Heal Canada - Zoom meeting - 240 participants on the call

JUNE 22/21 - I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) - Zoom meeting

JULY 3/21 - Bethlehem Faith Deliverance Fellowship -Brampton ON.
- Zoom - 31st Church Anniversary - Rev. Evelyn Millwood - Pastor

AUG. 1/21 - Ann Williams' Licensed Minister - Chatham Christian Centre - Rev. Paul McPhail - Pastor (Left)

AUG. 8/21 - Farewell for Rev. Dorman Pollett - Wheatley Evangel Tabernacle - Wheatley, ON.

SEPT. 5/21 - Inducted new Pastor Leamington Christian Centre - Rev. Kate Tamburo (Right)



SEPT. 12/21 - Tent Of David Ministries - Rockland, ON. - Ordination of Rev. Cathy Lee Hall (Bottom Left) & Rev. Ina Lea Major (Bottom Right) - Rev. Dale & Rev. Daniel Rosborough - Pastors



SEPT. 12/21 - Rose Of Sharon Fellowship - Napanee, ON.- Rev. Timothy Green - Pastor

SEPT. 17/21 - Funeral for Rev. Dr. Gary Penner - Living Word Church Int. - Humboldt, SK - Rev. Araba Quaye - Pastor

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