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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

*Rev. Dave Kelsey*



### GREETINGS TO YOU IN THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

What an awesome, and at times overpowering, responsibility to serve you, lead you, and encourage you to go further in the Lord. It is only by His strength that we can minister to those He called us too.

Thank you for all you are doing. Keep up the good work. Take time to rest and strengthen yourself as well. The local shepherd, missionary, worker - we all need to as David said, "...to strengthen Himself in the Lord." so we can continue.

I would encourage you to be looking to the younger generation(s). Look to give them room to learn and train with you. Time to speak. Places to work around the altar with you and with those you trust. Train up an army so we can reap a great harvest for His Kingdom. God bless you.

Thank you to all members, individuals, and ministries, for your prayers and financial support of the IAOGI Canada.

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## HOW DESPERATE ARE YOU FOR BREAD?

*Luke 11:3, 5-13 "Give us day by day our daily bread."*

The Lord put a thought on my mind a few weeks ago. How desperate are you for bread? Jesus, in Matthew 6 and Luke 11, teaches His disciples to pray, what we call, "The Lord's Prayer". Jesus starts with, "Our Father in heaven..." then, "... give us this day our daily bread." Immediately after this teaching on what to pray and ask for, Jesus goes right into this story (Luke 11) about a man who has an unexpected visitor come to his door at night. The man is desperate to give his visitor some bread.

NOTE: this parable starts at midnight. In the scriptures, "at midnight" often refers to the coming of the Lord. It is a reminder to us that Jesus is coming back. Jesus is teaching that our action (knocking) is based on the earlier verses 1-4. One priority needs to be prayer. To be seeking God. So, Jesus goes from teaching on prayer, to immediately teaching a parable of a friend who is knocking on his neighbor's door at the midnight hour.

Jesus says to get desperate, start knocking on the door. Get ready, be prepared to help people. Have bread ready. Be filled so you can give out. Start waking people up. The church is falling asleep. Start

waking up your brothers and sisters, wake up your friends. Make them aware of the reality that Jesus is coming back. No one knows the time, and a visitor might just show up.

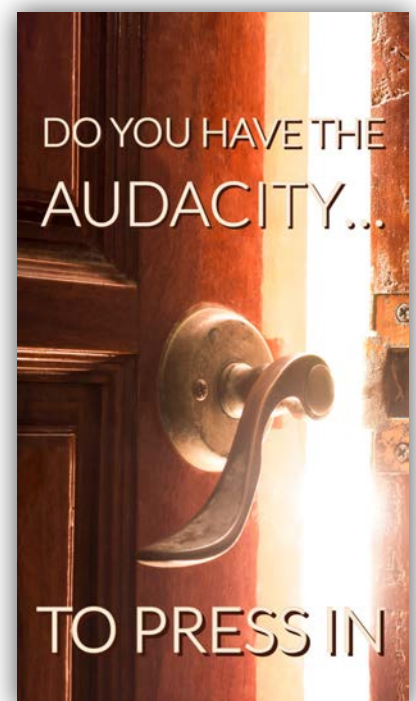
Question: Are you are running low on bread for yourself? Do you have bread for those who might be coming to your house? This man in the parable is desperate for bread. He needs something to give the people who are came to his door. How desperate are you for God? He is the Living Bread. How is your daily bread supply? Are you even aware that you have run out of bread? The man in this parable/story did not even know he had no bread until the guest showed up. I asked this question of myself but also to my church. Are you aware of what food, or bread is left in YOUR house? Are you aware that you have no bread left to give to those who are hungry for God. No food to sustain those searching for life. No life to give them because you are empty inside. What do you have for those who are hungry for answers?

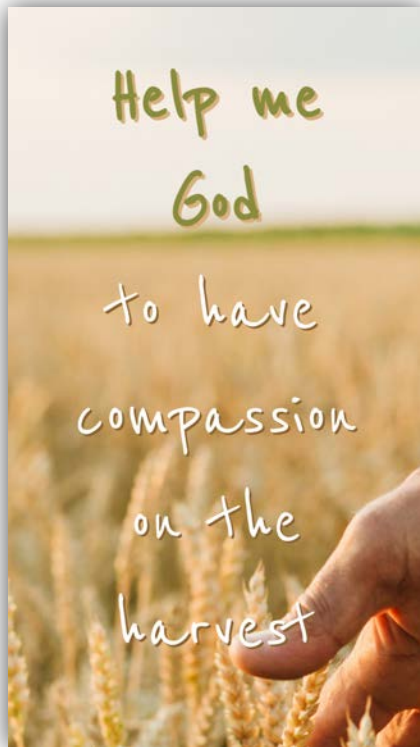
Look at what Jesus said in verse 8. The man did not give bread to the one knocking because he was his friend. Why did the man in the house give him the bread? The man gave his neighbour the bread because of HIS PERSISTENCE (NKJV). The New International Version translates it as, "because of your shameless audacity". Things will begin to change in your life when you do not care anymore about yourself or what people think. The important thing becomes when you care more about souls and care about your spirit man.

God often waits for our passionate 'persistence' in prayer. It is not that God is reluctant and needs to be persuaded. Sometimes He just wants to see your passion. See that you care about others who need help, and you are praying for them to get it. Our persistence does not change God; it changes us. Persistent and passionate prayer develops in us a heart and passion for what God wants. That is why we need to PRAY. That is why we need to KNOCK. Knock and it shall be given. Seek and you will find. The church needs to be knocking on Heaven's doors. Desperate for Jesus, desperate for His Presence. Hungry for the Word to touch you. Hungry for the Word to fill you and satisfy you again.

Are you aware your bread is gone or gotten low in your life? IF YES - are you persistent enough in your prayers? Do you care if you might disturb others who are comfortable in their life. Do you have audacity to press in? Can you declare, "I DON'T CARE - what people think."? People's lives are at stake. How desperate are you that you would say, "Get out of my way, I am hungry for God. I have nothing, but I am desperate for a fresh infilling. Get out of my way - I need bread. I need Jesus, The Living Bread."

What is your vision for the Harvest? The harvest of many souls. Right now, in Southwestern Ontario it is harvest time. Everywhere you drive





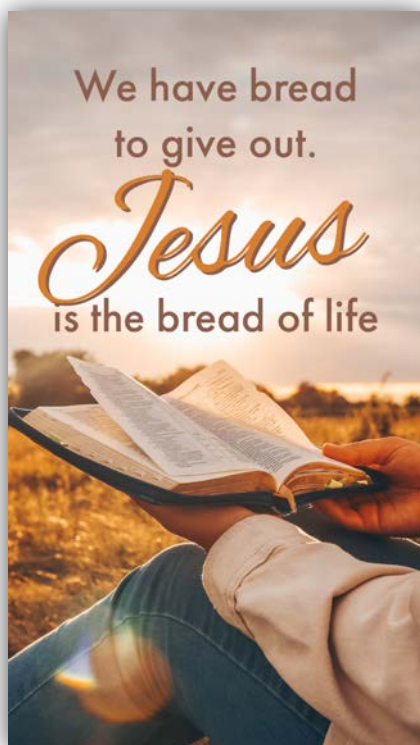
it is harvest time all around us. Wheat and barley just finished in August. Beans are being harvested as I type. The cornfields will be next. Everywhere you look, in the natural, it is Harvest Time. So, it is in the Spirit realm too.

All around us people are searching for truth. All around us people want what is real. All around us people search for a living, true, powerful, life-giving God. Bread that will feed their hungry soul. Bread that will satisfy the aching in their hearts. Bread that will satisfy the emptiness they feel inside. Think of this in verse 6, friends on a journey have come and the owner realizes he has nothing to offer them. The man was empty of life. He was empty of the Word. Empty of the Holy Spirit. He had run out and he was low on God's touch. He is desperate to have some bread in his life and for others. I have to find some bread. I am knocking on Heaven's door. I am asking for you to give me bread. Do not let my friends die. I need bread.

Let the Word come alive in me again. Let the Spirit of God come alive in me today. If you do not have God inside of you, then you cannot give it to your friends. If you have not any life, they are not going to like what is offered them.

Right now, it feels like it is time for Jesus to come back. Today I ask you - I ask myself, are you in a position of prayer? Are you taking inventory and checking to see, have I run out of bread? You all know Jesus is coming back. It has been written in His Word. No one, no one knows when. But as shown here in this story, be ready. Are you hungry? Be filled, get filled up. Get the bread of Heaven into you. We

need to become desperate again for God and start knocking - start praying again like it matters.



God, I need your bread. God, I need a fresh touch of your Holy Spirit. God, I need fresh revelation and bread today. God, I need Holy Spirit to touch me and fill me again

Help me God. Help me to give me food for the lost searching. Help me God, to have compassion for the harvest. There are people all around me that need Jesus. God give me fresh bread, a fresh touch so I can help others. God let me help those who have no life left in them.

Many are on life's journey searching for bread - for new life. Notice in the parable it says, "friends". They are people outside of God's family. Get a burden for souls and ask for extra bread so you have extra heavenly provisions to give out to those looking for life. We need to pray we have life in us. Knock in an audacity that gets Heaven's attention. Knocking and praying for life and for bread. IT IS HARVEST TIME!

There is an ongoing moan in the spirit realm right now. We need to

be knocking, being loud, and vigilant. Knocking, seeking, Praying. WAKE UP CHURCH, God is coming back and soon. Get an urgency for the for those who are worn out. Worn out in the church and worn out in society. Dying from no sustenance. We must have bread to give out to those who are coming to our doors. We have bread to give out - Jesus is the bread of life. He is the hope for the world. He is the hope for those wandering. For those who are lost. Those who have no hope, or life left in them.

Jesus loves you. Jesus saves. Jesus can break addictions and deliver you out of your pit. Be desperate for Him and for the bread of life and be ready to share that bread with others.

Your Servant in Christ.



Rev. Dave Kelsey



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.

## GREETINGS FROM OUR TREASURER

*Rev. Jack Skafte*



### GREETING TO YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

At our IAOGI National Convention in Burlington in May, I was elected as the new Secretary/Treasurer. I follow in the footsteps of David Ellyatt who held this position for 36 years and has been involved in the fellowship for over 58 years, so far. We thank David for all the hard work that he did, for many years without any pay at all.

I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. For those that don't know me, I am Jack Skafte. My first name is actually Eyvind, (which is Danish and pronounced like Ivan with a "d" on the end). I was born and raised in Cornwall, ON. At the age of 17, I was led to the Lord by my uncle, Jake Turksma (who became Regional Secretary for the East Coast and Assistant General Secretary) on the day that he was ordained by Ward Trotter in Apsley, ON, on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1976.



On Jan. 6, 1979, I married my best friend's sister, Karen Bateman. We had started going out in the spring of '78 then 3 months later we got engaged (just after she got saved) and then married 6 months after that. In May of '79, we left on a 2½ month bicycle tour of England, Netherlands, Germany, and Denmark.

After 2 years in Cornwall, we decided to move to Nova Scotia. We joined the Living Word Fellowship (the church Jake pastored) so that I could study under him because I felt called to the ministry. During the next 25 years, I learned a lot in all areas of ministry. I would preach while Jake was gone on vacation or preaching elsewhere. I also preached at another church that he pastored on occasion. At the same time, I was building my house, helping to build the church building next door to my house and working a full-time job as a printer.

Shortly after moving to Nova Scotia in '81, we started a Christian bookstore. We would set up book tables at 3 different Full Gospel Businessmen's meetings in the area every month. In 1991, I started a computer business that I ran for 10 years. Then in 2002, I started a cable contracting company (called Cable Jack Inc.) that is still running. My two oldest sons work for me in that business, installing phone, cable, and internet. Being involved in business for over 40 years has helped me in managing people and money. We had built our house and the church building mortgage free!



I was licensed by Jake in 2003. After Jake went to be with the Lord on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, Rev. Paul McPhail came down for Jake's memorial service. The next day he ordained me and inducted me as pastor of the church, which I have now attended for 41 years and pastored for 16 years.

Over the last 16 years, I have been the Regional Secretary for Atlantic Canada and hosted the National Convention in Halifax in 2012. I have traveled up North to help build churches in Iqaluit, Kangursik and Labrador and preaching in those and other churches through an interpreter.

My wife, Karen, and I have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Our desire is to help build up the body of Christ so that they can fulfil the call of God on their lives, and it is now my honour to do that within my new role as Treasurer.

Blessings,

*Rev. Jack Skafte*



### ***WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!***

*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 and include your ministry's information and website. Friendly reminder, all articles are subject to the discretion of the editor and will be reviewed upon submission.*

*Remember! We need each other's gifts!*

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***NEXT DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023***

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## CONNECTION OF LOVE

*Rev. Joyce Walker | [joycedwalker@gmail.com](mailto:joycedwalker@gmail.com)*

We were introduced to Pastor Alex in 2015 on our first mission trip to Cuba. It was at that time he told us that they would be opening a teen challenge in Holguin in 2017. In 2018 we went to see the Teen Challenge and bring supplies for the very first time. We were able to bring in a laptop as well as medications and clothing and shoes. In 2019 when we went back, Pastor Alex brought us to another place that he was hoping to open for women. They have that facility almost opened, but of course Covid-19 has slowed down the process. They do have a women's ministry going; (off-campus work) however, they need to still do some needed work at the location. They have need to still build a wall for privacy from the public.

We want to share with you about gracious, Pastor Alex. He has a beautiful wife, daughter, and a son His mother-in-law lives with them as well. Pastor Alex not only heads Teen Challenge, but he also heads the chaplain ministry in Holguin and the prison ministry in Holguin.

The last three times we visited Cuba we brought food, medical supplies, toiletries, clothing, shoes, mosquito netting solar lighting, (many blackouts), and many more things. Richard and I have been going back to Cuba two times a year, and three times this year as we know the need is great. It has only been this past year that we have been able to bring food legally into Cuba. In January, we brought 200lbs of supplies. On April 2, more people came with us, thus allowing 400 lbs of supplies. Yet the needs are barely met.

Richard and I have been very blessed to be able to minister to many families, many churches, and to Teen Challenge over the past seven years. We are humbled that God has brought this to us. These past two times we saw people come to Jesus at the resort. Praise the Lord!

We could type and talk for hours on the trips we have taken to Cuba.







These are two pictures of graduation. We actually brought these gowns to them in 2019. They were donated by someone at the United Church in Wheatley. Pastor Alex is the man with the black mask on.

When we first found out about the need for this ministry in Cuba, we wondered why the need? Considering how poor everyone is. It became apparent. Alcohol is everywhere, no food but lots of booze. Along with this challenge is the overwhelming feeling of hopelessness that overcomes many men and women. If a person is working in Cuba, they are making only \$25. A month. This is to support their entire family.

This is a picture of the staff members of Teen Challenge. All of the men are past students of Teen Challenge.

It's very easy to understand when a person has no hope, they need to do something. The gospel is met with many open arms in Cuba. When people are in such need and are presented with the Gospel of Jesus, many come to the Lord.

Richard and I have seen firsthand Jesus working through Pastor Alex and many other Pastors in Cuba. There is nothing better than to be offering hope, to the hopeless.



*Rev. Joyce Walker,*

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## PRAYER CANADA

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For those who are not familiar with Prayer Canada, we are the oldest prayer organization in Canada being birthed on November 21st, 1977 in Surrey, British Columbia. Despite Covid, we have been moving forward and just released our latest Prayer Manual across Canada to our Prayer Post Leaders.

We have Prayer Posts that have been active for over 40 years from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland. Our head Office has been located in Brockville, Ontario for the last 9 years when the founder turned the reins over to Reverend Kelvin Beckstead, President/Chairman. The Director/Secretary is Reverend Faye Beckstead.

Our goal is to establish prayer meetings in homes, churches, city halls, and legislatures across Canada and beyond. If you want to establish a Prayer Post in your area, please contact us at 613-345-2901. Our command is to "Pray first for all authorities, so we can live in peace and godliness." | Timothy 2:1-4

Our guarantee is, "If my people, who are called by my Name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin,



and will heal their land." We decree that Canada is a Godly nation and many are the redeemed of the Lord among us. The Word of God prevails here. In Jesus' Name, we proclaim that Jesus is Lord over Ottawa and over our whole nation. We speak Life to Canada in Jesus' Name. In Jesus' Name, we curse every initiative, every program, every plan to bring this country into satanic bondage. Amen!

For more information, please visit our website is [www.prayercanada.org](http://www.prayercanada.org).

*Rev. Kelvin & Faye Beckstead, Ontario*

## MARITIME REGIONAL CONVENTION 2022

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Our district conference was a one day, power-packed, Spirit-filled event. As David said in Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity." and that very Spirit of unity was definitely evident in our meeting. Pastors and leaders came together with the same heart, desiring that the Spirit of the Lord have full control over our ministries and to continue to lead us to minister effectively to the people He has placed under our care, for the glory of our King.



We had a wonderful time of worship. Rev. Tom King led us to the throne room and the Spirit moved in His sweet way. There is nothing like listening to many voices worshipping the Lord in such a loving way. Psalm 63:3-4, “Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands”. He is worthy of all our praise and all of our worship.

We were so blessed to have our newly appointed General Secretary with us as our special speaker. Rev. Dave Kelsey shared an encouraging word with us reminding us that no matter what is happening in this world, God has a plan. No matter what is happening in your life right now, God has a plan. Sometimes we need that reminder for DOES God have a plan, a good plan for our lives that doesn't depend on the circumstances we may find ourselves in. He is on the job. He is still our Healer, Deliverer and Provider. Remember, our circumstances and situations are never greater than our covenant with God. Our God has a plan.

So often, we as pastors are praying and ministering to others and often, we are not the ones who get ministered to. I believe that is one reason our conferences are so vitally important. We had an amazing time of praying for one another. As we prayed for each other, the Lord gave words of encouragement and direction. Praying for one another was like a much-needed embrace from heaven, and I know we all parted feeling encouraged and blessed. God had a plan.

I left with an excitement for where the Lord is going to take the IAOGI in this season. After meeting Rev. Dave Kelsey, I can say that I am thrilled to be under His leadership and am excited for the vision he has for IAOGI. Let us keep him and each other in prayer, for my friends, God definitely has a plan!



*Rev. Wanda Grant, Nova Scotia*

## EZRA CANADA

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Shalom brothers and sisters, and greetings in the name of Yeshuah Hamashiach, Jesus the Messiah, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and our soon coming King. (Maranatha, come Lord Jesus).

Ezra Canada continues to rescue, restore, and return God's Chosen people. We were able to assist 201 people last month, smuggling them across the borders of Moldova and Poland to reach airports to fly them back to Israel from the ravages of that brutal war zone in Ukraine.

God continues to bless my wife and I, even while we walk through many of her health issues. We are eternally grateful.

These past two and a half years have been a huge trial for many, and a total catastrophe for many more. Not being able to see loved ones as they passed away, losing jobs and losing businesses, family break-ups and friendships destroyed; things have been difficult. The devil has been hard at work as he knows that his time is just about up and he is looking at a very long prison sentence. Because he works through people, expect the times to get worse and worse until Jesus comes to 'fetch His bride' and 'sweep us up' to "meet Him in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord; wherefore, comfort one another with these words".

I take much comfort in God's promises and am looking forward to that great "Marriage Supper of the Lamb", very soon. It will be my first Jewish wedding and I just can't wait. Wow, just thinking of it gives me goosebumps.

Opportunity to witness the love, and salvation, and peace offered through our Lord's sacrifice is all around us. In my 80 years, I have never seen a better time to tell others about the great hope that I have. They need to hear the entire Gospel, not only a part. Most churches for the past 40-50 years preach how Jesus came, Jesus died, Jesus rose again BUT they do not preach JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! That is the REAL Good News. That is something to shout about!!!

Until then, we must occupy until He comes, being about our Father's business. Do you feel like you don't belong here anymore? Do you think, "I'm not like one of crazies out there." Everything is upside down today. People are frightened today. People are scared, and they are not sure of what. They know something is happening, something is coming; but what?? They have lost faith in their fellow man, they don't trust their neighbors, they do not know who to talk to about their fear.

I see a growing undercurrent of fear that is becoming irrational and soon will break out into real panic. People do crazy things when they panic. This fall, things will become absolutely insane, and unbearable, and crazy (for the unsaved). As if things are not insane enough, add gender fluidity, add children's minds being bombarded with filth, add "Green Police"; the list is very long.



Remember, God blesses those who bless His Chosen People. If you need blessings, please consider partnering with at Ezra Canada. Please check out our website and read some of the stories of the lives we have impacted. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions about Israel or these last days.

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!! <><

*Rev. Roy Trepanier, Ontario*

## MOUNT ZION HOUSE OF PRAISE

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At MZHP, our focus has been working one on one with men and women individually, and in turn, helping families be strengthened so that they can reach out to the community at large. Our Eldership is blessed to have the five-fold ministry of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher represented, which form our Leadership at MZHP. We are committed to following the precepts established by Christ Himself while on earth in a flesh body.

We were given a clear mandate for the past three years that stressed the vital importance of making “disciples of all men”. This is not by expanding a building, for we are the building, the living temple of Christ, with Him as the Head. The existing model of a church building is giving way to the reality of the hour.

We have been moving towards gatherings as necessity dictates. The Lord has been faithful to bring people seeking help, from all walks of life and denominations. These people have been suffering silently, and struggling, and have found no relief in their respective “buildings”.

Our latest “gathering” was with an Italian woman. The Lord had just spoken regarding Acts 10 only a week before. *Acts 10:1 Now at Caesarea [Maritima] there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Regiment,*

As the Lord arranged the meeting between Cornelius and Peter in Acts 10, so He arranged to bring us together through a series of divine appointments. This woman had been tormented with guilt, traditions, fears, religiosity and much, much, much more. During our visit to her home, we were able to break some things that had been holding her captive for quite some time - she was not experiencing the love-relationship with our Lord because of all these restrictions she had put on herself.

Acts 10:1-23 chronicles the journey of Cornelius and sets the pattern of the impact of “gatherings”, family groups, work colleagues, neighbours - the list goes on. Read the account and see the hand of God at work that extends beyond the borders of a “building” like in verse 33, “So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to listen to everything that you have been instructed by the Lord [to say].”

This woman we ministered to has many friends and relatives that need the Lord, and the Lord has led us to her. She is on the journey of being healed and has many questions. We look forward to the many new people that will come to Jesus because of her life.

Haggai 1:4 “Is it time for you yourselves to live in your [expensive] paneled houses while this house [of the Lord] lies in ruins?”

Be encouraged! We are the temple of the Holy Ghost - let us go out and gather the people. Freely we have received freely and freely we give!

*Rev. Franca Palmieri, Ontario*

*On behalf of Mount Zion House of Praise*



## ENDTIME HARVEST FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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It's with great pleasure that we share the following with you:

As of May 8, 2021 we opened Vision Christian Books & Boutique, two doors down from our ministry building. Within the first week of opening, the power of God came upon our Apostle Jerome while he stood in prayer at the store. In the first season of the bookstore, God has prospered us indeed, with very little advertisement.



At Vision Christian Books & Boutique, souls have been saved; a young man from Iran (a previous Muslim) also purchased his first Bible. Within its doors can be found Bibles, books, gifts, CD's, a cafe and designer clothing made by one of our youth in the church. We are located in Scarborough, ON. For more info, please visit [www.visionbooks.ca](http://www.visionbooks.ca)



We are so excited to see what the Lord will do next within His bookstore ministry. Hope to see you soon!

*Apostle Jerome Gabriel & Pastor Kimyata Neil,  
Ontario*



## MISSION THANDO CANADA UPDATE

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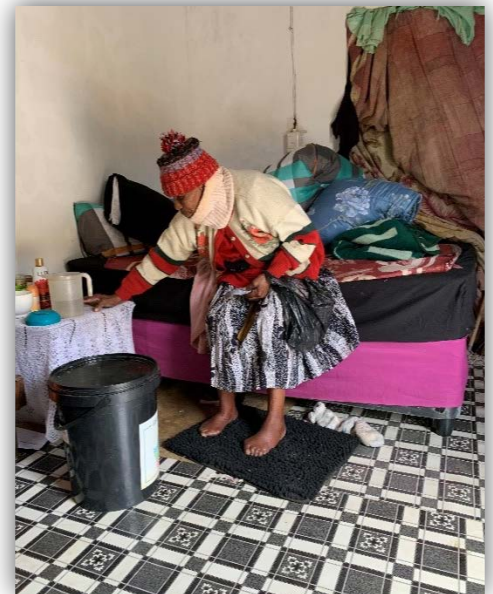
As I type this letter I, Krista, am sitting in Durban, South Africa. It feels a bit strange being back after the last few years. A lot has happened and it has been great to reconnect with so many people.

When I booked my flights to come, I felt such an urgency to go. Even though my schedule was extremely busy we knew it was important. Shortly after booking, there was a break-in at our center in Durban. Many of the more expensive items were stolen: keyboard, sound system, laptops, printer; approximately \$4000.00 worth of equipment. It was incredibly heartbreaking. Thankfully no one was hurt. A couple of weeks later the tent, our large shelter at the center, was torn and destroyed by large winds. We are grateful for God's leading; it is not too surprising that my arrival in South Africa was timely. I arrived to find a very discouraged but determined group of leaders.

Much of my time here has been spent teaching and helping with Administration. Philani was the leader we had trained to do most things and when he got sick, he lost a lot of memory and couldn't really help. Some things have not been kept up so the team is now working diligently to rebuild. Flooding this last year also destroyed some things.

Our feeding programs continue to operate along with the After School Programs. We are feeding as many as 400 a day between our two locations. I got the privilege of visiting each of the grannies that we assist as well.

The church is meeting at the school, for now, until a new tent or shelter can be purchased. A new tent will cost approximately \$900.00 in Canadian funds. Yet this is not a deterrent to them! The passion with which they pray and worship God is beautiful and it has been a blessing to share the Word of God with them while I'm here and to encourage them. Please continue to pray for them. May God assist them as they rebuild and grow in their new roles.



In Christ,

*Rev. David & Krista Meisner,  
Saskatchewan*

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### THE PLIGHT OF WIDOWS IN INDIA

The plight of an approximately 40 million widows (about the population of Canada) in India is overwhelming. Kell and Lorri witnessed firsthand the form of torture these women face as they wander in rags like feral humans. When their husbands die, the widow is considered to be the cause of his death. Because of that, she is not looked after and often faces incredible cruel exploitation of women in this very dark religion.

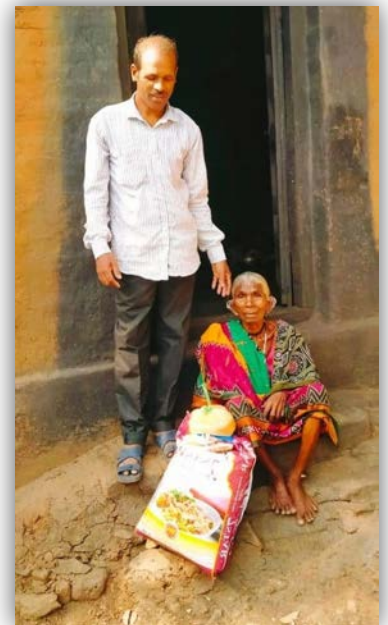
Widows are considered a financial strain on the family and become outcasts, shunned by both family and society. Their very existence, even seeing their face in the morning, can be considered a curse, a bad omen that should be removed from the family. Among the brahmins and some higher castes, the widow's heads are shaved, and they are made to wear red or white saris without ornaments; they are expected to eat only a single meal. Their presence at family public functions is totally forbidden. All of this forces them to live in decrepit ghettos, often forced to beg, plead, and sleep on pavement.

Only qualified widows receive a very small government pension. About 28% of widows could receive government support but only 11% do. Many of these widows served as caregivers for their families so they never developed marketable trades. Various social reformers and a few government facilities try to support widows by providing employment training and some medical treatment, but not nearly enough.

Those are just the physical needs of these widows. This does not even begin to address the immense emotional, social, and spiritual needs of these neglected women. "It is a 'love necessity' for the church to deal with this," says Kell. This situation presents a great open door to bring not only protection but Christ to these women. Mother Teresa was right in quoting Jesus. "If you do this to these the most vulnerable you are doing it unto me."

### GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES REACH OUT

In 2021 Grace Life Ministries (GLM) started identifying and rescuing destitute widows in Odisha specifically the Kandhamal district, noted as having been the poorest district in India. It was also the centre of the worst persecutions of Christians in the history of the church in India, as recently as in 2008. That year, 100,000 believers lost all their homes, their churches, and their ministry centres. This atrocity caused universal





intercession throughout the Christian world.

As a result, the government stepped in providing good roads and policing; rebuilding all that was destroyed. Because of this persecution, God now has a very dedicated church that is very loyal to him and is fearless despite persecution. Many churches have been started and God is moving mightily with these courageous believers. The churches are naturally very loving and kind spirited.

Throughout Odisha there are various groups of wandering, destitute widows who are homeless and without family support. They are in rags, often hungry and without shelter caused by poverty and negative family circumstances.

We believe it is our responsibility to identify true destitute widows and make sure they are loved and cared for. In three villages that GLM is involved with, we have identified 13 women who need help. We make sure they have a safe place to stay and that they have a proper dry place to live. We provide clothes, blankets, beds, food, and medical aid. We ensure they are well taken care of and loved.

James tells us in 1:27 “That pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is to look after widows and orphans in their distress.” The believers are very happy to do this very great ministry, understanding it is a very great privilege to do the Lord’s work in this way.



*Rev. Kell & Lori Frandsen, British Columbia*



Please join us at the IAOGI National Convention to be held in Quebec City from May 1 to 5, 2023.

**Location:** HOTEL UNIVERSEL, 2300 Ch Ste-Foy, Quebec, QC G1V 1S5

Reservations must be made by calling: 1-800-363-4619 folio number 600180. Any reservation will have breakfast included which will be served between 7am and 9am.

**Rate:** Starting at \$135.75 for two people per room (\$20 additional charge per person added)

**Release date:** March 30, 2023, the remaining rooms in the reservation block that have not been used will be released, after which the reservations taken for our group will be at the current rate.

**Check-in:** Arrival:4 pm; Departure: noon

*Conference registration details to follow*

# 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**

## PARENT'S UNWAVERING FAITH

Rev. Shirley Noseworthy / [shirleynoseworthy@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleynoseworthy@hotmail.com)

It was 1963. My sister, Virtue, was 3 years old. The rain was falling outside as the girls were playing inside the house. Mom had just returned from doing some grocery shopping and she was busy putting it away. Virtue was playing on the kitchen floor. Mom looked back to check on her and she found Virtue to be laying on the floor unresponsive.

Mom quickly picked Virtue up and began to yell for Dad to come into the kitchen. Within seconds Dad was inside grabbing Virtue, he shook Virtue in hopes to revive her but there was no response. He quickly ran outside with her. All the while, Dad continued to pray in the Spirit. He knew that this was where his strength came from. Trusting and believing that no matter what the circumstance, God is always in control.

At the same time, our neighbour from across the street was coming up the lane. He quickly came over and said, "Jump into my truck and we will take her to the town nurse." Without hesitation, Dad jumped into the truck.

When they arrived at Nurse Hannon's, Dad ran to the door with Virtue. At this time, she was still unresponsive. Nurse Hannon told Dad to come in and she began to exam Virtue. She looked at Dad and told him that sadly Virtue was gone. There were no visible signs of life. He would need to bring her to Grand Falls so that the doctors could pronounce her deceased. Nurse Hannon would not be able to pronounce her deceased, but a doctor would need to complete the proper paperwork.

Nurse Hannon took Virtue's little lifeless body and placed her carefully in a purple comforter that she had in her house. She gently handed Virtue back to Dad. Dad carried his precious little girl to the neighbours waiting truck. But even in this moment when his world was crashing down around him, he still put his faith in God. The neighbour wanted Dad to immediately go to Grand Falls.

However, Dad refused and said, "Please bring us back home." Once Dad arrived back home, he brought Virtue in the house. He had Mom put two chairs together. They gently unwrapped Virtue's lifeless body. Together they sat down and then called all the children over to pray. Both Mom and Dad began to pray in the Spirit because they realized that this was the only way the battle would be won. Mom, Dad and the girls gathered around and their prayers stormed heaven that day, just as the heavens opened up with the rain that was falling earlier. The heavens were now opening up with the prayers that Mom and Dad were offering up for their precious little girl.

As they began to pray, the healing power of God entered that kitchen. Virtue's eyes opened and she smiled. Needless to say, there was a great deal of praise and thanksgiving offered. For where there was once death, there was now life.

Be encouraged! Even in dire circumstance, we have this confidence that the Lord not only hears us, but answers!



*Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, Newfoundland*

## IT'S HARVEST TIME!

*Rev. Karl Kienle | [kienle@sasktel.net](mailto:kienle@sasktel.net)*

Greetings from the Prairies! We are gearing up for our regional convention in Calgary, which will be history by the time this mantle comes out.

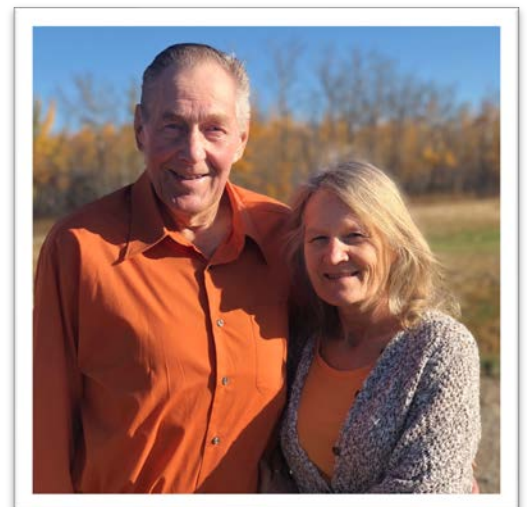
It is harvest time here in the prairies. In some areas, there will be a tremendously good harvest while not so in other places. There is a parallel in the harvest for lost souls. Some regions are experiencing a large spiritual harvest while it seems very little is happening in other localities. The latter seems to be the case in our area of Saskatchewan, but we have learned to carry on sowing and watering, knowing it is God who gives the increase!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Pray for one another!

*Pastor Karl Kienle, Saskatchewan*

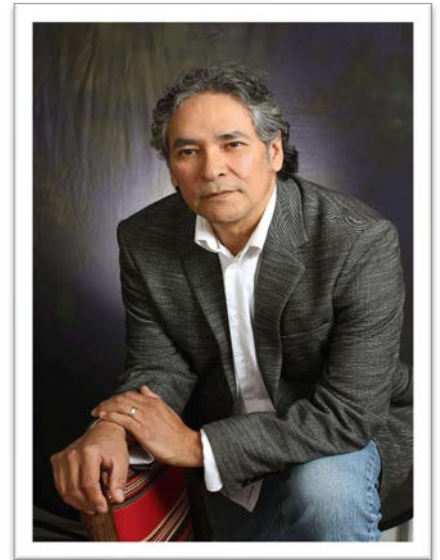


## RECLAIMED!

*Rev. Chief Kenny Blacksmith | [kblacksmith1@gmail.com](mailto:kblacksmith1@gmail.com)*

Our Cree people have always known Creator God existed. We had our Cree way of life on land, but we knew we could never claim to own this land, and that we were only stewards of his sacred gifts. We knew who we were, our role and place in all of creation. At the height of colonization, our people witnessed a people who didn't see us as a people, nor understood our relationship with Creator God.

As the pages of time unraveled hidden mysteries of God's plan and purpose, we understood our destiny. We knew of God's love for us and He had a plan to redeem us. We knew a Savior was born, died for our sin, and was raised from death for our salvation. We knew whoever believed its message will experience forgiveness of sins, peace of mind, love for all men, power over sin, and a living hope of eternal life.



“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by hands. Nor is He served by human hands, as if He needed anything, since He Himself gives to everyone life and breath and all things. From one He made every nation of men to live on the face of the earth, having set appointed times and the boundaries of their territory. They were to search for Him, and perhaps grope around for Him and find Him. Yet He is not far from each one of us, for ‘In Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His offspring.’ Acts 17:24-28 TLV

“So we have come to know and trust in the love that God has for us. God is love. Now whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.” 1 John 4:16 TLV

When I was young, the Indian Affairs Agent would come to our community to take a census of our people, and to begin to enforce Canada's policy of Indian Residential Schools.

Our people would go to great lengths to honour him. I couldn't understand why. I complained to my mom, and she said, “It doesn't matter what they are doing to us, we must always respect all people because God made them also. We must always trust God in everything.”

While making my rounds on the trap line, one early winter morning, the sun's rays were cast on fresh fallen snow resting on the trees glistened like sparkling diamonds. Sitting on fresh picked black spruce boughs, I sat in quiet, mesmerized by this timely wonder of God's stroke of creative beauty. In the stillness of my spirit, I was carried away by a flood of memories in which I heard His gentle voice pierce through my innermost being, and I felt His presence. It was enough to shatter my cold hardened heart and I succumbed to the power of his love, his grace and his mercy. That fateful day, I was more than a Cree.

In time, in His strength, I was determined not to let a negative past hold me prisoner forever.

Ultimate freedom is possible if we allow ourselves to be completely delivered from every, and any hindrance to achieving unconditional mutual respect, honour, and acceptance of one another.

*I am more than a Cree.*

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And if children, also heirs—heirs of God and joint-heirs with Messiah.”

I am no longer just a survivor. “But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37 TLV

*I am more than a conqueror.*

We must always stay close to our first love and reclaim the basics of our high calling and reclaim our birthright as a people of God.

*Chief Kenny Blacksmith, Quebec*



## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE COMPASSION FUND?

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A contribution of \$15.00 will be paid to the Ministry of Compassion Fund when you are notified of the death of a fellow participating member. Notification will be sent when a fellow subscribing member dies so that you may contribute as an expression of compassion and love.

One-time registration fee of \$15.00 is required. Applications can be found on our website, or you can write to request registration.

Ministry of Compassion Fund  
1920 Huron Street | London, ON | N5V 3A7



### **REV. JOHN MATTIES (DOB APRIL 12, 1934)**

Rev. John Matties passed away Thursday night Oct. 6th, 2022, in Abbotsford, British Columbia. He was 88 years old.

He was born on April 12, 1934. He is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Dolores, and a large family. Rev. Matties joined the IAOG in 1992. John was a loving, faithful, and loyal servant of God. John ministered with Prayer Canada for many years as well as pastoring in Abbotsford, BC. He was a tremendous blessing to many ministries often working in the background ensuring things got done. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and those he served with. Thank you for remembering those who remain in your prayers.

John was a member of the compassion fund.



### **FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY, REV. HARRY WUERCH (DOB DECEMBER 25, 1926)**

*A special note of remembrance by General Secretary, David Kelsey*

Rev. Harry Wuerch graduated to his eternal home in heaven on July 8th, 2022. Pastor Wuerch was a husband, father, pastor, and leader to many. In 1964 Rev. Harry Wuerch left a small town in Western Ontario to become the pastor at Faith Tabernacle in London, Ontario. He was pastor there for over 27 years. Brother Wuerch joined the IAOGI in 1973.

In 1985 as the IAOG Canada was going through some difficult times, and accusations. A new executive was elected and begin to clear our name and set things in place. Pastor Wuerch was elected to office as the new General Secretary and over the next 5-6 years brought in

changes that were needed. More Regional Secretaries were added on, as there was not enough to represent the IAOG across this VAST country called Canada. Rev. David Ellyatt the next year was elected to help in keeping a better record of the finances for the fellowship.

Rev. David Ellyatt had a dream about “wildfire in the camp.” He and Brother Wuerch agreed it was time to set higher Biblical standards. They brought in our Statement of Faith. This “radical” step caused over 1/3 of the members in the late 80’s to leave our fellowship and move on. However, it quickly brought about a higher degree of Integrity, and brought a better alignment to the Word of the Lord.



Brother Wuerch bought an RV and he and Sister Joan travelled across Canada. Other times they travelled into areas to bring support, and to build ties. They were diligent to meet with members; working to restore faith in the leadership, and to build unity across our nation. These times of fellowship also offered personal accountability. They frequently did services at the churches where they visited, blessing the local bodies as well.

Brother Wuerch had a HUGE HEART. He truly loved people. He worked to see that all could move forward in their faith. Poppa bear would awaken with is heart to protect what he felt God was doing against those who tried to steal, hurt, or cause division.

Brother Wuerch loved the Word. He was a man of the prophetic flow. He loved when members of the fellowship came together, whether in our Regional Meetings or at the National Conferences. I am sure we could write pages of all Pastor Wuerch did for the fellowship. The hours he spent in communication and prayer. The burden of having to deal with pastors gone astray, or churches dividing, would burden his spirit man. His heart would ache for those suffering with family issues, or serious health issues.

He served our fellowship with integrity as General Secretary for 20 years:1985-2005.

I call him our Moses. He led us out of a bad place and moved us towards the better place in God’s Promises. He heard from God. He followed God. He loved God. Pastor Wuerch faithfully as our leader, and for me as my pastor here at Faith Tabernacle. He served us with all his heart.


To Pastor Harry Wuerch we say WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. We bid a fond farewell to a general in the Faith. Our condolences to the Wuerch family.








## TREASURER'S NOTES

It has been quite a learning curve the last few months since I've been elected as treasurer. I am hoping to update different things such as sending out donation receipts via email as much as possible. This will save a lot of money on stamps.

 Please note that starting next year, we will be sending out donation receipts only at the end of the year. I will send out monthly receipts till the end of this year. We are in the process of setting up an electronic database so that the board can access it to check and update contact information on all our members.

 It is important that you keep your mailing address, email address and phone number up to date. With the last mailing of The Mantle, we had more than 6 returned because of wrong mailing addresses. So anytime one of these things change, send an email to [gensec@iaogcan.com](mailto:gensec@iaogcan.com) and your local regional secretary right away. We want to keep our database up to date.

 Many of you have started sending your tithes, offerings, and compassion donations via e-transfer. Thank you. This approach saves money and time. Please make sure when you do this, you put in the notes what it is for. Sometimes the church is giving a donation or paying for credential renewal, but they don't say for which minister. Our fellowship has over 700+ ministers and is growing! We are looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you. However, we still need exact details in the memo regarding what the e-transfer is for.

 For those that want to send an e-transfer, please use the [treasurer@iaogcan.com](mailto:treasurer@iaogcan.com) email address. It is setup to auto-deposit.

 If you would like to pay by cheque, the following instructions are very important.

**Please make the cheque payable to: IAOGI.**

Please mail your cheques to the following address:  
IAOGI Treasurer, 843 Clarence Rd, Bridgetown, NS B0S 1C0

Both Dave and I have had cheques made out to us personally. but they do need to be made out to the fellowship.

Thank you for your patience with Dave and I as we learn and for all your support in keeping things up to date and processed correctly. Remember that we are here to serve you. If you have any questions, please call or email.

**Rev. Jack Skafte, Treasurer**



# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CREDENTIALS

## JANUARY 31, 2023

The time of credential renewal is upon us. This year the renewal fee is \$170.00 if sent in by JANUARY 31, 2023

**Please make all cheques/money orders payable to: IAOGI**

After February 1, 2023, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$170.00 = Total \$200.00.

Form 3 must be completed for all credential renewals and can be completed via hard copy and mail or online.

**Hard copy** forms must be sent your licensing or ordaining pastor/church with your cheque/money order. Your licensing or ordaining pastor/church must sign off on your documents. Your licensing or ordaining pastor/church will then forward your documents for processing.

**Online renewal** is available through [www.iaogcan.com](http://www.iaogcan.com) however, please consult with your licensing or ordaining pastor/church **FIRST**. The process must be completed **WITH** them.

If you complete Form 3 through our online renewal, please ensure you complete Step #2 for the online payment of your renewal fees.

For a minister 75 years of age and older your renewal fee is \$25.00. Please follow one of the options listed above.

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. Please feel free to do so also.

## THE ITINERARY OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

I just want to give you a report on the last few months. It has been a bit hectic since the election, but it is smoothing out much better now. We enter our busy season for going and visiting pastors. I am also going to the different areas of our great country.

The Lord had put it on my heart to visit our members in Newfoundland, and in northern B.C. In late August, I was able to go to Newfoundland. The last week of August I was in the Maritimes with Pastor Jack Skafte, and his wife Karen. It was hours of driving across a vast province, but it was worth it. We had a great time meeting with the members of the IAOG while on the island. We were blessed and they were encouraged by our visit.



We took the ferry over to Nova Scotia, and attended the Maritimes regional ministers meeting in Truro, Nova Scotia (Aug. 27), and I then spoke in Bridgetown Word of Life church on the Sunday. For the

regional meeting, the room was full, and the ministers were excited to be together again. The worship was uplifting, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit began to flow. The people were blessed and really encouraged. It was a very successful day. Praise the Lord!

**SEPT 10** - Leamington, Ontario - Southwestern Ontario, Regional Meeting (Picture 1)



**SEPT 11** - Blenheim, ON - Word of Life Church, celebrating 25 years with Pastor Tim & Ruth Joyce, who originally planted and built the church.

**SEPT 15-17** - Montreal, QC - Regional Meeting (Picture 2)



**SEPT 18** - Smith Falls, ON - Smith Falls Independent Assembly of God with Rev. Bob MacFarlane (Picture 3)

**SEPT 29-30** - Calgary, AB - Regional Meeting (Picture 4)

**OCT 2** - Cottam, ON - Cottam Bethel Christian Church - Celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary service with Pastor Jason & Lisa Harris

**OCT 15** - Toronto, ON - Regional Meeting

**NOV 26** - Chatham, ON - Southwestern, Ontario, Regional Meeting

**DEC 3** - Toronto, ON - Regional Meeting

**DEC 10** - Manitoulin Island, ON - Central Ontario Regional Meeting

**DEC 11** - TBD

Keep us in prayer as we go and encourage pastors and their churches. May the Holy Spirit be released.

**Pastor Dave, General Secretary**



*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. \*\*\**



## FROM THE EDITOR - I KNOW SOMEONE

*Mrs. Shalane MacKay* / [mantlearticles@outlook.com](mailto:mantlearticles@outlook.com)

Just another convention. Just another meeting.

Just another service. ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Our denomination is unique in that its local churches and ministries are independently governed. However, our heart, and goal, is fellowship. After reaching out to others, week after week, in our various ministries, it can be tempting to sit back and keep to ourselves and “catch the next one”. But what joy and what strength it is to come to these conventions and find the treasures of Christ in one another. To be strengthened by the testimonies of the pioneers and the steadfast, to be refreshed by the fellowship of those with like precious faith, and to be stirred by the Words of heaven to run our race and fulfill our call.



Sure, attending a National Convention may be required within our credential process, but there’s just so much more to it. Not one minister would say watching Sunday church online is the same as gathering with the saints at the House.

Make plans now to be at the national convention, May 1-5, 2023. We are intentional about keeping doctor’s appointments and other ministerial commitments. But I charge you to set your heart and calendar to be **in person** at our next National Convention in Quebec.

Whatever initial roadblocks may come to your mind first, or reasons to object - whatever it is - approach them first with FAITH!

If you are concerned about cost, I know Someone who provides.

If you are concerned about your health, I know Someone who brings strength and healing.

If you are concerned about relationships, I know Someone who heals the heart and causes us to overflow with HIS love.

If you are uncertain, I know Someone who leads and gives wisdom.

Start asking and believing Him about these things... TODAY!

We were not meant to be ministers and His ambassadors by ourselves, nor to be passive in our connection with body; just waiting for someone else to reach out the hand of fellowship. There are divine connections amongst us and treasures of God within us.

Won’t you come join me at our National Convention? I know Someone who will be there.

**Shalane MacKay, Editor**

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