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WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN!

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. David Kelsey

GREETINGS SERVANTS OF THE LORD,

It is my honour to be serving you for another year as your General Secretary. It was such a powerful and refreshing time to be together in London, ON for our 2024 National Convention. When we gather in the presence of our Lord, it is like nothing else. If you were unable to attend or would like to rewatch the evening services in French and English, please visit the live streamed videos of Faith Tabernacle on YouTube here: www.youtube.com/@FaithTabernacleLondon/streams.

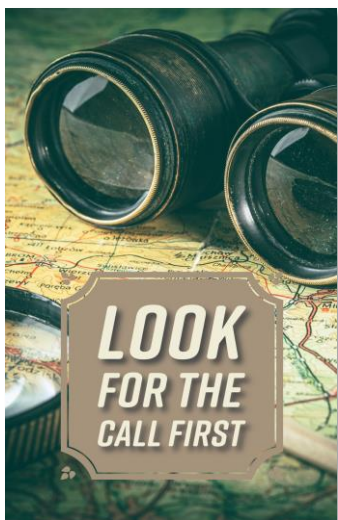
FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...”

Ephesians 4:12

On Tuesday, April 30th I was awakened early, and I felt a prophetic stirring coming to me. Prophetic words about Canada. Words about pastors and our roles.

Our executive team has had concern over how we have ordained people who should not have been ordained. Some do not have a calling on their lives. We see ordination papers come in and we ask, “Where is the call of God?” on these applicants. Some have been ordained as a reward, or a “thank you” for helping us out. This should not be so. Perhaps they were a head deacon, worship leader, or a Bible teacher. They were servants, but not part of the five-fold ministry.



Please, LOOK FOR THE CALL FIRST! We do not promote talent, or charisma. We promote faithfulness, and the CALLING OF GOD in their life.

Fellow leaders, we are headed to war. Yes, we are in a war, but more is coming. What is needed more than ever is qualified, called, Holy Spirit speaking, anointed ministers who will go to war and can make a difference. Our work of the ministry is to build the Kingdom. Our work of the ministry is to allow Christ to be seen in us and coming out of us. We walk in His authority, He sent us, and we are called by God.

We must stop licensing people with no anointing and no call on their life. For a few it has been the religious thing to do, but it is not God thing to do. When licensing someone, they need to be God called, God sent, and have God's Spirit in them.

The world is in trouble, and we need anointed men and women with God's love, and power, facing the giants. We need anointed people with HIS mercy, and grace, mixed with HOLY SPIRIT power to save lives.

Our National Convention theme was Ephesians 4:12, "...for the work of the Ministry." There is a LOT of work to do. God needs qualified men AND women full of the Holy Spirit. We already have enough leaders in churches that are like the Israelites in 1 Samuel 17:11 '...when they heard the words of the giant, they were dismayed and greatly afraid'. Church, do not license unqualified people who run to their tents. David had a relationship with God. David knew His God, walked with His God, trusted His God. We need to look for David's, Timothy's, Deborah's, and transformed Gideon's and Peter's. People who know their God, and God knows them!

In 2 Samuel 10 we read, 'Israel was surrounded, and Joab turned to a brother, and said we are surrounded. If they overwhelm you, then cry out and we will come to you and help you. If I am overwhelmed, then you will come and help me'. We must TRUST and KNOW the ones whom we fight alongside. The enemy is stirring up a hornet's nest against Israel, and His church. We must be standing together in these last days. Encouraging one another, praying for one another. We stand together for the work of the ministry. The harvest will require all of us to help each other out!

The purpose of the church, and the purpose of the offices of pastor, teacher, prophet, etc. is for the perfecting and building up of the saints for the work of the ministry. Everything we do, should build up one another and build up the church (His body, not our ministry), equipping the saints. We as leaders are to equip the members of each church, so each member in a church can do the service of Christ.



Let us do the work of God's ministry to all. Let us build His army, with strong qualified soldiers fit for HIS KINGDOM.

Amen!

Below is the word received by Rev. Kelsey on April 30th as mentioned above. 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 it may strengthen and encourage you.

(1 Cor 14:29-31)

For the day of war and the day of harvest is here. For God is calling forth a people who know their God. God is calling forth a people who will not turn back. God is calling forth a people, who like Moses when he came to the Red Sea and God said, 'go ahead', they go over. Yes, Lord, we hear you and we trust you, we will go.



For the days of Jericho in the spirit realm are here. You will march around the walls and see no affect. You will march around the walls and hear the taunts of the people. You will march around the walls and wonder why are we doing this thing? Was it really God we heard? And I say to you - YES IT WAS ME! And I say, keep on going! I say to my people, do not quit!

For it is the season of harvest. But in the summer harvest time there is the wheat harvest, the barley harvest, the bean harvest; there are different beans that harvest at different times, and then the corn harvest. It is a long and hard season, but in the end when your barns are full, it is worth it. In the end when your silos are full, it is worth it.

For now, is the season of bringing in the lost, says the Lord. Now is the season of bring in the hurting. Now is the season to bring in those down, in despair and dying. For the Lord would say rise up. It is a rise up day says the Lord. It is a time to reap and to gather. It is a time to go and do warfare. It is a time to be discreet, and a time to be bold. For as I was with Moses, I will be with you. As I was with Daniel, I will be with you. As I was with David, I will be with you. In fact, I will put that Spirit of God in you that rises up when the uncircumcised begin to declare things. There will rise up in you a shout, rise up in you a roar of the Spirit, that is from the lion of Judah who says to you today; As I showed revelation and insight to Ezekiel, I will show you things in the Spirit as well. I will take you to see the wheel within the wheel. Things that will delight you, to encourage you. For the dark clouds will continue and grow.



BUT MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY NAME WILL BE A HUMBLE PEOPLE, BUT A MIGHTY ARMY!

My people will walk humbly and in and THROUGH hard times. And My Son Jesus will be lifted up by the life you live and by the words of your testimony. Go in power as I have said. Go in My anointing as I have said. But go! For it is harvest time.

RISE UP AND GO take the land. RISE UP AND SPEAK to the giants in the land. RISE UP AND GO the to lambs dying in the fields from being attacked by the wolves of society. RISE UP AND HEAL the sick. RISE UP AND SAVE the lost. RISE UP AND BE the light to those caught in the darkness of today.

RISE UP AND LET God be seen, let God be heard.



For you are in the last days. This is a time of nearing to the end, BUT NOT YET says the Lord. There is still work to do. There is still harvest to gather. There are still giants to defeat. And I say be filled and go forth. Be filled with might and power and go out. Go out with a song. Go out with MY authority. Go out with MY blessing and go in MY favour. For the Lord, YOUR GOD, For the Lord your God is with you.

RISE UP church and be filled to overflowing for my church will be an overflowing church, a life-giving church. Showing my grace, and showing my blessing, and showing my love to a dying hurting desperate world. Says the Lord.

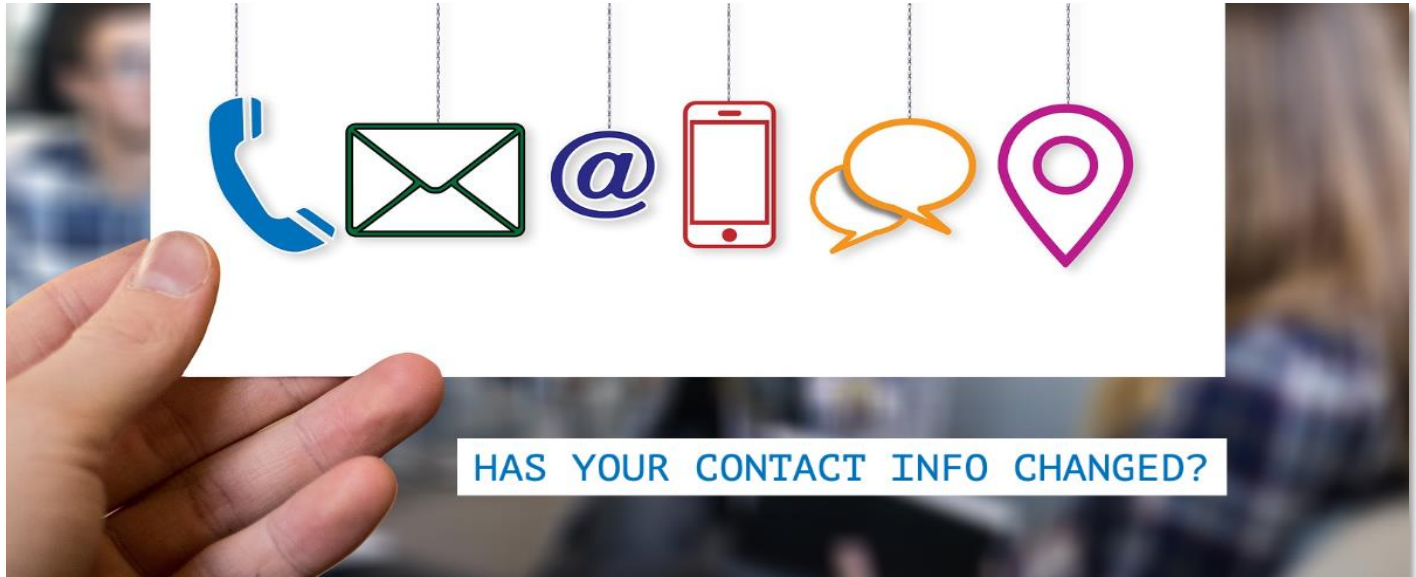
Do not quit, do not lose heart.

2 Cor. 4: 8-17 (NLT) We are pressed on every side by troubles, BUT we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but not abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of JESUS MAY ALSO BE SEEN in our bodies. Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. So, we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you. But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said. "I believed in God, so I spoke." We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and present us to Himself together with you. ALL OF THIS is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. THAT IS WHY WE NEVER GIVE UP, (NKJV v16 Therefore we do not lose heart) though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! Amen

Giants come we don't lose heart. The armies may grow big against us but we do not quit.

Be a David. know your God and speak against the lies of the giants. Stand and declare the goodness of God in the land of Canada - in the land of the living - God Wins!

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.**

MINISTRY UPDATES

GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES UPDATE

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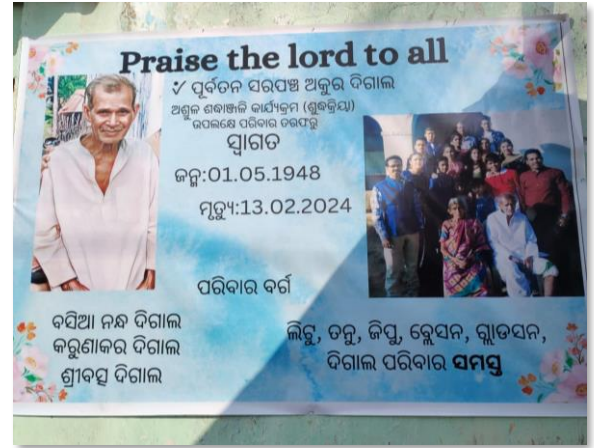
There are forty million destitute widows in India. In the Hindu belief system, if a husband dies, the wife is viewed as a curse for not properly taking care of him. Consequently, many widows are rejected by their families and forced to wander the streets and countryside, begging, often dressed in rags, and living like the pariah dogs. This is seen as karmic retribution. We know it is God's heart to rescue and physically look after these women (and some widowers too), bringing the love of Christ to them and seeing that they are being loved by the church. Also in India, some ten million underage children wander without any adult protection, vulnerable to all kinds of evil exploitation. Our Father sees this and we, His church, are called to rescue these.

In the week of October 2023 pastor Kell and our main leaders trained 15 new young married men to be part of the ministry. Since then, under our field leaders, they have opened 35 new churches, and this is only the beginning! We continue to

expand our children's ministry and now have 5 daycares - two in Visakhapatnam slums and three in remote villages in Odisha. We praise the Lord also for seeing demoniacs set free, resulting in whole families and villages coming to Christ! He is the Almighty! In the early part of this year, our main leaders, who are brothers, had their father pass away. He had been leader over 12 villages, and, like his sons, he was a friendly, strong, honest man, trusted by all. Grace Life hosted a very large gathering of political and business leaders, high and low caste Hindus, and a great number of relatives from many villages; with over 900 people attending the funeral they all heard the gospel message. God gave incredible favour and now over 150 villages are fully open to the ministry!

We had a very great miracle happen on the home front. After three years of perfect accounting, our leaders were able to get FCRA (Foreign Contribution Registered Accreditation) which opens doors for them to receive funds from registered charities anywhere in the world. This is a great step to expanding the ministry and we are very grateful to the Lord for providing it.





For 30 years Lorri and I have headed Grace Life Ministries. I am 75 and Lorri is 73. We absolutely love what we are doing! However, we believe some changes are warranted. Our board is older and not able to handle the new growth. Lorri can no longer travel. Consequently, God is leading us to transition to a new board that is strong spiritually, has wide connections, and has the ability to handle this new growth. I have met with Pastor Gwen Dreger and Pastor Jason Mackay, and they have agreed to form a new board. I have known Pastor Gwen for many years. She is a great woman of God. Jason loves Jesus and is a man of integrity and has a heart for God.

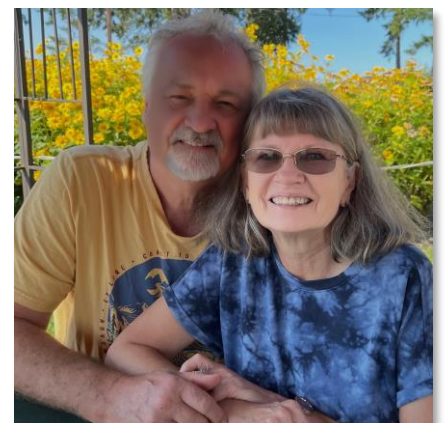
They will need Lorri and I during the transition as we have gleaned much experience in India over the years. Our ministry team is like our own family and the ministry is very healthy. We will help the new board with our input wherever needed. Taking on GLM will open South Asia for the IAOG ministry team and that will be a real benefit as well.

The apostle Paul had an extremely active ministry all his life, but when he grew older, he was in the Roman prison where he was free to pray and write 2/3 of the New Testament. We feel it is time for me to write my story. It will be called 'Grace Warrior', covering my 50 years of frontline ministry. It will be the story of God's grace given to Lorri and I to stand in the most dangerous, darkest, and poorest part of India. I will continue teaching, and training, and being in contact with India. After all, they are my family! Please pray over the next month as we meet to transition Grace Life Ministries into the new board.

Blessings to all,

Kell and Lorri Frandsen

Rev. Kell and Lorri live in the Courtney area of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Having seen first-hand the suffering in Odisha, India back in 1994, Kell and Lorri have faithfully continued to passionately, and practically, meet the needs of orphans and widows in villages and communities - all while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and raising up more leaders to do the same. Odisha is forever marked by the work of GLM.



ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL

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*"All my life you have been faithful; all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God."
Lyrics by Jenn Johson, "Goodness of God"*

"Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds." Psalm 36:5

Amen! That song is a testimony of each one of our lives; I know it is of mine! Praise Jesus! I was born in 1945 and raised on a farm north of Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. It was a mixed farming operation with cattle, pigs, chickens, horses, and grain. In 1959, in an evangelistic service, I went forward and received Christ as my Saviour and Lord.



I attended a one-room country school. In my Grade 7 or 8 year, the teacher asked a scary question, "What do you want to be when you graduate?" Pondering that, I saw in my mind a picture I had seen in an Oral Roberts magazine where he was praying for the sick. My heart-felt impression was that one day I'd like to help people in that way! In time I received other confirmations of the Lord's call and the rest is history.

In the mid '60s, I learned to preach in our home church and was soon traveling as an evangelist and also began ministering in a nearby Saulteaux First Nations Reservation where I've continued for 50 years. I was ordained with IAOG in 1976. Darlene and I were married May 5, 1979. On our honeymoon, we stopped in for a couple of days of IAOG convention at Faith Tabernacle in London, ON. Rev. Harry Nunn was the General Secretary, Harry Wuerch was the host pastor and Norman Holmes from Calgary was the main speaker. It was a great convention. The following year we started New Life Church in Margo, SK which we continue to pastor, although the church location has moved a few miles west to Kuroki and then Wadena. God has been so faithful, and we give Him all the glory.



Around 1990, I became the first Regional Secretary for the Prairies. My wife has helped me in many ways, too numerous to mention. This year, 45 years later, we were again in London at Faith Tabernacle for another great convention, and this is the year that I have resigned as Regional Secretary. The local ministers surprised me with an appreciation banquet at our last fellowship meeting in Regina which I appreciate so much. Thank you, Prairie members, for your financial gifts! At the national convention I was presented with a plaque and encouraging words of thanks. It was very touching. Thank you to the leadership and members of IAOG!!

Pastor David Meisner is the new Regional Secretary for the Prairies. He, with his wife Krista, will do a great job. They have come “for such a time a this!” I bless them with God’s richest blessing. We will support them and continue to serve Jesus Christ as members of IAOG Fellowship.

“By the grace of God, I am what I am.” I Corinthians 15:10

In Christ,
Karl Kienle



PRAIRIES UPDATE

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I want to give thanks to God for all He’s doing!

It’s a great opportunity to be a part of God building His kingdom as a Regional Secretary. My prayer for us is to walk in life-giving fellowship and love.

Jesus Himself prayed in John 17:20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.”

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are in perfect unity, a relationship of love. Unity of believers isn’t uniformity, thinking the same. God gave His glory to all of us: to be one. We have different views, but God’s glory will transform us to be like Christ, seeking Father’s desire rather than our own.

I’m so glad Krista and I attended the National Convention, being refreshed together worshipping and encountering Holy Spirit. Inspired to do the work of the ministry in innovative ways and encouraged by fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ; our hearts were renewed.

It’s an honor to walk with Pastor Karl and Darlene into our new role. They gave us an amazing example to follow! We are thankful for their heart for people. Raising people up is vital in His kingdom, but not as a business or royal line. The calling and impact go beyond human capability. WE NEED HOLY SPIRIT! God called Joshua to lead after Moses. To prepare, he stayed behind: Not in a Tent of Human Meeting, but Tent of Meeting WITH GOD. (Exodus 33:11)

2 Cor.3:18 “So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his



glorious image.” Spend time in His presence, reflecting His glory which transforms us to be more like Him and walk in love and unity!

As missionaries in South Africa moving back to Canada, we had a missionary heart for Canada: Fires starting on the prairies; wind blowing a Prairie Fire that spread across Canada and throughout the world! In the May convention we heard these themes: Holy Ghost, Fire and Wind!

1. People have been praying for End Times Harvest for and through Canada.
2. God brought my wife Krista and Tyrelle Smith (and so many others) together for Gospel Fire For All Nations' Great Canadian Harvest, including Come Together stadium events, starting in Saskatchewan.
3. IAOGI National Convention May 5-8, 2025 in Regina, SK! Please come in love and unity by the glory of God, expecting Holy Ghost fire in unprecedented ways! PIONEERING A GLOBAL HARVEST, starting in Canada!

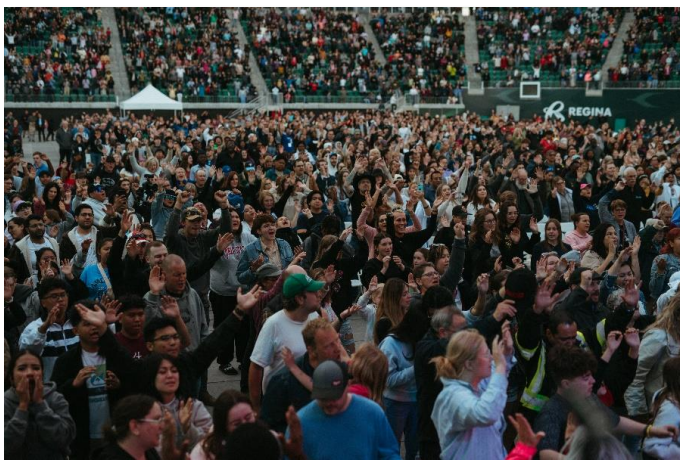
Yours in Christ,
Dave Meisner



COME TOGETHER

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Come Together—an exciting evangelistic crusade event—was held at Mosaic Stadium in Regina, Saskatchewan on June 7 and 8th. The event was organized and run by Gospel Fire for All Nations with the help of many churches and volunteers from across Canada. The event this summer was the second Come Together stadium event so far. The first was held in Saskatoon in June last year at the Sasktel Centre. However, this year’s event had even more success with approximately 18,000 people gathered to hear great music and the Gospel.



Come Together began with a goal to see one million souls saved across Canada through life-changing, catalytic stadium events where people could encounter the presence of Jesus in powerful worship and receive His soul-saving message. Evangelist Tyrelle Smith was inspired by the Holy Spirit with a desire to see a harvest of souls within Canada. She “heard God speak words that would change the nation: ‘THE GREAT CANADIAN HARVEST’ and God’s mission was revealed.” It has been my pleasure to work alongside Tyrelle in coordinating these events and working with

churches and ministries from around our nation. The events so far are only the beginning of a greater mission to have stadium events all across Canada and share the Gospel with many more souls.

The Come Together event in Regina was attended by people from all across Canada and even from around the world. There were also well-known musical artists like High Valley, George Canyon, Dominique Hughes, Upper Room, and Brian Doerkson.

Approximately four hundred volunteers and forty-eight churches helped in order to make the event a success. As part of the vision for Come Together, it was necessary that Christians partnered together to share the gospel. Tyrelle Smith put it well when she explained that “When Jesus placed it in our hearts to go after Mosaic Stadium, we knew He wanted Christians from all denominations to “Come Together” to experience and host Him and His Presence in Regina, to encounter Him in the simple gospel once again, and bring family and friends to meet Him and feel His power for the first time.”



The event was filled with moments where God touched the lives of individuals.



Over one thousand people came to know Christ as their Saviour and about one hundred and twenty people got baptised. It was a chilly evening, but people still lined up for water baptism in this outdoor football stadium! The presence of God filled the stadium. The sound man and security guard at the stadium both got saved. We saw healings and miracles, and one person came in a wheelchair and walked home. (For more info see www.cometogether.day or check out some of the recorded services on Gospel Fire For All Nations YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@gospelfireforallnations3357)

As many of you know, coordinating a large scale event like Come Together has many, simultaneously moving pieces that need to, indeed, come together. However, Tyrelle and I saw God’s hand throughout all stages, from the provision of finances to pastors in the city linking arm in arm for souls to be saved. We give God Praise! Let us continue to agree for unity amongst His church and ministers, and for salvations - let nothing be missed of the Great Canadian Harvest!

Krista Mesiner

Krista and her husband Dave currently live in Carlyle, SK where they pastor Home Church, a local church that gathers in people’s houses in the area. With a heart for the harvest in Canada and abroad, Dave and Krista continue to oversee Mission Thando in Durban, South Africa which they started and ran as international missionaries from 2009-2018. Dave was also recently selected as the IAOGI Regional Secretary for the Prairies. Krista and Dave will be hosting us at next year’s IAOGI National Convention in Regina, SK: May 5-8, 2025. Mark your calendars now and plan to be there!



NATIONAL CONVENTION



FOR THE FIRST TIME that we are aware of, we licensed or ordained 10 members on the opening Monday night of our National Convention. Eight were brand new members of the IAOGI. Seven were under 40! Praise the Lord for our next generation rising up! We are grateful for you saying, "Yes!" to God's call on your life. The one who calls you is Faithful! He will do great and mighty things!



A FEW DAYS BEFORE I travelled to London, ON for this year's event, I believe the Lord reminded me of a teaching I had heard several years ago at a conference in New Jersey, based on Isaiah 65:8 "As the new wine is found in the cluster, And one says, 'Do not destroy it, For a blessing is in it,' So will I do for My servants' sake, That I may not destroy them all." As I thought about this Scripture, I wondered why it suddenly came back to my mind.

On May 7th Pastor Bill Fahrner talked about "The Ministry Cluster" using Isaiah 65:8. This was an exciting "Wow Lord, Moment" for me. From my conference notes: *The cluster is anyone in the ministry that helps to carry out the vision that the Lord has given - "the work of the ministry". The cluster belongs to the Lord. God is moving away from the "one grape, one personality" ministry style. The cluster is the ministry team, leaders, staff, community that you belong to. IAOGI is a ministry cluster.* I am so glad that I attended the conference and came home blessed, encouraged, rested and refreshed. The blessing is in the cluster.



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I WAS VERY ENCOURAGED by this year's National Convention. The presence of the Lord was tangible during all the praise and worship sessions and there was a real freedom to enter in. It was wonderful to see so many pastors and leaders pressing into His presence. Our team led worship Wednesday and Thursday evenings and people came **READY** to praise. Before we even began the first song, they were already lifting their voices and hands to the Lord. People were dancing, clapping, singing, shouting praises... I saw others kneeling, crying out to the Lord, and lost in His presence. It was an honour to be part of a gathering of people who did not need to be prodded into praise but came with hearts full a thanksgiving and rejoicing. He truly inhabits the praises of His people and when we began to lift our voices, Holy Spirit filled the room.



“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks” (Jn 4:23 NIV). Its amazing to think you can be a person the Father is actually seeking after - and its not our giftings or works He is looking for, but our worship. This is why I was so encouraged by our National Convention. I saw a room full of worshippers whose hearts were hungry for a real encounter with Holy Spirit. These are the kind of people the Father is seeking. Those who will let the fire of the Holy

Spirit refine them into vessels of honor. Revival Carriers who carry the Glory across our nation and to the ends of the earth.



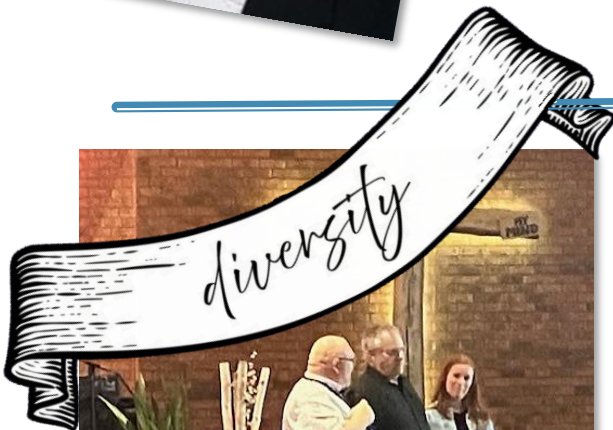
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FAITHFUL AMONG US! While Proverbs 20 notes the difficulty of finding faithful people, we at the IAOGI have been blessed to have these kind in our ranks for some time. This year, we had two long term Regional Secretaries retire this year. Pastor Karl Kienle, who for over 30 years visited, supported encouraged IAOGI members in the Prairies. Thank You Pastor Karl well done! David Meisner was voted in to succeed Karl.

The second transition was with Pastor Pauline Corriveau. For seventeen years she served in Southern Quebec and Montreal. Due to health reasons, we missed having her with us in London. We look forward to honouring her at the Regional Meeting in Quebec this Fall. Thank you for your faithfulness. James Cananasso was elected to serve our brothers and sisters in this mid-central region of Quebec.

*“Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love,
but faithful ministers the IAOGI found...”
Proverbs 20:6 (The Mantle Version)*

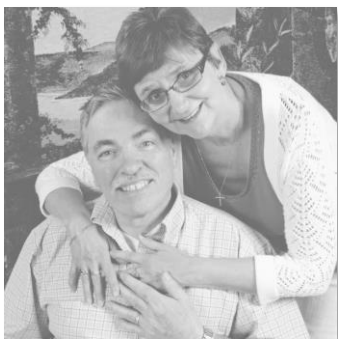


THIS YEAR'S IAOGI NATIONAL conference was full of joy, seeing so many brothers and sisters. Some of the take aways from the convention was the amazing unity in worship that brought the presence of our Lord. It was “off the charts” as we pressed in together in the presence of our King.

Pastor Bill’s message on the grape clusters brought to light the great need to see every part of His body functioning in their gifts and callings, presenting the fullness of our God. The diversity of the worship teams expressed unity in diversity. Our Heavenly Father is excited watching His body coming into

full maturity with all parts of His body functioning in their diverse gifts.

Pastor Jeff highlighted the need to be led by the Holy Spirit which brought great joy to everyone! I believe the Father was well pleased with His ministers seeking more of His presence. We are not spectators but expressors of Jesus to the world.



Thank you to Pastor Dave Kelsey and the amazing team for their servant hearts!!

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THIS PAST MAY, I was excited to return to the National Convention. The year prior, when we gathered in Quebec, was the first time I had attended. I had such a tremendous experience in Quebec, I had high expectations for our gathering in Ontario. I came excited to meet new friends and see the people I met a year ago. There are no words to express how wonderful these conferences are. They encourage and minister to you in ways that only God can. However, I would like to share a story from this year's conference with you.

The conference started off with such a tremendous word from Rev. Dave Kelsey. I believe the Word that was released the first night made room for the Spirit of the Lord to come in power and fall upon His people.

One service in particular, the Spirit of the Lord came in such power that I had to sit down for my legs became weak to stand in His presence. I sat in my seat, listening to some of you praising, some singing, and some praying. All of it had the sound of unity.



The atmosphere was charged with the presence of the Living God. I felt His presence flow through me like an electrical current. I was between tears of gratitude and smiling with the joy of the Lord.

I could have sat there for hours. It was beyond incredible.

2 Corinthians 3:17 "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom". My friends, there was freedom in the services. You knew that



God was up to doing something great with the IAOGI in the season that we are in. Being together at a conference and partaking of the vision the Lord has for the IAOGI sends us out with refreshment and direction. As Isaiah said in 6:8, "Here I am. Send me." I pray the Lord will open doors of finances so that you too may experience the next conference in May 2025

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REV. ST. ARMAND LOUIS-CHARLES



(DOB 8 MAR 1948) Rev. St. Armand Louis-Charles of Montreal passed away March 20th. He took great joy in serving at S.C. Eglise De Dieu St-Michel in Montreal. He was the proud father of four children and grandfather of eight grandchildren. Please continue to pray for his entire extended family, especially his wife, Marie-Denise Pierre-Louis.

Brother St. Armand joined the IAOGI in 2007. He was not a member of the Compassion Fund.

REV. CLIFF HODGSON



(DOB 18 MAR 1946) Rev. Cliff Hodgson of Val Caron (Sudbury area) was promoted to glory on May 18th, 2024 with his family by his side. He had just returned home from the 2024 IAOGI National Convention where he was wonderfully touched by the Lord. He was blessed as he watched his wife receive a healing of an eye disease that same week. For those who knew Cliff he was first and foremost an evangelist. While he pastored at times at various Churches across Canada, his heart was always searching for the lost. His motto was: **praying, caring, and sharing.** He loved to laugh and had a great smile.

Brother Cliff joined the IAOGI back in August 1996. He is survived by his wife Sandra and his children, and grandchildren. Cliff was not a member of the Compassion Fund.

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14



Greetings everyone. One area we are desiring to improve on is training. One example of this is this new section. We want to use it to educate, encourage and continue to support our development as leaders - helping us be better members and better ministers. Check out introductory piece from Rev. Colin Wellard regarding healthy relationships in leadership.

*Bless you in your work in His Kingdom,
- Pastor Dave Kelsey*

PURSUING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IN LEADERSHIP

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Leadership relationships can be a challenging and complex task. At times, it may seem overwhelming or even impossible to navigate the ups and downs of committed leadership relationships. However, having called us to leadership, God is able to, and promised to, help us navigate the difficulties that arise in leading our church leadership and ministry teams.

HAVING BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING

A. Relationships are the plan and will of God

(John 17:1-20, Ephesians 4:3, Psalm 133)

We must remember that we are members of His body. Relationships are part of the plan and will of God. Corinthians tells us we are CALLED to fellowship. It is not reduced to knowing facts, birthdays and who's who, there is a calling from the Lord for us to be connected.

B. All true ministry is born and validated by relationship

(John 5:1-5, Matthew 7:22-23)

Our ministry to people is authentic because they know us; know those who labour among you. Relationship with ministers, and the Fellowship, causes our ministry to be received.

C. Relationships are the filter of the Kingdom of God

(James 4:7, 1 Peter 2:13-14, Colossians 3:17-23)

It's our personal relationship with God that allows His love to flow into us, and our relationship with each other that allows God's love to flow between us; this demonstrates the authenticity of the Kingdom. We

know that the Kingdom of God is operating in one another by how we relate to each other under the sovereign rule of Christ. Relationships operate properly only when we submit to His sovereign rule.

D. Relationships in/with Christ build longevity

(1 Corinthians 12)

We are part of the Kingdom, which is eternal! Here we are part of the body of Christ, which will continue until He calls us home where our relationships move to the eternal Kingdom.

To lead effectively in relationships, it is important for us to have priorities. The following are some key principles that can help us build strong, lasting relationships in leadership that honors God and reflects His love to the congregation, community, and the world. These priorities can also be key in preventing or dealing with conflict.

PRIORITY PRINCIPLES

1. Practice active communication; the foundational success to all relationships.

(Ephesians 4:29)

Active listening is really hearing what the other person is saying and understanding their perspective. When people feel they've been heard and valued there is foundation for mutual respect. When you actively listen, you create a safe and supportive environment for those in relationship around you.

2. Always speak the truth in love.

(Ephesians 4:15a, 25)

Honesty is essential, but honesty must always be accompanied by love and compassion. When dealing with conflict and addressing difficult circumstances, you must approach with kindness and the desire to build them up, not tear them down. This way communication is constructive.

3. Set boundaries for the relationship based on Biblical principles and values.

(Philippians 4:8-9)

Establishing guidelines help prevent misunderstand and hurt feelings. For example, "We will not have name calling, and no interrupting." with the goal of hearing one another and demonstrating respect. This always works towards resolution and helping a relationship thrive.

4. Serve the relationship with selflessness.

(Acts 20:19)

Selflessness and servant leadership are necessary for success in relating. It's important to prioritize finding ways to serve and support even in the midst of conflict. Submit is defined as: "One who's will is swallowed in the will of another" - our will is swallowed in the will of God's. Meaning in conflict we are going by God's will and not our own agenda. One serves to the disregard of his own interest - this does not mean taking abuse, but more interest in resolving and saving than just being right or having your own way.

Remember, Jesus was balanced in his leadership. At times rebuking pharisees at other times washing the feet of the disciples

5. Practice an abundance of grace and forgiveness.

(Ephesians 4:32)

When we hold grudges and refuse to forgive, we create a toxic environment that builds resentment and will never bring resolution. It takes courage and vulnerability to forgive but it is essential for moving forward. This doesn't mean excusing hurtful behaviour but letting go of the anger and resentment that eat away at the relationship. Further we must take responsibility for our own actions and responsibility.

6. When difficulties arise pray and seek the wisdom of God for resolution.

(1 Corinthians 1:30)

Examine the examples of biblical figures. Our greatest heroes had great crisis and difficulties. This can give guidance as well. Christ has been made unto us Wisdom - "made" means CREATE - God can create wisdom for us specific to our situation, giving us His mindset and perspective.

7. Share in activities by which the relationship together grows deeper.

(Ephesians 4:15b)

This is a vitamin shot for relationships. We prevent relationship difficulties and crisis by developing a team attitude and atmosphere. Prioritize communication and collaboration (working together and valuing each other's strengths and ideas) with a positive and supportive environment and respect.

When we do all these things and healthy relationship or resolution still isn't found, there must be a parting of the ways. Maintaining a relationship that continues to cause division is unbiblical. We must pursue healthy relationships under the Lordship of Christ.

Keep your heart focused: departing must be a last resort and not a first option. Both parties must remember that in the final analysis, as leaders, we are required to submit to the Lordship of Christ and His will, not our own.

As leaders we must remember that in all relationships, discernment is key. Discerning when to be strong and confrontive and when to be serving. Used at the wrong times, strength can become dictatorship and serving can become being used and abused. Discernment and wisdom will lead to balance. Balance does not mean 50/50, rather wielding what is necessary as discerned by the Spirit.

We continue to pray for you all! "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment" - Philippians 1:9

Colin and Mary Wellard

From pastoring to itinerant work, foreign missions, teaching the Word, and ministering in music and song, Colin and Mary have been ministering for over 45 years. They have had unique assignments of working with struggling churches that need healing and rebuilding to come to a place of restoration and growth. They continue to partner with churches and travel itinerantly, developing leaders with workshops and training, and encouraging the body of Christ. Colin and Mary currently call Abbotsford, BC home. If you would like to have them come for ministry, please reach out at 604-621-3006 or cnmwellard@gmail.com.



FROM THE EDITOR

The Worship.... powerful. The Word ... timely and what was needful. The People ... why I went to the National Convention. To be able to see your faces, hear how you are doing, shake your hand, learn your name and discover your story for the first time, all while together in the presence of our God; this is always my favourite thing. Your time, and you making the effort to come be a part and be known to your fellow ministers is precious to me, even if we did not get to connect one on one. This is the kind of

atmosphere that is a joy to bring our daughter Emily into, just as my parents did for me. One of the assignments we received from Pastor Jeff Johns was to “Tell your testimonies!”. Tell your testimonies of when you got saved and how the Lord redeemed you, **tell it to one another**. Tell the testimony of when you got baptized in the Holy Ghost. Tell people when you encountered Jesus and how he called you to the ministry.

I felt I had a head start because these are the questions I often ask when I see friends and new faces. More and more I am finding ministers who appear as extroverts in the pulpit, under the anointing, and in ministry. However, in reality, they are actually introverts! (I am sure I just heard about three quarters of my BC region say “That’s right!” and “Amen!” and maybe you did too!) The most common frustration I hear from many of my introvert colleagues is the utter dislike of small talk - not only are they frustrated with not knowing what to say, but how shallow and meaningless it appears to be on top of it all.

Well fellow servants of the Lord, introvert or extrovert, you’ve been given three questions you can now ask people in your region that goes beyond small talk and takes you to “knowing those who labour among you”. Knowing them not just in appearance, reputation or character - but knowing their testimony, and be ready to reciprocate your own!

So, I remind you of your assignment to share your testimonies and discover the testimonies of others amongst us. Can you name 5 people in your region, that are not in the church you attend and not your Regional Secretary? If you can, great! Have you recently shared these testimonies together? Do they know your story, do you know theirs? Time to grab a Tim’s together.

If you have trouble naming 5, they might have trouble also naming you. Time to grab a Tim’s with someone, get to know and **BE KNOWN** by those whom you labour with.

No need to be concerned with what to talk about, we have our three questions thanks to Pastor Jeff. Our fellowship together is precious time. It’s called “**LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH**” for a reason.

Maybe your next article into the Mantle might also be sharing your testimonies! I know we will be strengthened by them just as I was in hearing from so many of you at the convention.

Let the testimonies fly!

Shalane MacKay (and Emily)



ANNOUNCING OUR IAOGI LEADERSHIP

*We are pleased to present our IAOGI Leadership
as confirmed at our National Convention.*

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*We are grateful for the willingness of these men and women of God to serve.
Thank you for giving of your time to care for, strengthen, and lead the servants
of the Lord. If you would like to review the minutes of the 2024 Business Meeting,
including the outcome of various motions, please contact Rev. Jack Skafté,
Treasurer: treasurer@iaogcan.com*

IAOGI NATIONAL PRAYER

Hallelujah, summer is here!

For many this is a time to relax and enjoy family time. However, I have a burning in my heart to do some things differently. I am putting forth a challenge and a declaration with it.

I DECLARE THAT THIS IS A SUMMER OF SOUL SAVING & MIRACLES!

Come on now folks, I know many of you have been praying for a friend, a co-worker, a family member to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Some have been praying for miracles in finances and for healing. These prayers have been heard. God loves your friends, and families.

If you believe that you prayed in faith, it's time to take action. Maybe you are not the one to pray or share Jesus directly to that person, but you can be the worker in someone else's field. Faith without works is dead. You don't have to be an evangelist to do the work of one, so as our friend Evangelist Anita Pearce says, 'Do it now!'.

*Mark 1:37 And when they had found him - Jesus - they said unto him, All men seek for thee.
38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also:
for therefore came I forth.*

We have been given abundant life. We all have something worthy of sharing. Let us, the servants of God, be the example to those we serve. We pray, we believe, we go!

Mighty blessings to you all. I am looking forward to hearing the great reports!

Rev. Gwen Dreger | National Prayer Coordinator



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SATURDAY SEPT 14, 2024 @ 9AM PST | 12PM EST

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