

INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, CANADA



PAGE 8

MISSION POSSIBLE

While Cuba may have a reputation for classic cars it now is also the centre stage on how God took people saying “Yes!” and made something amazing possible!

PAGE 16

SEE YOU THERE

Check out this by-law update recently reaffirmed at the National Convention and the dates for upcoming regional/provincial meetings you can attend!

PAGE 21

TIME TO BE STILL

What does a registered nurse and a licensed minister have in common? It’s the same Holy Ghost, and He’s not limited to the pulpit!

TABLE OF CONTENTS

From the Desk of our General Secretary	2
Ministry Updates	6
National Convention Highlights	11
Hall of Faith	17
Think on These Things	18
Itinerary of the General Secretary	22
From the Editor	23





FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. David Kelsey

GREETINGS SERVANTS OF THE LORD,

Greetings to you. May God bless your family and your ministry. I'd like to take a moment and thank you for your support, love and prayers over the past year as General Secretary. It is greatly appreciated. I look forward to continue in service to you all over the next year.

Please let me also thank the churches/ministries and the individuals that continue to send in their offerings and donations to I. A. O. G. I. (Canada). Know that your prayers and support are very much appreciated and needed. Pattie and I look forward to seeing you at the different provincial or regional meetings in your area over the next year, with I.A.O.G.I. (Canada).

WORKING WITH DRY BONES

*Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them,
'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!
Ezekial 37:4*

I'd too take a moment and share with you what the Lord has dropped on my heart lately. I want to declare to you today; Canada shall come alive in Jesus Name. For the shift of what God wants to do, the shift of what He is GOING TO DO has just begun. Do not stop praying for change. 2 Chronicles 7:14 'If My people Will pray.' We prayed like never before for this election. Do not give up. Ground was taken. There was a shift. Do not lose heart but keep pressing in for the change HE WANTS TO DO! Pray until He rules and reigns in this REVIVAL nation. The dryness in the land will be revived. Call forth the Prophetic words spoken over this nation. Pray and cry out: "DRY BONES COME ALIVE! DRY BONES COME FORTH IN JESUS NAME"



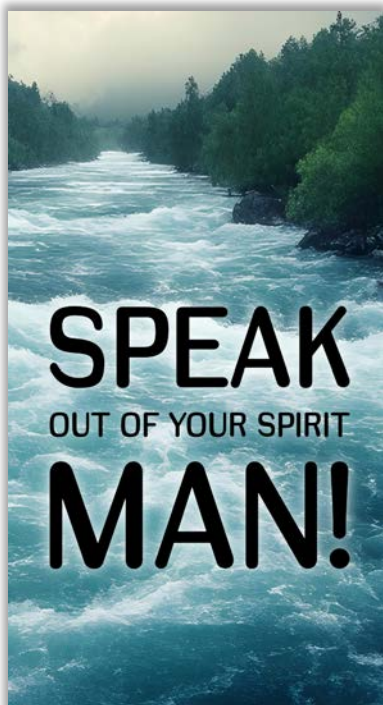
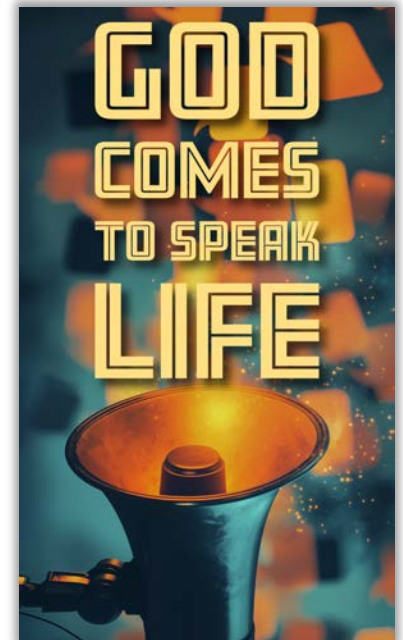
In Ezekiel 37:1-14 a very familiar section of scripture on 'can these dry bones live again?' A question asked by God to the prophet Ezekiel. As we read this section of God's Word that was recorded for us. Recorded

for us to know it, to speak it out. For us to declare His Word and to learn from it. It is His message to us. Hope still lives in Him.

God can change a hopeless situation around. Here God is showing his prophet something that seems utterly hopeless. All life has left. All hope is gone. There is nothing else anyone can do, **but then GOD** unexpectedly steps into the scene, and He comes to change the circumstances. God comes to speak life into areas of our lives, our ministry. To speak into areas of our country, and He is saying, LIVE CHURCH LIVE.

Why would God bring him here in a dream and show him bones? Because we often see the wrong thing. We see hope is gone. We see death, with no thought of life. **It is hopeless.** Can these bones live? The prophet probably thought, Well I don't see how, but instead he answers wisely, 'only you know God.' Good answer. Only God can move in a bad situation. We must learn NOT to think with our human mind. But to speak out of your SPIRIT MAN. To allow HIS HOLY SPIRIT that is in you to speak life. He gives us life. God has put His power in you. LET GOD SPEAK INTO YOUR SPIRIT MAN and speak out the words He gives you to speak. They will be words of life in a dying situation.

This message, or dream to Ezekiel, God was speaking of a coming awakening to the nation of Israel. But how? When? The spiritually dead are in need of our help and assistance. But we fail to see what the Word of God can do, in the mouth of one of His people. Church, the bones looked okay on the outside, but dry inside. There was no life in them. When God says, 'speak' He gives us LIFE WORDS to speak. In fact, God said "prophecy to these bones." What a crazy idea? Dead bones dried out, bleached bones with no life left in them at all. Look up the phrase 'you shall live.' Over 11 times in the Bible it declares this in different settings, 'that life will come forth.'



Let's review the scenario. Verse 1 shows us a valley full of bones. Verse 2 reveals there were a lot, and they were all over the place, and they were VERY DRY. What a picture of a nation of people who had become dead to the Lord. There is something to see and learn in this passage.

#1 - GOD'S WORD BRINGS LIFE!

His Spoken word and His written word have life in it for us.

"I will cause breathe to enter into you and YOU SHALL LIVE." (v5) You are not speaking nonsense. You are anointed by the Lord to go in His power to offer hope. You are anointed to speak life into people's circumstances. When God tells you to prophesy STAND WITH A CONFIDENCE, that God is saying this.

Then God tells you to begin to pray **TOTALLY OPPOSITE** to what you see. Trust that God has a plan. His plan is for life. His plan is for salvation of souls. John 5:25 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour/time is coming, and now is here, when the dead **shall** hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear, they shall live.' **PROPHECY BRINGS LIFE**



#2. GOD GIVES YOU HIS COVER (v6)

Praise God, He covers us!

God won't leave you dry, dead and barren. He covers us. He Breathes life into us. He speaks blessing over you. God Almighty provides you with His covering.

#3 OBEDIENCE ACTIVATES GOD'S PROMISE/WORD

Obedience brings blessing.

By verse 7 nothing has happened yet. Ezekiel has yet to move or speak. But when he did, 'So I prophesied, **as I was commanded**. As I prophesied, there was a sound...' Just like in Acts 2, as God moved again on the earth. "Suddenly..." how many suddenly's are recorded in the Bible where God shows up. Suddenly God moved, and prison doors opened. Suddenly God moves, and people are healed. Suddenly a sound from Heaven, and a blind man sees.

#4 PROPHECY TO THE NEED THAT GOD SAYS

Not what you think, but what you hear God is saying.

There was a noise, there is a rattle, and the dead dry bones came together. A large army it says, but they have no breathe in them. Call the four winds, which speaks of the Spirit of God. Of Heaven becoming involved in your situation. Prophecy, breath into them. Prophecy winds of God to blow on this army. Come God, blow on the church of Canda again. God come and release your Spirit on us afresh. 'So I did. I prophesied, and life came forth.' (v10). However, in verse13 there is a promise too for us. '**When you have come up from the grave. I will bring you out alive!**' Then another blessing from God. 'I will put MY SPIRIT in you, and you shall live. You shall live and I will put you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am a loving, living God who did this for you.' (v14)



I want to say to you today church of Canada, and to our members of the IAOGI Canada. Hear what the Lord is saying. It is not too late. God says I can work with dry bones. I can work with dead people. It is His desire to touch my church and breathe LIFE INTO THEM NOW!

May God bless you and strengthen you. You have miracles coming your way! Speak life!

NEED WORKERS IN YOUR CHURCH?

How do you see new people as they come in? Maybe that is part of our problem.

This is an EXCELLENT session for pastors and leaders to listen to too. Watch it on YouTube, or download the podcast

[The Summit Church – Edmonton - June 8th, 2025 - Serving From Overflow | Sunday Panel](https://console.podpoint.com/thesummitedmonton/serving-from-overflow)

<https://console.podpoint.com/thesummitedmonton/serving-from-overflow>

I think it will help you to think about the visitors and people who come in differently.

God Bless and have a great summer. Take some rest.

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

Rev. Kell & Lorri Frandsen | gracelifeministries7@yahoo.ca | www.gracelifeministries.info

We were so pleased to be able to send Rev. Jason MacKay to India at the end of March through to the beginning of April. As one of our new board members he was able to see first-hand the difference our leadership team and ministry family are making. Hear it from him:

“What a wonderful privilege it was to visit the villages in the Kandhamal district of Odisha. The people are so lovely, and the churches are thriving; the simplicity of their faith is inspiring, and their joy in Christ amid poverty is a wonderful testimony. The team of evangelists, led by our main leaders in Odisha, is working hard to support the local believers and reach more villages with the Gospel through caring for their widows, praying for the sick, providing food for the destitute, leading bible studies and showing the love of Christ any way they can.”
- Rev. Jason MacKay



Pastor Jason also had opportunity to see several of our poverty-breaking projects that have been done in conjunction with one of our largest and longest partners, Rotary.

Here are some pictures of recently completed wells sponsored by Rotary. One well will serve 200 families. This means that for up to 3 months during up to 50 degrees heat the women will not have to carry water from 3-5 kilometres away! This also means they will no longer have to ration drinking water in extreme heat, or ration water to wash properly. Such rationing causes all kinds of women’s problems and sickness etc. The wells will benefit from 1000 to 1200 families in some of the poorest and neediest villages!



Amongst other poverty-breaking projects we have a fishpond, as well as an active loan system to supply pigs, chicks, and goats. With a loan for chicks, for example, in 3 months the recipient will pay back the loan and make a profit so others can benefit as well. For piglets it takes 5 months, and goats 1 to 2 years, before they sell them. Goats in this area are very easy to raise and already we have goat kids. So along with meat, we breed the goats again and have kids about 2 times a year. We have many experts helping. With expert help we will see great multiplication and many blessed.

With many we can accomplish much! Rotary has a motto “He who serves the most prospers the most!” and Proverbs 28:27 reminds us, “Those who give to the poor will lack nothing!” The poor here means anyone who needs our help. We are invited to get involved with a promise of blessing.

Lorri and I are so grateful to lead a team who for over 30 years have served the vision. It is amazing to see how God has taken a seed of faithfulness and willingness, and the work of Grace Life

Ministries, and how it has grown and expanded to touch so many lives. It could not have been accomplished without our many partners like yourselves. We are grateful for each one of your prayers and financial partnership. We are excited about the days ahead and see there is still much work to be done, and many projects are under way.



We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a monthly financial partner with GLM or sow a one-time seed to help

continue the work in India. E-transfers can be sent to gracelifeministries7@yahoo.ca. Above all, we covet your prayers! We are expectant to send more teams to India in the future to continue to work with our leadership team, shining light, hope, and the love of Christ in such a dark place.

Blessings to all,

Kell & Lorri, British Columbia

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.



MISSION POSSIBLE

Revs. Joyce & Richard Walker | joycedwalker@gmail.com

When God calls you to a mission field, nothing is impossible.

Richard and I have been missionaries to Cuba since 2015. That's when our lives changed. Our eyes could not believe what we had seen, and our hearts began to ache.

But at the end of 2023, God called us to step so far out of our comfort zone.

Our visit to one of our pastors leads us on a journey we never expected. Pastor Ramon and Pastor Doralis had been faithfully serving the Lord for over 30 years. Doralis was only 16 when the Lord called her. Romon was a little older. At this time, they were serving in a little rural church about 20 Kilometers outside the city of Holguin, in a town called Melones. They were there with their severely handicapped daughter Nanny. Nanny is non-verbal, with Cerebral Palsy and seizures, as well as only eating out of a feeding tube.



Nanny started to have continual seizures, 24 hours a day. The pastors were not sleeping; Nanny was not resting. Nanny had to be cared for 24/7. There was no down time. On top of this, the medications she required were pretty much impossible to get in Cuba.

They requested a sabbatical to take care of their dying daughter. They were granted this time off however; this meant they would need to leave the pastoral house. The only place they were offered was a shack deep in the country with 4 walls and dirt floors.

They were shattered. They had no home, they had no help, and Nanny needed so much care.

BUT GOD

We learned of a two-unit house in Holguin that was for sale. \$32,000 USD. Approximately \$50,000 CAD at that time. Richard and I prayed about this. Our biggest question being. How can we come up with this kind of money? We have never asked people to give to our mission. Sometimes a few people did give, but we had never gone our looking for this kind of money.

On our way home from the airport we said, "YES!" to God. We had no idea how this was going to work, but we said yes.



The owner of the two-unit house gave us a year to raise the money but allowed the family to move in right away. Now you don't see that everyday!

Then miracles started to happen!

They moved in and because of the better living conditions, Nanny started to improve. They were able to find medications for her seizures. Although very expensive, they were able to get some.

We were able to raise the funds through very generous people and many fundraisers. Our Christian brothers and sister came together to help.

Through all this, the pastors have been able to minister to many people in and around their home.



Many have come to know our Lord and Savior. As well, they have named their home "The House of Refuge" as they house those coming from the country to see the doctors. There is so much more to this story, but know that **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN GOD IS IN IT.**

We name this mission, Mission Possible formally Connection of Love

Joyce & Richard, Ontario



CHRIST THE ANSWER INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (CTAIM)

Dr. Jim & Rev. Shelley Christian | www.ctaim.com

Greetings and blessings from our home base of sunny Saskatoon, SK.

First of all, thank you IAOGI Canada for the wonderful gathering and empowering of ministers across Canada at our national convention in Regina.

Secondly, we want to give an update of what God has been and is working through CTAIM and what is ahead. Jesus' commission in **Mark 16:15** "Go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race!" is always progressive, expansive and challenges us to be gospel goers and seed sowers.



We are translating our teaching seminars in several languages throughout Africa and now in Spanish, and Vietnamese, allowing the foundational building blocks of our identity and ability in Christ to be taught by local pastors around the world.



We are also doing intense one week, in-person, Bible training in Northern Alberta. The training is videotaped with quality cameras, downloaded on USB's, and distributed throughout isolated regions of Northern Canada, so local pastors can use this in homes or wherever they can meet.

As itinerant ministers, we are travelling to several areas of Alberta, onward to Northern Manitoba, and all over Saskatchewan with Chariots of Light Christian Biker Ministry. Together we are training believers in evangelism and sharing Christ in their local communities and wherever they go Canada is being saved!

This fall Shelley will be ministering in Alberta, and Ontario, in exciting women's seminars to equip and empower women in their worth and purpose in Christ.

Jim is also in planning stages to minister in Africa again with a team in late fall. We thank God for every open door, every life transformed, and His Word being confirmed through signs and wonders in Jesus' Wonderful Name. Please contact us should you desire ministry in your area.

Sincerely,

Jim & Shelley, Saskatchewan



Christ the Answer International ministries was birthed in 1993 with the goal of helping people everywhere find their true identity, value, and purpose in the Person of Jesus Christ and live this life to the fullest! Jim and Shelley Christian have partnered with God for over 40 years of marriage, ministry, missions, and miracles.



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!

Email: mantlearticles@outlook.com

NEXT DEADLINE FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2025

ANNOUNCING OUR IAOGI LEADERSHIP

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

General Secretary - Rev. Dave Kelsey

Assistant General Secretary - Rev. Yvon Stabili

Treasurer - Rev. Jack Skafté

British Columbia, Southwest - Rev. Jason MacKay

British Columbia, North & Southeast - Rev. Wayne Frater

The Prairies - Rev. David Meisner

Ontario, Northwest - Rev. Orpah MacKenzie

Ontario, Southwest - Rev. Bill Fahrner

Ontario, North-Central - Rev. Rodney Deforge

Ontario, Central - Rev. Jeffrey Newman

Ontario, East - Rev. Bob MacFarlane

Quebec, South & Montreal - Rev. James Cananasson

Quebec, Southeast - Rev. Kabayizako (Titi) Dinkota

Artic Quebec & Eastern Arctic - Rev. Burton Kewayosh

The Maritimes - Rev. Wanda Grant



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 2025 Business Meeting, including the outcome of various motions, please contact Rev. Jack Skafté, Treasurer: treasurer@iaogcan.com

NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year's National Convention was a great experience for my wife Kathleen and I, and our son Jonathan, who also has a heart for ministry. It was a time to get away for a week from all the tasks of daily life and just focus on the Lord. It was wonderful to meet other ministers, and to get to know them in fellowship at breakfast times where the food and fellowship was a tasty treat.

It was wonderful to gather together for times of prayer and praise and to be ministered unto, and to just receive from the Lord. It was also great to hear the stories from Brother Liardon of others who have been mightily used in our lifetime to know that the Holy Spirit is still working powerfully in these closing hours of the last days just like in the book of Acts, and that He longs to flow through us as well.

It was a great way to see so many others in the ministry with the same passion for souls so as to see we are not alone in this great endeavor to reach our nation of Canada with the Gospel of our wonderful Lord Jesus.

Paul Kaczmarek | Brampton, ON

Have you noticed that just when you are certain about what the Lord is going to do, He does it ...but not in the way you expect! We had been praying for the Lord to speak clearly to us through this year's conference in Regina; a time of refreshing from the Lord, a word in season.

I discovered that for me, the most dynamite message did not come from the main evening sessions (though they were great) but rather from a day session, and from a speaker who wasn't supposed to even speak at that session! A last-minute change in schedule.

When Pastor Yvon got up to speak, I wasn't sure what to expect, but it only took a few minutes into his message and my spiritual ears were awakened. It was a dynamic and heartfelt word about building the Lord's kingdom and not our own. It's Jesus church not ours. Lord saying to ministers in His Kingdom to come on board with Him. It's not about my church or yours. It's a question of, "Who is on the Lord's side.?" Because it's His church!

Elaine Robous | New Westminster, BC



What I got from it was the



Behold—Now is the Time! Now is the Day of Salvation!

What a power-packed, heavenly-ordained theme for our 2025 National Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan! If you were there, then you already know: this wasn't just another convention—it was a time of experiencing heavenly realities that left us invigorated, empowered, and excited for the season we are in and the days which are yet to come!



From start to finish, the convention felt like an all-encompassing supernatural buffet. Every session of the convention was loaded with depth, insight and life-changing tools to equip us of for victorious daily living and ministry. A heavenly environment is what helps us maintain a heavenly mindset and that's exactly what these meetings provided. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Roberts Lairdon, was nothing short of exceptional. With fresh insight, dynamic style, unforgettable delivery of Church history and altar ministry, he brought a fire that ignited hearts and stirred destinies - I personally experienced this and shall never forget it. Let's carry this momentum forward! May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we attend these national conventions and connect with one another.....and may we continue to go from glory to glory as we yield to Holy Spirit. See you at the next one! Shalom, Shalom!

Araba Quaye | Humboldt, SK

This last National Convention was nothing less than an invitation to wake up in our lives. A wake-up call that was sometimes brutal, I admit, but necessary... After all, what else could we expect when we welcomed a guest like Dr. Roberts Liardon, a man who takes us out of our comfort zone and, I would even dare to say, out of our religious straitjackets! God is not calling religious people, but a new generation of Generals!

What a blessing when a fellow minister in the Kingdom of our God pours out his passion in us. This year, my wife Betty and I, along with our two daughters, were touched by Dr. Liardon's teachings, but also by the times of fellowship and sharing. How refreshing to see our two teenagers worship the Lord, participate in workshops, and dare to be used by the Holy Spirit! What a blessing to see our brothers and sisters, who are often overworked, receive spiritual "gold nuggets" while being refreshed by the teachings, prayer, and praise and worship!

Brothers and sisters, if there is one thing we can all take away from the teachings and testimonies about God's Generals, it is that God uses ordinary people for extraordinary works. Where we disqualify ourselves, Christ qualifies us for His work (2 Cor. 3:4-6). This is what we have received. The various interventions were not only for our encouragement, but for our assignment. God needs men and women who are available, willing to obey even when it doesn't make sense, and then able to carry out the mission we have: to make disciples of Christ of all nations. We are in desperate need of generals in this confused generation. An army is good, but without generals, it is an army without discipline, without direction, and without results. This year, let us step into our assignment. Some of us will need to rise up as generals, entrusting what we have received to faithful people who are capable of teaching it to others (2 Tim. 2:2). We will need to expand our vision beyond our congregation to train and equip them to have a vision for the Kingdom, working in the ministry of reconciliation as we received from Pastor Yvon Stabili.

I am already looking forward to seeing and hearing what the Spirit will have done throughout the year when we meet again, God willing, in Ottawa in 2026. Until then, may the peace and grace of our God in Jesus Christ be with you in all your decisions, and may His rich blessings be upon you always and upon your Assemblies.

Shalom,

Dave Chagnon & Betty Gurvits | Montreal, QC



REGINA, SK



SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!

To our General Secretary Emeritus, Rev. Paul McPhail on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of over 60 years of service as a minister of the Gospel and the significant contributions he has made to our communities and the great nation of Canada.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

As per our by-laws and re-emphasized at this year's national Convention.

Any members not attending the National Convention or a Provincial or Regional Convention will have their credentials removed for lack of fellowship.

Remember we are a fellowship, and we desire to know you and walk with you. The following was adopted by motion and vote in 2003:

By-Law Article 5 'To maintain credentials with the IAOGI Canada, all members are required to be in attendance at a provincial or national convention a minimum of once every 3 years. An exception of a member's attendance requirement would have to be approved by their sponsor.

It was further amended this year to include regional Secretary and or General Secretary may also grant approval for a member to be absent, and the term "provincial convention" clarified to be "Regional Convention" where multiple provinces or areas are included. (ex. the Prairies, The Maritimes, and the Arctic.

Clarification was required, because in some areas we have regular 'regional' meetings like in Ontario and Quebec and BC. However, not all areas can accommodate this due to their size and distance.

PLEASE NOTE: Notification letters will be going out this summer to those members we are aware of no attendance in at least the last 3 to 4 years. Members affected will have until Dec. 31st to attend a convention in their area.

MARITIMES AUGUST 15-16

*Father's House Church
400 Stewart St
New Glasgow, NS*

Special Speaker:
Rev. Bill Fahrner
Friday, Aug 15th @6:30PM
Saturday, Aug 16th
@9AM - 3PM
(Lunch Provided)

For more information
please contact:
Rev. Wanda Grant
wlgrant12@hotmail.com

ONTARIO SEPTEMBER 11-12

*Faith Tabernacle
1920 Huron St
London, ON*

Thursday, Sept 11 @7PM
Friday, Sept 12th @10AM
(Full Day)

For more information,
please contact:
Rev. Dave Kelsey
gensec@iaogcan.com

PRAIRIES SEPTEMBER 25-26

*Calgary Christian Life
Fellowship
Bay 214, 1829 54th St SE,
Calgary, AB*

Special Speaker:
Dr Roberts Liardon
Thursday, Sept 25th @7pm
Friday, Sept 26th @10AM
(Full Day)

For more information,
please contact:
Rev. David Meisner
pastordavidmeisner@gmail.com



REV. (ELDER) JAMES "JIM" C. R. SMITH (DOB 13 FEB 1943)

Rev. Jim J.R. Smith went home to be with our Creator quietly in his sleep on May 2, 2025. Loving husband of 61 years to Doreen (Uren). Brother Jim had many jobs. He was a husband and a father, a friend to many, an accountant, a pastor, a mentor, an elder to our indigenous community and was also on the Elders Board of Canada.

Rev. Jim Smith joined the IAOGI in 1994 and co-pastored Church of Praise with his son Rev. James R.A. Smith. At IAOGI's 100th anniversary he presented gifts of honour and prayers for the fellowship on behalf of the Elder's Council and the Ontario Coalition of Indigenous people. His words of faith continue to ring for our fellowship, "*Protect the footsteps of these servants, as they travel down the pathway of servant-hood for You, Creator. Open their voices to echo Your thundering words and enlighten the eyes of their hearts to feel Your power flowing through their lives.*"

Brother Jim faithfully continued his walk to the end. You could find him everyday going to the old age home, spending time with the people. He brought many to, and back to, Creator God. Friends desiring may

contribute in his memory to Many Give Away Blankets of Hope with appreciation. (E-transfer can be sent to manygabblankets@gmail.com).

Rev. Smith was not a member of the Compassion Fund

Please continue to keep their family in your prayers.

This photo from our 2024 Convention in London, ON captured Rev. Smith's heart for worshipping here on earth and now continuing in heaven.



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE COMPASSION FUND?

A MINISTRY OF COMPASSION TO THE FAMILIES OF
MINISTERS OF THE LORD JESUS WHO ARE PROMOTED TO GLORY.

This is not a life insurance plan: But a Biblical way of ministering to a loved one with a gift of condolence in time of need. The ministry of Compassion Fund functions to collect gifts of money from participating members to give to the beneficiaries named by the participating member who has died.

A contribution of \$20.00 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 \$20.00 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

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

A TALE OF TWO SAULS

Rev. Anita Pearce | inspiration@sasktel.net | www.inspirationministries.net

King Saul, who was the first king of Israel, was tall, handsome, and impressive. He started his mandate of service to God and the people with humility and courage. Somewhere along the journey, however, he became filled with pride, becoming arrogant and unstable eventually losing the kingdom and dying in disgrace.

In the New Testament we find another Saul, who also became known as Paul. He was also impressive

with his education and ambition. In the beginning of his career he murdered Christians with his fanatical desire to purify Judaism. However, when He encountered Christ on the Damascus road he experienced a radical transformation. Saul became an apostle of Jesus Christ, bringing the gospel of faith, hope, and love to the known world.

It is the story of two men with the name of Saul. One started well and ended badly; the other started badly but ended so well. Someone has said “Where we come from is not nearly as important as where we are going”! May we determine to finish well.

Anita Pearce, Saskatchewan



BI-VOCATIONAL PASTORS: WEAVING FAITH AND DAILY LIFE

Rev. Jack Skafté / treasurer@iaogcan.com

In today’s fast-changing world, many pastors find themselves wearing two hats. They lead congregations on weekends or during special services and work in secular jobs during the week. This dual engagement is more than a practical arrangement—it is a conscious choice to integrate faith with the nuances of everyday life. Bi-vocational pastors embody a refreshing blend of spiritual leadership and real-world experience, a combination that often makes their ministry relatable and transformative.

In the 16 years that I pastored our church; my wife and I owned and still own a cable contracting business. Our church is in rural Nova Scotia, just outside a small town. As the congregation was not very big, our family could not live on just the income from the church. The advantage of owning my own business is that I could schedule my work. My two oldest sons also worked in the business full-time, so they needed little managing.

One undeniable advantage of bi-vocational ministry is that pastors who engage in both the secular and sacred realms have first-hand insights into daily challenges—the struggles, triumphs, and mundane realities of life outside the church walls. This can make the pastors more relatable to their congregations. They are uniquely positioned to offer guidance on work-life balance, economic hardships, and interpersonal conflicts, enriching their sermons and pastoral care with experiential wisdom. This lived experience often makes them more empathetic leaders; they don’t just preach hope but also demonstrate how to navigate the complexities of modern life with grace and perseverance.

Living two full lives isn’t without its trials. You are always trying to balance the demands of a secular career with the spiritual call to nurture a congregation which can lead to time constraints, emotional fatigue, and sometimes even burnout. I found myself experiencing burnout during COVID, especially dealing with my mother passing away and the business suffering with less work.

Successful Bi-vocational pastors develop creative strategies to harmonize their dual roles. Here are some approaches that have proven effective:

- **Time Management:** Establishing clear schedules and realistic boundaries prevents overcommitment. Allocating distinct time slots for pastoral duties, secular work, and personal downtime is crucial.
- **Delegation and Community Support:** By building a team within the congregation and ensuring that responsibilities are shared, Bi-vocational pastors can lighten their load. This might include empowering lay leaders or forming volunteer committees.
- **Integration of Roles:** Many find skills that are honed in secular professions, such as project management, negotiation, and conflict resolution, enhance their pastoral work. Conversely, the insights from spiritual ministry can enrich interactions with colleagues in the workplace.
- **Intentional Self-Care:** Acknowledge burnout is a real hazard. Many pastors prioritize regular personal reflection, mentorship, or even counseling. This intentional care is vital to sustain long-term ministry and avoid the pitfalls of constant role-switching.

As society evolves and financial realities shift, supporting and understanding the unique challenges of bi-vocational ministry becomes ever more important. Their journey compels religious communities, denominations, and society at large to rethink how spiritual leadership is valued and sustained. Bi-vocational pastors remind us that faith is not confined to Sundays or church pews—it is woven into the fabric of everyday life.

Jack Skafte, Nova-Scotia



WALKING IN GOD'S LOVE

Rev. David Meisner | pastordavidmeisner@gmail.com

Ephesians 4:1 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults **because of your love**... 11 *Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church:* the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 *Their responsibility is to equip God's people* to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ... 15 we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. 16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As **each part** does its own special work, **it helps the other parts grow**, so that the **whole body is healthy and growing and full of love**.

God is love and His love is poured out on us! That empowers us to fulfill our calling and responsibility to love others. We are filled with Holy Spirit and His FRUIT is LOVE... LOVE produces, motivates and keeps on track the GIFTS of the Spirit (1 Cor.13:1-3 in the middle of 1 Cor.12-14!)

What does this mean for us as servants of Christ, co-laborers with God? Our ministry is God's, not ours, given to us to steward to build up the members of the Body to maturity in LOVE and fulfill THEIR calling.

We use our calling, gifts and ministry to build up people, NOT to USE people to build up 'OUR' ministry!
Leaders in His kingdom are servants, walking in the Father's love poured into us!

We are not wishy-washy. Because we are controlled by His love, we do not fear man. Power hungry board members or manipulative wolves in sheep's clothing do not control us, but as children of God, we are led by the Spirit of God. Circumstances and pressure do not dictate our response. Holy Spirit does.

Wounded people are healed and grow to maturity because of God's love... including us! Forgiveness is NECESSARY to our longevity in ministry, as people will hurt us.

But Christ's love working in people makes FELLOWSHIP and WORKING TOGETHER powerful! We help each other (Eph.4)!

We are thankful for fellowship and working with IAOG members, our team of Mission Thando South Africa volunteers, and locally our church and the ministerial of churches in Carlyle, SK.

On Sunday June 29, the Carlyle Ministerial is doing a Community Service in the midst of the weekend of annual community events. Szakacs Family is coming for worship and preaching the Gospel, and we are putting on a free BBQ afterwards for follow up and connection with people.

I pray that we will all walk in God's love, working together in creative ways to reach the lost and bring maturity in Christ!

David Meisner, Saskatchewan



THE LISTENING MINISTER

Miss Linda Edgington

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and KNOW that I am God"

This has been a powerful verse in my Christian walk. It is an invitation to find peace in God's presence and the power to deal with life's challenges.

I am so thankful to have been taught by two of God's prophets about the purpose and power of being led by the Holy Spirit. In this busy world we live in it seems there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish everything.

One of Satan's strong attacks to the believer is to get caught up in this fast pace and not take time to be still and be led by Holy Spirit daily. I witnessed the prophets when they were asked to minister or even go on an outing say, "I'll get back to you." and then ask for the Holy Spirit's direction.

As a registered nurse for many years, I have experienced the Holy Spirit's leading for my patients. Often, I would be prompted to go and check one of them only to find they were trying to harm themselves or crawl out of bed and praise the Lord, many accidents were prevented.

The Lord has used me in many ways to save lives. In nurses training we were taught to listen to our bodies to prevent illness, injury, and stress. But as **BELIEVERS** we must listen to our inner man so the Holy Spirit can lead us.

It's so important to be still **AND** know what our Lord wants and that He will lead us in all His ways so we can be a blessing to those we come into contact with, and we will be blessed as well.

I know this pleases our Lord.

Blessings,

Linda Edgington, British-Columbia



THE ITINERARY OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

JUL 12 - Pastors Meeting | Central, ON

JUL 13 - Great Commission International Ministry | Toronto, ON

AUG 6-8 - Pastor Visitation | Peterborough, ON

AUG 15-16 - Maritimes Regional Meeting | New Glasgow, NS

AUG 17 - Valley, NS

SEPT 11-13 - Ontario Regional Meeting | London, ON

OCT 23 - Evangelical Fellowship of Church's Leaders Event | Ottawa, ON

OCT 24 - Denominational Leaders Meeting | Ottawa, ON

CHECK OUT THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S FULL ITINERARY AT WWW.IAOGCAN.COM

FROM THE EDITOR

I had left my daughter Emily playing only for a moment. When I came back to the living room, I couldn't believe what I had found! Emily had tipped over the bag of nacho chips I had foolishly left on the couch in order that she could stick her little arm all the way in! She then proceeded to pull out a chip and dunk it in in my evening snack of buffalo chicken nacho dip. She stuffed the loaded chip in her mouth, licking off said dip. Setting aside the successfully licked nacho chip, she reached deep into the bag of chips for a repeat performance

I was shocked!

I had never fed her a nacho chip! I had never taught her how to pinch a chip between her little fingers or explained how she should ensure her grasp was tight so she could scoop up some delicious dip! But there she was, not even one and a half-years old, going for this bowl of dip with chip after chip as if she'd been doing it since she was born.

Why? Because she's seen mama do it.

Countless times friends and family will see Emily do something only to give me a "look" and say some variation of, "That's definitely your daughter."

But isn't this how it's supposed to be?

"Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." - John 5:19

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as beloved children" - Ephesians 5:1

It is often too easy to slip into the "doing" and the "checklist" of what we believe this should look like. Equally easy is slipping into self-condemnation on where we've fallen short. However, in each of these verses, there is a framework of relationship around what is described, a father and a child.

Emily wasn't concerned with performing and getting it right, she simply did what she had seen done many a times. As my daughter, we spend a lot of time together; I am one of her primary influences. And so shouldn't that be with us and our Heavenly father. That we are accustomed to His presence, His ways, and His Spirit, and so it naturally comes out of us.

"... And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him" -2 Corinthians 3:18b

Not a panicked checklist of to-dos but allowing Holy Spirit DNA to work through us. As we continue in the days ahead, let us be sure to take time with our Father. May many "see the Father" when they see us!

Shalane (and Emily)



THE CANADIAN MANTLE

JULY 2025

*A FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES
UNITED IN SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP WITH
SOVEREIGN, SELF-GOVERNED CHURCHES*



Send all enquiries and correspondence to:

REV. DAVE KELSEY

General Secretary

1920 Huron Street | London, ON | N5V 3A7

Phone: 519-672-7558

E-mail: gensec@iaogcan.com

www.iaogcan.com