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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. David Kelsey

Good day to you all my brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that you entered 2026 with an expectation - with excitement and a sincere desire to see God move in our great nation of Canada. We welcome you all to join us in Ottawa for the 2026 National Convention, Monday, May 4th to May 7th, 2026. I had felt last May we were to return to Ottawa. That it was important for church groups to put their feet on the ground in our capital city.

We are honoured to have a great Canadian man of God coming to be with us. Pastor Bill Prankard, Evangelist, Healer, one of God's Generals in Canada, who flows in the Spirit tremendously.

Our theme is 'Return to the Fire'. John 21 where Jesus invites the disciples to come to the fire and eat again with Him. Return to His presence and spend time with Him.

We invite you to set aside this week. If you need provision, believe the Lord to provide and help the Youth Leaders, the Joshuas in your church to come with you. Invest in their time off and their expenses to come and RETURN TO HIS FIRE!

Please review the conference details in the flyer and **book today!** Patti and I forward to seeing you there.

IS THERE NOT A CAUSE (FOR CHRIST?)

1 Samuel 17:29-30

And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

2025 was certainly an interesting year. We are now witnessing Christian principles and Biblical standards being dismissed and spoken against. Prayer is under attack in Quebec, and in other parts of our nation. **YET God is still moving.**

Look at the outbreak in Mistissini First Nations area, where churches gathered for services and experienced a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Salvations took place, and lives were transformed. The Police shared a remarkable testimony: calls dropped from 20-30 per day to one - or none at all. **That is a mark of Revival.**

I recently returned from Edmonton, where a weekend series of meetings carried a tangible touch of the power of God. The meetings were extended for three additional days as teenagers and young adults flooded the altar. All ages were present, but predominately that generation - on their knees, on their faces crying out in repentance, and for a fresh touch from God. Depression and suicidal spirits were being broken off of that generation.

As I stood near the side door just before the service began, over 50-60 young people were let in, and they marched straight to the front for the worship session. It was a sight to behold.

Members of the IAOGI - **God is still alive**. The enemy is working hard, but God is not dismayed. **Our best days are ahead**. The Lord placed this message on my heart some time ago as we prayed for our nation. It was, and still is, in crisis. An anti-God spirit is working aggressively to bring in evil legislation designed to limit the Church and our beliefs.

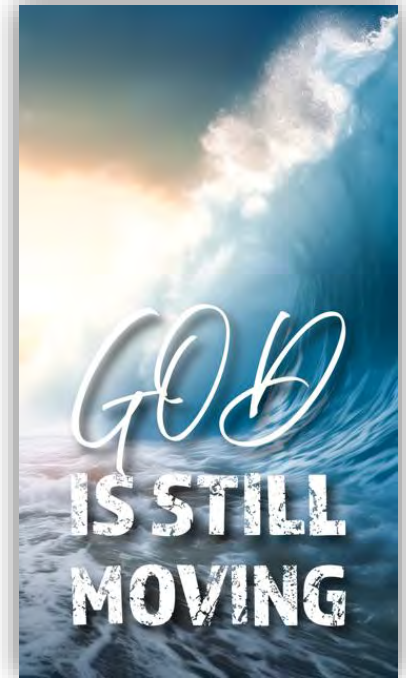
In this day of confusion and untruth, in this day of deception, with the enemy striving to destroy **His Church**, there is a need for men and women of God to arise with a shout on their lips - just as David did: **'IS THERE NOT A CAUSE!'** In this time of anti-god rhetoric and chain rattling, giants in our land are shouting to destroy God's people and take away our freedoms. So I ask you: Is there not a cause?

If you know Canada Spiritual history at all, you quickly learn we are a REVIVAL NATION! It reminds me to be thankful of our heritage. My parents lived through the revival years of 1949, 1950, and 1951. They drove many times to Detroit, Michigan to Bethesda Missionary Temple when the Latter Revival was in full swing. Many churches were birthed out of that revival, and it changed the nations.

I **pray for the Lord to do it again**. I thank God for the power of His Holy Spirit. Today, different giants have risen to take our land. As these giants begin to stand up in OUR LAND - the land the Lord has given to us, Canada. It is time for the church to arise and listen to the SPIRIT. It is time to recognize there is evil in the land. Those voices speaking out are evil and subtle, working to bring fear to a weak and sick church.

But the church of Jesus Christ needs to hear a sound. **We need to hear a ROAR that comes from Holy Spirit**. We need to have a roar in our Spirit. The church of Jesus Christ needs an awakening of the Spirit of GOD. We must arise out of the darkness, out of the ashes - like David - and have a voice that declares: **MY GOD IS ALIVE**. A voice that declares I KNOW WHAT SPIRIT YOU ARE.

1 Samuel 17 holds the well-known historical account of a young teenager called David, and a world-champion warrior named Goliath. The world looks at size - but God, the only true God looks at the heart. In this account of David, it says David was visiting his brothers. Verse 23 reads, *"as he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came out of the armies of the Philistines. And he spoke the same words again to them."* This was becoming a usual challenge - a common event. Verse 24 tells us that the men of the army fled from him in fear. The men of war - the warriors - were afraid. What do you do when the men trained for battle run in fear? They fled because of the size of this man. *'Have you SEEN this man?'* (v25)





In this account, David is challenged by his own brothers. “Look you little runt. Don’t try to embarrass us. Don’t make the people think you’re something special. You are a keeper of the sheep. You are doing a woman’s job. Go home shepherd boy.” They mock him. But David has a resolve in his heart. Something was stirring deep within him. - deep in his spirit. David has a relationship that shaped him, a relationship that molded him. David knew His God!

To David, God was not some distant figure from an ancient scroll. His God was real - personal - present. God had touched David’s heart. David knew His voice. David knew His protection and His power.

So, when the giant yelled out and defies David’s God, **David replied: “I KNOW MY GOD’**. You are nothing but an uncircumcised heathen. But MY GOD stands with me. He has walked with me. He has fought with me. He has preserved me. And I will fight for Him, and I will win - because my God goes with me.”

Here stands this so-called runt in front of a seasoned warrior - a giant of a man. Yet no fear rests on David. David does not see the size of the man. David looks way beyond physical sight. He does not focus on the size of Goliath - he remembers the size of his God. The same God who helped him to defeat a bear, and a lion was preparing him for this very fight with the giant.

Over the years, there have been times when giants have risen against the children of God - dictators, evil regimes, and destructive ideologies that have sought to challenge and oppose Him. Giants have risen to take away church rights and privileges, yet few Davids have risen to stand.

So here we are in 2026. The Liberal Party has discussed the removal of religious charitable exemptions. But God intervened. Yet still, government in Quebec is threatening to ban public prayer - threatening to take children away from parents who do not follow society’s values. Our Canadian Government promotes the death of its citizens through MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying)

This is the GIANT in our land today. So, I ask again: IS THERE NOT A CAUSE to speak out? Are there not giants speaking in our land? Are there not innocent people being killed by the enemy of our souls. Satan will use whatever power or group he can control - anything that stops Jesus Christ from saving people. But is that not our cause, why Jesus came into the world: to seek and save the lost!

Jesus warns us in **John 10: 10** - “*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*”

There is a giant in the land now that seeks to destroy and to kill whoever he can, by any means possible. These anti-god giants are ruthless. It looks at the churches being burnt down in Canada - over 12 at the last count. Yet the Church sleeps on!

So, I ask this question again: IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

Church, will you rise up in your Spirit and fight the good fight? Be aware - there are giants IN OUR LAND. I pray that the Spirit of God would rise up in you, just like it did in David, and that you would begin to speak to those giants.

IS THERE NOT A CAUSE! Yes - there is! For the sake of His righteousness. Church, let us not be like the Israelite soldiers who ran from the fight. Let us be led by our Spirit man, recognizing that these giants are not of God. I serve a great God; I serve a mighty God. And He will keep me. Church, be ready. Be prepared. There are giants in the land.

BUT THE LORD - YOUR GOD - GOES WITH YOU!

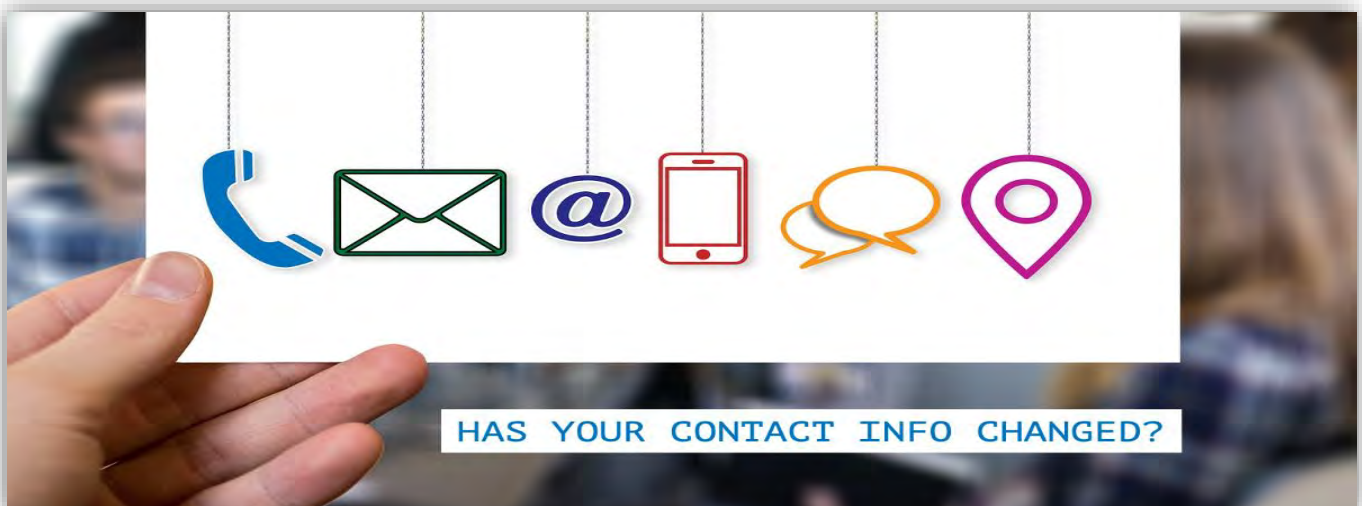
Do not let the giants of media, or the giants of anti-god theology speak to the nation. Let the people of the Living God stand up and pray. Let us stand up and preach, and declare:

'Who is this king of glory - The Lord Strong and Mighty!'

Amen



Rev. Dave Kelsey | General Secretary, IAOGI Canada

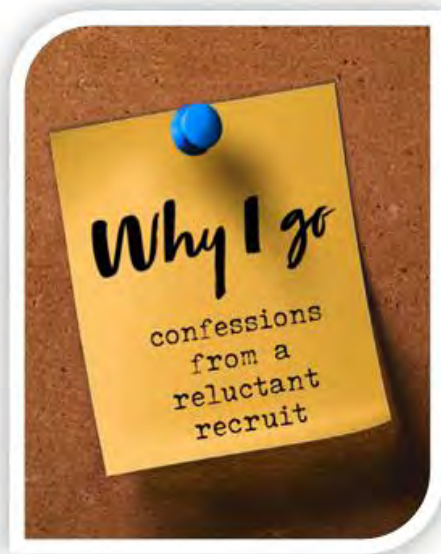


The General Secretary has the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership list, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

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

WHY I GO. CONFESSIONS FROM A RELUCTANT RECRUIT

Excerpt from *The Canadian Mantle* October 2024, page 17



Note from the Editor, Shalane MacKay: It was my pleasure over my past years at the IAOGI to get to know Rev. Elaine Roubos. Elaine was recently promoted to glory in January 2026 (SEE: HALL OF FAITH, PAGE 12) Over the last several years she was particularly devout to make the National Convention, and she had even already booked everything for 2026. At my request, she had previously written this excerpt for the October 2024 Mantle. She had one condition - don't put my name! We had a good chuckle, and I honoured her request at that time. But now having her present with the Lord, her words became even more treasured. I saw it timely to share again this exhortation from my friend, Elaine:

FOR SEVERAL YEARS I DIDN'T GO to the national conferences. I was too busy, cost was a factor since usually I would have to take a plane to get there, cost for a hotel and car rental etc.

Then a couple of years ago I was flipping through a Mantle and came across an article about an upcoming conference in Quebec City and the Lord asked me a question: "If you belong to a fellowship shouldn't you go and fellowship?"

And I must admit, conviction fell on me, so I asked Him, "How?" He spoke this word into my heart: Where I lead, I will provide. Sovereignly He did!

I would encourage everyone to come and fellowship with the many other brothers and sisters in our IAOGI family from across the country, be blessed and ministered to by the various speakers and you never know the Lord may have a special word for you in this national setting! Come and see what the Lord can do! This is why I go!



Elaine Roubos



MINISTRY UPDATES

CHRIST THE ANSWER INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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Every year for 20 years, Christ The Answer International Ministries has hosted Koinonia Leadership Conference. We give God glory for every good thing He has birthed and developed as we celebrated our 20th anniversary of conference this Jan 2026.

This year Pastors Doug and Sveta Klan co-hosted the conference with us at their FAITH NATION church facility in Edmonton, AB. We welcomed registrants from Saskatchewan and Alberta as well as pastors ministering in their home nations in Africa.

Koinonia is a Greek word occurring 20 times in the Bible. It's primary meaning is "oneness," "close communion of the saints," "sharing in common." The first occurrence of koinonia, is Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship (koinonia) and to the breaking of bread & prayer." Believers are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. This is the essence of Koinonia. Philippians 2:1-2 "You are a community of the Holy Spirit, so harmonize and love each other, be deep-spirited friends."

As we've travelled throughout Canada and the world, we often see pastors and ministers finding themselves in an isolated place, mentally and spiritually, where they don't have access to the encouragement and support every one of us need. Jim and I believe as covenant relationships are established at the start of a New Year and continue to be developed, that depression, burnout and discouragement can be things of the past! Our goal is to provide inspired teaching, impartation and times of refreshing in Christ, so servant leaders are equipped and empowered as they head back to their communities.



This year's theme was BREAKING BARRIERS! And the Lord brought just the right vessels into our midst to accomplish this. Jason Chin from www.lovesaysgo.com was a tremendous gift at the conference to help us strip away barriers keeping us from being obedient to the voice of the Holy Spirit in these critical days on planet earth. Jason (a Canadian citizen) is based in Switzerland with his wife Debby. He has a heart for people that is so refreshing.

Other messages still resonating: We have an 'Open Heaven' that broken humanity is waiting for us to release! That Kingdom realm where we must operate from. We must realize we bear the incorruptible

seed that must be scattered into the soil of every heart in order to bear a harvest throughout the earth. The gospel works, we must keep it simple and do the work God has anointed us to do!

We also had strategic workshops on:

1) Breaking free from bitterness and blame. 2) Rising up from burnout and discouragement.

Last but not least, we had meetings open to the public each night where instant healings took place in hearing, release from tinnitus, etc. We are still receiving reports and expect to hear more. Jesus is always present to heal!

We thank God for the honour of hosting again this year and magnify His work in Canada!

With gratitude,

Shelley Christiansen | Saskatchewan



MIRACLE AFTER MIRACLE - UPDATE FROM THE KIENLES

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October 2, 2025 was a normal autumn day on our acreage near Kuroki, SK. Darlene harvested the last of her garden: tomatoes, celery and onions and set about to make a winter supply of salsa. I was putting things away in the yard in preparation for inevitable winter. Tired, I went to bed early, Darlene followed a couple hours later and our son, Paul, later still, after getting home from work around midnight. All was normal.

At 3:00 a.m., Darlene was wakened by an annoying sound that she thought to be a cell phone notification. This was **Miracle #1** - we both have hearing aids out for the night and Darlene sleeps on her good ear. Paul is a very sound sleeper. She opened the bedroom door to the smoke detectors very loud, piercing alarm and, through thick smoke, could see flames at the opposite end of the house.

Miracle #2 - We all made it out the front door, in only night clothes and bare feet, as flames were quickly spreading through the wall adjacent to the back door; 10 minutes later would have been too late. **Miracle #3** - as I walked by Darlene's desk near the front door, I put my hand down to steady myself and felt a laptop. She was at the door encouraging me to hurry but I called her back and she quickly grabbed both laptops. That's it - that's all we brought out but those two items have proved over and over to be the greatest blessing in the last few months, connecting us to our past with business records, financial transactions, copies of ID, wills, etc. that we don't know how we would have been able to navigate without.

Miracle #4 - The outpouring of love has been truly surprising and heart-warming. On the very afternoon of the fire, we were given several bags of good, used clothing that actually fit! We especially want to thank Brother David Kelsey for calling as soon as he heard on day 2, to see how we were doing, to offer prayer and to gather info to notify fellow ministers of our plight. So many fellowship members responded with financial help. If we haven't sent you a personal thank you, it's because the gift went through IAOG

and we aren't aware of who the individual donors are. But please know the gifts are so appreciated and we take this opportunity to THANK YOU! God will reward.

We are renting a fully furnished farmhouse in the general area of our ministry here. We are not sure what the future holds but **Miracle #5** - we are experiencing "the peace that passes understanding". There's joy in knowing that God is the same; He is in control; we are in His care and our future is secure.

Thank you for your continued prayers,

Karl & Darlene Kienle | Saskatchewan



WAY FORWARD APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES - GRANT FAMILY

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Please be encouraged by this powerful testimony and update from one our church family:

THE FIGHT IS FIXED IN OUR FAVOUR!

Life's fiercest battles often resemble a boxing match. The Apostle Paul described his spiritual journey as "a good fight" (2 Timothy 4:7), and that same struggle continues in the lives of believers today. In this spiritual ring, our opponent, the devil, fights ruthlessly to keep us from fulfilling God's purpose.



Our family experienced this battle firsthand while on vacation when our son was suddenly admitted to the ICU in the United States. The doctor's report was devastating: "**Septic shock with a 20% survival rate.**" His condition worsened rapidly, **failing heart, kidney injury, low blood pressure, and infection of the blood.** We were overwhelmed, focused on the grim medical reports, and momentarily forgot that God's report had not yet come in.

In that moment of despair, we realized we had allowed the enemy too much control in our corner. But faith rose within us. We refused to be counted out. We stood up, bruised, weary, but determined to fight back through prayer and faith. We reached out to our church family and loved ones, who surrounded us with prayer and encouragement. Each prayer strengthened us and reminded us that victory was already secured through Christ.

Our Pastor shared Matthew 9:27-29, reminding us that when we cry out in faith, God's mercy flows abundantly. We also held onto 2 Corinthians 12:9, His power is made perfect in our weakness. The fight was fixed; the outcome already determined. We were on the winning side.

By the third day, though our son's condition had not yet improved, something shifted in the spirit. God sent help through family, and we received a Word: "**It shall be well.**" Fear gave way to faith, and tears turned into praise. On the sixth day, Isaiah 41:10 reminded us that God was with us, strengthening and upholding us with His righteous right hand.

Soon, the atmosphere in the hospital room changed. The shadow of death lifted as the presence of Jesus filled the space. In the night, God gave a song, **“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there’s just something about that name.”** That song became our declaration of victory. Healing and restoration followed.

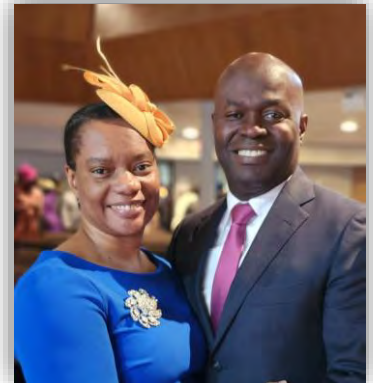
On the tenth day, our son was discharged, healed and restored. After 163 lab tests, 80 doses of medication, 4 CT scans, 4 ultrasounds, 3 x-rays, several other services, and countless prayers, the medical bills were fully covered by our health insurance, and we returned safely to Canada. We witnessed the miraculous power of God. The battle was fierce, but the outcome was never uncertain. The fight was fixed in our favor.

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor. 15:57

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OASIS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES - PERU UPDATE

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This past year we had the privilege of ministering once again in the country of Peru.

Our team consisted of myself (Colin), Pastor Bobby Calderon (Lead Pastor from Harvest church in Laramie, WY), and our interpreter Francisco Galdamez (who currently resides in El Salvador). The ministry was centred in two major areas Huanaco and La Merced.



In Huanaco we were ministering in a Pastors conference and church anniversary services with Pastor Gergorio & Maritza Caqui. Pastors gathered from the local area and several surrounding provinces. The conference theme was “Called To Serve”. In teaching we emphasized two specific factors: “Honoring The Call” and “Serving The Lord With Gladness” We witness God do some amazing things including salvations, healings, and strong encouragement for Pastors.

In La Merced we ministered with Pastor Jose & Paola Avalos at High Refuge Church and with Pastor Sandra Moran at Word Of Life Church. Besides training leaders the two churches also came together for an evangelism training. Besides the training we had a time of practical outreach at the La Merced town square in which many people were touched and ministered to.



In both locations God was gracious to grant us a strong prophetic flow over many pastors and people as we prayed for them during altar times. Many confirmed the words given to them as God touched and ministered to them. We witnessed a strong moving of the Spirit in the presence of God.

Throughout our travels and various services there were salvations, water baptisms and miracles! Among those was Jose, a 52 year old man who had a stroke. While the stroke had not impacted his ability to move, it had caused him his ability to speak. He had come forward in

response to the altar call to get saved and was at the baptismal service the next day. In the following evening service, the family brought him forward for prayer asking God to restore his speech. Among the family present, was his unsaved 25-year-old grandson, Alvero. Francisco and I laid hands on him and praised for God to restore his peach and God graciously released His healing power on Jose! After we had prayed, his grandson asked him; "Grandpa what is my name?" and without hesitation, and in a clear voice he replied, "Your name is, Alvero!". *Photo: Alvero (2nd from left) after giving his heart to the Lord, along with our ministry team, Pastor Bobby Calderon, Fracisco Galdamez and myself.*

We also prayed for Jose, that God would heal anything else wrong in his body. What we did not know is that Jose had another sever physical condition for which he was going to see his doctor the following week. He attended that appointment expecting the doctor to schedule his surgery, only to find that his body was completely clean and healed!

We praise God for His faithfulness to us in helping us strengthen pastors, churches, and bring the good news to the people! He is a mighty God!



Colin & Mary Wellard | British Columbia



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 and photos are welcomed!

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

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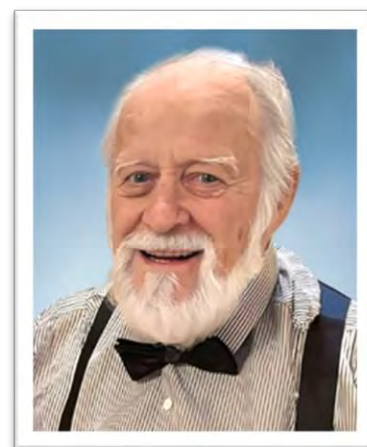
Please take time to remember in prayer, the families and loved ones of those who have been promoted to glory

PASTOR JEAN-MARIE PAYANT | ST-HYACINTHE, QC

Pastor Jean-Marie passed away on February 10, 2026. Pastor Jean-Marie and his wife Nicole did a wonderful ministry with Marriages, and helping couples and were members of the IAOGI since October 1999

In his last note to General Secretary Kelsey, he shared: "I am looking forward to seeing all of us in His Father's House". Now he waits for us.

Jean-Maire was not a member of the Compassion Fund.



REV. CLAUDE DANIS | GATINEAU, QC

Has recently passed away from health issues in February 2026. He had just celebrated his birthday on January 11th, of this year. While he had been with Elim Fellowship for many years he then joined the IAOGI Canada in 2015. He loved God and people.

Claude was not a member of the Compassion Fund.

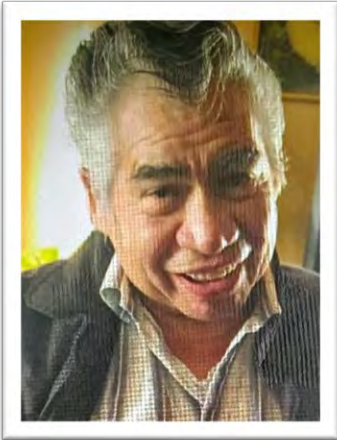
ELAINE ROUBOS | NEW WESTMINSTER, BC

Elaine passed suddenly this past January. She helped in preaching at their church The Church on a Hill which she and her husband John (Predeceased in 2022) moved from Ontario to pastor more than 30 years ago. Together they did more than 50 years in ministry work for the Lord. Elaine held Bible studies and assisted in prayer meetings and was always ready to help with worship. Elaine will be dearly missed by her two sons, family and friends.

Elaine was not a member of the Compassion Fund



REV. LARRY VERN IRELAND | ONEIDA, ON



On Sunday, December 14th, 2025 after a courageous battle with cancer Pastor Larry Ireland of Oneida Nation began his journey back to his Heavenly Father.

Husband of Rosalinda Ireland (nee: Antone), and father, proud “Papa”, and a great grandpa of 9 great grandchildren he has moved onto the Promised land.

Larry Joined the IAOGI Canada in 1993. Larry took over as pastor of the Oneida House of Prayer over 30 years ago. He provided his words Hope, Faith, Truth and guidance to his native community, and beyond.

Pastor Larry was not a member of the Compassion Fund.

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HEALTH IN MINISTRY *By: Rev. Paul McPhail*

Let's face it. Ministers work long hours and deal with loads of stress. The challenges and pressures of ministry can take a toll on the body, especially over the long haul. If ministers are not intentional about taking good care of their bodies, it will eventually catch up with them.

Healthy living should be a priority for every Christian, not just ministers. As 3 John 2 puts it, "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that *you may be in good health*, as it goes well with your soul." While it is true that God uses us in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:10), generally speaking, you will be more effective in ministry when in good health, than in bad.

Here are keys to staying healthy in ministry.

REST

As much as we would all like to be the energizer bunny that keeps going and going, the fact is, ministers are human. We need rest just like everyone else. "Burning the candle at both ends" and neglecting sleep is not a recipe for ministry effectiveness.

REGULAR EXERCISE & RECREATION

Exercise and recreation are vital in the life of any minister. I say this based upon my experience, but also upon the teaching of Scripture. As Paul states in 1 Timothy 4:8, "bodily training is of some value." While the premium is placed upon "godliness", there is still value in training and staying physically fit.

Obviously, there is no shortage of activities that will aid your health. The trick to find something that works for you and stick with it.

HEALTHY DIET

When you are constantly on the go, having the right diet can be a real challenge. Healthy eating habits don't just happen. It takes planning, prep time, and often dips deeper into the pocketbook than you would like, but surely your good health is worth it.

Obviously, you will need to talk to your wife about this (if you are married) and tackle this one together. Sometimes it's the simple things like less junk food, more veggies, and plenty of water that will make a big difference.

LIMIT MEDIA INTAKE

Years ago, a ministry friend told me that Sunday afternoons in the fall find him watching 3 football games after church. While rest is a must for the minister, we must also guard against idolatry and slothfulness.

Ask yourself:

- How much time each day do I spend on social media?
- How much time do I spend watching TV?
- Am I spending more time keeping abreast of news and current events than I am spending in prayer and Bible study?

The demands of ministry and life in general will necessitate the use of media devices, but most ministers would admit they should cut back on media consumption.

The Bible says, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, (time management) because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:15-16). As servants of Christ, let us strive to redeem the precious time God has given us.

FAMILY TIME

It is common for pastors to feel guilty for not doing more ministry outside the home but always remember that your first ministry is to your family (1 Timothy 3:4-5, Ephesians 5:25 - 6:4).

There is a lot that encompasses being a “family man” but a big part of it is setting aside space for family time. Whatever stage of life you find yourself in, don’t neglect your family. The time you give to them will not just benefit them, it will be life giving to you.

PURSUE JESUS!

If this were just a secular article dealing with the topic of “staying healthy as a working professional” you might find similar versions of the above points. You might even find something to encourage you in the direction of “spirituality.” However, most certainly you would not find anything like ‘pursuing Jesus’.

It is not a stretch to say that the most important aspect of staying healthy in ministry is “looking to Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2). When we get our eyes off of Jesus, we can fall prey to self-centered idolatry. The temptation to elevate the body in unbiblical ways always seems to be lurking. We so fear sickness and unhealthiness that we end up putting too much focus on the body, to the neglect of the soul.

There is a need to “discipline our bodies” (1 Corinthians 9:27) and exercise self-control in every area of our lives. But only through a proper understanding and application of the gospel will this be realized. I received my Mission Worker’s Licence July 12, 1963 (62 years of ministry). The Bible makes clear that Christ is at the center of everything (Philippians 1:21). If we preach, it is for Him (Colossians 1:28). If we pray, it is for Him. If we evangelize, it is for Him. And if we pursue healthy living, it is for Him.

Keep your eyes firmly fixed upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Do everything for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31, Romans 11:36). He will give you the strength and well-being to fulfill your ministry (2 Timothy 4:5, Psalm 138:8).

Yours in Christ,

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General Secretary Emeritus, IAOGI (Canada)



THINK ON THESE THINGS

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

THAT'S NOT MY YOKE

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Greetings everyone!

I'm looking forward to National Convention in Ottawa! It's significant that we come to our capital at such a crucial time to pray for Canada, and with Rev. Bill Prankard, it will be a powerful time!

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We've been busy with our wonderful kids, house renos, electrical business, Mission Thando South Africa, Carlyle church, local ministerial and community, and IAOGIC Prairies. I thank God for all the good things He's doing in it all! I mention all that to remind me and us all of **the need to prioritize in 2026!**

Life can get busy, with distractions, emergencies and things that just feel or seem like emergencies in the moment, as well as the hard things of life that can get us down. I thank God for all the good things too, but we can let those lead to pride and complacency! So overall, I'm so thankful for Holy Spirit's wisdom, guidance, power and grace to transform and empower us to do all that He's called us to do. This includes REST, which gets forgotten amid everything, but is part of God's design. He blesses us as His children and gives Him joy to see us thrive! The key is dependence and intimacy with Him!

Matt.11: 25 At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. 26 Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!...

28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

We need to say no to extra/ wrong things we could take on as our yoke, take on His yoke for us. We recently finished Daniel Bible study and are now on Revelation. Especially in these Last Days, we need to encourage one another, prioritize, and remain faithful! Rev.1:3: 3 God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.

What Krista had on her heart for this New Year, I share as my prayer for us all, that 2026 would be 'our best year yet', with Eph.3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within

us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Dave & Krista Meisner | Saskatchewan

Dave and Krista Meisner, currently live in Carlyle, SK with their wonderful children. Here 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 has been serving as IAOGI Regional Secretary for the Prairies since 2024.



MAYDAY, MAYDAY, WE NEED BACKUP!

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We have all experienced that feeling of racing against time, of not knowing where to turn. At the same time, no project seems to be moving forward, and our efforts seem futile. As ministers of the Gospel, these feelings are often exacerbated, affecting our family life and even calling into question our ability to serve. And as if it were a taboo subject, we bury the reality under a pile of Sunday masks.

Let's talk seriously... Research conducted by Barna Group and Lifeway Research reveals that in 2022, approximately 42% of evangelical pastors seriously considered leaving the ministry. The reason: psychological distress. Among these exhausted ministers, 46% are under the age of 45, which directly affects the next generation of our churches, especially those in contact with our youth. This is nothing new.

Blessed to have been raised in the church of Christ and having participated in various ministries from a very young age, I have too often rubbed shoulders with men and women of God who were exhausted and broken by adverse winds. A common cause: forgetting that a member cut off from the body dies (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12).

So today, I suggest you remember one little word... **Ezer**.

Being a very rational person, I am convinced that it is impossible to obtain a different result by repeating the same methods. Naturally resistant to change, humans sometimes find it difficult to even consider that a season must change, even if it leads to a significant gain. This is even more true when it comes to delegating, because after all, we are always better served by ourselves, right? If this sounds familiar, that's normal.

The Hebrew term Ezer (עֵזֶר) broadly means "assistance" or "help," but in a military and political context, this word emphasizes the importance of structured and strategic assistance. This principle is vital to every aspect of our daily lives (efficiency, personal discipline, family harmony), and is even fundamental to achieve success in the ministry God calls us to. Being a lone ranger has never been God's will for us.

The importance of mutual help is a constant theme throughout the Bible. The root "Ezer" appears more than 120 times in the Old Testament. The principle is also present in the New Testament with the early

Church (Acts 6). Other examples include Jesus sending his disciples out two by two to prepare for his coming to the surrounding towns (Luke 10), and Moses surrounding himself with leaders to manage the people (Exodus 18).

God provided... but who?

From the beginning, when God entrusted man with the responsibility of ruling over His creation, it was already established that man would need a helper to accomplish his mission. Genesis 2:18 reminds me that my "humility barometer" sometimes needs a *little* recalibration.

Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him. - Gen 2:18 AMPC

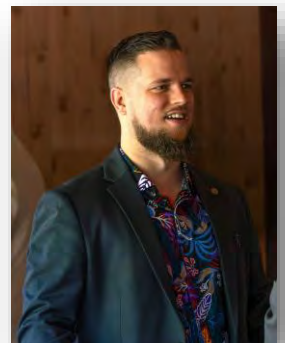
Despite all my good intentions, I would be unable to fulfill God's assignment for my life and my family without the Ezer He has placed by my side. To illustrate my point: if God is my help (Ps 33:20; 70:5; 121:1-2), my wife is often the lifeline He uses when the waves are raging. Apart from the Lord, Betty, my wife, is the person who knows me best; she supports me in my valleys and is the first to celebrate my victories. She is that woman of character and skill, as described in Proverbs 31, whom God created to be my helpmate. He placed her in my path, and I would be foolish not to honor her! The pressure of the local church cannot rest solely on the shoulders of the pastor's family.

The reality is that trials are inevitable. Without structure and reinforcement, a house will eventually collapse. That is why I firmly believe that it is time to move from a "modern traditional" structure (where the pastor is the only pillar) to a bootcamp center model, where the "Christian" becomes a "disciple" contributing his or her gifts to the vision in synergy with the local church. Like Moses, we must discern who to put in place: people who are capable, upright, and filled with the fear of God (Exodus 18). Like the apostles, let us seek out co-workers who are good witnesses, filled with the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:1-4). The fear of the Lord will be evident in their discernment, confidence, foresight, and intolerance of evil (Ps 111:10; Prov 2:17; 8:13; 9:10; 14:26-27).

the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these things to faithful people who will be competent to teach others also. - 2 Tim 2:2 LEB

In closing, placing the right people in the right places supports the vision and protects the flock, but these collaborators must be trained. Just as a body needs exercise to be healthy, let us train them so that they are solid, strong, and effective in exercising their gifts and calling (1 Cor. 12), collaborating in the vision and freeing you to do what God has laid on your heart. The idea: train new disciples who, in turn, will pass on what they have received (2 Tim 2:2), because after all, this is what we are called to do (Matt 28:19-20).

Dave and his wife Betty have built a life of faith together during more than 22 years of marriage, raising two daughters and investing deeply in their family, businesses, ministry and local church. Over the years, he has served in a variety of roles, including Sunday school teacher, youth leader, worship leader, sound and video engineer, marriage counselor and church department director, giving him a deep and practical understanding of the challenges of ministry and family life. Now serving as one of the executive pastors at EVC Lachine, he continues to serve with a desire to see marriages flourish, families united, and making disciples through biblical steadfastness.



TRANSITIONING TO A NEW LEADER

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From the Editor, Shalane MacKay: God is a God of continuity. Yet that doesn't mean the position of ministry and leadership you are in today is the place you are meant to stay always. God has purposes and plans for those coming up behind you as well. Transition is not for the faint of heart. Check out some of these great keys to think on from Rev. Dan Tamburo when he transitioned senior pastorship to his daughter Rev. Kate Tamburo, the then worship leader at Leamington Christian Center.

RECOGNIZE THE TIMES & PEOPLE

First of all, I believe you need to know in your spirit that it is time to transition. It is not subject to age, to time, to other's standards. You must know who it is that God is putting in to that place. It cannot be subject to seniority, to family ties, to educational qualifications, but to the Holy Spirit. In my case, near 70, although I still felt strong, I knew it was my time. And after a few years of praying, I perceived my daughter, Kate, was to be the new pastor. Initially she did not agree, but after much prayer, changed her mind.

RUN TOGETHER

The next step I took was to keep it between Kate and myself. I told her that for the next season of time, I wanted her to advise me; make all the decisions as if she was pastor. While the final decision was still submitted to me, the purpose was preparation. When the time came, she would have been well experienced for the position. Yes, I reserved the right to have the final say during that period, but I don't remember ever needing to do that. Even within our core team, would endeavor to operate on the same page. If anyone wasn't confident in the direction or decision, then we would hold off, pray and discuss to get the mind of the Spirit. For the most part I don't think we ever proceeded on any major decisions without being in harmony.

After a couple of years, in that way, we let the core group know, which only confirmed what was what they already knew, that Kate was going to be the new pastor. In a relay race, there is always a period where both hold the baton and then one runner releases it to another, who must go for it with all that is within them. It is a critical time in the race. To win, that operation needs to be smooth.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

We worked a way of communicating to the congregation that I believed it was time to retire from the day to day pastoral leadership of the church. I endeavored to let the congregation know all of my thoughts that went into the final decision to step down as senior pastor. We prepared a formal written statement to be read to the congregation. And gave place and time for any one-on-one conversations.

PUTTING FAITH & TRANSITION INTO PHYSICAL ACTION

When the transition service came, the Holy Spirit led me into a few key physical actions. We as pastors usually have our "set seats". As senior pastor I always sat in the front row and to the right. Kate always sat in the front row, but to the left. The Holy Spirit led me, that before I read the statement, to switch seats with Kate. It was orchestrated by the Lord, and it was to me great wisdom.



One of our members years ago had made me a shepherd's staff which I kept in my office. I brought that staff with me to the platform and that day publicly and physically gave it to Kate.

I think the formal public statement, the switching of the seats, the giving of the shepherd's staff were key pieces that helped with a smooth transition.

In addition, I switched offices with Kate which was needful, as I had been the founding pastor and only pastor for nearly 30 years. Kate was now the senior pastor and leader, and everything needed to reflect that.

MOVING FROM THE LEAD TO A SUPPORTIVE SEAT

While I am still a key part of the fabric at LCC, I became a part of the core team to be consulted and have input in decisions and moving forward of Leamington Christian Centre. Just as the core team had done under me for all those years. As the expression goes, "A new broom sweeps clean". But for us, a team approach was always the way God directed LCC, and I perceive to be Biblical.

ADVANCE FORWARD

And now, we have all transitioned further. As God has led myself and my wife, Rosa to do more itinerant ministry both in Canada and to the Nations. The core team at LCC, under Kate, has advanced more into their callings, going forward in strength to fulfill the Kingdom of God.

Be ready to move when God says, even if that means doing something different than you were doing before and allowing others to run with vision that you started out with. We trust God to lead us with the visions and callings that He has given us.

Dan Tamburo | Ontario

Rev. Dan Tamburo founded Leamington Christian Centre 30 years ago with a vision to see people encounter the reality of Jesus and grow strong in the Lord. He and his wife Rosa continue this throughout Canada with a more itinerant ministry while still supporting things at the home base. Pastor Dan and Rosa call Windsor, ON home.



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IAOGI NATIONAL PRAYER

PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS

*Psalms 2:8 Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

The nations are here. They are filling our cities and streets. Yes, there are troubles, terrible ones. From shore-to-shore news media is carrying stories about the crimes being committed by those from other countries.

We were warned in the gospels about the end times being dark times, however, it also states that those in darkness would come to the Light. The darkness is showing its voice and nature. Its time we did so too!

We believers, especially those who are leaders, need to stand up in faith in our God. He is mighty and has given us His Light! We need to be the example of character, faith, and living force for Jesus. Remember all of those 'warring' songs we began to sing in the nineties? Well, its is time to live them out loud.

Now, I am not a great pianist nor great singer. I do sing with all of my heart though and play with all of it too. We were short a pianist one meeting and I hopped up and played "I went to the enemies camp". Well, joy broke out. We surely laughed and some poked a bit of fun at me, which I didn't mind, however, it did something.

It brought to remembrance what God had already won for us and that we could just go and take back what the enemy tried to take from us. When challenges arise, it is easy to forget that we are not fighting a new battle, we are standing in victory finished. We can just get to shouting praise and thanks with expectation to witness change.

Friends, you may not want to sing one of those songs, but will you make the time to remind yourself and others where the real war is. That war is primarily in our flesh. We all can get comfortable and try to peacefully just getting by until Jesus returns. However, we have a great opportunity to influence others and get them excited again about our One and Only Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Then, we need to get the fear of man under foot and not worry what others think about us. You may be labeled as a bit of a fanatic, but at least you will be a happy one! Fear is a nasty snake that must be kept under foot. Listening to all of the reports can lure you into the snare of it. But what can we do?

We can pray! Praying for the nations that come here will experience Jesus. That they will have encounters daily with people who are born again. That miracles will be taking place all of the time. That all believers will boldly and confidently take up the Word and use it as the sword and see people saved.

Remember this, He is not willing that ANY should perish! Get praying and add some works to that. Go and tell someone about Jesus today!

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



Dr. Gwen Dreger | British Columbia

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL PRAYER EVENT ON ZOOM

MONDAY, MARCH 23 @ 5:30 pm PST | 8:30pm EST

TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE IAOGI PRAYER UPDATES PLEASE EMAIL: PRAYER@IAOGCAN.COM



I WANT TO BE ON THE NATIONAL PRAYER EMAIL LIST: You must email prayer@iaogcan.ca to request to be added to the IAOGI National Prayer Email List. If you haven't received a recent email from the National Prayer Coordinator you may not have your current address with them! Drop them a note.

Let us agree together in prayer with one mighty voice and continue to bring a spirit of faith to Canada!

NOTICE OF MOTION

The IAOGI National Prayer receives emails regarding prayer requests from members as well as addressing issues that may arise in our nation.

We pray for other nations when specific challenges come. We also rejoice in the victories ministries experience honouring the Lord for what He is doing and continues to do. Currently, members must independently request to join the National Prayer list. However, we know that prayer is integral component of our fellowship. The following motion would provide a way for more of the members to be aware of the National Prayer group as well as make it simple for them register to participate.

I, Rev. Gwen Dreger, motion that the IAOGI credential application and renewal forms include an area for members to opt in and join the IAOGI National Prayer email list, along with a space for their preferred email.

Seconded by: Abigail McKeever

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JAN 11 - New Life Christian Church - Woodbridge, ON

FEB 7 - Central Ont. IAOGI Regional Meeting

FEB 8 AM - Ebenezer Revival Tabernacle - 11 am.

FEB 9 PM - Great Commission Int.' Ministry - 1:30 pm

FEB 18-19 - Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America - Washington, DC.

MAR 5-7 - BC Southwest Regional Conference - Surrey, BC

MAR 8 - Bethany Indonesian Church - Vancouver, BC

MAR 9- 15 - Word Conference, Indiana, USA

MAR 28 - Eastern Ontario Regional Meeting, Smith Falls, ON

APR 1-2 - Denominational Leaders Meeting - Mississauga, ON

APR 11 - Southwestern Ontario Regional Meeting - Chatham, ON

APR 18 - Central Ontario Regional Meeting - Toronto, ON

MAY 4-7 - IAOGI National Convention - Ottawa, ON
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!

For the General Secretary's full itinerary please visit our website. Our heart is to encourage our pastors, exhort the church, and give room for the Holy Spirit to move. If you wish to have pastor Dave come for a service (or two) just send an email to gensec@iaogcan.com.

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