



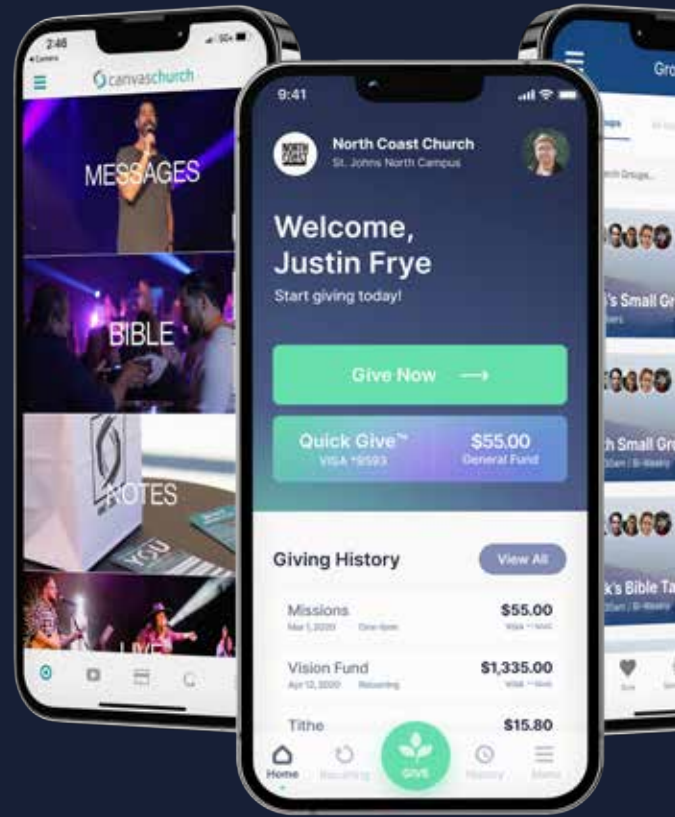
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# Welcome to General Conference 2024!



**IMAGINE** is the theme, Psalm 51 is the guiding Scripture. This is a call for the Free Methodist Church in Canada to imagine together the difference we can make as we remember our calling.

Yes, this is an opportunity to do business together, but more importantly, the context of our business is relationship. We are a connected Church family. We value our connectionalism. We value the FM story we rally around, and learning how to live this story out in our prevailing culture. We value all the diverse iterations of Free Methodism across Canada, but that these remain connected to the “whole.” We have a joyful French-African worshipping congregation in Quebec City and a loving Fijian congregation in Surrey, British Columbia! We have thriving churches in rural and urban settings. An exciting development is the many new Canadians finding their way into our Church family!

General Conference is our time to **IMAGINE**, reconnect, take a deep corporate breath, remember what we have been through, remember who we are in Christ, review what our mission is, **PRAY**, discuss business, and celebrate God’s Spirit moving in and

through the Free Methodist Church family. General Conference is a time to rally under one banner, imagine what God imagines for us, and prepare for the new season.

This is actually my first opportunity to plan an in-person General Conference as Bishop; it is also my last. We have an impressive Ministry Centre team! They are in full gear, preparing for your arrival. The other team in full gear, is the National Prayer Team. You are being prayed for daily (You are invited to join this national Zoom prayer meeting at any time.) You are also encouraged to participate in the prayer initiatives at GC.

My dear brothers and sisters, please come with humble hearts prepared to listen to each other and to our Father. Please come determined to meet new friends, and to contribute somehow to the unity of the Body. **IMAGINE** what a difference it would make if each of us came in humility and with a deep desire to live fully Jesus’ prayer for unity outlined in John 17! **IMAGINE** if we fully embraced Psalm 51 as our prayer in beginning this new season. **IMAGINE!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Curt', written in a cursive style.

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# PSALM 51

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**For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.**

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
2. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
4. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.
5. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
6. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
7. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
9. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
10. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
12. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
13. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.
14. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
15. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.
16. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
17. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.
18. May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.



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# Land Acknowledgement

## A Liturgy for the Land and its People

*"The land is the LORD's and everything in it"*  
(Psalm 24). And upon his lands the LORD placed a people created in His own image, and He granted unto them the stewardship and care of His creation.

For many newcomers, immigrants and their ancestors, hospitality, treaty and covenant had been extended unto us by the Creator's original hosts. Over time, however, these covenants became corrupted, and a people abused. The story of our shared soil has been spoiled, and yet, it is not beyond redemption. Which is why the God of Israel always calls us to remember.

"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other." Isaiah 46:8-9

And so, we offer ourselves up to Christ our Creator, and invite His reconciling Spirit to continue to do a new work in us. To restore us to treaty and covenant, to bring us into right-relationship with our beloved brothers and sisters, and revive us together, for the sake of healing and His future.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18

And so we, the Free Methodist Church in Canada, acknowledge that our places of worship across this country include the traditional lands and homelands, on both treaty and unceded territories, of many Indigenous nations and people groups. And with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to right-relationship with our beloved brothers and sisters, and the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation.

# MEET THE PLANNING TEAM

Meet the dedicated members of the General Conference Planning Team, who have worked tirelessly over the past year to bring the upcoming event to life. Their collective expertise, commitment and collaboration have ensured that every aspect of the conference has been carefully considered and meticulously planned. Each member has played a vital role in shaping the conference into a memorable and impactful experience for all participants.



Bishop Cliff Fletcher



Monique Alexander



Lorilee Bishop



Jennifer Cornwall



Sandy Crozier



Jessica Isaak



Jervis Djokoto



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**Special thanks to Chris and Steve, our GC Coordinators for keeping us on track!**



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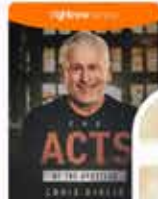
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# A Prayer for our New Bishop

**FATHER, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE  
ORDAINED BISHOP LINDA TO LEAD THE  
FMCIC, SO THANK YOU FOR HER.**

WE PRAY,

That You would help her to live a healthy sabbath-rhythm so that she is constantly refreshed by You;

That You help her to abide in You, so that she is attuned to Your voice and Your leading;  
That You continue to enrich her marriage and bless her family;

That You give her and John cultural-awareness, peace in their hearts, and love for us as they settle into a new environment and culture, a new church family, a new team, and a whole new national fellowship;

That You would help us to encourage her with words, prayer, gifts, calls, notes and with true friendship. That You help us to fully embrace her into the FMCiC family;

That You will help us to not be arm-chair bishops or leaders, but that we would commit to being prayerful, constructively engaged,

loving partners and servants in ministry;

That You would give her, the National Leadership Team, and the BOA unity, discernment, wisdom, sanctified imaginations and courage as they prayerfully consider our next chapter and;

That You would bless us in her visits to our churches. Please anoint her messages, give her wisdom in her meetings with leaders and favour with our members.

Father, we want to be blessed by her ministry, and we want her to experience blessing in her ministry. We therefore pray that You help us to commit ourselves to PRAY, act, respond, submit, listen, serve and react to her leadership in ways that please You and will posture us to receive Your blessings.

In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.



**Bishop Linda Adams**

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are absolutely thrilled to introduce our esteemed lineup of speakers for General Conference. Each speaker brings a different perspective, experience and inspiration that promises to make this event truly exceptional. Get ready for an enriching experience as we come together to learn, grow and imagine together.



## THURSDAY NIGHT

- BA in Biology, Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas
- MDiv Asbury Theological Seminary
- DMin 2022 Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University

Jessica LaGrone became the Dean of the Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky in 2014. She is an acclaimed pastor, teacher, speaker and writer whose engaging communication style endears her to groups throughout the United States. A native of Texas, Jessica is an ordained pastor who served churches in the Houston area, most recently serving for nine years at The Woodlands Methodist Church near Houston, Texas.

Jessica's books and studies include *Out of Chaos*; *Namesake: When God Rewrites Your Story*; *Under Wraps*; *Broken and Blessed: How God Used One Imperfect Family to Change the World*; *Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings*; and *The Miracles of Jesus*. Jessica is a contributor to an all-church Advent study called *Under Wraps* and is the New Testament video presenter for the Disciple Fast Track series. Her works have been used in personal and group studies around the world.

Jessica and her husband, Jim, have two young children, Drew and Kate.

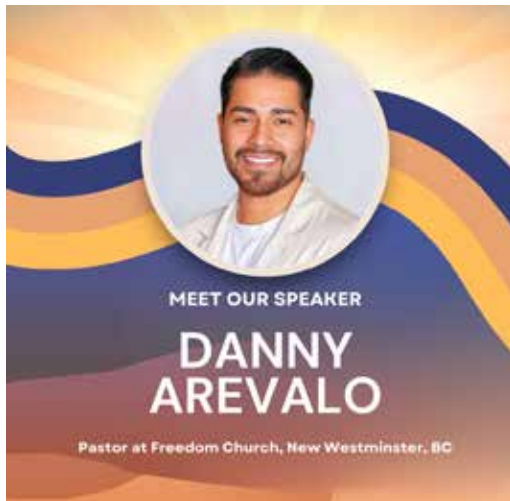


Sarah Newman is a Ph.D. student in Old Testament Biblical Studies at Wycliffe College, part of the Toronto School of Theology at the University of Toronto. When Sarah is not studying, she is a Lay Minister at the Armadale Free Methodist Church in Scarborough, Ontario and serves on the Board of Governors for the Canadian Bible Society, where she has also assisted with Bible translation as an intern. In her limited spare time, she writes on her blog, Joyful For Jesus (<https://joyfulforjesus.com/>) about the impact of faith on daily life.

Sarah has completed an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics (Honours B.A.) from the University of Toronto Scarborough, a Master of Arts in Linguistics (M.A.) from the University of Toronto, St. George and a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Tyndale University. In both her doctoral studies and ministry, Sarah intertwines her love of learning and teaching with God's love for others, and looks forward to seeing how God will continue to lead."



Jeffery Webb is the pastor of Blue Mountain Community Church. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Brock University and a Masters of Divinity from McMaster Divinity College. Jeff and his wife Raven (a primary teacher) have been married for just shy of five years. In that short amount of time they have moved from St. Catharines to Scotland to Jordan Station and to Owen Sound before finally settling in the beautiful community of Clarksburg, Ontario. Jeff enjoys anything outdoors, specifically hiking, biking, climbing, camping, portaging as well as spending time with a good book or playing games with friends.



Danny became the Lead Pastor of what is now known as Freedom Church in November, 2022. He brings vast experience having served over 12 years in various church ministry context roles. Previously, Danny and his wife, Alison, led a Missions Organization called Pais Movement in North America where they oversaw missionaries across the continent. His relevant and deep preaching style allows listeners to practically apply biblical truths to everyday life. Danny is passionate in seeing people be transformed through the good news of Jesus Christ. He resides in New Westminster, BC with his wife Alison, 2 kids Arya and Josias and their dog Mylo.



Jenn Wagar is an ordained minister. Jenn believes that Jesus came to bring us life and life to the full (John 10:10). As a result, she has made it a life goal to tell people about God's faithfulness in fulfilling this promise to all those who choose to be in relationship with Him. With a focus on God's Word, she passionately delivers this unrelenting message of hope to all people. Jenn is strongly committed to promoting and ministering at summer camps, firmly believing that they play a major role in developing one's spiritual formation. Jenn believes that kayaking and travel play key roles in spiritual health!

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# PSALM 51



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Dr. Linda Adams is a graduate of Spring Arbor University (BA 1977) and Asbury Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1991; D.Min. 2000). She has enjoyed serving in three pastoral appointments—pastor for CE at the Spring Arbor, Michigan FMC; lead pastor of the St. Charles, Illinois FMC; and lead pastor of New Hope Church in Rochester, New York. During her ten years at New Hope, the church incorporated more than 30 refugees from Central Africa into the congregation, opening her eyes to the reality of global poverty and the migration of people because of war and ethnic strife. For 11 years, she led International Child Care Ministries, a vibrant global FM movement in 33 countries. Linda became the first female bishop in any Free Methodist General Conference in our 160-year history! She served a full term (four years) as bishop with the Free Methodist Church in the United States and will begin her term as our newly elected and consecrated bishop at the end of General Conference.

Linda and her husband John will celebrate 47 years of marriage in August 2024. Their son Nate is married to Lauren; and have given John and Linda their first grandchild, Isobel, who was born in 2023. Their daughter Carrie lives in Washington, DC, and is engaged to be married. Besides serving the Lord through the FMC, Linda loves to play the piano and sing, swim, walk with friends, read and travel.

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# HISTORY WALL AND EBENEZER STONE ACTIVITY

## Journeying Through History: A Healing & Reflection Experience



The History Wall and Ebenezer Stone activity, will be a sacred space designed to guide our denomination through a reflective and healing journey during the General Conference 2024 & beyond. This exercise invites us to explore our collective history, celebrate achievements, acknowledge challenges, seek reconciliation, and listen to what God is saying to us as a movement.

To read through the complete rationale and goals of this exercise [click here](#).

### GOALS

After prayer and reflection, participants are encouraged to use sticky notes to write scriptures, reflections, celebrations, prayers, or insights inspired by your reflection. Place them on the History Wall or use the pens

provided to write directly on the wall. The goal is to recognize and celebrate what God has done.

With the Ebenezer Stone Activity, write down on a stone one word that reflects your emotions, hurts, or gratitude related to our history.

Place the stone at the foot of the cross as a symbol of surrender to Christ and prayerful reflection. The goal here is to acknowledge the difficult moments and bring those at the foot of the cross.

You will find the History Wall and Ebenezer Stone activities in the Prayer room (Hudson Bay Room) they are open to everyone. We encourage your participation.

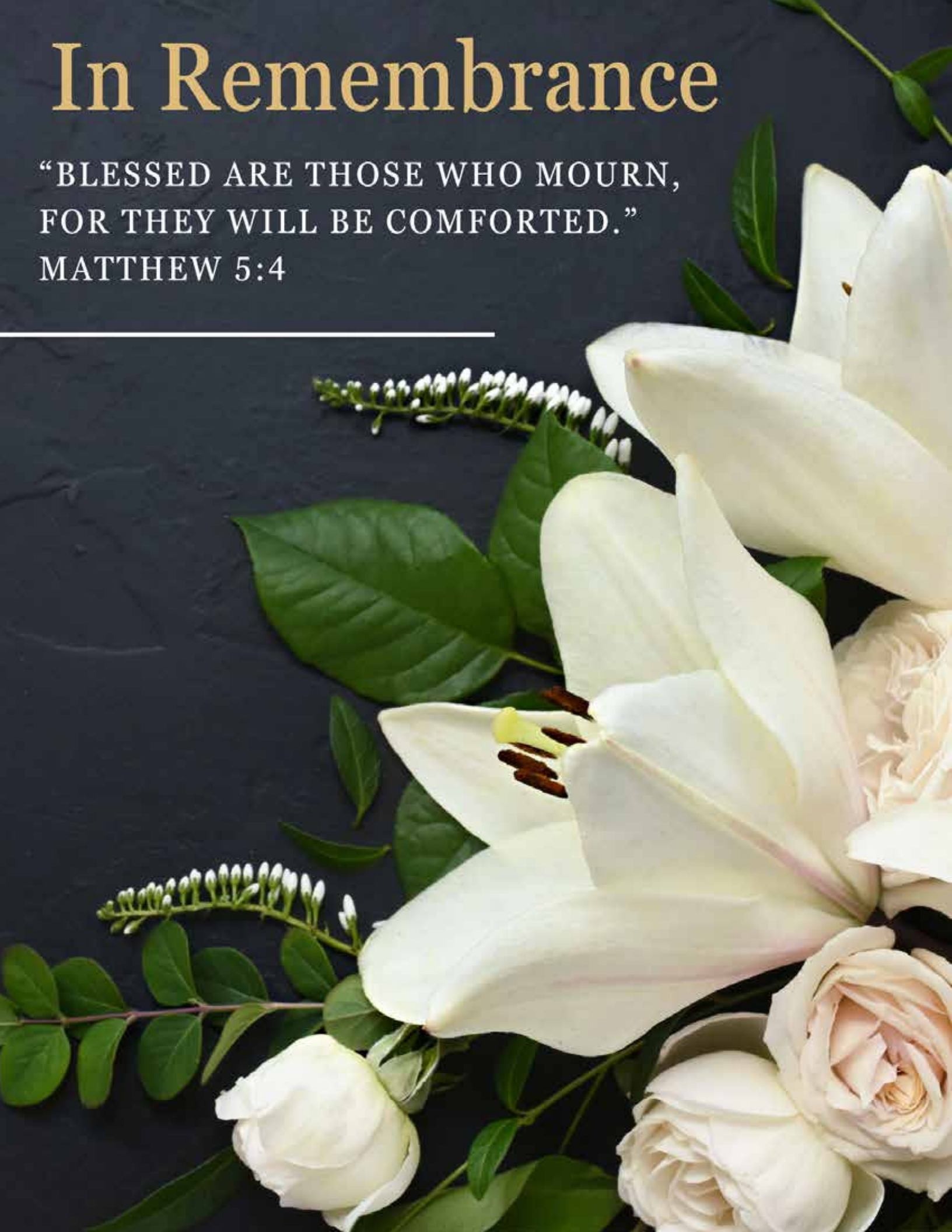
**This initiative comes to you from the Church Health Department and is being facilitated by the National Prayer Team.**

# In Remembrance

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,  
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.”

MATTHEW 5:4

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF **Bishop Emeritus**

**Rev. Dr.  
Donald N.  
Bastian**

December 25, 1925 – April 4, 2024



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Deaconess

**ALMA COX**

June 10, 2017



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Muriel  
Hammond**

December 17, 1920 - April 22, 2020



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Reverend

**HARRISON  
RAYMOND  
BANKS**

June 11, 1935 - July 3, 2021



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Reverend

**Robert Allen  
Tufts**

February 18th, 1923 - July 18, 2021



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Pastor

**GLORIA  
REIMER**

December 9, 1947 - August 18, 2021



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Reverend

**Dr. Keith  
Fidler**

Dec 29, 2021

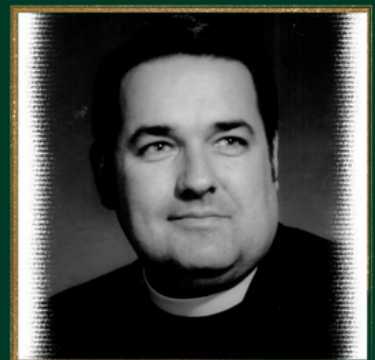


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Reverend

**DR. ROBERT  
BUCHANAN**

October 29, 1940 - June 1, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Pamela Lougheed

February 3, 1964 - July 6, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# LOIS ISOBEL LYLE

November 26, 1929 - August 27, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Glendyne Casement

August 14, 1932 - October 3, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Reverend

# KENNETH KENNEDY

July 31, 1931 - October 5, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Reverend

# John William Vlainic

September 17, 1952 - October 11, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Reverend

# WILLIAM "RUSTY" CROZIER

Nov 8, 1955 - Nov 25, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# DOREEN MARTHA HAWLEY

November 23, 1935 - December 1, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Mornington (Morna) Jean Hammond

July 13, 1933 - December 4, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Reverend

**STEPHEN A.  
PALIN**

May 8, 1951 - December 6, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Lelaine  
Esther Teal**

December 10, 1949 - December 10, 2022



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Reverend

**REV. DR.  
NEALE EARLE  
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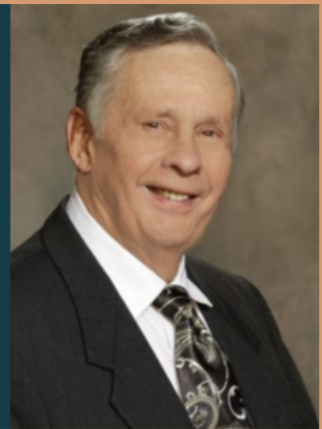
April 5, 1956 - May 16, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Reverend

**David Dyer**

September 23, 1937 - June 11, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Reverend

**JENNIFER  
DONNELL**

July 17, 1964 - July 15, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Ann Zak**

March 18, 1944 - September 30, 2023



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AIMANTE DE

Pasteur

**M. R. PIERRE  
ANDRÉ JEAN  
CHARLES**

Janvier 23, 1945 - Octobre 7, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Reverend

**Keith Taylor**

February 13, 1931 - October 11, 2023



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**ELLEN  
DE MILLE**

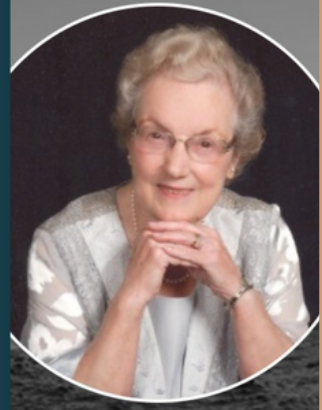
January 30, 1932 - Nov 10, 2023



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**Kathleen  
Grace  
Bastian**

March 1, 1926 - November 26, 2023

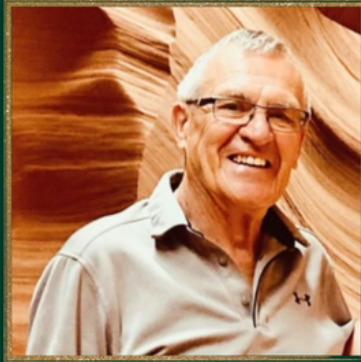


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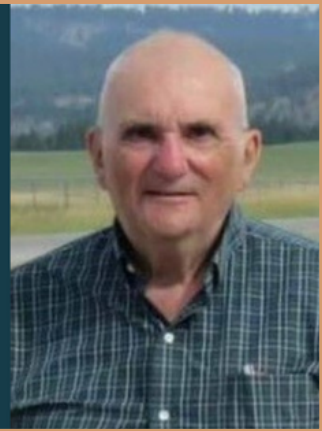
October 6, 1942 - December 11, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Reverend

**Ronald  
David  
Hobden**

February 29, 1940 - December 13, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**REV. DR. PAUL  
DEAN DYER**

June 7, 1943 - January 20, 2024



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Bishop Emeritus**

**REV. DR.  
GARFIELD  
(GARY) RUPERT  
WALSH**

June 27th, 1945 - August 16, 2021



*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present  
nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be  
able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. {Romans 8:38-39}*



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Psalm 90:12



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Sadly, the Church has abdicated the topic of dying well to culture. In 2016, the Government of Canada legalized MAID (medical assistance in dying) and each

year there has been a steady increase in the number of people exercising this option. The coming curriculum seeks to reclaim the definition of a good death through a 6-week small group study that will include video interviews with several experts (palliative care physician, counsellor, theologian). Participant guides with discussion questions will address topics such as physical, spiritual and financial concerns at the end of life. This small group curriculum has been generously supported by the Lorne Park Foundation.

For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Matthew McEwen: [holtfmc@gmail.com](mailto:holtfmc@gmail.com)



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## WORKSHOPS: SESSION ONE - 1:30 to 2:10 pm



### **NOT IF, BUT WHEN A CRISIS HITS: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

*with Dr. Melodie Bissell*

Plan to Protect  
Room: QUEBEC



### **CHURCH LEADERS AND MENTAL HEALTH: GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**

*with Scott Armstrong*

LifeCare Centres  
Room: ALBERTA



### **SAFE MISSION TRIPS: ARE YOU GOOD TO GO?**

*with Mr. Ken Hall*

Robertson Hall Insurance  
Room: BRITISH COLUMBIA



### **WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: THE FREE METHODIST WAY**

*with Kim Henderson (Chair),  
Jessica Issak, Jody Pfeifer,  
Tamera Goller, Beth Rawn*

FMCIC Team  
Room: DIXON



### **A PATHWAY FOR DEEPER RELATIONAL AND MISSIONAL HEALTH: BIBLICAL PATTERNS AND STORIES (PART 1)**

*with Rev. Jervis Djokoto*

FMCIC Church Health  
Room: FORUM 3



### **SO YOU'RE THE PASTOR'S SPOUSE?**

*with Gloria Johnston MTS*

Small Church Connections  
Room: FORUM 2



### **THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH CAMP MINISTRY**

*with Corey Peters*

Room: FORUM 1



### **ARE YOU BUILDING DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE?**

*with Rev. Greg Elford and Rev.  
Cam Taylor, Ben Abercrombie*

Three Dimensional Movements  
Room: MAIN AUDITORIUM

## WORKSHOPS: SESSION TWO - 2:25 to 3:05 pm



### **NAVIGATING GRIEF AND LOSS: HOW TO GRIEVE WELL AND BE A COMPANION FOR GRIEVING PEOPLE**

*with Rev. Cam Taylor*

The Good Grief Journey  
Room: QUEBEC



### **IMAGINE YOUR CHURCH AS A MENTORING CULTURE**

*with Terry Dorey*

MentorLink Canada  
Room: ALBERTA



### **CHURCHES CARING FOR CREATION - WHAT CAN WE DO?**

*with Anthony Siegrist*

A Rocha  
Room: British Columbia



### **SMALL CHURCH CONNECTIONS**

*with Rev. Dr. Ron Johnston*

Small Church Connection  
Room: DIXON



### **A PATHWAY FOR DEEPER RELATIONAL AND MISSIONAL HEALTH: A LOCAL CHURCH PERSPECTIVE (PART 2)**

*with Rev. Darrin Lindsay*

FMCIC Racial Justice & Ethnic Equity Team(RJEE)  
Room: FORUM 3



### **OUR GHANA MISSION**

*with Rev. Dr. Ahmed Kenneth Quarshie (Superintendent), and Rev. Adam Kline*

FMCIC Intercultural Engagement  
Room: FORUM 2



### **THE CHURCH AS AN AGENT OF TRANSFORMATION!**

*with Rev. Don Miller*

Tearfund Canada  
Room: FORUM 1



### **COVO: A HISTORY AND INVITATION TO THRIVING IN COVOCATIONAL MINISTRY**

*with Rev. Jay Mowchenko and Rev. Dr. Jason Mills*

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Room: MAIN AUDITORIUM

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## WORKSHOPS: SESSION THREE - 3:20 to 4:00 pm



### **WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHURCH BECOME A HOUSE OF PRAYER**

*with Rev. Ken Roth*

FMCIC National Prayer Team  
Room: QUEBEC



### **CULTIVATING GRATITUDE IN COMMUNITY: THE GRATITUDE EXPERIMENT**

*with Loreli Cockram*

In Everything | The Gratefulness Experiment  
Room: ALBERTA



### **CHRISTIAN CONFERENCING: RECOVERING THE HISTORIC GENIUS OF METHODISM**

*with Rev. Dr Douglas Cullum*

Northeastern Seminary  
Room: BRITISH COLUMBIA



### **PREPARING FOR AND NAVIGATING THE TIME OF TRANSITION BETWEEN PASTORS**

*with Rev, Cam Taylor*

Transitional Leadership Network  
Room: DIXON



### **A PATHWAY FOR DEEPER RELATIONAL AND MISSIONAL HEALTH: GLOBAL PATTERNS AND PERSPECTIVES (PART 3)**

*with Paula Moriarity (ICCM Dir.)*

FMCIC International Child Care Ministries  
Room: FORUM 3



### **RECEIPTING - CHARITIES' TOP TEN QUESTIONS TO CCCC (AND BEYOND!)**

*with PANEL: Curtis Towns - Head of Accreditation; Gilbert Lankerak, Member Support Specialist; Nick Lall, Head of Group Benefits*

Canadian Centre for Christian Charities(CCCC)  
Room: FORUM 2



### **IMPLEMENTA: YOUTH MINISTRY CONSULTING, COACHING AND TRAINING**

*with Rev. Joey B. Molloy*

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### **INDIGENOUS MINISTRY: IMAGINE WALKING IN RIGHT RELATIONS**

*with Rev. Dr.(cand.) Shari Russell, Jonathan Maracle, Pastor Monique Ransom*

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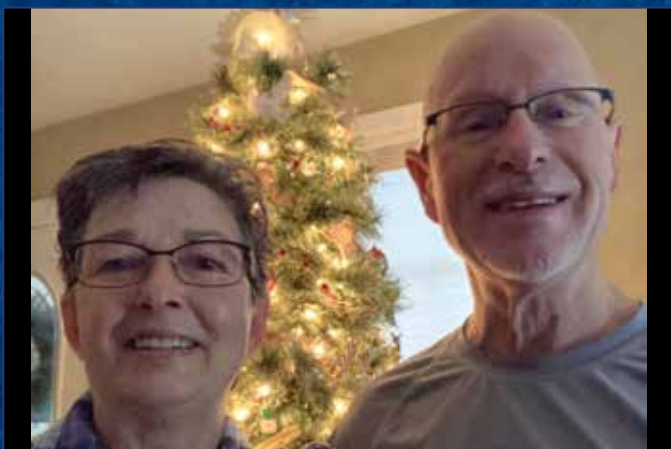


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You have served the Lord with gladness - tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion for his flock. Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you; may the God of peace grant you peace now and always.

## IMPORTANT NOTES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Voting at General Conference

Please make sure you “sign in” with the staff. Voting members of conference will receive the ballots they will need during General Conference. Please make sure you bring your voting ballots with you when you come to the sessions.

### Clergy Picture Day

Once you have arrived at the conference, and stopped at the registration table, we will be taking your photo on the spot for the FMCIC directory.

### Clergy and Lay Delegate Group Photo

We will also be taking a *conference group photo on Friday just before lunch*. Please be prepared as there will not be time for you to return to your room to change.

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### FMCIC On-Site Office

For your reference, the office is located in the Carlingview Room. Please stop by if there is anything that we can help you with.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday, 2:00 to 9:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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### Prayer Room - Hudson Bay Room

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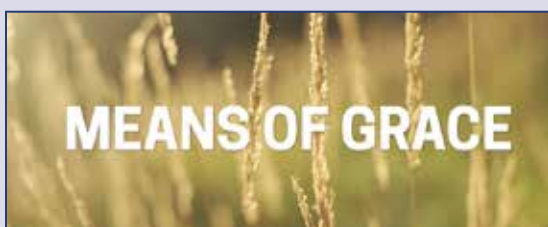
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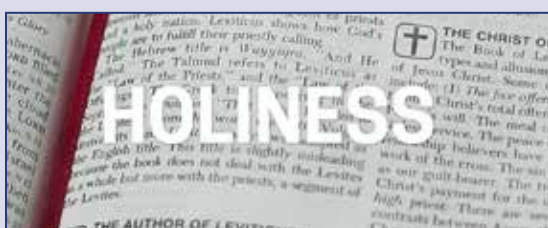
**LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Gain a deeper understanding of the importance of active participation and accountability within the local church community, highlighting the significance of membership in the Free Methodist Church.



**SMALL GROUPS:** Explore the vital role of small groups in fostering spiritual growth, community and accountability within the Free Methodist context, emphasizing the power of fellowship and discipleship.



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**HOLINESS:** Examine the concept of holiness as central to Free Methodist identity, discovering its transformative power in the lives of believers and its call to live lives set apart for God's purposes.



**PRAYER:** Dive into the practice of prayer as a foundational aspect of Free Methodist spirituality, exploring its centrality in worship, spiritual formation and communion with God.

**The Foundation Series videos are between 90 seconds to two minutes in length, and will be available to download from the [fmcic.ca](http://fmcic.ca) website in May 2024.**

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**LOVING A MOSQUE COMMUNITY TOGETHER PRAYER INITIATIVE**  
**LOVING MUSLIMS TOGETHER** with Lorna Johnston and Pastor Frank Klassen and his wife Riad Klassen (Exhibit Booth #6)

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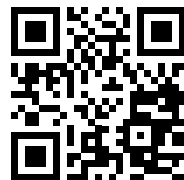
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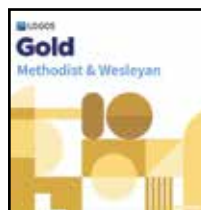
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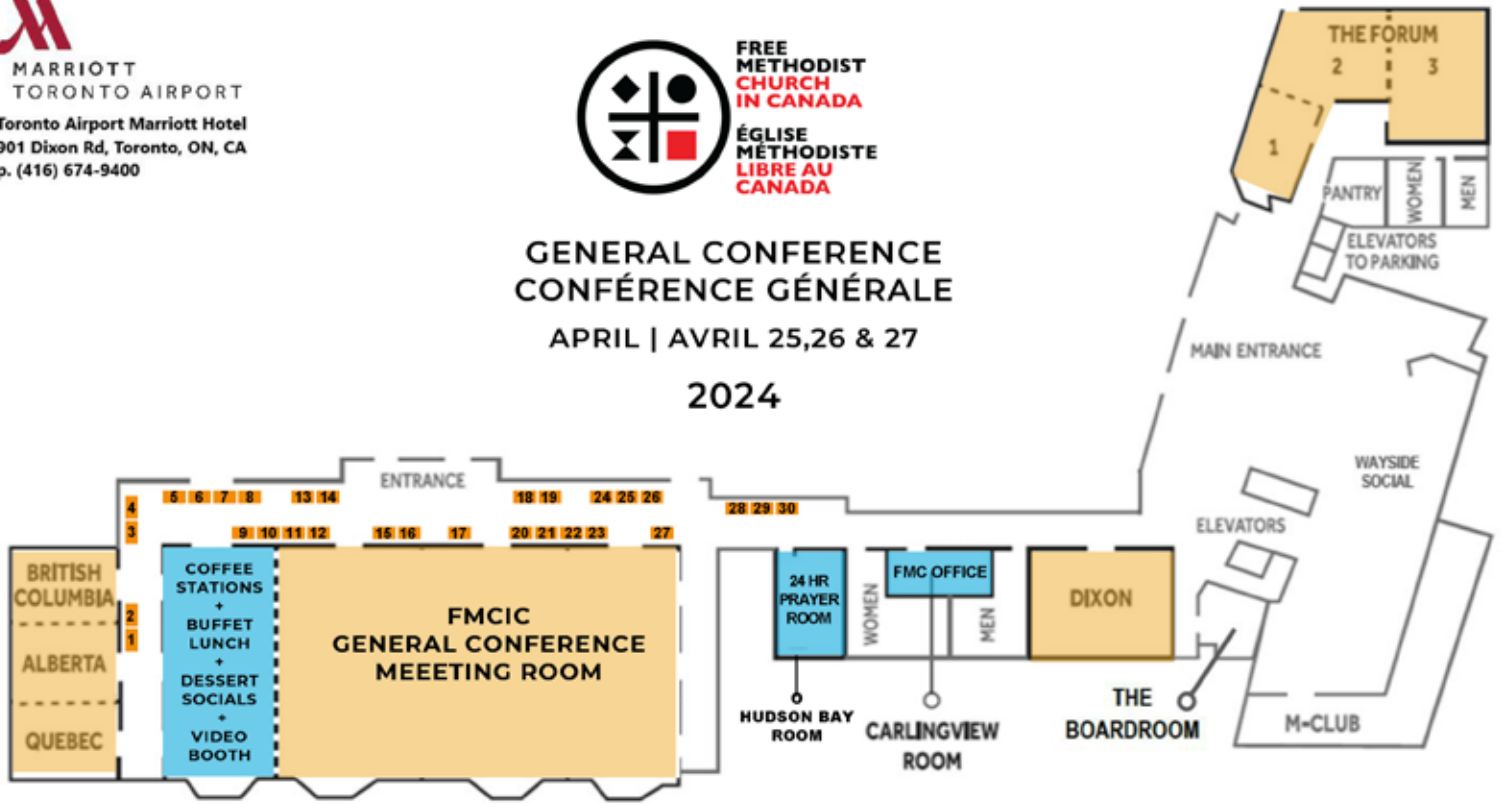
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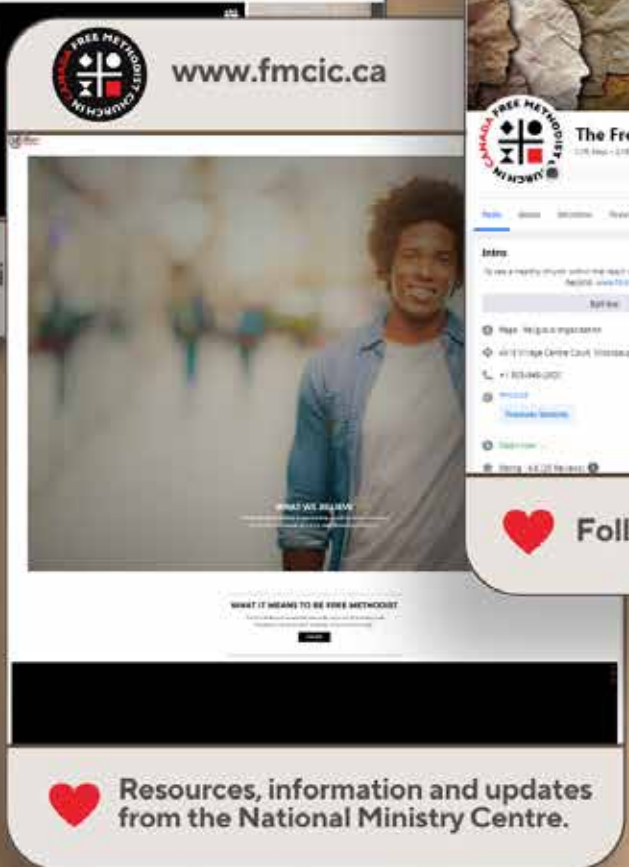
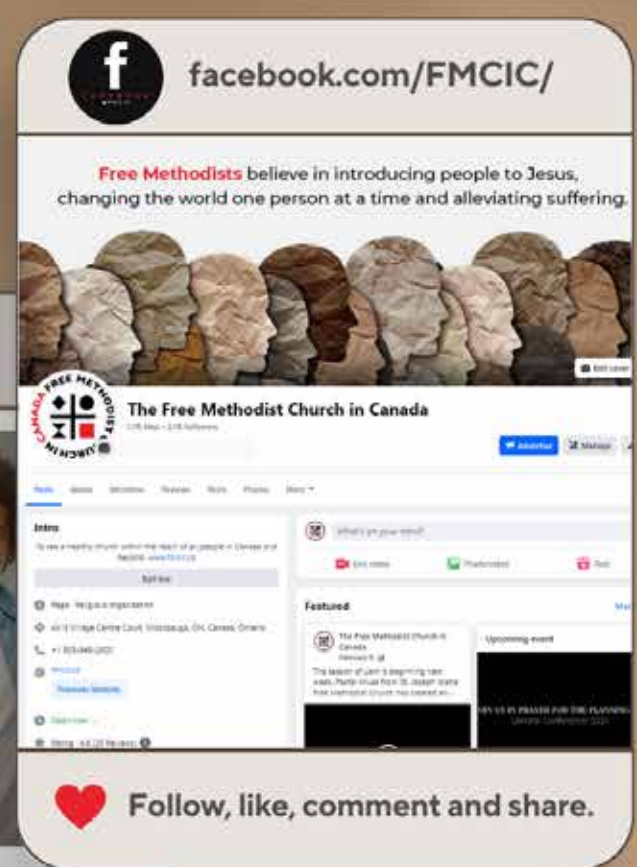
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| 1  | Wilderness Prayer             | 17 | CCCC                             |
| 2  | International Justice Mission | 18 | Tithely                          |
| 3  | NAITS                         | 19 | Small Church Connections         |
| 4  | Broken Walls                  | 20 | Deeks Insurance                  |
| 5  | TearFund                      | 21 | Mentor Link                      |
| 6  | Loving Muslims Together       | 22 | More Than Enough                 |
| 7  | Life Care Centres             | 23 | Implementa                       |
| 8  | Plan to Protect               | 24 | Advisors With Purpose / CNCF     |
| 9  | Tyndale University            | 25 | Retired Ministers Team           |
| 10 | Roberts Wesleyan/Northeastern | 26 | Canadian Armed Forces Chaplains  |
| 11 | Briercrest                    | 27 | Evangelical Fellowship of Canada |
| 12 | Canadian Bible Society        | 28 | 3D Movement                      |
| 13 | Kerith Retreats               | 29 | Celebrate Recovery               |
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