

# IMAGINE

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# EDITORIAL

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After a seven-year hiatus, The Free Methodist Church in Canada's much-anticipated General Conference finally convened in person, bringing with it an air thick with excitement, camaraderie and a shared sense of divine purpose. The last time we gathered face-to-face was in 2017, and while technology has kept us connected during these intervening years, nothing can truly replicate the warmth of a handshake, the spontaneous reunions or the presence of the Holy Spirit in a room filled with Free Methodist leaders during our worship services.

The pandemic-era pivot to virtual meetings, though necessary, revealed both the resilience of our faith community and the limitations of digital communication. We adapted quickly, leveraging technology to maintain continuity, share the gospel and support one another through turbulent times. Yet, as screens replaced stages and avatars substituted for physical attendance, a certain intangible element was missing. This General Conference reminded us of the irreplaceable value of human connection in our Free Methodist movement.

Our keynote speakers delivered impassioned addresses that resonated more deeply than they might have in a virtual setting. They inspired, engaged and led us to imagine what could be. Workshop sessions and exhibitor booths were carefully chosen to equip and resource attendees. Ministry areas delivered their reports, resolutions were debated and a new bishop was consecrated to lead the movement.

The Free Methodist Church in Canada's General Conference was more than just a series of meetings and reports; it was a spiritual gathering of leaders relying on the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us as we move forward together.

Let's allow GC2024 to act as a springboard for the future. So here's to the next chapter in our journey; one where pure hearts, restored joy and a willing spirit lead the way to producing healthy churches within our movement here in Canada and beyond.

Lisa Howden  
Director of Communications

FREE METHODISTS WANT TO INTRODUCE  
PEOPLE TO JESUS, SAVE THE WORLD ONE  
PERSON AT A TIME AND ALLEVIATE SUFFERING.

## BISHOP'S DESK

# WHAT'S A BISHOP?

**BISHOP LINDA ADAMS**

THE BISHOP IS ELECTED TO SERVE THE CHURCH AS AN OVERSEER. THIS ORDAINED MINISTER FUNCTIONS AS A TEACHER AND DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, A GENERAL SHEPHERD, A PASTOR TO THE PASTORS, AND AN ADMINISTRATOR WHO BY GOOD EXAMPLE AND FAITHFUL APPLICATION OF THE MANUAL ASSURES THE ORDER OF THE CHURCH. THE BISHOP IS TO INSPIRE THE CHURCH BY PREACHING AND BEING AN EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO CARRIES OUT CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION.

**The Manual, Chapter Eight: The Ministry ¶860**



I was recently a guest at a church in Ontario. During the Children’s Moment, the kids were asked, “What’s a pastor?” and quickly called out things they’ve seen the pastor do. Then they were asked, “What’s a bishop?” Crickets. “Have you heard of a bishop?” An eight-year-old spoke up: “In chess!” We all had a good laugh. It reminded me that when I was first elected, a friend texted me, “I guess now you can only move diagonally!” Not being a chess player, I could only guess he was poking a little chess lover’s fun at me.

In case you’re a little fuzzy on the role of a bishop, Paragraph 860 of our Manual says, “the primary responsibilities of the bishop include the development of the spiritual vitality, the administrative effectiveness and the strategic direction of the national church...the bishop guides in the creation of vision and mission for the church today and in the future, leading to the growth and development of the church in Canada.”

A tall order! But by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will begin a process of collaborative vision creation for this new season. As the “strategic outsider,” I will pose questions to various groups of leaders and stakeholders in the coming months, helping us to discern the deepest values of this movement and what we believe we are hearing from God. It may not change the mission, vision and values as they are currently expressed—or it may, if God gives us clarity and conviction.

I will attempt to “guide in the creation of vision and mission,” as the Manual says. Not like Moses descending from the mountain with commandments etched by the finger of God on tablets of stone (Exodus 31:18). No, together, we will ask God to write his deepest desires for FMCIC on our hearts. Please join in prayer with me and with all the leaders of the FMCIC as we begin our first year together. I’m excited to embark on this journey with you.



# INSPIRING THROUGH CONNECTION

STARLA KLINGER

God does not change. The same God that was with John Wesley is the same God that was with us at General Conference and is the same God that will continue to be with us as we move forward in the ministry of the FMCIC. The gospel message does not change. The medium in which we share the gospel develops and changes over time providing new ways to share the love of God around the world.

We were excited to offer a livestream of General Conference inviting those not physically present to be part of the main sessions. The theme was **IMAGINE** and wow did God show up! We imagined some churches/members would watch from around Canada but what we did not fully imagine was thousands of people participating live and then watching the recordings later on. It was incredible to see how God moved through modern technology. We welcomed FMC members from across Canada, some long time members and some brand new. We had people join in from around the world including Ghana, the Philippines, the USA, Sri Lanka and more. It was wonderful to hear the stories, memories, words of encouragement and thankfulness for

the ministry and the impact our pastors, leaders and bishops have had on the ministry of the FMCIC.

During the month of April, we ranked #1 in Canada for Facebook engagement for religious organizations. That is pretty amazing! God was present with us online as He was in person and it was a unique time in the ministry of the FMCIC. While our pastors, delegates and National Ministry Centre (NMC) staff came together in person, thousands joined in online to support the conference. They were there for the ordination of Jervis, our Director of Church Health, and for the consecration of our new Bishop Linda. They honoured the memory of those we lost and said thank you to Bishop Cliff and his wife Karlene for their ministry and leadership. They listened to the sermons and joined in praise and worship.

When we prayerfully consider how God wants us to use technology for ministry it can have a big impact. We hope that what we share will encourage, inspire and equip you in your ministry and personal relationship with the Lord. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the FMCIC.





# Imagine

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# RACIAL JUSTICE & ETHNIC EQUITY

## WHAT WE DISCOVERED

**REV. DARRIN LINDSAY**

What took four years, a team of people, dozens of interviews, three experts, one critical friend, one leadership survey, 40 team meetings and 93 pages to complete? If you guessed the Racial Justice and Ethnic Equity (RJEE) Taskforce Report, you're right!

The GC2024 RJEE taskforce panel was made up of the following members: Sabrina Hinds, Darrin Lindsay, Lindsay Noël, Keitha Ogbogu (via video), and David Wright. Keitha's introductory remarks challenged us to take this call to commit to racial justice and ethnic equity seriously. The panel covered (1) Quebec, (2) Congregation, (3) History and (4) Leadership topics with audience-participation questions via Kahoot!

**Rev. Darrin Lindsay and Miss Lindsay Noël - GC2024 RJEE presentation**



# Always remember Quebec!

Each section contained a summary of the taskforce findings through stories, interview excerpts and other information. We concluded with a tag line to underscore the importance of starting this process internally, ***“Always Remember Quebec!”***

First, Lindsay reminded us that we are created in God's image, therefore God's love extends to all ethnicities, languages and cultures. Diversity also exists in skin tone, hair type and other aspects of identity. As a movement, we aim to recognize and celebrate the diverse backgrounds within the FMCIC community, rooted in biblical principles.

A specific focus on language differences included observations that this factor has hindered relationship development. People whose first language is not English (with accents) face challenges due to language barriers and cultural differences. We must acknowledge and recognize the skill level, intelligence, and capacity of individuals who fluently speak multiple languages. Their ability is best viewed as an asset to our community, rather than a liability.

Second, Sabrina challenged us as local congregations, to reflect on how we can espouse diversity on one hand, but on the other, assumed norms, values, and practices shaped by the dominant ethnic group can turn away other groups. To facilitate exposure to and understanding of different values, she reviewed the recommendation that ministerial candidates be given the opportunity to engage and serve in a

variety of Canadian ministry settings.

Third, David invited us to examine our movement considering Revelation 21's vision of diversity. He noted that for many churches, today's demographics are quite different from the demographics of the church's planters and early congregants. Churches often developed formulas which helped them to operate successfully, however, they frequently adopted a status quo. He asked us to prayerfully examine whether some aspects of our church's legacy, its historical formula and culture, must be superseded if we are to follow Jesus as He leads us towards an intercultural kingdom vision.

Finally, the Leadership Survey results. Darrin shared that (pastoral) passion for diversity and the willingness to be uncomfortable, for example, in stepping out front to facilitate and participate in difficult conversations and interactions, was seen to be a signal of the depth of a church's engagement in intercultural relationships within the context of the local church and without this kind of leadership change, it doesn't happen. The one thing (on the survey) we all agreed on is the need for more training in this area. This response speaks to the importance of intercultural competence.

The BOA accepted our ten recommendations. We are thankful for the willingness and desire to see a greater degree of racial justice and ethnic equity define the FMCIC.







# NATIONAL PRAYER TEAM PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

**Rev. Ken Roth**

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To quote Jim Cymbala, pastor of prayer-famous Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York, “*The greatest answer to prayer is more prayer.*” If he’s right, our recent General Conference was an answer to prayer. Having attended many General Conferences over the years (including one in the US), I believe we saw a beautiful increase in the emphasis on prayer. It was about 70 weeks ago when Bishop Cliff and the NPT called us to a week of prayer and fasting for our family of churches. This sparked a daily prayer meeting that continues to this day. The theme was, “*If my people humble themselves and pray.*” We’ve been doing that more and more through daily and monthly national prayer meetings, intercessory groups and special seasons of prayer, along with training and resourcing Prayer Point People to help their local churches grow in prayer.

So, when General Conference arrived the Lord had already been preparing our hearts to “...raise our voices together in prayer.” (Ac.4:20). A central location for praying was in “The Prayer Room” (see photo). It was in the main hallway between the Ministry Center office and the primary meeting room. Seven prayer stations were set up that expounded on and combined seven ministry areas and different aspects of our theme from Psalm 51. Everyone was welcome to drop in for prayer. The day before the conference, the National Prayer Team met in the same room for a 24-hour retreat. Bishop Linda was able to join us for the national prayer meeting Wednesday evening, as well as part of Thursday morning. During the conference three early morning prayer meetings were held there and each pastor and delegate was scheduled to gather for a 15-minute segment of time to pray throughout conference time. Just down the hall from it was the “History Wall” where people were able to share God’s goodness shown to them and in the prayer room there was a place to record hurts and disappointments that could be left at the foot of the cross.

Saturday afternoon, a workshop on, “How to Help Your Church Grow Its Prayer Life”, was presented to a packed room of people. This workshop shared some of the resources and corporate prayer and training opportunities that the National Prayer Team was providing to help local churches grow their prayer lives, but it was also full of testimonies of how prayer was changing them and their church. We are beginning to see



**The Prayer Team set up this space during General Conference for the use of Pastors and Delegates**

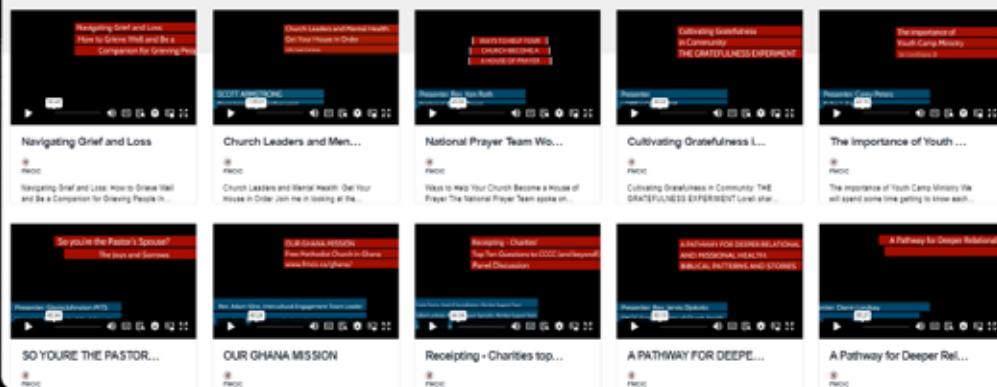
a revival of prayer blossoming, that is starting to bring a revival of power to the FMCIC.

A highlight during the conference took place Saturday night, at the conclusion of a time of deep worship, the ordination of our new director of Church Health, Jervis Djokoto, and a message by our outgoing bishop, Cliff Fletcher, about prayer. People were invited to come forward for prayer for whatever their needs were and the aisles were lined with people going forward for prayer.

For the next hour or more, we worshiped and prayed together. We’ve not heard of the ways God answered those prayers yet, but we are waiting in anticipation.... and we are waiting in expectation to see our family of churches continue to grow in prayer until we become known as a house of prayer for all nations.

# GC Workshops

We would like to thank our presenters for providing inspiring and educational workshops for General Conference. These videos were recorded live during the workshops. Please note due to the set up you may not be able to see the presenter's face.



# GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

With a variety of ministry topics our presenters inspired, equipped and encouraged those attending their sessions. Click the link below to access the videos.

WHICH ONES WILL YOU WATCH?

[GC2024 WORKSHOP VIDEO ACCESS](#)







## SPECIAL GUEST REV. DR. AHMED QUARSHIE

# HOW THE FMCIC IS CONNECTED TO THE GHANA MISSION DISTRICT

Charles Tetteh, a Ghanaian, attended Olathe, Kansas Free Methodist Church, while he furthered his education. While there, his call to serve God through preaching was renewed, and he desired to bring the Free Methodist witness to his homeland. Charles and his wife, Fredericka, returned to Ghana in June 1998 and planted the first FM church in Accra. Barrie FMC initiated involvement in Accra in 2005, developing a ministry partnership that has resulted in significant growth of the already existing single Free Methodist congregation. In 2009 the Ghana Mission District came under the oversight of The Free Methodist Church in Canada as the result of sustained Canadian interest in the work there. Today there is a growing fellowship of new churches, with ongoing ministerial training and organizational development. Superintendent

Ahmed Quarshie serves as Superintendent of the Ghana Mission District and has been visiting local Free Methodist congregations across Canada.

The Free Methodist Church in Ghana is now a Provisional Annual Conference under the supervision of the FMCIC. This young movement has experienced rapid growth under the leadership of Superintendent Ahmed and the Board of Administration, with 33 congregations (exceeding 2700 worshippers) and a growing number of pastors and leaders!

**FMC GHANA:  
A SHORT  
DOCUMENTARY**



**FMC GHANA:  
A LOOK AT ONE  
SCHOOL**





# WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP LEARNING TO NOTICE, NAME AND NURTURE

**REV. KIM HENDERSON**

The Women in Leadership (WIL) team is still fairly new – we were in place and had started meeting in the fall of 2022. Our role is to implement the findings from previous research conducted with women in leadership within the FMCIC, provide a forum for community building and learning together, and develop relevant resources for use by local churches and individuals for membership courses and personal use.

At this time the members of the WIL team are: Rev. Kim Henderson (ON), Rev. Jessica Isaak (SK), Rev. Jody Pfeifer (SK), Mrs. Beth Rawn (ON). We recently said thanks and farewell to Mrs. Tamera Goller (AB) who is pursuing ongoing studies. We hopefully will soon be a full complement of five again! It's a pleasure to work with these great women of God.

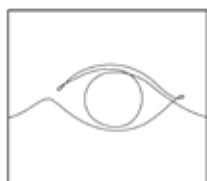
We host two forums each year (usually spring and fall) where women in leadership (clergy or lay) can join, connect, share and contribute. Our most recent forum was recorded and featured Ellen Dunfield and Jay Mowchenko speaking on the Billy Graham Rule and how that has impacted both of them, in terms of developing leadership skills in women and also being developed as a leader. That recording is still available on the FMCIC website – please listen to it!

Regarding discipleship and God calling people into pastoral ministry, we have landed on three key words to help us remember that we all need to make disciples, some of whom God will call to pastoral leadership. These words are **NOTICE, NAME, NURTURE**. Think of your own journey to leadership – who noticed,





### NOTICE



### NAME



### NURTURE



PROVERBS 31:25-26

named and nurtured you? And, who are you noticing, naming and nurturing? Most of us have this kind of story – so let's work together and make more stories! This is a common reminder for all of us at the zoom forums.

In the meantime, each of us is pursuing our own areas of interest:

Jody is working on collecting the stories of women of leadership – and she is specifically focusing on women who have had internships within the FMCIC to explore how interning has impacted formation, call and so on.

Jessica (and Tam) sent out a survey to both clergy and lay leaders with the goal of ascertaining where leaders would most appreciate help and conversation. There's more to learn from the survey results – and Jessica still has passion for this so that we can resource our brothers and sisters in the FMCIC.

Beth has a passion for education and equipping – and right now she is mentoring a group of grade 7 girls at Trulls Road Church (Courtice, ON) and is learning from them, as well as sharing with them that God may well call them to vocational ministry.

I too am interested in education and in this instance, membership. I will be asking the network leaders these questions: (1) What material(s) do you use when you teach membership? (2) In what ways do you highlight the egalitarian nature of the FMCIC and the role of women in leadership? (3) How is that actually lived out within your congregation?

During our time as together, the WIL team, Jessica and Jody have done coursework to meet the educational requirements for ordination (along with everything else – work, family, etc.) so kudos to both of them. That takes commitment – and it's not easy to find 15-20 spare hours in your life for reading and writing papers!

So watch your email in the fall for an invitation to join a zoom forum – ask your pastor to watch his or her email and to forward that invitation to you. Everyone is welcome – men, women, clergy, lay. Hope to see you then!





Business & Workshops





✧ ✧ Bishop Consecration ✧ ✧

# A VIEW FROM TABLE 11 SEAT 1

**REV. Vern Frudd**

The time of preparation and prayer led to smooth travel as we arrived in Toronto for GC2024.

From the first moments of greeting people at registration, there was an open expression of welcome and warmth as we talked with people, many of whom we had not seen in seven years. Our connectional bond was re-ignited in joyful conversation and banter as we came together for the beginning of conference.

The set-up team had done an awesome job. The Prayer Team's focus was felt immediately as we arrived.

As the conference opened with the call to order and the roll call took place, we settled into the rhythm of FMCIC business and activity.

One of the highlights for me was the hum of conversation during the breaks. Renewing of friendships and meeting new people in our movement was amazing.

We learned about ministry momentum and the work of the task forces as they reported on ideas of what ministry looks like these days.

Another highlight was meeting our new Bishop Linda Adams, hearing a bit of her story and listening to the initial course of what the Lord may be calling us to in these

moments of life in the FMCIC.

Our devotional moments were led by four of our pastors who shared dynamic messages that built on each other. They called us to focus on what is really important as we lead people to follow Jesus.

The prayer focus for renewal and re-commitment to our call and purpose, I believe, was a pivotal time. The Holy Spirit was tangibly present as the prayer teams were used by many of us for fresh anointing and spiritual insight and help. This is still happening!

The conference ended with an inspiring Sunday worship service that included the commissioning of our new Bishop.

As people left the conference to return home to resume their roles, I sensed a definite anticipation of what the Lord was leading us into. We look forward to the future as our National Leadership Team sets the pace for the next steps.

**ONWARD AND UPWARD!**







INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT  
INDIGENOUS MINISTRY

## JONATHAN MARACLE

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We were grateful for the musical ministry of Jonathan Maracle (Mohawk). To find out more about Jonathan's ministry please visit [brokenwalls.com](http://brokenwalls.com).



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# Retirement Class of GC2024



**Ron & Lynn Mullin**



**Rodney & Heather Peterson**



**Linda & Glenn Dixon**



**Simon & Phyllis Slessor**



**Joan & Bruce Kellar**



**Peter & Brenda Tursa**



**Fred & Rosemarie Merritt**



**Tammy & Raymond Hartman**



**Dave & Kathy Stephenson**



**Martha & Stanley Hanna**



**Maureen & Ed Adams**



**Debbie Hogeboom  
(w-Catherine Armstrong)**



**Glen & Linda Coates**



**Terry Clyne**



**Vern & Jackie Frudd**



**Joyce Robb  
(w-Micah Downing)**



**Lorraine Buffam**



**Brenda Haggett  
(w-Luke Haggett)**



**Thank you for your years of dedicated ministry in the FMCIC.**

**Missing Pictures: Ken & Linda Roth, John & Wendy Baker and David Gifford.**



# IMAGINE

## A SPOKEN PRAYER



Imagine.

Imagine what we could do with a renewed, willing and steadfast spirit.

Imagine what would happen if we lived beholding the love of God, so we could mirror it to the lost.

Reflecting Christ in how we reject the pursuit of personal merit.

Because the greatest prize will always be to partake in communion and then to share it.

Imagine what we could do with pure hearts and sanctified passion.

Not offering God a ration, quarters and halves, a Cain-like fraction.

Instead, imagine if we were Able to bring our best and whole broken offering of ourselves to the altar for God to alter us into one holy bride of a church where every pew is free and when captives sit down they are set free into sacred, righteous liberty.

Imagine a room full of ministry leaders devoting themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and much prayer, receiving and giving encouragement to every brother, sister, father, mother and neighbour.

Imagine God pouring out His Spirit across the nation, on all people, Encountering a heroin addict on the streets of Vancouver and a stay-at-home mom looking up at a Quebec City church steeple.

Imagine pastors that care more about the health and discipleship of their congregation than growth, expansion and monetization.

Imagine a Christ-following, fully devoted Gen Z Who's faith is formed by scripture, tradition, reason and experience not the latest trending TikTok frenzy.

Imagine a people set free from our modern day Pharaohs, No longer slaves to anxiety and narcissism, misinformation and propaganda, pornography and addiction.

Imagine an exodus from the mayhem of modernity's failed promises, to enter a promise land flowing with milk and honey, beauty and truth, justice and charity... called the kingdom.

Imagine God moving uniquely in your church context.

And if the vision that God gives you feels too big, and all you can see is a red sea between where you are and where you want to be...

Imagine Jesus breaking bread, passing wine, saying, "Remember me." For there is power in Christ's presence, the living eucharist in our working memory.

Imagine God, the creator of all the Universe calling forth the genesis of life out of His essence, His being, His nature - LOVE.

Imagine God, the Lord of Lords calling to Abraham and making a covenant under a deep indigo sky, illuminated by stars upon stars, galaxy upon galaxy.

Imagine the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob calling Moses from a flaming bush, inviting him to be a part of setting His people free.

Remove the mud from your eyes, beloved, can you now see?

The Word becoming humble flesh befriending Zacchaeus, eating dinner with a liar and thief.

The Word becoming flesh touching the untouchable and watching lepers become clean.

The Word becoming flesh showing the outcasts and the broken that they are known, loved and seen.

The Word becoming flesh speaking living water into the dry soul of a Samaritan adulteress at a well.

The word becoming flesh taking on the weight of our sin on a cross and experiencing hell so we never have to.

Imagine a resurrected Christ calling His disciples, saying, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

Imagine a resurrected Christ breathing on His disciples, saying, "Receive my Holy Spirit".

Imagine.







# INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT A MISSION OF ENCOURAGEMENT

## A trip to Sri Lanka

BISHOP CLIFF AND DEVA RATNAM'S JOURNEY TO SRI LANKA WAS MARKED BY A SPIRIT OF UNITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT AS THEY VISITED THE FREE METHODIST SRI LANKA MISSION DISTRICT WHICH IS BEING OVERSEEN BY THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA.



The vibrant landscapes of Sri Lanka provided a stunning backdrop for their mission-focused visit. Their primary aim was to connect with local pastors, oversee their annual meetings, hear their stories, understand their challenges and foster deeper relationships with those who attended.

Upon arrival, they were warmly greeted by a delegation of pastors and church members, who had eagerly anticipated their visit. The air was filled with excitement and a deep sense of camaraderie. Bishop Cliff, with his characteristic warmth and humility, immediately engaged with the community, making them feel valued and heard. Deva Ratnam, fluent in the local language and customs, played a crucial role in bridging cultural nuances, ensuring that the exchanges were both meaningful and impactful.

The visit included a series of meetings with the pastors, where they discussed the mission district's progress, challenges, and future plans. These sessions were not just administrative; they were spiritual gatherings where the collective faith and resolve were strengthened. Bishop Cliff shared insightful teachings, emphasizing the importance of perseverance and faith in their mission. His words resonated deeply, inspiring the pastors to continue their work with renewed vigor.

They also visited several local churches, where they witnessed firsthand the fruits of the mission's labor. The vibrant worship services, the dedication of the pastors,



**Fellowship with FMC Pastors and their Family in Jaffna, Sri Lanka**

and the enthusiastic participation of the congregants left a lasting impression on both Bishop Cliff and Deva Ratnam. They saw the profound impact of their work and the potential for even greater outreach.

Throughout their trip, the bond between Bishop Cliff, Deva Ratnam and the local pastors grew stronger. Their visit was more than a tour; it was a testament to the power of faith, community, and shared purpose. As they departed, they left behind a legacy of inspiration and a reinforced commitment to the mission in Sri Lanka, knowing that their efforts had significantly strengthened the foundation for future growth and collaboration.

#### WATCH NOW

**Pastor Ezekiel Interview: Shares his story and how he joined the Free Methodist Church**





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Worship Services  
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## MISSED SOMETHING?

Click on the links below to review all or part of our GC2024 video coverage.

### SESSION ONE

[Keynote Speaker: Jessica LaGrone  
Dean of Chapel, Asbury Seminary](#)

[Imagine Spoken Word](#)

[Land Acknowledgement](#)

Presenters: Bishop Cliff Fletcher, Mrs. Paula Moriarity, Rev. Adam Kline and Pastor Monique Ransom

[Organizing Conference](#)

Presenter: David Kreutzweiser, BOA Chair

[Board of Administration Report](#)

Presenter: David Kreutzweiser, BOA Chair

### SESSION TWO

[Nominating Committee Report +  
Election Result](#)

Presenter: Rev. Luke Haggett

[Leadership Development Report](#)

Presenter: Rev. Kevin Stenhouse

### SESSION THREE

[Racial Justice and Ethnic Equity  
\(RJEE\) Report](#)

Presenters: Rev. Sabrina Hinds, Lindsay Noël, Rev. Keitha Ogbogu, Rev. Darrin Lindsay and David Wright.

### SESSION FOUR

[LGBTQ2S+ Report](#)

Presenter: Rev. Jessica Isaak

[Church Health and Planting Report](#)

Presenter: Rev. Jervis Djokoto

### SESSION FIVE

[Doctrinal Integrity Resolution](#)

Presenter: Rev. Ken Roth

### SESSION SIX

[Speakers: Sarah Newman and Jeff  
Webb](#)

[Women in Leadership Team Report](#)

Presenter: Rev. Kim Henderson

# General Conference in Review



## SESSION SEVEN

Speakers: Jenn Wagar and Danny Arevalo

Study Commission on Doctrine (SCOD) Report + Resolution + Result

Presenter: Rev. Dr. James Pedlar, Chair of Wesley Studies, Tyndale University

## SESSION EIGHT

Intercultural Engagement Report and International Child Care Ministries Report

Complimentary Resolutions

Presenter: Rev. Patty Perry

## SESSION NINE

Memorial Service: Honouring those who have gone before us

Presenters: Revs. Kevin & Bev Kay

## SESSION TEN

Rev. Jervis Djokoto Ordination Service

Prayer and Healing Service

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Cliff Fletcher

Farewell to Bishop Cliff & Karlene Fletcher

Presenter: Rev. Mary Elsie Wolfe

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Complete Worship Service

The Lord's Prayer (in six languages)

Consecration of Bishop Linda Adams

Bishop Linda Adams Message

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## LIVE PAINTING

# THE DREAMER

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LIVE PAINTING IS AN ACT OF CREATIVITY AND WORSHIP, AND CAN REMIND US THAT WE WORSHIP AND ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF AN ETERNALLY CREATIVE GOD. PATTY WAS INVITED TO PRAYERFULLY USE HER GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND TALENTS DURING THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

The Dreamer is created to inspire all people to remember the dream deposited in our hearts to care and nurture the wellbeing of nations. Based on Joseph, of the Bible, the Word describes times when the open hand, the palm of power was used to promote him or to oppose him. Repeatedly the Bible identifies people who use their open palm of power in relation to his life and destiny. In Hebrew

this word is Yad. An open palmed hand that in lay terms, represents the wealth, power, purpose, will and intentions of a person's heart. Whether good or evil, the word is the same for both, it is the intention of the heart behind the hand, that is different. Yad is also the root word for Yadah, a Hebrew word for praise, that means, I will extend my open palm to the Lord.



As I prepared my heart and hands to create for the General Conference on April 28, I was intrigued by the life of the dreamer upon whom many lay their hands. Whether in a pit, a prison, or a palace, no matter the mantles he wore, he focused on the dream given by the Dreamer. The Bible tells us that when asked to interpret others' dreams that it was God who authored dreams and *The Bible* – Illustrated by Marc Chagall records him stating *"Do not interpretations belong to God"* to the butler and the baker and also declaring to Pharoah in Genesis 41, *"it is not in me: God shall give Pharoah an answer of peace."*

Joseph knew that the one who gives dreams, interprets the dream, such that it came to pass in the life of the butler, the baker and Pharoah. Indeed, the Lord God proved faithful to Joseph and the dream given to him by God. An impossible dream. A dream that blessed his people, and the foreign entity of Egypt. The cost was beyond our wildest imagination and not a price we want to sign up for when we receive a dream from God. Yet, could it be, that still today, in spite of the cost, in spite of the reality of Joseph living a life of service within Egypt, second only to Pharoah yet still required to dine in isolation because of the offense of a person of Jewish descent eating with a person of Egyptian descent. Could it be that God has dreams for those who are willing to pay this price? For the parents of those who make a mantle for their child and see them surrendered to the assignment? Could it be that we are the brothers or sisters who despise the



assignment and favour on one person over another – thinking their dreams are a product of self-aggrandizement. Today, may I not harden my heart, or attempt to seduce a dreamer away from their God given dream assignment. And may we all reflect the sobriety of seeking the 'dream assignment' that will change nations, with a heart willing to pay the price.

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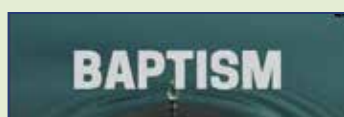
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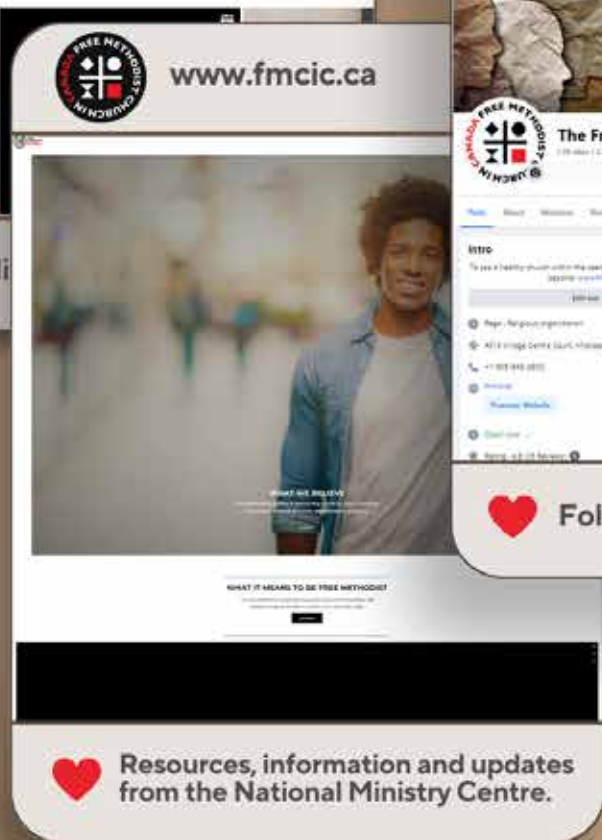
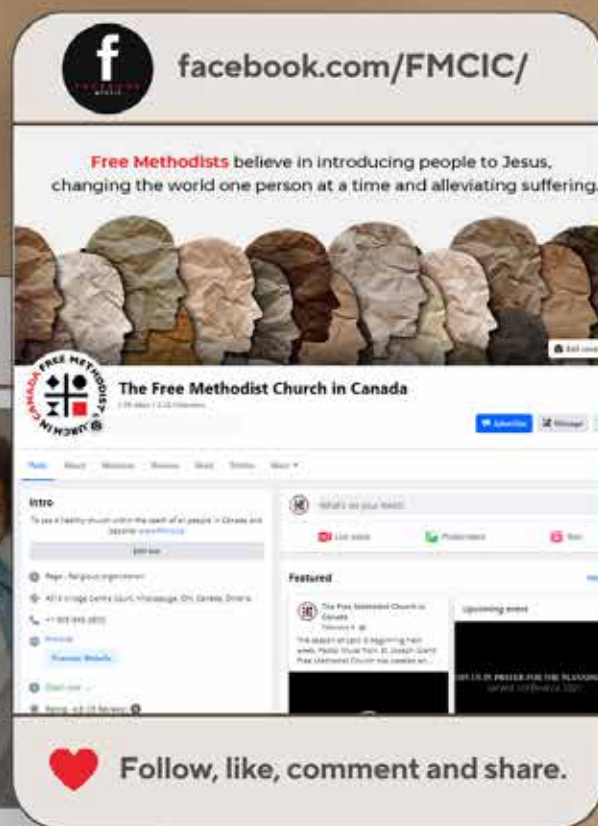
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