



becoming a

House of Prayer

My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. Mark 11.17

March 2026

Three years ago, the first annual FMCIC Week of Prayer and Fasting took place. Out of it flowed a daily meeting at noon called Prayer for Revival. It was only supposed to be for that first week back in 2023, but we sensed the Lord in it and decided to continue until He showed us to do otherwise. Since then, the Lord has brought together people from across the country to pray daily for a renewal in the Free Methodist Church, and revival in our land. We give God praise and thanks for helping us grow the prayer life of the FMCIC in this way.

The focus of our prayers has been praying for the FMCIC but also includes praying for the church across Canada and the nation itself. We have prayed, and will continue to pray, for each of our churches and their pastors. We pray for the NLT and the other leadership teams among us. We pray for Regionals, General Conference, minister's conferences and camps. We pray for decisions to be made, bishops to be chosen, pastors to be raised up, churches to find pastors, church planting and revitalizations, intercultural outreach, and our next generation. We pray that our family of churches begin to, not only grow but, flourish again as we lead people to Christ, make disciples and plant churches.

Out of these times of prayer, those with a gift of intercession are helping carry this vital ministry, while others are discovering their gifts, and still others are finding a place to grow in this area. One of the spinoff benefits is that people are having their hearts knit together in love and unity. Even though they are from various churches and have only prayed together online, we feel like family when we meet each other at big events.

A surprising development has been that people from other parts of the world have found us and regularly join us in prayer. Out of that we have been able to participate in praying with them in the spread of the gospel where they live, and they for us. In particular, the people from India share that they have experienced very impressive answers to prayer since they started to pray with us.

We meet Monday to Saturday every week, at 12 noon (EST) for 30 minutes. We start with a brief devotional, some items to pray for and from time to time a short testimony. The rest of the time we pray as the Lord prompts us. Our goal is to keep our prayers: relatively short, on one topic at a time, Scripture-based, politically neutral, and sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We even sing a bit now and then.

So where do we go from here? As wonderful as this is, we are sure God wants us to build on the momentum. Let's continue to fan this flame of prayer by adding some logs to the fire. If God has blessed the FMCIC and beyond through the prayers of this small gathering, how much more blessing will be poured out if every church had a pastor and someone from their community join in corporate time of prayer at least once a month?! If midday is too difficult there is also an evening prayer meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 7 pm (EST).



It takes two wings to fly. We need to grow in our personal closet-prayer lives, and in our corporate 2-or-3-in agreement-prayer lives. Jonathon Edwards, catalyst for the First Great Awakening talked about united, concerted and fervent prayer that welcomes the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Let's be that kind of church. Join us and add to the bonfire.

“When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.....After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Ac.4:24,31).

FMCIC Monthly National Prayer Meeting

Using a similar format that we used during our week of prayer and fasting, join us next Wednesday, March 25/26, at 7pm (EST) as Pastor Cliff Fletcher (our former bishop) shares how he is helping his church (Arlington Woods in Ottawa) develop into a house of prayer. He will share for 20 minutes, there will be a 10-minute Q&A time, and then we will pray for continued growth of the FMCIC in becoming a house of prayer. See the links posted below to join.

Praying with you.

the FMCIC National Prayer Team

Ken Roth (Team Lead) - *Pastor Emeritus*, Chapel Ridge FMC, Ottawa, ON

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March Prayer Points

- 1) Continued prayer for the Regional Gatherings – that fruit will continue to grow from the events that have already happened and that people will connect deeply with the Holy Spirit and each other at the events still to happen.
- 2) A deeper, practical understanding of what it means to live in harmony and unity with fellow believers, especially in a social climate of such emotionally charged potentially polarizing issues.
- 3) For the BOA and any upcoming decisions to be made in alignment with God’s will and FMCIC-specific plan for us.
- 4) For the leadership within the FMCIC, both nationally and within individual churches, to make wise decisions regarding any personnel hires or restructuring, that all choices will be God-ordained.
- 5) For softening of hearts, and greater spiritual unity in the churches in Quebec, despite cultural and generational differences.
- 6) For wisdom to prevail in the current Canadian government.

UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Daily Prayer for Revival at Noon Eastern

Mon. to Sat. for half an hour at 12 noon EST; 11am CST; 10am MST; 9am PST via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88532841873?pwd=SEtnSWdSK3FTTC9JUzFlaEpvTHl6Zz09> Passcode:
105833 Meeting ID: 885 3284 1873

Monthly FMCIC National Prayer Meeting

Wed. **March 25**, for one hour at 7pm EST; 6pm CST; 5pm MST; 4pm PST Via Zoom:

English speaking:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81605123945?pwd=UUxBNm5FdEdNS3IPamowakdjNE5rdz09>
Passcode: 515693 Meeting ID: 816 0512 3945

French speaking:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/859874336> Code secret: 0 N° de réunion : 859-874-336

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