

ISSUE 24-01 | JANUARY 2024

# CGI Canada Newsletter

To educate, inform & entertain the congregations

## Vision 2025

**A party in Ottawa**

**BIG knowledge in  
a little booklet!**

**Sabbath Service  
info for January**



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The CgiCanada ministry created a *Vision 2025* plan in early January 2020... and then Canada's first COVID case was announced on January 25, 2020 ...

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The Ottawa Congregation hosted a church social recently ...  
*Would you like to see some smiles?*

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*Focus:* Perhaps the shortest booklet in our library contains the BEST NEWS ever!

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*Worship \* Fellowship \* Edification*  
January Sabbath Service info

# EDITOR'S NOTE

MANY THANKS TO ZION HEZEKIAH FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO CGI CANADA EVANGELISM... "WORK" HAS GOTTEN BUSY FOR HIM (A GOOD THING!) AND HE HAS OPTED TO RESIGN - GIVING OTHER MEMBERS A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE!

THINGS ARE "HOPPING" WITH THE CANADIAN EVANGELISM TEAM AS WE MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AND HURRY TO GET THIS JANUARY EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER "OUT THERE" ... SO MEMBERS CAN BE AWARE OF "WHO IS SPEAKING ... OR ANY CHANGES AT SABBATH SERVICES EACH WEEK

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Welcome to this January edition.

The work to set the Vision & direction of the Church - done by the Canadian Ministry back around 2020 - was SO IMPORTANT!

Such work (to be effective) cannot just be "spoken once" and left to wither! We need to be reminded of it OFTEN.

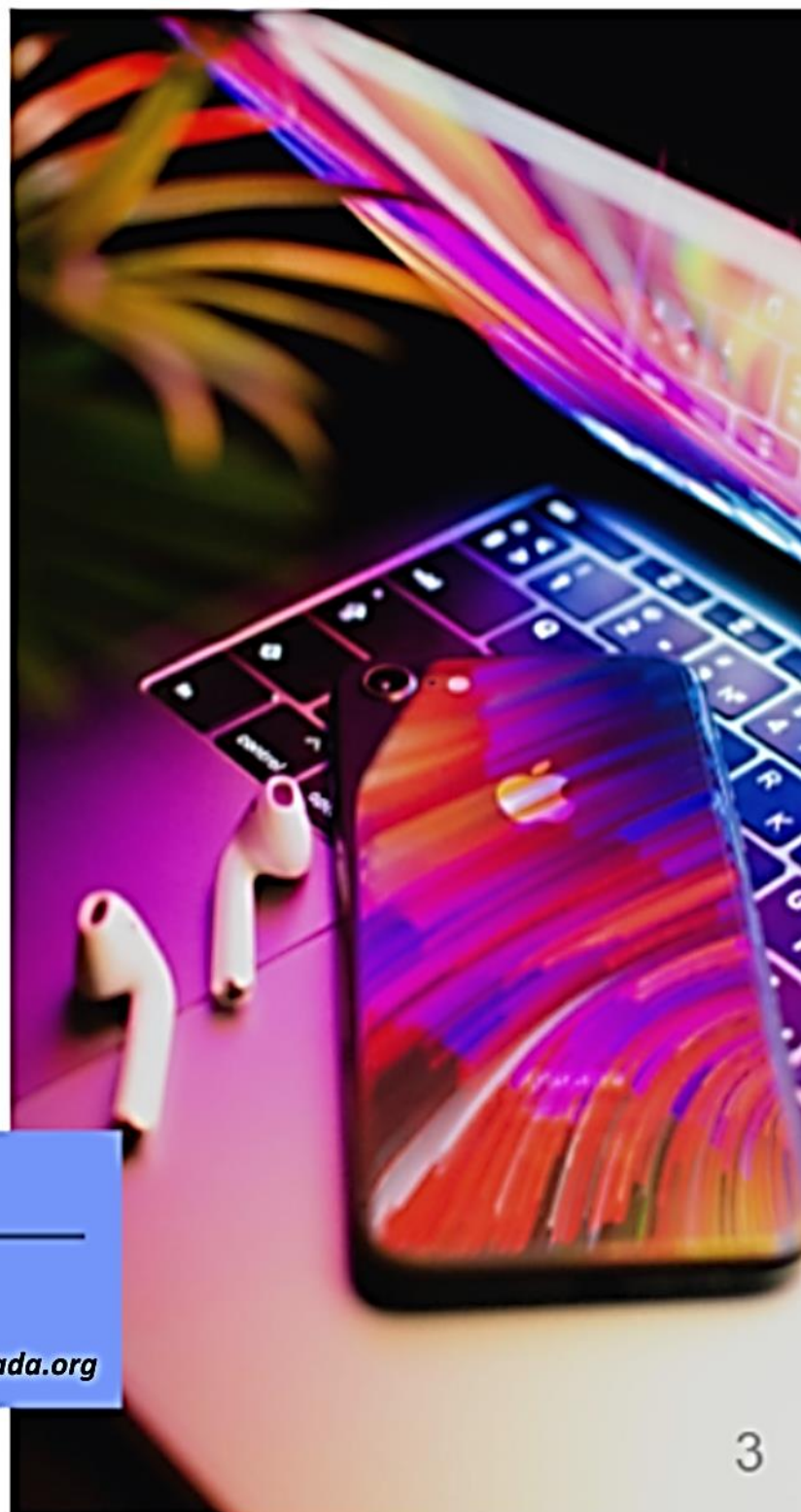
My hope is to have more involvement with this newsletter in future months ... If you are interested in providing Content or doing the layout of the pages ... **Let me know!**



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# CGI Canada Strategy 2025

## Our 5-year plan for leading the church

### Our Mission, Vision and Values

#### Mission

*To preach the good news of the Kingdom to all peoples, primarily within Canada, as a witness and a warning; and to nurture and prepare disciples to reign with Jesus Christ.*

#### Vision

*By 2025, we will have a reputation for being a healthy Church of God organization - with a ministry that is respected and easy to approach due to our servant leadership culture and our ability to effectively proclaim and teach the Word of God.*

#### Core Values

##### **"I foresee" (14C)**

- ☐ Integrity – Rom 12:9; Jos 24:14
- ☐ Courage – Prov 28:1
- ☐ Care – Eph 4:32
- ☐ Courtesy – Gal 5:13-14
- ☐ Consideration – Heb 10:24



# Our First 5-Year Objective

1. To help God's people:
  - a. Walk worthy of our vocation;
  - b. Maintain humility while forbearing one another in charity;
  - c. Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;
  - d. Discover, develop and use their gifts towards being active members of the body of Christ

# Our Second 5-Year Objective

2. To have an evangelism program
  - a. That is robust and uncompromising in its Biblical content and ability to address current affairs; and
  - b. That leverages technology and word of mouth.



# External Forces acting against us

## Political Winds

- Government Legislation
- Societal Changes
- Negative Economic Factors
- Political Schisms
- Fake news
- Influence of Socialism
- Environmental Movement
- Continuing growth of the conflict between Nationalism / Globalism
- Identity Politics (e.g., Reverse Racism)
- Global Instability and dangers of terrorism

## Moral Redefinition

- Demonization of Christianity
- Education and Indoctrination
- Exaltation of Islam and Transgenderism
- Normalization of sexual immorality and murder
- Increasing syncretism – all religions are equal

## Social Unrest

- Erosion of respect through easy access to knowledge
- Growing confusion
- Continuing growth of violent social unrest and erosion of civility
- Loss of trust and increase in suspicion over authority figures
- Open borders and changing demographics
- Addictions and mental disorders

# Internal Challenges that may obstruct us

## Division

- Political schisms seeping into the Church
- Not understanding the church is a family
- Distance between scattered brethren
- Little regard for the need to gather and fellowship
- Holding onto our youth
- Lack of understanding of the impact of social media/Internet in the lives of our youth

## Disrespect

- Disrespect for the ministry
- Connected audiences that fact check/challenge our statements in real time
- Lack of effectiveness in counselling
- Lack of recognition of the ministry as a source of counselling
- Lack of recognition of the importance of the sanctity of marriage
- Mental illness
- Maintaining privacy

## Growing Weakness

- Lack of closure re funerals/death
- Lack of support in the operations of the congregations
- Dedication and devotion of membership
- Fatigue – expressed in how we can accept teachings
- Aging congregations
- Cycle of diminishing revival in succeeding generations
- Small ministry and small budget
- Economic challenges within the church
- To be relevant and remain rooted



# Our Six Critical Success Factors

## 1. Personal Health

- Personal Health Maintenance
  - Diet
  - Weight Management
  - Sleep
  - Exercise
  - Stress Management
  - Supplements

## 2. Healthy Congregations

- Healthy Congregations
  - Speaking to the issues of Family, Marriage, Conflict Resolution
  - Strong and Healthy families in our congregations
  - Encourage active engagement by, and mutual respect for, all members
  - Discourage gossip and disrespect of Christ's body

## 3. Staying Relevant

- Staying Relevant (with the Changing Times)
  - Staying above the Party Politics
  - Teaching meat in due season
  - Preaching about current topics evangelically
  - Incorporating current language into our teachings
  - Teaching against both sides of extremes

# Critical Success Factors

## 4. Biblical Fluency

- Biblical competence and fluency in both the ministry and the brethren

## 5. Leading By Example

- Leading by Example
  - Personally
  - How we interact in the ministry
    - § Encouraging each other to discover, develop and use our gifts
    - § How we publicly interact with each other
  - How we interact with the congregation

## 6. Communication

- Improving our Communication Skills
  - Speaking skills
  - Interpersonal skills
  - Counselling skills

# A Church Social In Ottawa

*Hey! Its the newlyweds!  
(visiting from Kawartha)*





# Focus On... *Our Booklets*

What is the Kingdom of God?

*Some of the world's mightiest empires have come and gone, having been reduced to kingdoms of relics and sand. But the Bible speaks of a kingdom that will never end—the Kingdom of God. Just what does Scripture reveal about this kingdom?*

*<https://cgicanada2.org/media/literature/pdf/WKG-WhatIsTheKingdomOfGod.pdf>*

**WHAT IS THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD?**



# JANUARY SABBATH SERVICES

## Toronto

Jan 6 - CE

Jan 13 - Ken Allen

Jan 20 - VP

Jan 27 - Bernard  
Wilson

## Kitchener

Jan 6 - Ken Allen

Jan 13 - Bill Watson

Jan 20 - Ken Allen

Jan 27 - Adam Dubler

## Burlington

Jan 6 - Murray Palmatier

Jan 13 - Jan Kowalczyk

Jan 20 - Adrian Davis

Jan 27 - Murray Palmatier

## Kawartha Lakes

Jan 6 - Tape

Jan 13 - Stephan  
Willshaw

Jan 20 - Tape

Jan 27 - Jim French

## London

Jan 6 - Bill Watson

Jan 13 - Rick Dubler

Jan 20 - Bill Watson

Jan 27 - Adrian Davis

## Ottawa

Jan 6 - Jim French

Jan 13 - David Townson

Jan 20 - Jim French

Jan 27 - Tape

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