

Vision 2025-2030

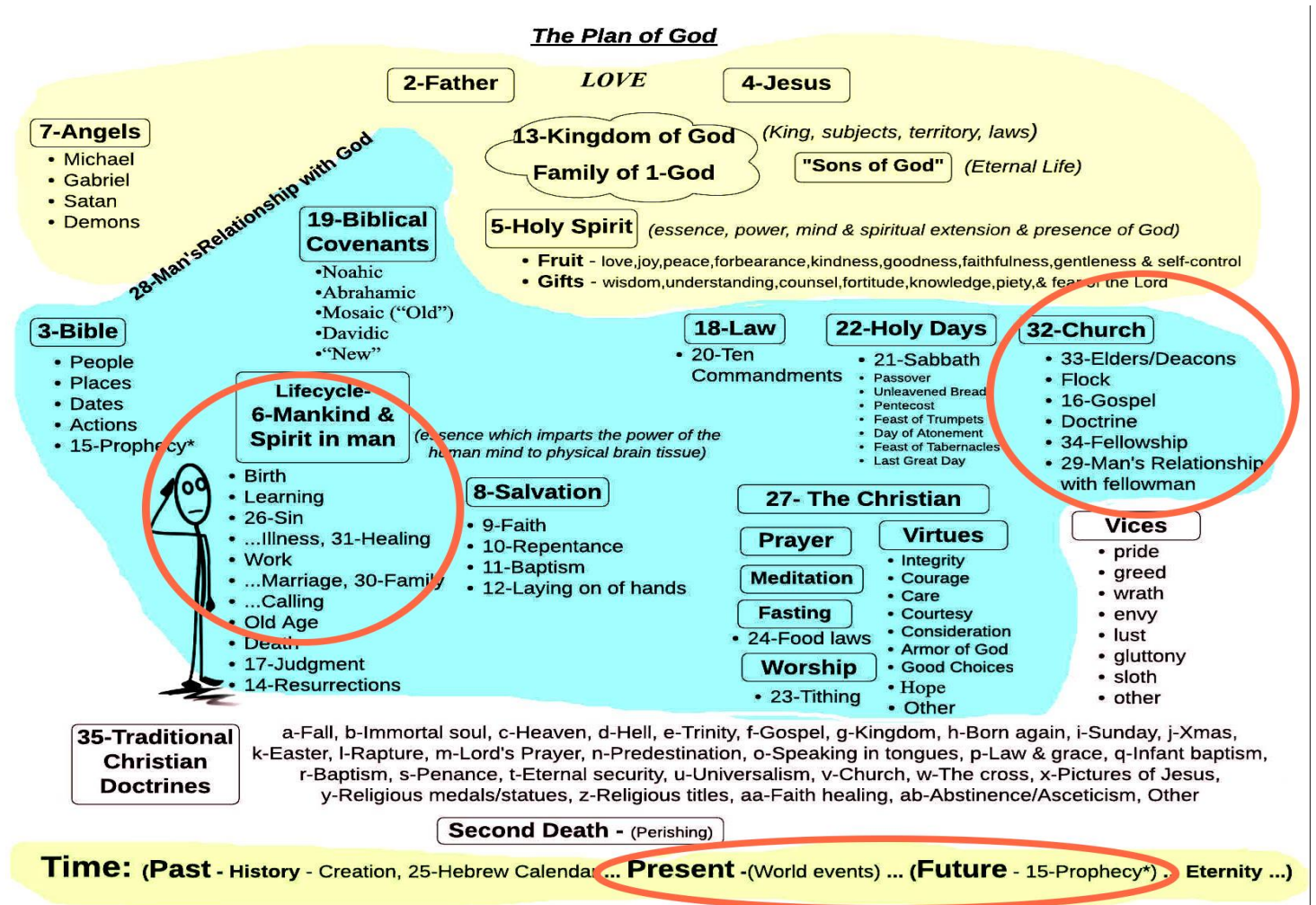
While pondering the transition between 2024 & 2025 certain questions came to mind ...

- What is in the foremost of **God's mind** now?
- What focuses should **we have** in the Church of God?
- What **do I need to be doing** in my various roles?
- What do I need to be **counselling others** (usually during sermons) to be doing?
- Did Jesus have **different expectations** for different people? (Disciples ... general public)
- What has been updated (by the Canadian Ministry) in our 2025+ vision statements?
- What is the hope of the Evangelism Team for 2025? ... and how does this impact the congregation members?
- Will Toronto finally win another Stanley Cup?

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Proverbs 19:21 There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand.



Vision 2025-2030 ...

CgiCanada – 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.*

CgiCanada – Vision - *By 2030, 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.*

CgiCanada – Core Values –

“I foresee” (I4C)

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

Values to Light Your Way

Accuracy	Compassion	Friendship	Loyalty
Achievement	Courage	Happiness	Passion
Adventure	Creativity	Harmony	Power
Authenticity	Discipline	Health	Security
Balance	Excellence	Humor	Stability
Bravery	Ethics	Integrity	Time
Collaboration	Faith	Justice	Transformation
Connection	Freedom	Learning	Wealth

CgiCanada – 5 yr 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 & use their gifts towards being active members of the body of Christ

“Eph. 4.1-3 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

CgiCanada – 5 yr 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 (Reverse Racism)
Global Instability & terrorism danger
Censorship of online speech
Sudden and unexpected crisis management from government (e.g., pandemic, civil unrest)

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
A divided ministry
Not understanding 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 & devotion of membership
Fatigue – expressed in how we can accept teachings
Aging congregations
Cycle of diminishing revival in succeeding generations
Small ministry & small budget
Economic challenges within the church
To be relevant & remain rooted

Our Six Critical Success Factors

1. Personal Health

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

2. Healthy Congregations

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

3. Staying Relevant

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

4. Biblical Fluency

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

5. Leading By Example

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

6. Communication

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

CgiCanada *Evangelism Team* Congregational Reps' - *Goals for Church Members*

Evangelism is ... the activity of persuading people to become Christians

... the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God

- The ministry leads the efforts of “mass evangelism”
- ***All members*** of the body of Christ (the church) must tactfully share their faith with their circle of influence (family, friends, online pals & **others** we come into contact with)

Evangelism Team ... Our Goals for *Every Church Member*

1. **Be informed!** ... You were not Called (in this Age) **only** to be Saved... But to be Spent!

- What IMPORTANT MESSAGE is the **Armor of God** teaching **this week**?
- What **significant world events** are being analyzed in **Keeping Watch this week**?
- What topics are being covered in **CGI sermons** locally & in Canada & around the world?
- The Mass Evangelism of CGI is targeting the Whole World -- ESPECIALLY the members of the Church -- so **we** can be **informed & equipped** to reach & help people

2. **Be a light!** *Because you have put in the effort to Be Informed...*

*... you are **better equipped** to **Reach Out** to others*

- Be an **example** of being a “good person” ... an **example** of leading a Godly life
- Be on the lookout **all day long** for **opportunities to engage** your circle of influence on topics of scripture, **Christ's solutions** to world events, church offerings to help people
- Personal testimonies - “your story”- Can be so inspiring, encouraging & hopeful to others

3. **Be a magnifier!** Reaching 1 person is awesome... reaching **MORE than 1** is “better”

- CgiCanada is posting short videos up to 4 times per week, to up to 14 social media sites, to promote our **many** CGI outreach offerings (**Armor of God, Keeping Watch, Line Upon Line Bible Studies, Prove All Things**, weekly sermons and the NEW weekly **TRUTH Unveiled** program)
- Participate in boosting this outreach by “**Liking**”, “**Subscribing**”, “**posting a comment**”, “**sending links** to people you know will benefit from a topic being covered”
- Share great ideas (that have worked well for you) with your Evangelism rep & we can get them promoted in the **CgiC Newsletter** for all to see & learn.

4. **Pray for us!** (for **ALL MEMBERS**) to be **effective** in doing the Work of the Church!

- We understand that society is increasing **hating** any positive message of Jesus
- When we pray, we make sure (every day) that **God is focused & WE are focused**
- Every day we can review with God (in prayer) the effectiveness of **our** outreach today

Philemon 1:6 (CEV) As you share your faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Christ has given us.

Is helping with evangelism REQUIRED of all of Jesus' followers?

In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus did not allow ANYONE to “hide their candle light under a basket”

Does anyone believe they are an exception??

Church of God International Canada *Evangelism Team*
Congregational Reps' - *Initiative Priorities for Church Members*

Our 4 Goals:

1. **Be informed!**
2. **Be a light!**
3. **Be a magnifier!**
4. **Pray for us!**



Resources available:

Examples (ie beyond Christian disciplines of Prayer, Bible Study, Fasting, Meditation, Tithing)

- **Armor of God** - to Be informed -
<http://cgi.org/armor-of-god/>
(includes AoG on the Web, Web chats, Biblical News & Commentary)
- **Keeping Watch** - to Be informed -
<https://rumble.com/search/video?q=%22cgi%20burlington%22%20%22keeping%20watch%22&sort=date>
- **Line Upon Line Bible Studies** - to Be informed -
<http://lineuponlinebibleacademy.com>
- **Prove All Things** - to Be informed - <https://www.cgi.org/prove-all-things>
- **TRUTH Unveiled** - to Be informed - <https://www.cgi.org/truth-unveiled>
- **Weekly sermons** - to Be informed - <https://cgicanada.org/category/whats-new/>
<https://www.cgi.org/media-app-1?sapurl=LytxNWdtL2xiL21zLytqcXdxeXN0P2VtYmVkJXRydWUmc mVjZW50Um91dGU9YXBwLndlYi1hcHAubGlicmFyeS5saXN0JnJlY2VudFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkI2aGh6NTV0>
- **International News** - to Be informed - <https://www.cgi.org/international-news>
- **CgiC Online Monthly Newsletter** - to Be informed
<https://cgicanada2.org/media/magazine/CgiC>
- **Social Media** - (CgiCanada is posting short videos up to 4 times per week, to up to 14 social media sites) ie “Liking”, “Subscribing”, “posting a comment”, “sending links” - to Be a magnifier - <https://www.youtube.com/@cgiconline/videos>
<https://linktr.ee/cgicanada>
- **Church Websites** - to Be informed - <https://cgicanada.org/>
<https://cgicanadaoutreach.org> <https://cgicanadafeast.org>
<https://www.cgi.org/>

- **Personal Email** - To Be a light - To be a magnifier
- **Personal Telephone** - To Be a light - To be a magnifier
- **Personal Visits / Conversation** - To Be a light - To be a magnifier
- **Personal Social Media** - To Be a light - To be a magnifier
- **Polish your Personal Testimony** - To Be a light
- **Personal Evangelism related prayer** - To Pray for effectiveness
- **Prayer Group** (eg Toronto GoToMeeting) - To Pray for effectiveness - contact: ken.allen@cgicanada.org
- **Church Blogs** - to Be informed - <https://cgicanada.org/blog/>
<https://www.cgi.org/news-and-events>
- **Church Podcasts** - to Be informed - <https://cgicanada.buzzsprout.com/>
- **Extra Congregational Zoom offerings** - to Be informed
- **FellowShip** - to Be Informed - to Be a light - (Facebook group)
<https://cogfellowship.net>
- **Church Literature** - to Be Informed -
<https://cgicanada.org/media-category/booklet/>
<https://www.cgi.org/literature>
- **Youth Materials** - to Be informed - to Be a light
<https://cgicanada.org/sparks>
<https://www.sparkskids.org>
<https://cgicanada.org/ignite>
<https://www.ignitecgi.org>
<https://cgicanada.org/infuse>
<https://infuse.live>
- **Cgi App** - to Be informed - <https://www.cgi.org/app>
<https://www.cgi.org/media-app> (Streams the App in a webbrowser)
- **Cgi Home Bible Study Course** - to Be informed -
<https://cgicanada.org/media-category/bible-courses/home-bible-study-course/>
<https://www.cgi.org/home-bible-study-course>
- **Cgi STP - Systematic Theology Project** - to Be informed -
<https://cgicanada.org/stp/>
<https://www.cgi.org/stp>



What does God require?

When we think of the White Throne judgment ... with everybody's deeds in the open before Christ ... Do you ever wonder if Jesus will look at you ... with some disappointment in His eyes ... to say that there were a few "other things" He *expected* us to DO in our lifetime ... but we just didn't give it ANY thought or effort?



... Well ... **we realize** that when Jesus returns, & the saints (dead & living) are caught up to HIM in the air ... Our judgment has already occurred (before that moment)!?! We, with God's Holy Spirit are before Jesus & the Father every day and hopefully we use the opportunity (every day) in prayer to go boldly to the throne of grace to discuss our day & ask forgiveness when needed. We pray that with our study, the leading of the Spirit, & the teaching in the church, that we are fully equipped with the knowledge of what God wants us to be doing in our life -- our Christian walk.

Living a Christ-like Life

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (*Be an example of God's ways!*)

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Sharing the Gospel and Doing Good Works

Mark 16:15 & He said to them, "Go into all the world & preach the gospel to every creature."

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Perseverance and Faithfulness

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Colossians 3:23-24 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Encouraging One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore **comfort** each other & **edify** one another, just as you also are doing

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us **consider** one another in order to **stir up love & good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Duties of Ministers (From the Cgi booklet Manual for Field Churches)

- 1) To properly take care of their own families (1 Timothy 5:8).
- 2) To oversee the church. Jesus Christ invested the ministry with servant-leadership
- 3) To feed the flock—not necessarily to do it all himself, but to see to it that it is done
- 4) As time permits, to make himself available to members for ministerial duties such as counselling, baptism, weddings, funerals, and prayer.
- 5) To arrange services on holy days & extend the hand of fellowship to brethren outside CGI
- 6) To encourage attendance of all members at the Feast of Tabernacles.
- 7) To live and maintain a lifestyle according to the highest ethical standards of the ministry.
- 8) To provide servant-leadership training to members of the congregation.
- 9) To recommend qualified men to the Ministerial Council for involvement in the MAP (Ministerial Apprentice Program).
- 10) In the spirit of the admonition to “be subject one to another,” to hold himself accountable to the ministry at large, but at all times maintaining his ultimate accountability to Jesus Christ.
- 11) To supervise the nomination and election of members to a local church council.

Jesus spoke to all ... And ... added teaching to his disciples

Mark 4:33-34 And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

Not everyone is gifted the same

1Co 12:27-31 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. (*Paul continues with the Love chapter*)



Our Goal

Matthew 25:21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’