



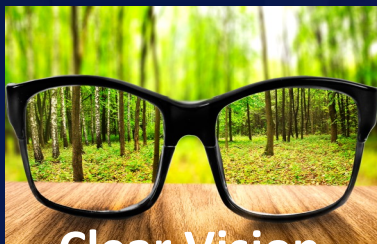
# CCM News/letter

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## Year in Review



Clear Vision



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"Vision helps you to paddle through life, especially when you are moving through difficult waters".

- Bishop Dr. Marcia Keane Dawes

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## Recognition and Awards Speech

By Bishop Pat Maxwell A. Johnson

General Overseer of Canadian Christian Ministries (CCM)



Ladies and gentlemen - we have come to a very important part of our ceremonies tonight – the handing out of recognition and awards to Ministers who have been with CCM for 5 and 10 years.

Someone asked - why would CCM give recognition and awards to its Ministers? The answer is simple – we **value** and **appreciate** you for **who you are** and **what you do** in the Kingdom of God.

As Ministers of the Gospel, you are in the forefront of the battle, taking the message of the cross to the lost. In doing so, beloved, you are often abused, battered, ridiculed, and wrongfully accused – but you have toiled on. Like Jesus - who healed the ten lepers and only one returned to say thanks – you often find yourself helping people, but only few of them may say “Thank you Pastor”. There are days when you find it difficult to continue in ministry.

There are days, when you had to drive for miles, picking up people for church and dropping them back home after church – and they would not give you a dollar for gas. – and everybody want to be picked up at the same time excreta There are days, when you had to choose between putting food on your table and taking care of the church bills. There are nights when you can’t sleep – even when you count sheep – because the church rent is coming up – AGAIN! So you have to go to God and ask him for the rent – as you are watching God, the land-lord is watching you.

Sometimes **you wonder if God sees** what you are going through; and you wonder if anybody cares. We want you to know that **God sees you** and He **cares** about you; and **we see you** and **appreciate** you for **who you are**, and **what you are doing** in the Kingdom of God. God **sees**, He **knows** and He **cares**.

Know that you are the apple of God’s eye  
Know that you are beautiful  
Know that you are courageous  
Know that you are dedicated  
Know that you are extra-ordinary  
Know that you are faithful  
Know that you are generous  
Know that you are helpful  
Know that you are incredible  
Know that you are just  
Know that you are kind-hearted  
Know that you are loved  
Know that you are magnificent



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Know that you are noble  
Know that you are outstanding  
Know that you are precious  
Know that you are remarkable  
Know that you are supportive  
Know that you are strong  
Know that you are God's treasure in vessels of clay  
Know that you are uplifting  
Know that you are victorious  
Know that you are fearfully and wonderfully made



God loves you and appreciates you and so do we – from the bottom of our hearts.

These recognition and awards are **a way of publicly acknowledging your work and showing how much we love and appreciate you.** This is bigger than the Olympics, Grammys and the Oscars combined – This is the Kingdom of God.

Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:8, “Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me, **but also to all** who have loved his appearing.”



The honoring of 117 Ministers with 10-year standing and 5-year awards. Ministers were blessed by CCM and encouraged to continue the work that God has called them to.





Bishop George Aparri, the Regional Overseer for British Columbia, spoke at the National Convention on June 10, 2023. He encouraged the new Ministers to have a clear vision for their lives. Hebrews 12:2 NKJV says, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Fixing your eyes on Jesus is key in order to avoid distraction.



## Niagara Ladies Retreat 2023

Report by: Rev. Marlene MacKenzie, Director Women Affairs



On March 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Niagara Ladies Retreat (NLR) with 13 ladies (including Rev. Sondra Echidime, Rev. Maria Miran, Apostle Elizabeth Pedro, WON Board Members) representing CCM. This special conference received almost 700 ladies from Canada, the United States of America and beyond. This 50th Anniversary Celebration was held at the White Oaks Resort & Spa and we gathered under the theme **'The Best is Yet to Come'**.

Rev. Karen Redwood, Registered Psychotherapist (CCM Member, Haven of Healing Ministry) delivered a life changing message on Saturday Morning, which resulted in an overflow of ladies to the altar.

Prior to Rev. Karen's message, we had a spectacular Gospel Groove Workout. Saturday morning welcomed all in purple t-shirts and aerobics attire and on Saturday evening, the doors swung wide open for beautiful women in gowns and elegant attire for an excellent dinner gala. Apostle Elizabeth was nominated for the Women of Excellence Award and the winner was a member of The Church of God of Prophecy.

I was blessed to serve as a staff member and to lead two prayer sessions. On Friday night, a lady was healed in her back, leg and abdomen. On Saturday morning another lady was healed in her back which gave her the freedom to worship without pain medication for the rest of the conference. I praise God for His gift of healing in my life and to serve with such amazing and professional women of God.

Ladies, this is an amazing event to escape our busy schedules, slip into the presence of God, rest, enjoy leisure time, be ministered to and to meet many other amazing women of God. I am believing Women of All Nations will have a greater attendance in 2024.

Please visit <https://www.niagaraladiesretreat.com/> for all the activities we enjoyed. Please believe me when I say, it is worth the drive to The White Oaks Resort & Spa in beautiful Niagara on the Lake.

In closing, I would like to extend CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Dr. Sophia Pringle and her team for a SPECTACULAR Spirit-filled Conference!





Women of All Nations committee members extends a special thanks to these two beautiful and anointed women of God (Rev. Karen Redwood on the left and Evangelist Jaime Carrington) for their life changing messages at our **'Made to Flourish'**



A total of eighty-three ladies, eight dynamic young female dancers, two powerful female speakers and an amazing technical crew came together at Haven of Worship to experience the power of The Holy Spirit at our annual conference. In addition, WON Facebook group welcomed 526 visitors to this conference.

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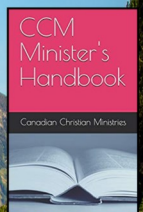
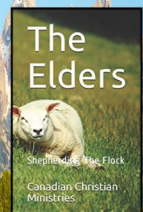
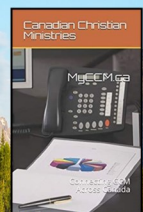
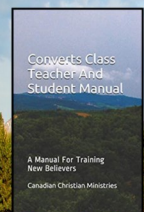
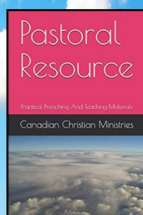
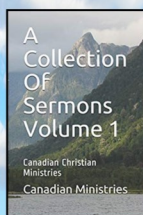
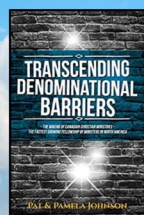


This Virtual Conference was filled with music, prize give-a-way and a life-changing message by our guest speaker Dr. Harriet Ansah. Special honor was given to Rev. Maria Miran for her faithfulness and dedication to Women's Ministry.



## Canadian Christian Ministries - The Future Of Ministry

### Books Written and Published By CCM



**Transcending Denominational Barriers** tell the stories of Ministers who migrated to Canada and the organization Canadian Christian Ministries, which helps all those who are called to ministry in Canada.

**A Collection of Sermons:** This book was written by CCM Ministers during the COVID crisis.

**Pastoral Resource: Practical Preaching and Teaching Materials:** This book contains materials from fifty topics that can be preached from the pulpit or taught from the podium.

**Understanding Spiritual Gifts: Your Gift Determines Your Ministry:** As you share your spiritual gifts with the world, you will fulfill the purpose of your existence and discover your ministry.

**Converts Class Teacher and Student Manual:** This book is a training manual for new Believers.

**MyCCM.ca: Connecting CCM Across Canada:** This book shows how you can connect and stay connected with members of CCM from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast across Canada.

**The Elders: Shepherding The Flock:** The word "Elder" means "Shepherd". This book can be used as a guide for training Elders in the church.

**CCM Minister's Handbook:** The CCM Minister's Handbook contains the policies, guidelines, ceremonies and religious rites to be observed by all Ministers of the organization.

**Available at Amazon.ca**

[www.CanadianChristianMinistries.com](http://www.CanadianChristianMinistries.com)

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## Identity Crisis

### Who Am I?

Canadian Christian Ministries



Canadian Christian Ministries also known as CCM was established to oversee the training, understanding and ongoing mentoring of Christian Ministers and Religious Workers. CCM is a religious, non-denominational organization dedicated to the advancement of the Christian faith by providing regional instruction and a mentoring relationship with ministers and their work, for guidance, encouragement and fellowship.

There is an identity crisis in the land affecting institutions including businesses, schools, work places, the church and the family. People do not know who they are and what they are.

Do you know who you are? Moses was born a Hebrew, but grew up as an Egyptian in the Egyptian palace. He walked and talked like an Egyptian. He studied and behaved like an Egyptian, but he was not an Egyptian, he was a Hebrew.

Gideon thought he was just a farmer, but the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and greeted him as a "Highly Man of Valor" - Judges 6:12.

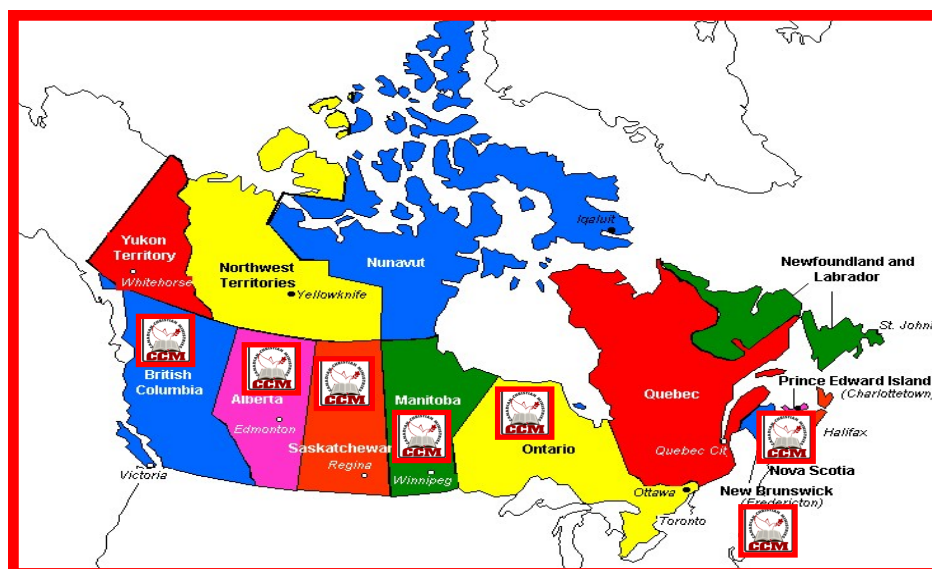
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## Region of Alberta

- Congratulations to all the new CCM Ministers! Go and continue to light up the world.



## British Columbia

Leadership Seminar and Convocation

- Congratulations to all the new CCM Ministers! Go forth in His strength.



## IMMANUEL/EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

By Minister Margaret Knott



From the beginning of creation there is evidence of God's presence everywhere. The heavens declare His glory and the firmament shows His handiwork. Mankind is now discovering what God spoke about to Job eons ago. God has been operating throughout the whole earth. It is He who created the earth and everything in it. He was with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. He is God, and will always be God. Even when Adam sinned, God promised that He would correct the separation that sin had caused. In Genesis we see the promise that God made to Abraham in **Genesis 28:15** "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

Whatever God determines will come to pass. So, the children of Israel (Abraham seed) ended up in Egypt as God had indicated previously. They became slaves there until God sent Moses to deliver them and to take them to the Promised Land. The children of Israel were a tough bunch who attracted God's wrath on several occasions. In a dialogue with God, Moses indicated that unless God was going with them, he didn't want to leave where they were. In **Exodus 33:14** The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest".

The children of Israel were not a contended people. They murmured, and complained about the provision of God every chance they got; and yet God did not renege on His promise to be with them. He made them overcome great challenges, so much so that other nations heard about it, and were afraid of the Israelites.

**Leviticus 26:11-12** – "I will put my dwelling place among you and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God and you will be my people".

**2 Chronicles 13:12** - "God is with us. He is our leader. His priests with their trumpets will sound the battle cry against you. People of Israel do not fight against the LORD the God of your ancestors, for you will not succeed".

The sons of Korah acknowledged the presence of God as we often read in the very popular **Psalms 46:7** "The Lord Almighty is with you; the God of Jacob is our fortress".

God has been with us all the time, so what's the difference between the Old Testament declarations and the New? Mankind kept sinning and crying out for help. In the Old Testament, animals had to be slaughtered and the blood offered as an atonement for sins once a year. God's plan of salvation means that there is hope for the whole world, through the blood of Jesus Christ – His only begotten son. John the Baptist identified Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus came and died so we can have everlasting life.

**Isaiah chapter 14** is very interesting. Everyone should read it. The prophet Isaiah described what had been taking place in the land at the time and declared that there would come One who would save and redeem

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mankind. **Verse 7** says “Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isaiah’s prophesy was fulfilled in the New Testament several hundred years later.

It is recorded in **Matthew 1:22-23** “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel (which means God with us”. In the book of John, we read that “The Word (who was in the beginning with God) became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”.

Why is that a big deal? Because when Jesus Christ came in the flesh, He lived like us on earth. He is therefore able to identify with challenges that we all face from time to time. He sits at the right hand of the throne of God making intercessions for us. The best part of all, is that He is able to help us in and through **all** our struggles. There is nothing that we’ve faced in life, that He cannot identify with. He knew what it was like to have people not understand Him, and not recognize Him for who He was; He knew what it was like to have his friends deny him, betray Him, not being there for Him, and feeling forsaken by his Father. He paid the full price of our redemption and salvation through His death and resurrection, and gives us hope for eternal life. That’s a big deal! We have a lot to sing about and celebrate this and every Christmas, and everyday for that matter. God is with us and will never leave us. Isn’t that great news? Let’s tell someone about it. This great God who is with us will never leave us. That’s what Christmas is about! Emmanuel! Let’s make it personal this Christmas; tell someone about the greatest gift of all. Merry Christmas.



## Have a Good Character

**By Bishop Pat Maxwell A. Johnson**

General Overseer of Canadian Christian Ministries (CCM)



Your reputation as a leader means everything – it affects your family and your church, as such, you must have good principles and must be prepared to live by these principles.

Many people do not join a church because they trust the church; they join because they trust the leader. They go to a church because of who the Pastor is – a man or woman of integrity. Everyone needs someone and something to believe in. They believe in God; they must also believe that their Pastor is a true servant of God.

If you do not have godly principles, eventually people are going to find out and will not follow you as you follow Christ. When you earn people's trust and respect, you will earn their loyalty and cooperation. Trust, respect, loyalty and cooperation are earned when a leader has good character and godly principles. If you can develop your people's trust in you, they will return the favor with a loyalty and devotion that money cannot buy.

As a leader, you are judged first, by the kind of person you are. Regardless of how good you are in church, people see you first as a person.

Someone said, "Before you can become a great leader, you have to become a great person. "Have a good character".

