



PEACEMAKER

Inspiration For Christian Peace Officers

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"God Always Wraps an Idea in a Person". I heard that recently in a message from a pulpit and I was taken enough with that to write it down. I had no idea that it would take on a new meaning for me at the F.C.P.O. Silver Jubilee Conference this past September.

By way of introduction I have been a Police Officer with the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force for 21 years -- 16 years of which I have known the transforming power of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Prior to my joining the police force, I was a Correctional Officer for two years. My wife, Vicky, is a high school teacher. I have four children ages 19 (twins), 13, and 7. We make our home in Whitby and I am in charge of the Community Response Unit at 33 Division in Metro Toronto.

As of the conference and after much wrestling with the Lord, I have taken on the role of the President of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers in Canada. The weight of responsibility humbles, challenges and more significantly brings me to a place of prayer. I remember hearing the words of one of our own, Staff Sgt. Steve Rowe (ret. RCMP), when he said, "God equips those he calls". I believe God has called me to this position, and I will covet your prayers that he will equip and enable me to lead the fellowship to a place where it



"The Ligament"
(Ephesians 4:16)

Jim Snee
President
FCPO (Canada)

brings honour and glory to God.

I became involved with the C.F.C.P.O. in 1982, shortly after I had committed my life to the Lord. My first marriage had ended and I was struggling with a new found faith and being single again. The members of the Toronto Chapter at that time were, Dino Doria, Norm Brown, Bob Hooper, Jeff Williams, Art Francis, Mike Connolly, John Walker, Jack Turner, Harold Bennett and Marlen Wells (forgive me if I have left anyone out). Their understanding and support and the compassion of their wives ushered me through that very difficult time in my life. On Canada Day, July 1, 1983, I underwent micro surgery to correct a problem which had been aggravated by back surgery 10 days earlier. I recall, Norm Brown, in full uniform, after midnight shift at seven in the morning, Bible in hand, walking beside the gurney as they rolled me to the operating room of Scarborough General Hospital. I also recall wakening later to the flowers sent on behalf of the members, with the unmistakable penmanship of Art Francis endorsing the card. My friends, these are the basics that the Fellowship was founded on. Even though I fell away from the Fellowship for a time these events so impacted me that I recall them like they were yesterday.

The profession of being a Peace Officer in Canada is a great one. The care for each other and families of Peace Officers in times of need is always available. There is however one very significant problem. This community of Peace Officers has little time for officers who are on a spiritual search. The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers is supposed to be there to meet that need and of late, other than local Chapters, I am sad to admit has failed. Now let me explain why I have chosen the phrase "God Always Wraps an Idea in a Person", for my opening statement. Over the past few years, as the Treasurer, I have been able to see the F.C.P.O. operate nationally. I have visited chapters, watched the donations come in and where they were from. I have read the Peacemaker, participated in the prayers, attended the conferences and heard about the rich tradition of the Fellowship. I have in turn developed a greater burden for this

fellowship than ever before.

My written contribution to the Peacemaker will be known as, "The Ligament." This term is taken from the context of Ephesians 4:1 -- "From Him the whole body, joined together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." It is my intention to build a strong national strategy, where we in the National Board become the symbolic ligament, joining all chapters and officers without chapters together. Growth will occur as it is inspired by love while each part exercises the gifts the Lord has supplied.

Upon agreeing to take on this mantle of leadership I challenged all board members to covenant with me before God to commit three hours of service a week to the Lord through the F.C.P.O. These hours would be divided as one hour in prayer per week with a one meal fast, 1 hour of Chapter work, and if you were not in a Chapter to phone or write a letter of encouragement to a Chapter and finally one hour of practical ministry under the F.C.P.O. banner, mentoring a young christian peace officer, visiting the sick, ministering to the hurting, writing letters to officers and their families in remote detachments or ministering at a church.

I ask you to pray for a blessing upon the Fellowship and to commit to the three hour challenge. The members of the board have all made a covenant before the Lord to carry this out. This is the foundation by which our Fellowship will flourish once again and I ask everyone to get involved.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.
(2Cor 9:12)

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Receive Christ by Faith Through Prayer

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life.
Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be."

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STATEMENT OF FAITH WE BELIEVE



THE BIBLE

The scripture of the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired of God and inherent in the original writings and that they are the Supreme and final authority for our faith and life.
(2Tim 3:16,17; 2Peter 1:20,21)

FAITH

All those who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, and who confess Him as such before their fellowmen, became heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.
(Rom. 10:9; Eph. 1:8,9; Rom. 8:17,17)

MAN

We are sinners and that by His death upon the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse in our place.
(Rom. 3:23, 10:9,10; John 3:18)

GOD

There is one God, Holy, eternally existing and manifesting Himself to us in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is merciful and loves us, but is just and must punish sin
(John 3:16, 14:6, 10; Exodus 34:7; Matt. 28:9)

CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He was supernaturally conceived, born of a virgin, was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilot, was raised from the dead on the third day, and now sits at the Father's right hand when He is coming again personally, bodily and visibly.
(Luke 1:26-35; 1Cor. 15:3,4; Eph. 1:13, 4:4,5)

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God. He dwells in all believers having baptized them in the body of Christ at the time of regeneration (Rom. 10:9,10; 1Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:5,5)

GRACE

Eternal life is a free gift and cannot be earned. We are saved by grace and not by our own works.
(Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 6:23)

JUDGEMENT

Those who reject the love of God and the saving work of Christ will be judged and punished for sin. They will be eternally separated from God.
(John 3:18, 16:7-11; Psalm 89:32; Exodus 34:7; Jude 14:15;)

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Thank you

Mark and I have been married for 6 years and have spent all of our married life in northern postings with the RCMP. We have been very blessed by the fact that each community has had an active church that we were able to be part of. We started off in La Ronge, Sask., a community of 5600 people, 75% aboriginal, mostly Cree. In 1993 we moved to Aklavik NWT (just west of Inuvik) right in the middle of the Mckenzie Delta. This is a community of 900 people, Inuit (mostly related to Alaskans) and Gwich'in (of the Dene nation).

In the fall of 1995 we moved to Yellowknife and in the spring of this year, on March 20, we arrived in Broughton Island, NWT, just off the east coast of Baffin Island. Broughton has a population of 500 people, 480 of them Inuit and the other 20 are qallunaat (white). There are two RCMP members here who are usually posted for 2 years at a time.

We have never lived in a community where we felt more isolated. In other communities, with the exception of Yellowknife, we were part of the visible and cultural minority and we learned to deal fairly well. But in Broughton Island we are also a minority with respect to language. All Inuit people here speak Inuktitut and it is the first language for everything. The school doesn't start teaching English until grade 6. There are very few people over age 50 who understand English which virtually cuts us off from the elder population in the town. All of this isolation is uncomfortable at times but it gives a person a new appreciation of people from different cultures in minority situations.

There are two churches in town, the Anglican which primarily uses lay ministers and preaches the entire service in Inuktitut, and the Katiqivik Full Gospel Church which has an Inuk pastor, Billy Arnaquq, who is very good. Billy felt God's calling so strongly that he sold all of his possessions to have enough money to go to Ontario for two years in Bible School. You do not find many people with this kind of faith and dedication. Billy tries to accommodate the qallunaat (whites) who attend church. Everything is spoken first in Inuktitut and then he translates into English. The service starts with songs in Inuktitut for a couple of verses and then one in English is thrown in. It is an interesting experience.

The people whom we have met have generally been friendly although there are definitely some feelings of being an outsider. It is good to know that people of God are everywhere and do not recognize skin colour of hair colour (I'm a blond) or language differences. Some of the things in the Inuit culture are very unique. One example is the way of saying yes and no. Most of the time you don't even have to open your mouth to say these words. Everyone lifts their eyebrows to say yes, which creates a bit of a problem for Mark when he is writing down statements, he has to write "witness indicated yes by raising her eyebrows". Instead of no you just wrinkle your nose. It is quite fun when we go to visit our families and friends in the "south" when we are always lifting our eyebrows and people aren't understanding us.

We feel very strongly that this is where God wants us to be right now. The Corporal who was here before us and his wife, Hilton and Kathy Smee, are also Christians which has made it a little easier for us to be accepted at church. It is difficult to become involved in prayer meetings and Bible studies because of the language difference. It is a real blessing to attend, but it also makes the time twice as long for everyone to go through both languages. Before we moved north I always thought of missions as something that happens in foreign countries. Now we both realize that there is much to be done in our own country. Organizations like Northern Canada Evangelical Missions, LAMP and Wycliffe Bible translations are small but active in the North. There are nine official languages in the NWT, and I only know of Bible translations in English, French and Inuktitut, which leaves six more to go. Jaap and Marina Feenstra have been working on translating the Bible into Dogrib, they have just finished the Gospel of Luke. There is still a long way to go.

We appreciate the PEACEMAKER publication and read it from cover to cover, usually on the day it arrives. We do not feel as isolated spiritually as we do in some other areas, but it is good to know what is happening in the rest of Canada. We would like to encourage your readers to be thankful for the fellowship you have in your area and the understanding that fellow Christian peace officers have for our unique situation. We are both looking forward to the day when we will be able to regularly fellowship with Christian peace officers. We pray that FCPO chapters grow in faith and in numbers and that more peace officers are lead to the Lord through this ministry.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about this area of the world, would you please pass on our names. Also Broughton Island is on the border of Auyuittuq National Park, one of the more awesome parks in Canada. If anyone is interested in hiking in (or though) the Park, please let us know as we may be able to provide some planning assistance.

We would certainly appreciate your prayers, not only for us Christians in the North and the special adversities we face, but also for the leadership that is forming the new territory of Nunavut, which is scheduled to officially be in place on April 1, 1999. There are a lot of problems and issues that are working against this territory and all the prayer support possible is needed.

Love in Christ,
Linda and Mark Wharton, Box 5 Broughton Island, NWT X0A 0B0

EDITORIAL CORNER



Tom Huntley

Well, no room for an editorial this issue. Instead of me rambling on I just wanted to share with you Linda's letter to me. We haven't met yet but we have corresponded quite often. Linda and Mark live in a place where the challenges to the entire population are much greater than many a city folk in southern Canada will ever experience. In the loneliness of the climate they are obviously never alone. With God first, themselves and the community, Mark and Linda share a life that others can only envy.

I can only top this off with a hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. May you enjoy the blessings of the season as you celebrate the good news "*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.*" (Luke 2:11)



FACING ETERNITY WITHOUT TERROR

by Rick Albee

An adage says that the eyes are the windows to the soul. On November 13, 1974, I learned the truth of that maxim as I stared into a man's eyes and knew that he was viewing his own eternity with a consuming terror.

I was a police officer. That man had shot my partner and now was trying to get away. We exchanged shots. The man, gravely wounded, fell out of his car. I snatched my microphone and radioed for an ambulance.

The suspect crawled to his gun and began to swing the muzzle toward me. I ran forward and kicked the gun out of his hand. Time seemed to stop me in mid stride as our eyes locked. His eyes, filled with terror, stared at me from under thick eyebrows. They reflected a horror that words cannot describe. I continued toward my partner, but he died a short time later, as did the man whom I had shot.

That incident set off a chain of events that led to my entire family forming a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

Mary and I had been married for nearly six years. Our son was three years old, and our daughter 10 months old. I was the police department revolver, the life of every party. I worked hard and played hard. But after the shooting, nothing seemed to satisfy me. I remembered the look in the eyes of the man whom I had killed.

I was awarded the Medal of Valor, the police department's highest accolade. Then came the Attorney General's Certificate for Valor. Both sat in a box in our garage. One day Mary said to me "You seem to have lost your joy." She was right. I had trouble sleeping. I had no appetite. I was easily angered. I awakened during the night and "channel surfed" while I drank. Nobody saw that side of me. To the outside world I was the same old Rick; I saved my worst behavior for those whom I loved the most: my wife and our kids.

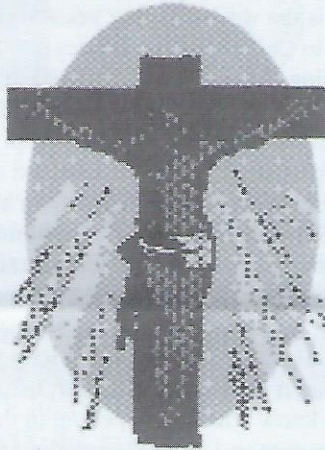
Several months after the shooting, friends invited us to a police couples' conference at Hume Lake Christian Camps. "Not unless I can drink beer there", I joked. It was a bad

joke. I saw the hurt that Gary and Shari exchanged as I agreed to go.

At the conference the evangelist opened his message with words I will never forget: "God does not plow a field that he does not intend to sow. There is a reason for each of you being here tonight. God brought you here for a purpose."

The message made me realize that in spite of all my joking, I really didn't want to go to hell. Heaven is good, hell is bad. And I knew that I was headed for hell.

I remembered the eyes of the man whom I had watched die. His destiny lay before him, and it terrified him. I knew that when I died I did not want to have that same look in my eyes as I faced eternity.



When the call came to receive Jesus Christ, my hands were clenched so tightly that my knuckles turned white. I looked at my hands and I had to make an intentional effort to unclench my fingers and to raise my hand. Mary sighed and raised her hand also. I realized that she had waited for me, knowing that if she had raised her hand first I may have followed without making a firm decision for myself.

That first night back to work my sergeant asked me about the weekend. "I made a decision," I said.

"Yeah?" he smirked.

I had known that this moment would come. I thought that if I backed off now, I would never be able to stand up for anything I believed. I said "I made a decision to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I'm going to turn my life around." And I never

looked back.

Our family began attending the church where our police chaplain was the pastor. By the end of the first year Mary and I were teaching the teens Sunday school classes.

We started a Bible study in our home for people who are involved in law enforcement, and we were blessed by ministering to others who faced the same trials that we had survived. Having a strong marriage rooted in Christ, gave us the means to counsel other couples who had difficulty dealing with the long shifts, the politics, the temptations and the constant worry about a spouse's safety.

I was elected state chaplain for the California Fraternal Order of Police, and for several years I wrote for their quarterly magazine.

I was promoted to detective, then to sergeant. As a supervisor, I was cautioned to refrain from talking about my "religion," but God had other plans. I invited my captain to a conference at Hume Lake, and he accepted. He didn't make the decision that weekend, but the seed had been planted. It wasn't long before he and his wife became Christians.

My promotion to Lieutenant brought with it mixed blessings. I had more freedom to be a witness, but the odd shifts and on-call time forced a halt to our home Bible study. When an interview covering my testimony was published in our church magazine, I was threatened with discipline for giving an unauthorized interview. But the Christian captain was by now the chief of police, and I had a memo from him granting me permission to do as I saw fit on my own time.

One morning the radio crackled with a call about one of our cadets being involved in a traffic collision with injuries. I was the first unit to arrive on the scene, and I found the cadet hopping around on one leg, muttering under his breath. As I approached him I heard the words that he was repeating "Praise the Lord...praise the Lord...praise the Lord." He was not seriously injured and my contact with him allowed new inroads for witnessing to Christ before the younger troops.

Rather than refraining from talking about Jesus, I was now encouraged to do so. We

even started a weekly Bible study in the chief's office!

"When I die, it will be with a gentle smile, for I know to whom I will be going"

Each year Mary and I return to Hume Lake, and each year we make a point of inviting other couples to join us. The truth of the Gospel has been presented to all of them, and many have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Now, after 29 years of police service, I have hung up the badge for a career in writing Christian fiction. Mary is my editor. Our son and our daughter are both married to Christians and are continuing their own walk with the Lord Jesus.

I have seen the terror of heaven's alternative reflected in the eyes of someone on the threshold of eternity. Were it not for my relationship with Jesus Christ, I know that I would look the same when it is my turn to leave this life.

When I die, it will be with a gentle smile, for I know to whom I will be going.

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BARRIE CHAPTER REPORT

Mike Cassidy

BBQ

In August 15 people enjoyed our annual BBQ up at Tojo's Christian Camp in Elmvalle. For the second year in a row, Roy Primmer, (ret'd OPP) was the best player in the horseshoe challenge.

When it came to BBQ time, there is some doubt as to who took the cooking of their food more seriously than anyone else. It was a toss-up between John Cogan and Cory Koystrya (both OPP). Bill Johnson (RCMP) carefully watched verifying the contents being smoked on the BBQ.

We are pleased to report a good time

ONE WAY CHOIR - THE ONLY WAY TO SING

Tom Huntley - Editor

This past August communities in Montreal and southern Ontario were brought to life with the music of the ONE WAY CHOIR from South Wales, Great Britain. This group of young people raised the funds and came to Canada in order to entertain us. And entertain they did!

Under the musical direction of Pastor Tom Stables of the Apostolic Church International, Brackla Tabernacle, Bridgend, the choir sang about and for the Lord in churches, in public and on 100 Huntley St. where the host, David Manse, and the audience were fully engaged in worship of God as they sang.

A good friend of the FCPO (Canada) and a member himself of the CPA in Britain, South Wales Police Inspector Chris Williams and his wife Linda made up part of the escort team for the choir during their visit. During their tour Chris and Linda took time out from a hectic and almost non-stop two week driving whirlwind to share a few moments with some of the members of the FCPO in the Greater Toronto Area.

They and Pastor Tom explained that the One Way Choir, formed in 1992, is made up of over 40 young people from six churches in South Wales. (32 people made up the visiting Choir) Each person came to the group with their unique gift of a singing voice and their own dedication to the Lord. The Choir is outreach oriented

and great Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Join us at our next Fellowship Breakfast, January 31, 1998, at 9:00 am at 29, Paradise Cafe, 190 Cundles Road, Barrie. Call us at 705-739-1499 for information.

TORONTO AREA FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST to be held on January 17, 1998, at the Travelodge Hotel, Norfinch Dr. (north of Finch Ave. east of Hwy 400 and next door to Toronto Police 31 Division). Come for a hearty breakfast at 8:30 am and stay for the National Board Meeting immediately following.

with their message intended for the "unchurched". Their message is meant to demonstrate through music that the love of God and His promise to all people everywhere is the hope for the future.

Also, through the fellowship of the Choir these young people share with each other their friendship, laughter and prayer. Pastor Tom told me that "They are young people together connecting with their own generation. We are very blessed to have the voices of the Choir."

The most difficult part of the ministry, according to Pastor Tom, is selecting the music. "There is just so much out there" he explained. Their CD, "Only a Look", has ten powerful songs, each one featuring the voice of one of the four soloists in the Choir. The main Choir blends with the soloists in a musical tribute that included inspirational tunes such as "Healer in the House" and a favorite from the late 60s generation, "Oh Happy Days" done in an upbeat and lively manner.

The Choir has previously been to Florida and has traveled extensively throughout the United Kingdom.

As I sat with Chris while Linda worked with the Choir, he gave me some of his testimony and his history as a veteran of 28 years in policing (for a future Peacemaker). In the background were the voices of the One Way Choir singing with a calm that all music should provide. †

Thank You

Recently the FCPO (Canada) was facing a financial crisis. After the Annual General Meeting Our bank balance was such that PEACEMAKER was in danger of not publishing.

We asked several people to pray on behalf of this ministry that the money would come in to accomplish our goals for this year.

God answered your prayers through several generous donations from the Lord's flock in FCPO. The National Board thanks those who prayed and those who gave.

SANCTIFICATION IN A NUTSHELL: THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

TITUS 2:11-14

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11. FOR THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION has APPEARED to ALL MEN. 12. It TEACHES us to SAY "NO" to all UNGODLINESS and WORLDLY PASSIONS, and TO LIVE SELF CONTROLLED, UPRIGHT, and GODLY LIVES IN THIS PRESENT AGE, 13. WHILE WE WAIT for the BLESSED HOPE -- the GLORIOUS APPEARING of our GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, 14. Who GAVE HIMSELF for us to REDEEM US FROM ALL WICKEDNESS and to PURIFY for Himself a PEOPLE that are HIS VERY OWN, EAGER TO DO that WHICH is GOOD.

Word Search
by
Al Heemskirk

CHRIST CAME NOT TO MAKE LIFE
EASY
BUT TO MAKE MEN GREAT!

IS YOUR MINISTRY THE FCPO ? by Mike Cassidy, Director FCPO (Canada)

I would like to say a few words to all serving Peace Officers who know THE LORD. This FCPO is one ministry that speaks to the lost Peace Officers with a complete knowledge of what they face each day. Why? Because each and every one of us has BEEN THERE, DONE IT -- or has loved ones that are there now.

The FCPO (Canada) is your tool to reach out to the men and women you work with. Why do so many of you not support this ministry by attending, when you can and as often as you can, the meetings and breakfast fellowships organized by the local chapters? These are done so you can come together and pray for the ones you work with. When I ask this question the answer I often receive is "I'm busy in my church."

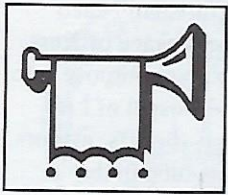
Ask yourself -- could what I am doing in my church be done by others who are not Peace Officers? Could I then be freed up to give my time to a ministry that touches the work place?

I am not saying that this is the only ministry you should be involved in. I am asking you to give this priority. After all, we are talking about the lost souls that you work with. I am sorry if this sounds a bit too critical to some but I cannot help it when I see the work being left to too few. The few cannot cover all the needs.

In sports, the team that goes forward is the team that functions as a team. At sea a ship is in trouble if the crew cannot push aside their differences and come together in harmony. Some ships carry food to the starving while others are cruise ships. I liken our FCPO ship to the cargo ship sailing through storms to bring the spiritual food to the lost and dying. Peace Officers are the crew of this ship.

WILL YOU SIGN ON AND BE A
CREW MEMBER TO HELP GET
THE SHIP THROUGH?

May God bless all who read this and take it as it is meant. From one who has a heart burdened for all those Peace Officers that do not know THE LORD, let us make every effort to reach them. They are searching for Truth and Peace in their lives and do not know which way to go. Many Peace Officers learn how to direct traffic and people so let's use this training to direct those lost and looking for the right turn in the road. †



INTRODUCING Ronald Spencer SENEY Director

Ron is presently serving as the park chaplain at Kejimikujik National Park, in Nova Scotia. He is commissioned by the Queen's County Association of Churches and recently that organization presented him with a certificate of appreciation on the completion of ten years conducting the summer workshop service at the National Park.

The Queen's County Association of Churches is comprised of member churches of the following denominations : Roman Catholic, Anglican, United Baptist, United Church of Canada and Disciples of Christ. Because the theme of the message presented is Bible based, there are a host of other expression of the Christian church that faithfully take part in the worship service besides the sponsors.

Ron's preparation for ministry followed a law enforcement career commencing in 1964 with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and he has been an active member of the RCMP Veteran's Association since 1977. Just prior to beginning full-time studies for ministry, Ron served as a Deputy Chief and Chief of Police in Nova Scotia. His secular employment includes an appointment from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice as a Provincial Civil Constable. The duties of the Civil Constable include many of the duties formerly part of the Sheriff's Department in Nova Scotia.

As a Christian Peace Officer and a Commissioned Chaplain, Ron believes he is an underutilized resource person. Having experienced divorce and being the offspring of a divorced police officer, he believes too many careers and lives perish because of organizational politics preventing meaningful intervention.

Ron has already started on an Internet Web Page for the East Coast Peace Officers and is assisting the FCPO (Canada) in reestablishing its roots in the Peace Officer Communities in Eastern Canada.

The National Board welcomes Ron to his new posting and together we offer prayers that his efforts in Eastern Canada will pay dividends for the Lord.

HOW DOES THE LESSON OF GIDEON APPLY TO YOU AS A CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICER

Tom Huntley

At the National Board Meeting President Jim Snee opened with a challenge to each member of the Board and subsequently to all members of the FCPO. He read the story of Gideon's recruitment, or, as we say in local terms, how Gideon was voluntold that he was going to do something great for the Lord.

In Judges 6: 11-23, Gideon is spoken to by an angel of the Lord. He is told that he was to take on a special task but Gideon was full of excuses why he couldn't do what God required of him. "*But Lord, how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh and I am the least in my family.*" (Judges 6:15)

God called on Gideon's faith to do His bidding to which Gideon complied and the Lord then worked his wonders through this farmer. Gideon was called to be a leader and take a leading role in saving Israel.

We have written before about the Great Commission where we are told to go into the world and preach the good news. The New Testament is rich with instructions to Peace Officers (and all others) on conducting themselves and leading others as they serve.

Jim challenged each of us to give three hours a week to the FCPO. The first hour is for prayer on behalf of the FCPO and our ministry that we may bring the lost Peace Officer to the Lord. Second is to work for one hour a week within the FCPO chapter through attendance at a meeting or fellowship gathering or other local function. The third hour is to be spent in ministry through 'role modeling', One on One mentoring with an officer in need or providing guidance and advice to a Peace Officer or a family member.

As Peace Officers we are leaders. It comes with the job in the prison hallways, in the hunting reserve and on the streets. People look up to us for action and direction. The same goes for your peer at work. He or she knows you are a Christian by your previous actions. When you learned to take commands you also learned to give them. Jim challenges you to use your leadership talents given you by God for the benefit of all Peace Officers.

Gideon was called upon to save Israel. You are called upon to help save Peace Officers. In each Peace Officer there is a potential Gideon waiting for a call from the angel of the Lord.

THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

Jim Snee, National President
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At our National Board meeting held on December 6, 1997, in Jack Turner's home, we discussed our commitment to the FCPO and a strategy to take us towards God's purpose. You may recall we had some very honourable short and long term goals as a result of our 1996 Executive Retreat in Barrie (reported in a previous PEACEMAKER Magazine).

We also agreed, on your behalf, to a mission statement "*Building a strong, visible, Christ-centered fellowship, mobilized to reach out to the needs of all Peace Officer families*".

In order to realize these goals and fulfill our mission statement we have to work from a strategy that provides leadership. The Board agreed upon the following statements to meet our needs:

Pursuit of Excellence in Law
Enforcement

Promotion of Ethics and Integrity
Fraternal Links, Partnerships
Chapter Support and Direction

Management of the Affairs of the FCPO

To continue the momentum and build on the strategies the following committees were formed :

Chapters - Mike Cassidy (Chair) to provide support and direction, communication, assist in new charters and memberships.

Resources - Tony Baker (Chair) to produce a National Resource list, referrals list, establish fraternal links and partnerships with those who apply to our beliefs.

Communications - Tom Huntley (Chair) to publish the PEACEMAKER, promotional materials, conference procedures, use of the internet as a resource and producing a Prayer Letter.

Education - Dick Hayward (Chair) to establish promotion of excellence in law enforcement, linking with law enforcement and corrections agencies, promotion of ethics and integrity, provision of Christian Support and Advice and research on social issues.

Each committee has representation from a cross section of Board members, some of whom are already working on projects mentioned above. The chairs may call on some of you for input and assistance. I am excited about our future and believe that the Lord too will be pleased with the results.



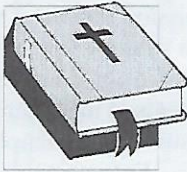
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