

Newsletter of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers - Canada

END OF WATCH

It is with great sorrow the PeaceMaker reports the loss of three members of our police family. Although they have been laid to rest, please remember the families of the fallen officers in your prayers.

Merv

President's Place

Marvin Massecar



As I sit down to write this, I am struck once again with the business of life. Each and every one of us has committments, obligations and schedules that we seem to be tied to. What is the answer? Well. I am not certain there is a fast and easy answer to the hectic pace we all seem to be under but as believers I do know that we have another obligation that should be among the top priorities

in our lives. Psalm 46:10 says; "Be still

and know that I am God."

I wonder, how long has it been since we have scheduled time to be before out Great and Wonderful God? How long has it been since we have heard that still small voice speaking into the quietness of our hearts? Serveral years ago I read a quote from a book that had a dramatic effect on me. It simply said; "You see what you focus on." I have rehearsed that quote to myself when my attitude has not been what it should be and have used it with other officers under my watch. I have realized that it also applies in the spiritual realm. If we take the time to focus on the Lord, then we become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting in our lives. We will then be able to see what God is doing

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and know more readily what it is He wants us to do. Patrick Morley, in his book, The Man In The Mirror, tells the story of a man who travelled the United States while working on his doctoral thesis. His job was to meet with and interview 350 Christian leaders. He says: "At the end of his tour he made a discouraging observation," 'I found a great deal of zeal for God's work, but very little passion for God. Many of us are busy doing, but are not keeping up our personal relationship with God.

Let me take this opportunity to encourage you to take some time apart from the busy schedule and spend some quiet time with the Lord. In policing, we need times of solitude for our own well-being and as Christians that need is magnified. Christ said to His disciples, "Come apart and rest for a while." Take some time today to be still in His presence.

Marvin

In spite of the many benefits God has blessed us with, how many times do we complain about little difficulties and trials? We lose sight of the big picture and fail to appreciate the really important things. Just as we cannot benefit from a wrapped gift under a Christmas tree until we open it, so gratitude can be seen as our way of opening the gift of God's love intended by all the small and big positive events of our lives.

Ronda De Sola Chervin

Where is Jesus for you this season? In the manger, on Calvary's Cross, or in your heart? It makes and eternal difference!

Merv Tippe

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This issue is dedicated to:



END OF WATCH Dec 29, 2009

Cst. Eric Czapnik Ottawa Police Service



END OF WATCH Jan 12, 2010

Supt. Doug Coates RCMP



END OF WATCH Jan 12, 2010

Sgt. Mark Gallagher RCMP



Getting To Know You M.L. (Merv) Tippe

Over the past two years the PeaceMaker has used this section to introduce you to persons who are members of FCPO. It has been a real addition to the newsletter and we do want to continue with this in the coming issues.

I think, and I hope you do too, that it is important for us to know there are others of like faith involved in this wonderful career of policing.

I have had the pleasure of issuing FCPO Spiritual Tool Kits to over 80 police graduates from RCMP Depot and the Saskatchewan Police College alone over the last two years. I know that there are at least 50 more graduates that have come and gone without my prior knowledge. Across this nation, I know there are many of you that have also been involved in seeing others graduating received a form of a Spiritual Tool Kit also.

What a pleasure it is to know that there are many Christian men and women answering the call to keep the peace and serve the Lord as peace officers.

This coming year I would like to extend to all of you an opportunity to be a part of "Getting to Know You." If you will let me know by emailing the PeaceMaker at fcpo@sasktel.net your name and contact information I would be pleased to assist you in sharing your story with the national membership of FCPO. I think it is also important that we share our challenges and how the Lord has assisted us over the years. The story you share may be just what some other brother or sister police officer needs to hear to help them through their journey.

I am asking that each of you take this to heart as you may be the answer to anothers prayer. I personally look forward to hearing from you.

Merv



During the Regina
FCPO Conference, I
met a Godly man by the
name of Mike Dye. He
impacted mylife in a
very tangible way. His
passion for policing

and his passion for God, cause you to remember him. We still communicate from time to time and I want to share with you his last communication. Mike is a peace officer in the United States but what he has written here makes sense for our nation also.



Are You Ready (Mike Dye)

All of us need to keep the state of Washington in our prayers as they are struggle their was through a wave of law enforcement murders. Most recently while four Lakewood Police Service officers were taking their morning break in a local coffee shop they were all shot and killed. It appears to have been an ambush attack. Halloween of this year a Seattle, Washington officer was shot and killed while sitting in his partrol vehicle. Close in our memories prior to this there were four Oakland, CA officers shot and killed.

A national news cast recently carried a story about anti-government and anti-authority sentiment present in the Seattle and Washington State area. The Pacific Northwest has long been home to a variety of liberal rights groups such as the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and who can forget the World Trade Organization (WTO) riots in Seattle and most recently in Pittsburg, PA., in which peace officers were the target of viscious attacks. Many have dismissed this as simply a loose band of left wing, idealists who are unorgnaized and not given to violence. I wonder how many of us miscalculate the attacks against law enforcement in general. Remember, evil hates good!

From a strictly spiritual approach, my thoughts lean to, could these killings

be the birth pains of satan and his demons making a final, last stand charge, against the only lines of demarcation between the community of good (the police), or as simply stated previously, "the good" and "the evil" theory?

Many years ago while working in Los Angeles, a Godly co-worker spoke what I believe was a prophetic word when he said "You know we will never need more Godly law enforcement officers than in the days as we near Christ's return," and it started an hour long conversation I have never forgotten. We spoke about how in conventional war one of the goals of the enemy is to infiltrate the lines in order to break up the ranks. If the enemy can cause confusion and doubt amongst the troops the lines of engagement become blurred and he can begin to take out the troops one at a time.

Our conversation then turned to the role of peace officers pre and post-tribulation and both of us agreed neither of us wished to be left behind to face the post-tribulation era. Here is my question to each of you: "Could we now be seeing a glimpse of things to come?" What if what we have been seeing in the West or our nation were to explode nationwide and peace officers find themselves in the middle of a spiritual battle, a battle that few are prepared for.

Are you ready for the battle now? Are you ready for the ensuing battle if you are one of those left behind? Make a stand on the side of good, make a stand on God's side, you don't have to be left behind. Be a spiritually strong and prepared law enforcement officer. Spiritual battles require the ability to enact spiritual weapons of warfare, weapons that defeat not just the enemy you can see, but the forces behind them that you may not see.

Are you praying for you city, are you being a Watchman for the Lord as was Ezekiel thousands of years ago? Ezekiel 22:30 says; "I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness, that gaurds the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to

destroy the land, but I found no one." We are told in Ezekiel 3:17, " I have made you a Watchman for the house of Israel, so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me." As watchmen on the walls of the Cities we protect, He tells us this, O Jerusalem, I have posted Watchman on your walls, they will pray day and night continually. Take no rest all you who pray to the Lord" (Isa 62:). In Jerimiah 29:7 we are instructed. "Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried yo in exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will propser.

He has placed us as Watchmen on the wall of righteousness that gaurds the the land. In the gap we are to stand, as the tide of darkness attacks praying for the City's properity (safety and well-being), all to His glory. Are you ready? Are you praying for your city? Are you speaking life to the citzens you have been entrusted to protect and watch over?

May God bless each one of you, may He keep you, watch over you and protect you.

In Jesus Name Mike Dye



Executive Directors Report

Henry E. Harley

Well here it is December 2009, where does the time go? We have had a wonderful year at the FCPO-Canada. I am particularly happy to see the progress the new executive has made at planning the conference for our Annual General Meeting in Toronto, May 7-9, 2010.

Now how about you? Mark your calendar and book time off so you can attend. Who can attend did you say? Well it is open to our members and their spouses. In fact, it is really open to everyone who wishes to attend and enjoy a long-weekend with other Christian Officers and yes that means you can even invite quests.

President Marvin Massecar, our GTA Director, Jesse Weeks, FCPO rep Mr Todd Snooks and their planning committee have laid the groundwork for this event and it promises to be a great one.

I would also like to take this time to encourage you know that it is time for membership renewal. You can easily renew by going to our new website, clicking on the Membership Page and going to the online renewal area. Once there, simply make the \$20.00 donation to FCPO Canada, identify in the comment area it is for membership renewal and submit it. It is just that easy. Many of you accessed this method last year and it seemed to work well. Another option is to download the membership renewal form and mail it with a check to our offices in Tillsonburg.

We have a beautiful FCPO Canada pen that will be mailed out to each one who renews membership this year and we have the same gift for those who take out new memberships this year. While you are at it, check out our new website at www.fcpocanada.com and place it at the top of your favorites list.

My wife Andrea and I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous 2010!

Hank Harley

Christmas Lights

Every year cities across the country have some type of competition for the best decorated house or the best decorated yard. People do their best to become the chosen one, the one who lights up the area more than their neighbors. As I drive around Regina, I see houses that almost take your breath away they are so extravegantly decorated.

With the idea of lights in mind, may the light which lights your way this year be the Light that came into this world and shone in the darkness.

Happy New Year - FCPO Canada



Katrina Reunion

Henry E. Harley

Who would have thought that 'KATRINA" would bring a bunch of cops and firemen together? There she was, blowing across the Caribean and whammo, she came ashore at Gulfport, Mississippi. She cleaned everything off the face of the most beautiful beach, and mean everything, even the paved roads were washed away. T

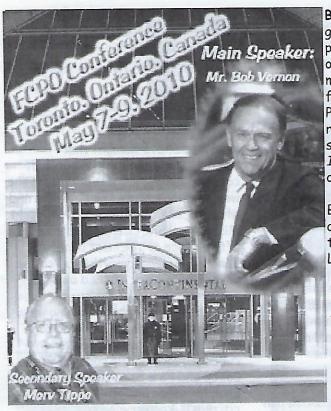
Once the water ebbed, nothing was recognizable. Homes, buildings and businesses destroyed, trees and rubbage blocking the roads. The Police and Fire Services were called upon to rescue and protect the citizens. Like everyone else, the families of the Police and Fire personnel were displaced by this storm but who was going to clean up their homes and salvage their belongins, they were working "round the clock" to protect the rest of the community.

The Gulfport Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers sent out a call for "Help". FCPO-Canada and FCPO-USA answered that call. Members of the FCPO in Canada along with other police and fire personnel packed up and moved to Gulfport to step in and assist. Many lifelong friendships formed from this event and now we're going to get back together, 5 years later.

The invitation is for everyone who was in attendence at this "relief" effort, to gather in Gulfport, Mississippi on the week-end of Sept. 10. 11, 12, 2010. The local Baptist church where many of the Gulport emergency response members attend is hosting us and providing billets and meals for the attendees, all you have to do is "get there".

The invitation is also extended to members of the Board of FCPO - Canada and their families.

See You There.



Bob Vernon committed his life to Christ as a teenager and after graduating high school attended BIOLA University where he studied professors like J. Vernon McGee and Louis Talbot. Through a series of circumstances, God lead him to join the Los Angeles Police Department. Bob's 38 year career included assignments in virtually every facet of policing. He progressed to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police, with 10,000 officers under his command. By the time he retired in 1992, Bob was well know both inside and outside the police service as a "follower of Jesus." Bob founded Pointman Leadership Institute in 1995 and works with leaders worldwide. Pointman has offices in South America, Africa and the U.K..

Bob and his lovely wife Esther have two children and 9 grandchildren, all who have made commitments to the Lord. Bob's stories and testimony will add value to your life and wisdom to your walk with the Lord as a peace officer.

For 33 years, Merv Tippe has dedicated his life to the field of Emergency Services, ten of which were spent as a peace officer. His story will witness to God's goodness in giving him the desires of his heart. His stories will bring laughter as well as help you see that God is very interested in helping you as peace officer, even with the hard things. Merv is the current Sask/Man Director for FCPO Canada, he is employed with the Ministry of Health in Saskathchewan and he is a volunteer Chaplain with the RCMP.

The site for the Convention will be the beautiful InterContinental Hotel in downtown Toronto. Reginstration opportunities will begin in January of 2010 through this newsletter and the FCPO Canada Website. You will also be able to register for your rooms on the hotel site sometime in January of 2010.

Costs for the conference are \$100.00 per person, which covers all costs associated to the conference activities, lunches, coffee breaks, and the main banquet. Certified cheques or money orders should be used when submitting by mail for security purposes.

Submit to: 4k-Spadina Ave. # 1821, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3Y9 Attention: J. Weeks



From the Editor's Desk

I don't know about you, but many times I am caused to wonder just how my heavenly Father sees me.

Each and eveyone who reads this article comes from a different upbringing and background. You may have been born in a different country than Canada, or at least your parents were, and immigrated here.

Regardless of our backgrounds, how our parents thought of us, how they spoke to us while we were growing up had a profound effect on how we think about ourselves. Even the words we speak each day to those around us have a profound impact on their lives. Words can build up, or break down, and how we use them is very important to our family and those we come in contact with.

We, depending on our upbringing, may or may not have a developed an idea of who God is or what He thinks of us. We may think He is always angry, looking for an excuse to hand out divine correction or spanking? We may have the idea He is impersonal, and cannot be approached except through going to Church and participating some type of service or going through some other person?

Our perception of God and what He thinks of us influences our relationship with Him, and can certainly influence our relationships with others including our families. If we think of him as cold, uncaring, or angry, we will not be as apt to approach Him.

I am very glad that we can go to God's Word to find out exactly what His greatest desires are for us and what He is like. Even God doesn't like to be misinterpreted, or misunderstood, so we should give God the same courtesy and let Him speak for Himself in these matters of identity.

In Jeremiah 29:11, Jeremiah tells us this: For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord." Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

This, is the God that I have known from the time I was 22 years of age. You, as a Christian may be saying to yourself, "I don't feel worthy to have my Heavenly Father treat me like that! Well you aren't the first to feel that way. The Apostle Paul, in the latter portions of Romans Chapter 7, speaks of his frustration with himself. If you haven't read it recently, it may be a good thing to do so. In his letter to the Ephesian believers (Eph 2:12-19) he provides the answer to the quandry of how we, in our fallen state, can be accepted by God. If you will read the portion in Ephesians, you will find out just how special you are to our Heavenly Father. I would say He must think pretty highly of us to give us open access to Him through Christ.

The key is that it is only through Jesus that we gain this access and fellowship with the Father.

John 3:16 says:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not perish but have everlasting life.

I wonder if our relationship with Him is a passing relationship (an acquaintance type), or is it one in which we take the time to get aside and speak to Him on purpose. Quality men and women of God are defined by the amount of time they take to get to know their heavenly Father because it is in those times that He has the chance to act on our character and change us into the likeness of His dear Son.

I honestly believe that our heavenly Father is most times pleased with us, but I also believe He longs for your words, to hear your heart turned towards Him seeking His guidance. In this coming year let us all come to the point where we will commit to spend more time with Him.

Be Blessed Merv Tippe

Ears Across Canada

The Board of FCPO Canada has launched a new project with an old twist. The new project is called "Ears Across Canada" and the old twist is that we are reviving an old idea. Years ago FCPO used to have a 1-800 number officers could phone to ask questions about our organization.

The new project will make it a help line also. Peace officers across Canada, who are struggling in any way, will find a listening ear and a friend on the other end of the line. Operated from the Bluenose Chapter it will be linked with members across Canada who are trained and equipped to assist.

From wherever you are in Canada, 24 hours a day, we will take your call and have an FCPO member call you back.

This number is open for use by anyone and we are hoping that new project will be used by all peace officers as a means of talking to persons who understand their job and the struggles that can at times go with it. Many times you just need a listening ear or someone to bounce things off of. All calls are held in the strictest of confidence and are never recorded. The phone number to call is:

1-877-528-2202

(The PeaceMaker apologizes for publishing and errant number in the last issue.)

Special Request

Chief Constable Bruce Mosher, the President of the Bluenose Chapter of FCPO - Canada has recently been diagnosed with Luekemia. Bruce is the father of a young family, the youngest being 12 years of age and he and his family need our attention. FCPO - Canada, its Executive and Leadership are requesting that our membership begin to pray for Bruce and his recovery.

Maritime Director, Ron Seney, has brought this matter to the attention of the PeaceMaker and we would like you all to add this to your daily list of prayers. Thank you from the Bluenose Chapter and the PeaceMaker.

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My Life's Great Pleasure M.L. (Merv) Tippe

One of life's greatest pleasures for me is to make contact with young men and women who are entering into the life of a peace officer.

This past year I have made many new friends and one of them was Jason Massecar, the son our our President, Marvin Massecar. Marvin informed me that Jason had been accepted at RCMP Academy in the fall of last year and I immediately contacted him via email asking that once he had arrived and gotten his feet on the ground to contact me.

Well about a month into his training Jason contacted me and over the remainder of his time at Depot we developed a good friendship. I do want to say that I believe Jason will be an asset to the RCMP and I can see him going far in the force. He is curently posted to Russell, Manitoba Detachment and although we haven't been in touch since the summer I believe he is getting along very well in his new found life.

I had the honor of being invited to his

graduation and I wanted to take some time to share my experience with you. The day begins with being sworn in as a full fledged member of the RCMP



and pictured here are Jason and his troopmates reciting the required oaths of service.

I believe there are separate oaths they have to recite and it is a very touching moment for those

in attendance as you recognize that these men and women are committing to serve and protect you and other residents of this country and the communities they are posted to.



One of the neat events to see is the presenting of their regimental badges which can be done by a family member if they are a member of the RCMP or another police service.

Here we see Marv

awaiting his opportunity to do so.

Finally, the time came. Now you have to understand that the uniformed presenting individual has to march out from beside the podium (you see in the background), come to a stop, make a left turn and march to the front of the Assistant Commissioner and come to a stop. The A/C then hands you the badge and you make an about turn and take about two steps away, come to a halt again. Now I want to tell you all that many crossed that floor that day, but none in my estimation, did so as good as our President. He was right on the mark through the whole process.





Above is a photo of Jason with a very proud mom and dad following the presentation of the graduation certificates. Training had been at times a long drawn out process, but I got to know Jason through it and he performed very well through it all. That evening my wife and I were very privileged to be invited to attend the graudation banquet as a guest of Jason and his family. Here we see Jason visiting with my wife Cathy just prior to forming lines to obtain our meals. The evening is always a very good time with excellent food.



As you may be aware, FCPO - Canada presents a Bible and a Bible Study Guide to graduating recruits and here we have President Marv making the presentation to his son.



If you are a member of FCPO and a member of a police service near Russell, Manitoba please look Jason up and tell him Merv sent you. You will find your visit with Jason very fulfilling as he is a tremendous young man.

The great news doesn't stop there. Through one of our FCPO members in Estevan, Saskatchewan, I met another young man by the name of Derek Churko. Derek was in Regina attending the Saskathchewan Police College at the University of Saskatchewan.



College West Campus.
Derek had been hired by the Estevan City
Police Service, my old almamater. Derek and I became friends while he was here and we were able to get out for supper on a

couple of occasions and enjoyed great fellowhip. Derek and I also got out one night to the local Broken Rack, Pool Hall for an evening of Derek showing me the finer points of playing pool (cough, cough). Derek has graduated the College now and is working his first shifts over the Christmas and New Years seasons. He too was issued the Spritual Tool Kit. There is no doubt in my mind he will make a very good peace officer.

So my congratulations go out to Jason and Derek and also my thanks for choosing me as a friend while you were in Regina. Again, if any of our members know of Christian young men and women coming to Regina for training please be in touch with me through the Peacemaker at fcpo@sasktel.net.



PRAYER REQUESTS

C/Constable Bob Mosher that God will restore him to perfect health and comfort him during the process.

Pray for the Government of Canada, each of the Provincial Governments and the Municipal Governments in your area. They need Godly wisdom in these tough econmic times.

Pray for the graudates of police colleges and academies across the country of Canada. We have many new men and women answering the call and they need your prayers to be Godly men and women, who will be able to stand in the gap for God and country.

Pray for the May 7-9, 2010 FCPO Conference in Toronto.

Pray for the Pastor's and leaders of your church.

Pray for the familes of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Pray for the FCPO - Executive as they seek to honor God with all we do and say in the coming year.

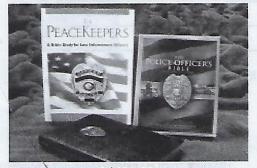
Pray for FCPO-USA as they look for a new Executive Director.

Pray for the Directors and Provincial Representatives of FCPO to have the required wisdom to reach out to peace officers in their areas.

Pray for the PeaceMaker as it tries to bring to you quality information that keeps you informed and blesses you in your walk with the Lord.

Pray for Chaplains across this country who work with the men and women of law enforcement.

FCPO Promotions



For a donation of \$100.00 we can put a set of these in your hands and it will also allow us to place a set into the hands of a graduating recruits or, place the Bible in the hands of surviving family members of officers killed in the line of duty. If you don't need a set the \$100.00 will allow us to put two sets in the hands of officers. If you are interested in assisting us in this great ministry, email us at: fcpo@sasktel.net or fcpocanada@fcpocanada.com.

FCPO GOLF SHIRTS

National FCPO is once again considering the ordering of golf shirts for the membership to purchase. We have to order these in lots of 12 at a time. They come in sizes small - 3X and colors are green or navy. These shirts are a very

high quality and were a very popular item last promotion. They will sell for \$45.00 per shirt. If you are interested email the PeaceMaker at fcpo@sasktel.net stating your color preference and size. Further instructions will follow once we have enough of a response to place an order for 12 shirts.

[Our first order will be placed very soon and we will be letting you know when they are completed]

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Last year many of you submitted your \$20.00 voluntary membership fee and we want to say thank you. Your support has allowed us to participate in various ministry opportunities, and prepare for conferences such as the one coming up in Toronto in May of 2010.

It is coming to year end and we would like to encourage all of our members to submit their membership fees for 2010. This year for all renewing members and new members, we are sending out an FCPO - Canada pen as a thank you. These pens are a good quality pen and they are wonderful to write with.

Thank you in advance for your part in supporting FCPO-Canada.

CHECK IT OUT

Another great way to support FCPO Canada is to give through the United Way. As members of FCPO you can designate you United Way donations to FCPO by noting it of the form to the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers and us regitered charity number:

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God is Watching

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Someone had written a note and placed it next to the apples.

It read, "Take only one, God is watching."

Moving through the line, to the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One little boy wrote his own note and snuck it next to the cookies.

"Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

Application For Membership Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (Canada) Incorporated (1983)

The aim and purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO) is to bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus, to promote Christian maturity and growth through the teaching of the Word of God and to conduct and promote Christian fellowship between law enforcement agencies.

Statement: I subscribe to the Statement of Faith of the FCPO (Canada). I desire to have a part in this ministry and hereby make application for membership. I provide the following information to establish my eligibility for membership and promise to pray and assist whenever possible in the work of FCPO. I understand that FCPO will use this information for the purpose of FCPO and its ministry efforts.

Please print clearly or type clearly Spouse: __Phone: Address Agency: Prov: ____ Email Address: I believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God and I have received him as my personal Lord and Saviour. I am an Active Officer (Police, Corrections, Customs, Excise, Conservation, Justice - as defined by the Criminal Code) and I request Regular Membership with full voting privileges. I am a Retired Officer with a minimum of five years service and I request Regular Membership with full voting privileges. I am the spouse of an Active Officer or Retired Officer (as described above) who is or has been a member of FCPO I request Associate Membership in FCPO (Canada), I understand this does not include voting privileges. I request Associate Membership in FCPO (Canada), I understand this does not include voting privileges. (Auxiliary Officers, Chaplains and others interested in promoting the aims of FCPO (Canada) Todays Date Signature:

Send the completed application form to FCPO Canada at 73 Devonshire Ave., Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 5C3

The Bible:

PELLOWSHIP

The scripture of the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired by God, and inherent in the original

Spouses signature if the husband and wife are applying.

writings and that they are the final authority for our faith and life.

(2 Tim 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1: 20-21

Faith:

All those who by faith receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour and confess him as Saviour before their fellow men and women become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. (Rom 10:9-10, Eph 2:8-9, Rom 8:16-17, John 1:12)

Humankind:

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, John 3:18, Gal 3:13)

FCPOSTATEMENT OF FAITH

Signature:

God

There is one God, Holy, eternally existing and manifesting Himself to us in three persons; Father, Son, Holy Spirit. God is merciful and loves us, but is just and must punish sin. (John 3:16, John 14:6, Exodus 34: 6-7, Matt 28:19)

Christ:

Jesus Christ is God incarnate. He was supernaturally conceived, born of a virgin, was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate, was raised from the dead on the third day, and now sits at the Father's right hand from where He is coming again, personally, bodily, and visibly to this earth.

(Luke 1:25-35, 1 Cor 15:3-4, John 1: 12-14)

Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit is God. He indwells all believers having baptized them into the body of Christ at the same time as regeneration. (Rom 8:9, 1 cor 12: 13-14, Eph 1: 13, Eph 4: 4-

(Rom 8:9, 1 cor 12: 13-14, Eph 1: 13, Eph 4: 4-5)

Grace:

Eternal life is a free gift and cannot be earned. We are saved by grace through faith 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 Jesus Christ will be judged and punished for sin. They will be eternally separated from God.

(John 3: 3-6, John 16: 7-11, Jude 14 & 15)