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The Peacemaker

From the President's Desk - "Let Your Light Shine"



Welcome to our fall edition of the Peacemaker.

This newsletter has been in existence since near the start of the Fellowship back in 1983. When I was a young constable in Alberta "back in the day," I always appreciated receiving the Peacemaker and reading about how God was leading in the lives of peace officers across Canada. Knowing there were other police officers who were believers strengthened my faith and encouraged me to "let my light shine".

At my first posting, I thought I was the only believer. It was a small detachment with about 12 members. Recently I learned that another member there was a believer. At that time we did not know of each other's faith. We just did our job, lived a good life, but unfortunately kept our faith hidden. I also recently learned that another member subsequently became a believer later in his life. Both are now members of the FCPO and all three of us are "letting our light shine." At present, all across Canada we have officers in similar situations. At police stations, detachments, prisons, ports of entry etc, there are officers of faith who may feel they are alone. Our FCPO family is growing and we need to encourage one another with our testimonies of how God is moving in our lives. It is often said that you are the only bible your colleagues will read. I encourage our members to "let their light shine"! I hope you will enjoy this issue of the Peacemaker and you will be blessed and encouraged.

As always we would love to hear from you, and would welcome your thoughts and articles for this publication. Your story can touch a fellow officer and encourage them. Sent your story to: fcpo.aapc@gmail.com

God bless,

Ron

Conference 2016 – Who's Got Your 6:00?

Next year's conference will be in Moncton, New Brunswick, June 3 -4. The conference will be preceded by a one day optional workshop "[Psychological First Aid](#)" being presented by Merle Doherty, Manager of The [Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada's Rapid Response Team](#).



A stay in [Moncton](#) is a great start for an Atlantic vacation, and we hope many from elsewhere will consider attending the conference and experiencing the beauty and hospitality from this part of our country. You will not be disappointed! As such, **now is the time to put in for your leave and start think about travel arrangements.**

This conference is being hosted by our rejuvenated Koinonia (Moncton) Chapter. During the conference we will attend the unveiling of a city

monument paying tribute to the three RCMP members who were murdered in June 2014. It was following that evil tragedy, that the Moncton chapter retook its distinguished position in our organization.

I am sure your faith in and commitment to Jesus will be strengthened as you hear the unforgettable testimony of our special guest speaker, Detective Ali Perez. Please give serious consideration to attending. You will find conference details on our [website](#). There you will also find our conference poster. **Please consider helping promote this conference by posting the poster at your church or place of work.**



Dino Doria

Let us be Christ Like

"Reminding ourselves who we are in Christ Jesus - Being Imitators of Him!"

Oh Praise and thankfulness should come forth from our lips - realizing who and where we were when Jesus Christ found us and His Holy Spirit softened our hearts to receive the reality of His salvation.

Being mindful that an important part of the sanctification process in us begins by praying and surrendering our lives to our Savior so that each day we can Crown Him as Lord of our lives by being "Imitators of Christ!"

As we begin to focus on this truth of sanctification and becoming imitators of Christ - we are to be attentive to the Holy Spirit. He will help us and teach us what needs to be brought to the cross. To rid ourselves of anything that is not Christ like.

He is the author and finisher of our faith. As we progress in allowing the Holy Spirit to remove the things that are not of God in our lives we begin to experience that being "Imitators of our Savior becomes easier and the reason it becomes easier is because we imitate Him more and more and we begin to realize that He is being made Lord of our lives.

John the Baptist stated **"I must decrease and He MUST Increase in my life"**

One important aspect of the sanctification process is indeed making our Savior - 'Lord of our lives.' This is so critical each moment of our lives so that indeed we can truly say: "I am an imitator of Jesus - No turning back - oh yes No turning back - I have not only committed my life to following Him, but I have totally surrendered to His Kingship and humbly bow down and lift Him up for all to see - for all to see Him in me. Amen.

Thessalonians Chapter 1

3 - 6. Amplified Bible

3. Recalling unceasingly before our God and Father your work energized by faith and service motivated by love and unwavering hope in (the return of) our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) (also see 1Thess 1:10).

4. O brethren - beloved by God we recognize and know that He has selected (chosen) you;

5. For our preaching of glad tidings (the Gospel) came to you not only in word, but also in its own inherent power and in the Holy Spirit and with great conviction and absolute certainty (in our part). You know what kind of men we proved ourselves to be among you for your good.

6. And you (set yourselves to become imitators of us and (through us) of the Lord Himself, for you welcomed our message in (spite of) much persecution, with joy (inspired by the Holy Spirit).



MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone who may like to join us? We have 2 types of membership. Regular Membership is for peace officers, while Associate Membership is for anyone who agrees with our Statement of Faith and wishes to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Join online at: www.fcpocanada.com

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Billy Graham Evangelistic Association National Law Enforcement Retreat

As you may be aware, last year we sponsored a number of Moncton RCMP officers and their wives attendance at this retreat. This is a unique “one of a kind” retreat put on by a very credible organization. The agenda is specifically for officers who have under gone trauma or tragedy in their lives. It is a healing retreat that makes a difference in the lives of all who attend.

This year once again we are helping four officers to attend this [retreat](#) by covering their registration cost. We are blessed to be in a position to help these officers attend this healing retreat. It is only through the generous support of our members and supporters that we are able to help in this way. Thank you all – your giving is being put to good use!

As a side note, [Dr. Billy Graham will turn 97](#) on November 7th. What a wonderful servant of the Lord he has been. May we all continue to hold him up in prayer and be thankful for all he has and is doing to further the Kingdom. **God bless Billy Graham and his entire team and ministry.**



We are praying for you

We care deeply for the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of our colleagues in law enforcement. As soon as we were aware you were in the hospital, our membership began to pray for your recovery, and we will continue to do so. In lieu of sending flowers, we are enclosing this gift certificate which we hope you will soon be able to use.

Thank you for your service.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23

A chaplain is available 24/7, toll-free for any peace officer.

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Injured Officer Initiative

Whenever we learn an officer has been injured in the line of duty and is hospitalized, we initiate prayer for that officer. Specifically we are blessed to have a number of associate members who regularly pray for this ministry. They are notified when we learn of an injury to an officer. Once the officer has stabilized we get our card to them with a \$50.00 gift certificate (usually from a well-known donut shop!).

When you learn of an officer injured on duty, no matter the cause, who is admitted for a hospital stay, please let us know, so that we can activate our prayer chain and let the officer know we care for them.

**We are on Facebook and
Twitter. Follow us at:
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A Chapter is Re-born!

By Ken Smith, President, Koinonia Chapter

Greetings to my peace officer brothers and sisters both active and retired and spouses. Back in the mid 1990's, we had the pleasure of hosting a national conference for the FCPO here in Moncton, New Brunswick. Our keynote speaker was Deputy Chief Mark Kroeker of the Los Angeles Police Department. That was a highlight for our local FCPO chapter. Sometime after that, members moved on or retired as I did, and our fellowship diminished over time. Unfortunately, it took the tragedy of June, 2014 that claimed the lives of 3 police officers in Moncton to rekindle the fire to reach out to fellow peace officers again.

Following this dark event, I along with retired S/Sgt. Blake O'Leary were asked by the Commander for Codiac RCMP to participate in a debriefing for Codiac members at Crandall University in Moncton. We were to be part of a panel of about 6 police officers from across the country who were in some way connected to the loss of a partner in the line of duty at the hands of a gunman. Blake and I were able to share our thoughts on how we dealt with the loss of his brother, Mike and my Corporal, Aurele Bourgeois in Dec., 1974. I was close to this tragedy because I worked the same shift on the night they disappeared; to be found days later in shallow graves on the outskirts of Moncton.

It was during this debriefing that I was able to share my faith today as compared to back then when I did not know Jesus Christ as my personal saviour. As I look back today however, I can see that God was doing a work in my life. I just didn't see it at the time.

Albert Schweitzer said: *"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit"*. I included this quote because following the debriefing, I was approached by Cst. Dave Verret of the Codiac RCMP. We connected immediately and started to develop a relationship that saw my wife, Bonnie, his wife Renee and us enjoying a fellowship orchestrated by the hand of God. I am thankful to God for this precious couple who have rekindled my inner spirit

to re-establish a local chapter of the FCPO here in Moncton.

We are a small chapter with only a few members and their spouses who meet in our home for fellowship, encouragement, devotions and prayer. It was during our times together that I shared my vision for hosting the 2016 National Conference in Moncton. And so the journey began! One thing lead to another and now we have a conference! We are absolutely thrilled to host this event and are praying that God will impact the lives of the many peace officers and their families who attend. We pray that the event will impact this community as well in a mighty way. During one of the nights during the conference we will have a community outreach service at "ground zero" in a church that was on lock down during the tragedy. There the community will have an opportunity to hear our keynote speaker, Detective Ali Perez of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

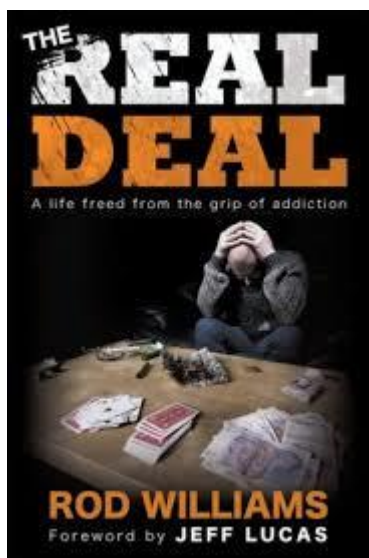
I encourage you to be a part of this conference and look forward to meeting you in June, 2016!

I have always said that being a peace officer was a ministry. God bless you as you minister to others.



Ken & Bonnie Smith with son David

In June the Smiths attended the unveiling of a monument commissioned by Moncton's Glad Tidings Church. The monument pays tribute to the three fallen officers. Pastor Paul Pattison said "I think the whole tragedy has also given people a greater appreciation for those who do serve and protect, that any day they could pay the ultimate price".



A Police Officer's Son – A testimony to hear!

Rod Williams is a former drug addict and criminal. Originally from South Wales, Rod moved to Guernsey, Channel Islands when he was 10 years old. Brought up by Christian parents, his dad a policeman (Chris) At the age of 17, Rod decided to take a completely different path than what he had previously known.

Experimenting with cannabis was the gateway drug that took Rod into a dark world of drugs, crime, gambling and prison. Dealing drugs in clubs at age 18 to smuggling drugs by his early 20's, Rod was relentless in his pursuit to make money no matter what the cost. After becoming addicted to heroin at 23, Rod lost complete control and very quickly lost everything including his freedom. In June 2002, Rod was sentenced to 4 years for importing

crack cocaine and heroin into the island of Guernsey. During his sentence Rod had a supernatural encounter with Jesus Christ that began a radical transformation in his life. Since being released from prison in 2004 and after spending 16 months as a student at the Lighthouse Foundation in Widnes, Rod's passion has been to reach out to others with a message of hope and healing.

Rod and his father will be featured on [100 Huntley Street](#) on Nov. 9th, and will be speaking at the [First Baptist Church in Tillsonburg](#), Ontario on Nov. 15th (both services, 08:30 am & 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Missions Fest 2016

Vancouver Jan 29 -31

Come meet us at [Missions Fest Vancouver](#). This will be a great opportunity to meet various FCPO members who will be at our booth. This will be the second time we have attended Missions Fest. Last year we met dozens of other officers and family members who had never heard of the FCPO and were thrilled to know there was such an organization active in Canada. If you are from the Greater Vancouver Area, why not spend a couple hours with us in the booth? It's a great opportunity to meet other like-minded believers and help promote our unique ministry. If you can spare some time let Russ Ideson know at fcpo.aapc@gmail.com, or give us a call at (604) 200-3276. We would love to see you out.



We've moved!

Well, sort of... Our new mailing address is:
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Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers - Canada*

"A ministry for those who serve & protect"

* Peace officers include: Police, Correctional Officers, Canada Border Services Agency Officers, Sheriffs, Conservation Officers and anyone else identified as such in the Criminal Code.

About Us

The FCPO is an officer to officer outreach with the aim and purpose of: bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and, promoting Christian maturity and growth. The Fellowship accomplishes this through: the teaching of the Word of God; conducting and promoting Christian fellowship amongst law enforcement officers; and, hands-on assistance to peace officers and communities.

Download our newsletter "The PeaceMaker" at www.fcpcanada.com

What You Can Do

- **Join us** - Membership is free. Regular membership is available for any peace officer (serving or retired), while associate membership is available for any Christian who agrees with the aims of this ministry. Join us online at www.fcpcanada.com
- **Pray** for this ministry and those who serve & protect
- **Tell others** about this unique ministry (especially those in the law enforcement community)
- **Invite us** to speak at your church or other function
- **Donate** (we have been a registered charity since 1983)*

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* Le terme agent de la paix englobe les Policiers, Agents Correctionnels, Douaniers, Agents du Bureau du Sherif, Garde-Chasse et toute autre personne identifiée sous ce titre dans le code criminel.

À propos de nous

L'AAPC est un programme de soutien pour les agents de la paix. L'Association a pour but d'amener les gens à une connaissance salvatrice de Jésus-Christ et d'encourager la croissance chrétienne et la maturité spirituelle. Pour ce faire, le programme utilise l'enseignement de la Parole de Dieu, encourage la fraternité chrétienne entre les agents de la paix et offre une aide directe sur le terrain pour les agents de la paix et leurs communautés.

Télécharger notre journal « The PeaceMaker » à www.fcpcanada.com

Ce que vous pouvez faire

- **Rejoignez-nous** - L'adhésion est gratuite. L'abonnement en tant que membre régulier est disponible pour tous les agents de la paix (actif ou retraité), alors que l'abonnement en tant que membre associé est disponible pour tous les chrétiens qui sont d'accord avec les objectifs de ce ministère. Rejoignez-nous en ligne à www.fcpcanada.com
- **Priez** pour ce ministère et ceux qui servent et qui protègent
- **Faire connaître ce ministère unique** (en particulier à ceux de la communauté des forces de l'ordre)
- **Invitez-nous** à parler à votre église ou pour une autre fonction
- **Faites un don** (nous sommes un organisme de bienfaisance enregistré depuis 1983)*

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New FCPO Rack Card

To help inform people about our ministry we recently printed a 21 cm X 10 cm card that gives some quick information about FCPO – Canada, as well as our contact information. These cards are great for encouraging membership and support for FCPO.

The cards can be handed out to individual officers, family members etc. They are also perfect for distribution to the wider Christian community in churches or other like-minded ministries. After over 33 years, many still do not know about FCPO – Canada. We need to encourage membership and support for this unique ministry.

If you would like to help spread the word about our ministry, contact us and we would be pleased to send you some cards for distribution in your area.



From The Treasurer's Desk

The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – Canada is a ministry with the sole aim of supporting peace officers and peace officer families as need arises. In our world today it is very obvious there continues to be a great need to do that very thing as it becomes more and more challenging for officers to do their jobs. Every single day peace officers stand in the gap, almost silently and without notice for the most part. We need them, and to be very truthful with you, they need us probably more than we realize.

How can you help? Well one way, is to support the FCPO-Canada financially so that we can step in on your behalf when peace officers are in need. In this issue again you will read of initiatives where your support helped us do that very thing.

Any donation is appreciated and put to good use. Over the years, we have attempted to find ways to facilitate giving in order to make it as simple as possible. Currently, there are four ways in which you can submit your financial support and they are as follows:

A cheque can be sent to: FCPO – Canada 372 Rideau Street, Suite 234, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1G7. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$20.00 or greater.



On our website, you can donate via PayPal or use of a credit card via the "Canada Helps" website. Simply hit the ["Donate Now"](#) button and follow the remainder of the instructions. A tax receipt is issued right away.



You can also donate through your local United Way Campaign. Each year, you are presented with a contributions form, and when completing it, you simply state the monthly amount or one time donation you wish to designate to FCPO – Canada. Our CRA registration number is: 2306 5804 R0001.

Significant work needs to be done in supporting peace officers and their families. We are indebted to our membership and supporters for providing us with the funding to carry on and grow this important and unique ministry. **Thank you!**

Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – Canada



"a ministry for those who serve & protect"

National Conference June 3 – 4, 2016

Moncton, New Brunswick



Who's Got Your 6:00?



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Special Guest Speaker - Detective Ali Perez



San Diego County Sheriff's Department detective Ali Perez was shot and nearly killed while attempting to arrest a suspected pedophile. Come hear his amazing story of how God intervened and became very real in his life. His is a story of faith, power, endurance, forgiveness and healing.

Full conference details & registration: www.fcpocanada.com