

# FCPO - CANADA

## The Peacemaker



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### From the President's Desk



Our membership keeps growing! Recently, we welcomed our 700<sup>th</sup> member, as well as our newest chapter in Newfoundland and Labrador. We currently have over 300 serving officers in [our membership](#). We have added a new [password protected page](#) to our website which serving and retired officers can access. A great way to find, and fellowship with, fellow FCPO members.

We have an extra thick issue for you this time with a good variety of great articles. I again encourage readers to download the pdf. version and click on the embedded links. In particular, I am certain you will be blessed to see Cst. Brian Arcand's (Rtd.) testimony as he delivered it on 100 Huntley Street last year.

Cst. Bruce Ewanyshyn has provided us with his thoughts on the role of a police chaplain. Kevin McInnes answers the question: Can you be a cop and a Christian? (Hopefully the answer is not a great surprise to you!).



Thanks to your generous donations we have successfully concluded our Fredericton Initiative by fully repaying our debt for that initiative. We are very excited about "Project Sword", our next major initiative which you will read about in this issue. And finally, for a little bit of fun, and perhaps some reflection, check out my article on "Fame".

God bless,

Ron

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# Can you be a Cop and a Christian?

By: Sr. Cst. Kevin McInnes (Rtd.), Calgary Police Service



Kevin & Deborah McInnes

I was raised in a Christian home by parents who were Salvation Army Officers. They both understood the role of service in their lives and gave themselves to it fully. My parents never really fought in front of us children. I never knew what domestic violence was. Occasionally we would have strangers come to our door that were intoxicated looking for a hand out from the Salvation Army - hence my parent's house. I remember being a bit nervous about that, but our dog, Goldie, a labrador retriever would ensure my parents safety. I'd never seen or dealt with a hooker, a drug addict, a dealer or a biker. If I had, I certainly knew nothing of them or their lifestyle. Needless to say my life was quite sheltered and separated from many of the vices of this life.

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From the time I was eighteen years old, I believed that my "calling" was to be a minister, to follow in my Dad's footsteps into the Salvation Army. I continued to explore that however the timing didn't feel right. My

younger brother applied to the Calgary Police Service and was not accepted because of his age. I was two years older so I figured I might give it a shot. I had no "calling" to policing at the time but it sounded exciting. I would be helping people and I could do that until I went into the Salvation Army. I applied to Calgary Police Service in September of 1979. By November 19, 1979, I was sworn in as a full fledge police officer vowing "to serve and protect" the public, with my life if necessary.

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It didn't take me long to realize that I was in way over my head. Oh, training was fine and really quite a bit of fun, but I was different. As far as I could tell, I was the only "Christian" in the class. If there were others, no one was saying. I began to think perhaps this police work and being a Christian wasn't such a good idea. Now that I was one, I met a gentleman through church who'd been with Calgary for a number of years but left to go to Alberta Highway Patrol. He made it very clear to me that it was impossible to be a cop and a Christian. The lifestyles were just too incompatible. It wasn't long into training that I began to wonder if that wasn't really true. Perhaps they didn't belong together.

I was now hearing about the "us vs them" mentality, the dark side of society who were out to kill me and my peers. I needed to watch my back and my partners back all the time because there were people out there waiting to kill a cop. I had to be wary at all

times, vigilant at every call and don't believe anything until you have proof.

The happy day came when I graduated from Police College and was posted to one of the tougher neighborhoods in Calgary. God and the leadership of the training section were good to me and put me under the tutelage of Sgt. Barry Davis, a Christian cop. So they did exist! To this day, I credit Sgt. Davis with my survival as police officer. He mentored me and introduced me to other Christian officers through the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers. This gave me hope. Not much, mind you, but some.

My first year was spent having my wits scared out of me or not having a clue what I'd gotten myself into. Between dealing with hookers that would smash up clients houses over not getting paid, to biker gangs blowing each other and their club houses up, I began to learn what it meant to be a cop but more importantly a Christian cop trying to live by the ideal of "serving others" in a way that represented Christ in a very broken world. I



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now saw firsthand how police officers coped with the lifestyle. Some drank excessively, some chased women or men as their next prize, and others were experiencing divorce, usually because of the first two. Mostly, they were cynical, angry people who seemed to avoid dealing with people and their problems. I wasn't coping much better either and anger seemed to be the way that I dealt with most things.

My wife Deborah saw this the most but didn't realize that it was the job. She thought it was her and I didn't know enough to tell her as


plainly as she needed. I was trying to survive. Don't get me wrong, I had learned to love the job. Despite how we as officers coped, we did it together; often times had a lot of fun and really enjoyed catching the bad guys. It was exciting. Between night shift boredom, driving around an industrial area where the only thing moving was you and the rabbits you'd chase with your vehicle, to the exhilarating foot chases with would be break and enter artists, where your heart is pounding faster than you ever knew it could, I came to love policing. My identity began to revolve around "I am a cop". BUT the question remained, "Could I be a cop and a Christian?" Were they compatible? After all, I had just been told by another young officer the he wouldn't work with me because I was a Christian. He was concerned that if push came to shove I wouldn't shoot. My naïve Christian lifestyle was seen by many as a "fatal" weakness.

About two years into my career, through a series of realignments I had the opportunity to move to another area of the city, closer to where I lived. I was able to work with some excellent officers and continued to mature as a policeman. I started becoming more comfortable with who I was as a cop. Soon I was working with some partners, and we were catching bad guys on a regular basis. This became addictive and eventually my reputation as a decent cop began to override my "weakness" of being a "Christian".

I was a cop and it was a blast. My thoughts of ministry had been put to rest through some difficult personal struggles between my wife and me so I thought policing was it. I focused all my attention on getting promoted to detective. I had a supervisor supporting me whole heartedly and I had the examples to support my "calling". Sadly, I lacked one thing. I was not well known to those making the decisions. I even had my detective trainer

comment on my evaluation that I needed to become more politically known if I was to be successful.


After five promotional exams, four attempts, one near miss and the final blow of being



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ignored, my aspirations of becoming a detective took a serious blow. What I didn’t know at the time was God knew I was going in the wrong direction and I was not paying attention. He had called me into ministry when I was eighteen and He was serious about it. What I didn’t know is that he was redeeming my situation and leading me to “ministry”.

Due to a series of personal crises, including my marriage, my church and now my work, I had lost hope, felt betrayed and abandoned. I gave serious thought to suicide and had the tools to carry this out. Thankfully my wife was praying, we had a miracle holiday



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worthy of another story and I sought the help that I needed. I changed the focus of my career and went into the School Resource Officers program. I loved it. I was having a positive effect on students, parents and staff.

God was still not done. A personal friend, Dave Dyck, was aware of my desire to finish my degree this time in religious studies. Out

of his generosity I was able to start back to Bible College. Shortly after, the Lord began to reveal his next plan for my life. One of our officers, Rob Vanderweil was killed in a traffic stop by an ex-cop from Jamaica. A large police funeral was held, the first I was been involved with as a member. I didn’t realize it at the time, but Rob was a classmate and friend of Jim Amsing who would later become my partner. Jim was a pall bearer and intimately involved with that funeral.

A year later, Rick Sonnenberg was killed by a young offender driving a stolen car in excess of 160 kmh. Rick was struck as he was trying to lay down a spike belt. This happened in front of his partner who was helpless to do anything about it. I knew both Rick and his partner as teammates and was like everyone else devastated by what happened. The funeral was held at the Jack Singer Concert Hall because it was so large.

When all was said and done some officers and one of my supervisors came to me and said I needed to seriously consider police Chaplaincy. We had one at the time but it seemed to some of us he did not understand our culture well. I presented a plan to the Calgary Police Service who unknown to myself were planning changes to our Employee Assistance Program. In October 1995, I became one of only three serving police officers in Canada who were police Chaplains. The other city was Winnipeg whose program we modeled.

Within weeks of my appointment, Cst. Jim Amsing and I met for the first time formally and discovered a mutual desire for Chaplaincy. My “calling” had been irrevocably changed. Instead of a “calling” within a religious setting, I was now called as police officer – chaplain in a secular setting.

During this period of time, my wife and I seemed to be having this calling confirmed in



our lives together as a couple. Purpose, in particular, our purpose was becoming clearer. From the time of our marriage vows, Deborah and I felt that God had called us for a unique ministry but we really had no idea what it was. We'd tried many different things in our search but the role of Chaplain began to make things clearer.

In our years as husband and wife, we knew firsthand the struggles that follow those in law enforcement. Marriage is not easy when one of the spouses is faced with people that die violent deaths, want to kill them because they wear the uniform, and see events up close and personal which most people run from.

As an officer I had witnessed many of my peers deal with broken marriages, divided families and the pain that went along with it. Others struggled with addiction issues whether prescription medication from a problem back initially, or alcohol (particularly early in my career) and occasionally drugs. Sex was another addiction I observed in some partners caught up in the "blue fever" (women in love with the uniform).

As the chaplain, now I became much more involved in the critical events that our officers faced. These included shootings, death of children, death of our own officers through tragic events, death of family members and much more. I became much more aware of the spiritual needs of our members.

Over the years I began to observe that although spirituality was still resisted there was an increased willingness to at least discuss it. I also discovered there were many more officers of faith than would actually say so publicly. Privately, they would attend church with spouse and or family but publicly

say little if anything about the spiritual journey. I also began to discover that frequently it was the senior officers who had been through the struggle of the profession that were much more open to discussing spiritual things. Perhaps they had discovered the macho image and tough exterior had not served them as well as they had originally thought. I frequently learned retired members who did not attend any religious gathering during their career were returning to church afterwards as if it was now "ok" to do so. The old saying you can't be a cop and Christian lived out after retirement when they were no longer a cop.

My hope is that by putting my thoughts to paper, new and veteran officers will see the direct benefit of a faithful expression of their chosen profession. Faith will actually strengthen their ability to perform the job of law enforcement and that there is no weakness involved if properly lived out.

God has provided a special "calling" and provided the authority and power, both legally and spiritually, to perform our duties. We truly are God's servants as well as servant to the public when we serve faithfully. God is also a warrior and leads us in battle against evil. We too are warriors, called for purpose

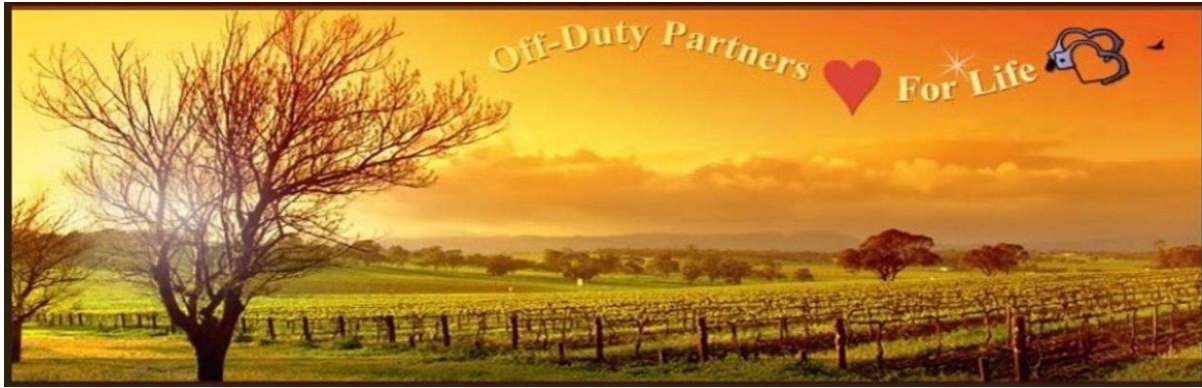


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and there is much instruction for those who wish to be faithful servant warriors.

My hope is that all will see the value in the term Servant Warrior to describe the role of a peace officer. Faith can provide a significant foundation on which to build a solid and successful career.

In 2004, Kevin McInnes retired from the Calgary Police Service. Kevin and Deborah are founders of the Diakonos Retreat Society (now [Legacy Place Society](#)), and currently lead their unique couples ministry for First Responders [Off-Duty Partners For Life](#).



Deborah and Kevin are presently serving First Responders with a couples' wellness training program called "[Beat the Odds Together](#)". This is a first rate marriage program specific to the needs of First Responders offered most recently to Calgary Police and Fire for the past 6 years.



## Recommended Reading

If you enjoyed reading Kevin McInnes' article, you'll love the rest of his thoughts contained in "[The Servant Warrior; the role of faith in policing](#)". This book was written to be an encouragement to police officers of faith, those considering the role that faith plays in the duties as police officers, and those looking for experienced guidance in how policing can be done from a Biblical perspective.

A Kindle version of this book can be purchased through various online venues.



# Fredericton Initiative




We are pleased to report that we received sufficient donations to cover our full costs for sending 5 Fredericton Police Force officers plus their wives down to the BGEA's [National Law Enforcement Retreats](#). This was a major undertaking for us, as we did not have anywhere near sufficient funds to make that happen. However, we knew it was the right thing to do in order to help officers cope with, and appropriately deal with, the terrible loss of two of their own. We went on faith that donations would come in, and they did.

As we had noted before, when something this tragic happens, we immediately ask ourselves: "how can we help?". As noted in Sgt. Rick Mooney's article, this was a great help for him and the others that attended the retreats.

We are most grateful to all who answered our call for donations to make this happen. We could not have done it without your support. In particular, we wish to acknowledge [Summerside Community Church](#), Summerside, PEI. One of our members attends that church. He raised our need with the church leadership and they responded with a substantial donation.

Please to continue to uphold in prayer all the Fredericton Police Force officers and staff as they continue to serve and protect.



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In appreciation for your service, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team invites you—and your spouse—to the Canadian Law Enforcement Retreat. Come be encouraged by speakers who will discuss the unique issues faced by officers' families and share insights from God's Word.

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# The Holy Spirit is Your Strength!

By: Dino Doria, Ontario Director



Sgt. Dino Doria (Rtd.)

Today's devotional comes from 2 Corinthians 5:17.

*"Therefore If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new". "The Holy Spirit is your Strength"!*

Where Paul tells us that all believers have died with Christ and no longer live for themselves. What is meant by this? Our lives are no longer worldly; they are now spiritual. Our "death" is that of the old sin nature which was nailed to the cross with Christ. It was buried with Him, and just as He was raised up by the Father, so are we raised up to *"walk in newness of life"* (Romans 6:4). That new person that was raised up is what Paul refers to in 2 Corinthians 5:17 as the "new creation." The "old" refers to everything that is part of our old nature

- natural pride, love of sin, reliance on works, and our former opinions, habits and passions.

Most significantly, what we loved has passed away, especially the supreme love of self and with it self-righteousness, self-promotion, and self-justification. The new creature looks outwardly toward Christ instead of inwardly toward self. The old things died, nailed to the cross with our sin nature.

What about the Christian who continues to sin? There is a difference between continuing to sin and continuing to live in sin. No one reaches sinless perfection in this life, but the redeemed Christian is being sanctified (made holy) day by day, sinning less and hating it more each time he fails. Yes, we still sin, but unwillingly and less and less frequently as we mature. Our new self hates the sin that still has a hold on us. The difference is that the new creation is no longer a slave to sin, as we formerly were. We are now freed from sin and it no longer has power over us (Romans 6:6-7). Now we are empowered by and for righteousness. We now have the choice to "let sin reign" or to count ourselves *"dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Romans 6:11-12). Best of all, now we have the power to choose the latter.

The new creation is a wondrous thing, formed in the mind of God and created by "His power and for His glory." I would like you to know that this new creation was formed in the mind of God - because it is of God - it is His Holy Spirit that gives us His Strength daily to rid ourselves of sin.

The Holy Spirit shows us where we are weak, and the works of the flesh that are contrary to the word of God. So be encouraged in your Christian journey - be led by His Holy Spirit who will sustain you - guide you in His paths of righteousness. Let us also be encouraged of this fact found in Philippians 1:6. *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

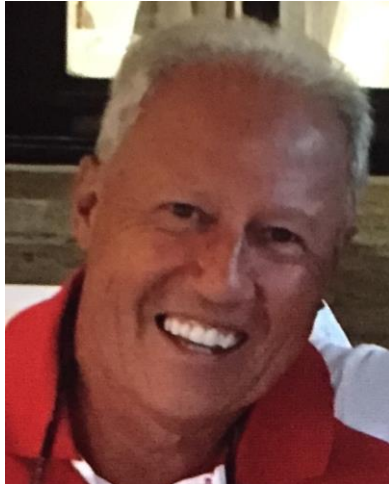
God Bless,

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# Supporting this Ministry

By: S/Sgt. Steve Rowe (Rtd.)



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## STEWARDSHIP

I enjoyed reading the [February Peacemaker](#). I was particularly impressed by Andrew Cowan's articulation of the ministry's financial accountability and how prudently donations are used. For well over 30+ years I have been a faithful financial supporter of the FCPO.

I retired from the RCMP in 1992 and last year on November 16<sup>th</sup> I officially retired from the work force.

After retiring from the RCMP my second career was spent with [The Gideons International](#) in Canada/SWG ([ShareWord Global](#)) from 1992-2018. During my last 6 years I was in a fund raising role for the Ministry.

**Why would anyone sow into the FCPO?** My response is: to reach fellow peace officers with the Gospel. There are 700+ FCPO members who have responded to the FCPO mandate. How can other peace officers be reached here in Canada? The FCPO provides testaments and other unique law enforcement specific materials to assist in this role.

Have you ever thought who pays for these testaments and materials and mailing costs? Well, they are paid for by members and provided for by the FCPO Executive as funds are available. There are many opportunities to provide more testaments and materials if more funds were available. Materials include a get well card and a \$50.00 gift card for officers who are seriously injured in the line of duty. What a great way of telling officers how much we care about their well-being (physical, mental and spiritual). But all that has a cost.

Every time I see or read of a police officer who has died; my first thoughts are: Did they know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior? That is why I give monthly to the FCPO in hopes that perhaps the ministry did assist in reaching a fallen officer.

[Romans 10:14](#) speaks of how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Friends, if there were more finances, possibly more officers could be reached. More special police officer New Testaments and other FCPO materials could be made available, as well as the ability to fund special initiatives.

As I close, I want to challenge every one of the 700+ FCPO members to become a ***monthly ministry partner***. You could give \$5, \$10, \$25 or more, ***OR*** make a one-time gift. Remember your financial gift does get a registered charity tax receipt.

If you receive a tax rebate this year, consider making a financial contribution to the FCPO. Monthly or one-time donations can be made very easily via the [Donations Tab](#) on the FCPO website.

May the Lord continue to bless you and may you be a financial blessing to further the Lord's work through this unique and important ministry.

S/Sgt. Steve Rowe (Rtd.)

Editor's note: Thank you Steve and others for your faithfulness to this ministry!

## FCPO in Newfoundland & Labrador

By: Cst. Daniel Morrissey, Provincial Representative, Newfoundland and Labrador



Glenn Moores and Daniel Morrissey

In 1987 Glenn Moores, a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, [wrote the following words in the Peacemaker](#): “*At this time we will, I pray, form the first Chapter of the C.F.C.P.O. in Newfoundland.*” On February 27, 2019, the recently founded Newfoundland and Labrador chapter held its inaugural meeting and Glenn's prayers were answered!

We must not look at the long wait as a failure. Rather we should trust that seeds planted in good soil will bear fruit and remember that it is God who gives the growth (1 Cor. 3:7). I thank Glenn for having the courage to be a sower of God's word in a world which is often indifferent or hostile to the message of Christ. You are a spiritual godfather of the newly minted NL chapter and we will build on the foundation that you laid through prayer and perseverance.

Like Glenn, I am a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. At the request of my Chief, I attended the conference which the FCPO hosted in St. John's, NL in August 2018. There I met Ron and agreed to become the NL Provincial Representative. We now have 20 members in our provincial chapter and can truly say that now the FCPO extends from coast to coast!

I believe that every Christian is called to be a missionary disciple. We must develop a personal relationship with the Lord and then share that good news with others in word and deed. The most effective evangelical tool we have is a life of faith lived with joy. I hope that the FCPO in NL can achieve the basic goal of bringing peace officers to Christ and bringing Christ to the world around us. I ask for the prayers of our brothers and sisters across the country as we continue on our common mission. As a province with a history steeped in fishing, we are proud to set out into the deep waters of this highly secularized world and lower our nets for a catch (Luke 5:4).

# Welcome Respite

By: Sgt. Rick Mooney, Fredericton Police Force



Sgt. Rick Mooney

Through the very generous support of FCPO-Canada, my wife Bronwyn and I were recently able to attend the 2019 [National Law Enforcement Retreat](#) in Horseshoe Bay Texas. This retreat is a ministry of the [Billy Graham Rapid Response Team](#) with a focus on strengthening the spiritual fitness of law enforcement.

Although we have been to numerous Christian retreats over the years, we were not quite sure what to expect as we had never been to an event with this particular focus. All I knew for sure was that we needed a (any) retreat and so this was a welcome respite that we were really looking forward to.

In the months leading up to up to our departure, Bronwyn and I have gone through the most severe testing season of our Christian lives thus far. I am a polygraph examiner with the Fredericton Police Force and Bronwyn works as a Crown Prosecutor in the Fredericton area. Without going into specific detail, in July 2018 we found ourselves fighting on about seven significant battlefronts including: work

/ family situations and financially including owning two houses at the same time (trying desperately to sell one of course). This period culminated in the [tragic loss of two of my colleagues](#) in a shooting incident on August 10<sup>th</sup> in Fredericton. These officers were known to Bronwyn as well, as she had the opportunity to work with them in her capacity.

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Looking back on this time now, I think I had become so accustomed to dealing with pressure in my profession that I really did not appreciate the effect that all these significant stressors, and of course the very tragic event, had on me. At least, not until I was travelling back from a conference in Ottawa approximately three weeks after

the shooting when I noticed I was having substantial breathing and swallowing difficulties.

I attempted to keep working for a few weeks but eventually I came to the very tough realization that I was stuck and needed to take time off and seek help. It was during this time, between August and January that I had to press in to God like never before. I often felt, as the symptoms intensified, that I was hanging onto the edge of a cliff by my fingernails, with no lifeline. As time went on



though, I learned that I do have a lifeline. In fact, I was strapped in very securely to God's harness and although at times I felt like I was falling, the experience has taught me that He does not let go of us and all I had to do was lean hard on Him.



Bronwyn & Rick en route to the retreat

Having been back to work for a few weeks prior to Texas, I was still struggling with good days and bad days. But, overall by God's grace, I have been regaining my strength and trending in the right direction. The Texas retreat provided us some much needed relaxation but it also provided us the very clear truth that doctors, friends, counsellors, physical rest, diet, exercise etc. are all very important; but what is of upmost importance is the help that comes from pressing into Christ!

In typical Billy Graham fashion, the messages of the retreat were not overly complicated or theologically complex. The simplicity of the message of God's love towards us was like a balm for the soul. Being under one roof worshipping God with officers and spouses whom we did not know but yet we were connected with spiritually, was refreshing.

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The message of intentional devotion to Jesus Christ, the pursuit of righteousness and the importance of consuming the Word of God daily were welcome reminders for us. The quality of the overall conference and sessions was

high, and we came back from this quick trip away, inspired, refreshed and challenged to walk deeper with Jesus. Oh, and by the way, Texas was great too! I would certainly recommend this conference to anyone!

There is much more I could say about our recent season of testing and our time away but I will close by saying this. The Bible tells us that if we follow Christ we will face trials of many kinds and we will in fact go through seasons of sharing in Christ's sufferings in various ways. However, I can say now that even though this season of trial continues to some degree, I have learned that God is so faithful and he is not going anywhere!

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Bronwyn and I are so very grateful to all those involved in the FCPO ministry for supporting their brothers and sisters in their times of difficulty. It will not be forgotten.

Blessing in Christ,

Rick and Bronwyn Mooney

**[Click to here](#) listen to various presentations  
from the National Law Enforcement Retreat**

# The Role of a Police Chaplain

By: [Cst. Bruce Ewanyshyn, Brandon Police Service Chaplain](#)



Cst. Bruce Ewanyshyn

“Acceptance does not mean agreement”. This was the opening phrase spoken by a Christian minister/police chaplain as he introduced a workshop on “Multifaith Police Chaplaincy” at the 2018 Annual Conference of the [Canadian Police Chaplains Association](#) (CPCA). His words struck my spirit so I wrote them down and since then I have been examining them in the light of my Christian faith and my role as a police chaplain. The meaning of a word is important to me if I am going to apply it to my life, so I searched the following dictionaries: Merriam-Webster, Oxford, The Free Dictionary, Cambridge English, and the Macmillan dictionary. With each search, the word “agreement” appeared within the

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definition of “acceptance”. The Oxford Living Dictionary defines “acceptance” as, “agreement with or belief in an idea or explanation”.

These definitions fly in contrast to my understanding of the context of the phrase spoken by the Christian minister; words that sounded so pleasing to the ears of someone who strives to walk in the love of Jesus. Then I pondered could it be that our culture is reshaping the word acceptance to mean something more than agreement? I found in the Oxford dictionary that “acceptance” is a “willingness to tolerate a difficult situation”. The word “tolerate” sounds harsh to me; I want to love as Christ loves. He loved those who were nothing like him so much that he gave his life and suffered God’s justice and punishment for them on a cross. He died for all of us in spite of not agreeing with our lifestyles. God did not tolerate human beings, He gave us His best – His only son Jesus, who sacrificed his life for us. That sacrifice goes far beyond tolerance.

I thought, perhaps the phrase might refer to the context that “social” acceptance does not mean agreement. There is no dictionary definition for “social acceptance”; however, Wikipedia provides a definition and many in society today are using Wikipedia as a reference for defining life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Wikipedia provides that “social acceptance can be defined as tolerating the differences and diversity in others because most people attempt to look and act like others do in order to fit in”. As a Christian minister, a police chaplain, and a police officer who wants to serve other police officers and people of all different faiths including those without faith, this definition does not help. In fact, in boldness, I state that it does not assist with police chaplains from any faith – Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, or Christian (not an exhaustive list). As ministers of any faith, we are not trying to look and act like others to fit

in; we are trying to follow the teachings of the God we have found faith in.

The direction the CPCA has moved towards is that of establishing an interfaith association of police chaplains. We, the CPCA Executive, agree that police officers come from a variety of faith and non-faith backgrounds. Over the past couple of decades in Canada, the faith and cultural diversity within policing services has increased substantially. We would be negligent in our duties as police chaplains if we ignored these facts and pretended we could meet all needs through the solidarity of Christian ministers.

I policed for over 17 years prior to receiving Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and I remember how ineffective all attempts by police chaplains were to convert me to Christianity. The list of duties of a police chaplain does not include the proselytizing of police officers (attempting to convert from one religion, belief, or opinion to another). The word alone leaves a bitter taste in my mouth and feels dirty. When asked about my faith, I share what I believe is truth based upon my walk and encounters with God. This is my testimony and my devotional writings reflect my experiences walking with the Holy Spirit and embracing the teachings of Jesus within the Holy Bible.

I believe in the power of prayer whether a police officer believes or not. Jesus performed signs, wonders, and miracles in and around those who did not believe in Him and He did so as a man upon whom the Holy Spirit rested; not as the resurrected God. He prayed because he loved all people from all cultures and religions; this should be no different for police chaplains who should love all police officers they serve and be willing to offer comfort and bring forth change through prayer.

Some time ago, I was requested to respond to a situation as the police chaplain. In a room filled with grief and despair, anxiety and helplessness, I reached out asking if I could pray with an officer's spouse. They politely declined; I continued to linger in that place wanting to be of assistance. There is a saying amongst police chaplains; we loiter with purpose. An hour later amidst weeping, compassion rose up in me and I asked a family member if I could pray for them. They responded with yes and please. While I was praying for them, the officer's spouse stepped back into the room unbeknownst to me. When I had finished praying, the spouse approached me thanking me for the "beautiful words" I had prayed. The "beautiful words" came from partnering with the Holy Spirit who counsels while we pray for people who are desperate and are in need of comfort; prayer is an important role of the police chaplain. There was no intention in my heart to proselytize, only to have the person encounter hope and the love of God over them and to feel His presence in their circumstances.

As a police chaplain of Christian faith, I apply God's Word to situations. In this case, Romans 5:5 comes to heart; *"And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love"* (NLT). We have a duty to pray for our police officers if they will receive prayer, and prayer has power based upon our faith in God, not in our self. I will not water down my faith when I pray; if I did then the prayer would have no effect. I would not want a Muslim Imam or a Hindu minister to water down their faith when they pray or speak to their God. Throughout the

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CPCA conference, I enjoyed hearing the words and expressions of a Muslim Imam from Peel Regional Police, and a Hindu minister from Toronto Police Service; the diversity in the room was good and sparked many conversations. Rather than adopting for myself the phrase “acceptance does not mean agreement”, there is a phrase that came to me.

One that I can relate to and understand without word contradiction. I believe it will assist me as one who ministers within an interfaith association that exists for the purpose of serving police officers of diverse backgrounds. This phrase includes the words acceptance, diversity, and division. I am thankful to the Christian minister who shared on Multifaith PC; he started me on this path of discovery. I hope that when I teach my words would inspire and cause others to seek for greater contextual meanings and life applications.

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*“Acceptance of diversity acts as a shield against division.”*

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“Acceptance of diversity acts as a shield against division”. This phrase incorporates “acceptance”, the belief, or the agreement, that we live in diversity - a multicultural society. Multiculturalism promotes the maintaining of the distinctiveness of multiple cultures to form a “cultural mosaic”, in contrast to social integration, cultural and religious assimilation, and racial segregation. It focuses on inclusiveness, understanding, and respect. Diversity is not defined alone by multiculturalism; in fact, diversity as I refer to it, is defined as the differences between people. These differences can include race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, background, socioeconomic status, and more. The policing culture of 2018 contains all this diversity and more, and as police chaplains we are to serve all men and women, sworn and civilian, giving

the best of our self to them whether we agree with their life choices or not.

Senior Pastor Charlie Swartwood, Chaplain for Stratford Police Services, gave an inspirational/devotional message on the third morning of our conference. He read Mark 14:3-6, which tells of the sinful woman who came to a gathering in which Jesus was the guest. Women in that time and culture held low positions of social status; yet she boldly came forward in a room full of men, broke an alabaster jar, and poured a very expensive perfume over Jesus. It was the most valuable thing she owned and she was the only one who gave a gift to Jesus. She was criticized harshly by many men for wasting such expensive perfume but Jesus defended her by saying she had done a beautiful thing to him. She came forth with boldness and courage and gave her best. The duty of a police chaplain is to step into places that are dynamic and volatile, filled with pain and confusion. Chaplains are called to do meaningful things for the police officers they serve. As Pastor/Chaplain Charlie so eloquently stated, “That is our calling as Chaplains to be there for our officers, breaking our alabaster jars, giving the best we have, leaving the fragrance of faith, hope, and love”. Thanks Charlie!

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*“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” Ephesians 6:10 NIV*

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The word “shield” in my phrase applies because our faith in God is a shield. In Ephesians 6:10-17, the Armor of God is described and we are instructed to “be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power” by putting on the full armor of God. The shield referenced in Ephesians 6:16 is the shield of faith, “with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one”. The flaming arrows may include slanderous things said about you, temptation to pride and selfishness and fear,

evil thoughts and temptation to hate others (and so forth). Faith in God is the shield we raise and when we accept the diversity in others instead of judging them, our shield is already raised against slanderous lies and gossip for we are ready to protect not only our heart, but to come alongside those who are walking in diversity. The role of a chaplain is to walk in love towards others, not to judge them. To love does not mean you condone their lifestyle or receive it as your own. It means you love your neighbour as yourself, which is the second portion of the great commandment Jesus shared in Matthew 22:36-39.

The final word of the phrase is “division” and this is a tactic of our common enemy the devil. The devil’s name is “diabolos” meaning “he who places division or separation”. “Daio” which is the root word of “demon”, means “to divide”. His tactics are to divide and conquer. He highlights differences in people’s beliefs and cultures and preferences, in other words their “diversity”. If you are not shielded and accepting of diversity, division may enter into your heart towards others that do not believe or

act as you do. Once division settles in your heart (flaming arrows of the enemy), your words and actions will reflect the division. Jesus shared in Matthew 12:34&35; “For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him”. If division is from the devil, and you struggle with it, then it is a facet of evil that has taken residence within your heart.

The preparation of this devotional prompted me to search not only the Bible, dictionaries, spiritual and secular literature, but also my own heart for any division that may exist. The result was repentance to God for unrealized division in my heart; a greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of interfaith chaplaincy, and a commitment to apply to my life a fundamental that acceptance of diversity acts as a shield against division. I am grateful to the Christian minister who got me started on this journey by sharing his thoughts at the CPCA conference that acceptance does not mean agreement.



# More New Equipment

By: Ronald Mostrey, President, FCPO - Canada



The duty belt of the average officer contains their sidearm, ammo clips, OC spray, handcuffs, flashlight, protective mask/gloves, and baton. For protection, they wear a bulletproof vest. All “necessary tools of the trade”. An officer needs to be fully equipped. If they lack any of that equipment, they are at peril.

In our [May 2018 issue](#) we informed you that as “new equipment” we had purchased a quantity of *Promises for Peace Officers*. Those have been, and are being, distributed to various officers across Canada. Every new peace officer who joins FCPO now receives this as a welcome gift. This is a great quick reference book of various scriptures that relate specifically to the challenges of law enforcement work.

**As Christian officers, we know that we need to put on the “full armour”.** Ephesians 6:10-18 tells us:

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

***Put on the whole armour of God*** that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:***

*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

*And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,*

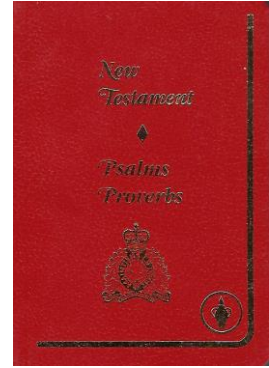
*For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Besides the regular “issue equipment” officers need to be equipped with “the sword” of the Spirit – the **Word of God**.

Some police officers upon graduation from their training academy receive a Bible or New Testament. However, that is becoming more and more rare as “political correctness” dictates that as “not appropriate”.

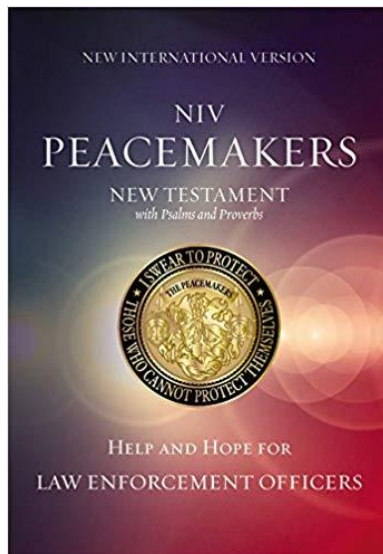


When I attended the RCMP's training academy in 1978, I received a New Testament with the RCMP crest on it. Most officers, whether they were believers or not, appreciated and cherished that gift which was provided to us by the Gideons. It's a shame that most officers now no longer receive that "sword" as part of their standard equipment. Unfortunately, many officers also do not own their own "sword", let alone know its life changing power.



We in the FCPO have a significant cadre of officers who are followers of Jesus and know that He alone is the answer for all matters of life. Those of us who know Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour, trust in the Word of God, and rely on that as our "compass" for life and the performance of our duties as peace officers.

Early in my career I got into the habit of always carrying my Gideon "sword" in either my breast pocket or my briefcase. I always considered it as not only protection and help for me, but as something I could reference to witness to others if the occasion arose. I was never a "Bible Thumper", but I knew it was a good to have the Word on hand.



With the help of our many members and chaplains in the various services and agencies, we are hoping to offer a copy of "[Peacemakers](#)" to as many peace officers as possible. This is a pocket sized New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs. Interlaced between the scriptures are teachings and officers' testimonies, with topics such as:

***A Special Breed; Is God Really in Control?; Helping Police Families Deal with Stress; Substance Abuse is no Substitute; Ending it All; Situation Report; and, Seven Steps to Handling a Critical Incident.***

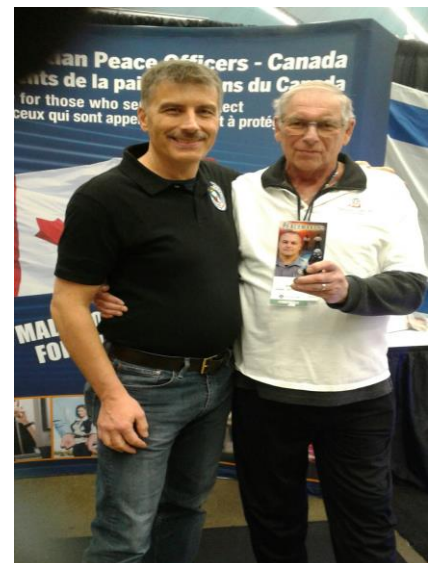
This will be one of the most important projects we have taken on in our 36 years as a ministry.

We will need to raise significant funds. How many should we buy? Simply put, the more funds we raise, the more Peacemakers New Testaments we can purchase and distribute.

Our friend, Ed Mullis of [LifeLight Ministries](#) gave us a good start for this project by donating to us a box of these special New Testaments.

We are hopeful this was just the start of something very significant for all those who serve and protect in Canada!

Please consider [partnering with us](#) as we move forward with this life-changing and life-enhancing initiative.



Ron Mostrey and Ed Mullis

# And You Think You've Got it Rough!

## I want you for PEEL'S Police c1839

- You must be aged between 23-40 years of age

You will be paid the following rates:

CONSTABLE	17s (shillings) per week	(= 85p)
SERGEANT	£1.1s per week	(= £1.05)
SUPERINTENDENT	£3.10s per week	(= £3.50)
CHIEF CONSTABLE	£13.19s per week	(= £13.50)

- Your working hours will be eight, ten or twelve hour shifts, seven days a week. Every encouragement will be given to officers to grow beards as shaving is regarded as unhealthy. However, beards must not exceed two inches in length.
- Uniform will be worn all the time, to prevent accusations of spying on the public, whilst in ordinary clothes. A duty band will be worn to indicate whether you are on duty or not.
- You are NOT allowed to vote in elections.
- You must not gossip with the public. In particular, avoid conversations with female servants or other women on duty. Do not walk or converse with your comrades, merely exchange a word and pass on.
- You will walk about 20 miles per shift.
- No rest days are allowed and only one week holiday per annum, unpaid.
- No meal breaks are allowed. The top hat may be used to hold a snack. You must inform the Superintendent before you associate, eat or drink with any civilians.
- Before attending for medical examination and interview to join the police, it is advisable to have a bath.
- You are NOT allowed to sit down in public houses at any time.
- You must expect a hostile reception from all sections of the public and be prepared to be assaulted, stoned or stabbed in the course of your duties.





## From our Vault

Articles from [past Peacemakers](#) make for a great second read. And for many of you - the first read. They are timeless. We opened the vault for this issue, and hope you will be blessed again by this contribution.

### *Before and After – How I received Christ*

*This article is reproduced from our Peacemaker [archives](#): Aug. – Oct., 1987 issue*

#### **Before I received Christ, I lived and thought this way:**



Chris & Brian Arcand

I was raised on Moosomin Indian Reservation, 21 miles north of North Battleford, Saskatchewan by my grandparents. My parents split up because of alcohol. I was taught to worship the Indian way: sundances and pow-wows. In my young days, I saw a lot of drinking, violence and death. My grandmother was a person I really trusted and loved. When she died, I thought I had lost everything. I started drinking and went to the Indian religion for peace and comfort.

***"I WAS SLOWLY BECOMING AN ALCOHOLIC  
DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF MY JOB."***

In 1975, I joined the R.C.M. Police and did my training in Regina Depot Division. My first posting was Spiritwood Det. It was there that I met with my wife, Chris. She was a Christian girl.

During our short courtship she shared her faith with me, but I did not pay too much attention to it. We got married shortly thereafter. I was slowly becoming an alcoholic due to the pressure of my job. In 1979, I got transferred to La Ronge Det. It was there that I saw a lot of violence, shootings, stabbings, drownings, suicides and bar fights, mostly all alcohol and drug related.

#### **How I received Christ:**

I used to hear my wife reading the Bible to our children. By this time, we were blessed with two little boys. My family would go to church on Sundays and I would remain at home with a hangover. Once in a while I would go to church with my family, but it seemed like the preacher was always talking about me. I would feel guilty and so I would decide not to go for a while. My boss knew I was



drinking too much. He told me one time that if I didn't stop, I would be looking for another job. My wife couldn't take the abuse I was giving her, and my kids were afraid of me. I would not take any abuse from anybody. Finally, every time I would have a hangover I would have to go to the hospital.

One day my doctor told me that I would die at a young age if I didn't quit drinking. I knew that I needed help and that people were praying for me, but still I didn't turn to Jesus.




***"THEN I REALIZED THAT JESUS  
LOVED ME AND DIED FOR ME."***

The day came when my wife told me that she was going to leave me. I told her that I would leave instead. I moved to a motel and worked from there. I started feeling sorry for myself. I stayed in that motel for three days, and would have to drink in order to sleep. I didn't know what to do. I was a drunk. I failed my wife and children and my pride was gone. I was ashamed of myself. So I decided I was going to kill myself, using my service revolver.

I thought I would take one last drink of that whiskey then blow my brains out. I wanted to leave a note, so I started looking for a piece of paper to write on. I couldn't find any paper. Instead, I found a Bible inside the drawer. I opened it, but didn't know how to read it. I just picked any scripture and my finger stopped at John 3:16: ***"For god so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."*** I didn't understand it, but I read it over and over, and by the grace of God, I understood it. Then I realized that **Jesus** loved me and died for me.

That same evening, I received a phone call from my wife telling me that my kids were lonesome for me and wanted me home. I told her to pick me up right away. It was in that motel room that I had called on the **Lord**. In Romans 10:9 it says: ***"That if you shall confess with thy mouth that Jesus Christ is lord and believe in thy heart that god raised him from the dead, you shall be saved."***

### **After I received Christ, these changes took place:**



***"I BEGAN READING THE BIBLE AND  
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I began reading the Bible and would ask the Lord to give me understanding. My whole life seemed like it was new. The Lord healed my alcohol problem and my marriage, and my personality changed. I began to care for people and not just myself. My work became easier and I was able to share the love that Jesus gave me with others. I would witness to the drunks and especially to the prisoners or people who wanted to commit suicide. As I began to read more of God's word, I began to change in the way God wanted me to be. My heart was burdened for my Indian people. I could see that they were bound by sin.

I used to sing for the world, but now I sing for Jesus. Praise the Lord! Since our transfer to Blaine Lake, we began a ministry on Muskeg Lake and the Mistawasis Indian Reserves. The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful baby girl, an answer to our prayers. He has blessed us with a new home and two other foster kids.

Doors have been opened for us to share our testimony in other churches and schools. I've shared my testimony with other policemen. It isn't always an easy road, but God's grace is sufficient to meet all our needs and see me through all circumstances.

In closing, I would like to share with you some scriptures from God's Word.

***"If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."*** Phil. 4:7 (TLB)

And, we are assured that if we trust in Him, He will keep us in "perfect peace".

***"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"*** Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

Amen!

Cst. Brian Arcand  
RCMP - Blaine Lake, SK.

**Click to here view → [Video Brian Arcand's Testimony](#)**



Brian retired from the RCMP in 2001, after a 27 year career. He continued to serve with BTC Justice, until he "retired" to full time ministry.

In 1996, he was ordained as a minister and subsequently founded the [Living Waters Ministry](#), North Battleford Saskatchewan.

Pastor Arcand currently shares the gospel (good news) to all First Nations people in and surrounding the Battlefords.

## NOTICE

### 2019 Annual General

*Our AGM will be held at Rosewood Park Alliance Church  
1300 N. Courtney St, Regina on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 hrs. All are welcome to  
attend, with voting members participating in voting.*

# Are you in?



As a fellowship one of our greatest challenges has always been the ability to connect with one another. Where we have chapters, that connection happens as soon as a new member joins and is made aware of their local chapter. However, even there, the

connections made are usually local. Because we maintain everyone's membership as confidential, only the FCPO leadership is privy to who our members are.

Have you ever been transferred or seconded to another service and wondered if there was anyone there that you could enjoy fellowship with? Well... we have got the solution! On our website we have included a **password protected** member directory. This directory just includes the member's

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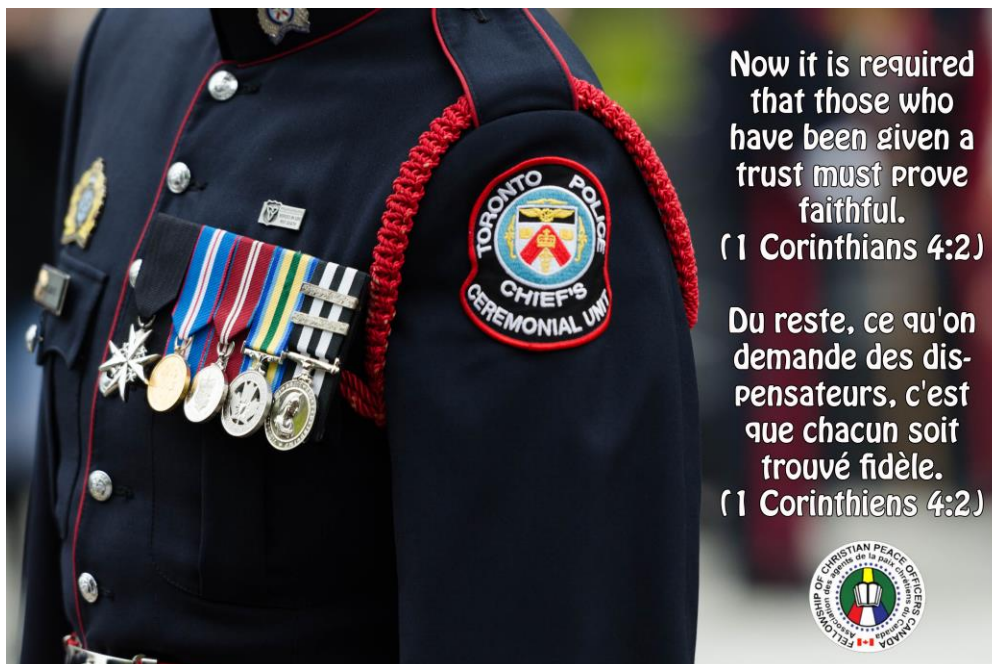
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name, city, service or agency, and email address. That is then projected on the map of Canada, so one can easily see the number of FCPO members across Canada.

This directory is only available to serving and retired officers who have agreed to be added to the directory themselves (opted-in) and been issued a password.

As of this writing, there are 130 members who have already opted-in to the directory. It's a great way to see who else is a member of the Fellowship, and to potentially connect with, someone or have someone connect with you.

To add your name and obtain a password, just send an email to us asking to be added to the directory. [fcpo.aapc@gmail.com](mailto:fcpo.aapc@gmail.com).



Now it is required  
that those who  
have been given a  
trust must prove  
faithful.

(1 Corinthians 4:2)

Du reste, ce qu'on  
demande des dis-  
pensateurs, c'est  
que chacun soit  
trouvé fidèle.

(1 Corinthiens 4:2)



# Letters to the Editor



From left to right: Ken Smith, Sgt. (retired), Cst. Barrie Mitchell, Cst. Christy Elliott

Dear FCPO,

The [Tim Tebow Foundation](#) exists to bring Faith, Hope and Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. That's their mission. [Night to Shine](#) is a worldwide movement that centers on God's love for people with special needs. On February 8th, Glad Tidings Church in Moncton was chosen to be the first church in Atlantic Canada to host such an event and celebrate Night to Shine's 5th year anniversary

worldwide. Close to 70 joined with others around the world and crowned honoured guests Kings and Queens of the prom.

I had the pleasure of participating with two other fine members of the Codiak (Moncton) RCMP along with the Codiak Pipes & Drums Band as they formed an honour guard for the invited guests. It was a moment that touched our hearts as we welcomed them on their walk on the red carpet. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/special-needs-prom-moncton-night-to-shine-1.5011684>

Sgt. Ken Smith (Rtd.)  
New Brunswick Director

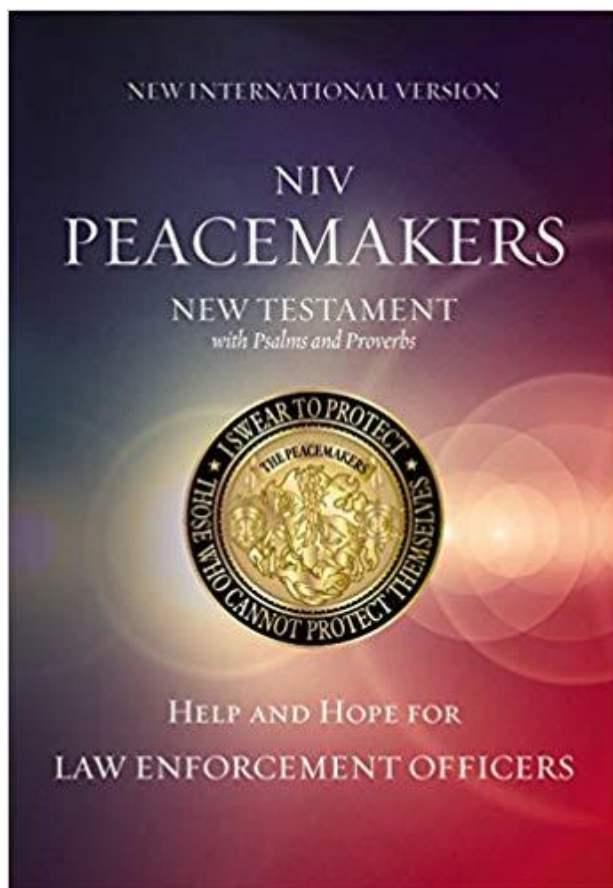
## Join Today!

We have 2 types of membership: Regular Membership (voting) is for current or retired peace officers, while Associate Membership (non-voting) is for any Christian who agrees with our [Statement of Faith](#). **Membership is free! Members receive this quarterly newsletter.**

Join online at: [www.fcpocanada.com](http://www.fcpocanada.com)



# PROJECT SWORD



**The Bible tells us to put on the whole armour of God, which includes the “sword of the Spirit” (which is the word of God). Our vision is to proactively offer a free “sword” in the form of the PEACEMAKERS book to every peace officer in Canada. Please consider a donation to the FCPO for this most worthy project.**

**Donate Now**

*This NIV Peacemakers New Testament will give police officers hope, courage, and wisdom as they face dangers every day. Includes the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs from the New International Version, helpful articles by cops and chaplains, and a clear gospel message.*

*Critical incidents, car chases, domestic violence, drug gangs, highway fatalities-all police men and women face daily. This is not to mention changing sleep patterns and odd family schedules. Let this NIV Peacemakers New Testament give police officers hope, courage, and wisdom as they face dangers everyday. Includes the New Testament and Psalms with Proverbs from the New International Version, helpful articles by cops and chaplains, and a clear gospel message.*

**Please pray for this important project.**

We will need to raise approximately \$3.50 for each book delivered. Steve Rowe has kick-started this initiative with a \$250.00 donation and is challenging others to meet or beat his donation!

**\* Also, if you would like to help arrange for the offering of these books at your service or agency, please let us know at: [fcpo.aapc@gmail.com](mailto:fcpo.aapc@gmail.com).**

# Fame?

By: Ronald Mostrey, President, FCPO - Canada



C/Supt. Ronald Mostrey (Rtd.)

The Bible tells us  
*“For what shall it  
profit a man, if he  
shall gain the  
whole world, and  
lose his own  
soul?”* Mark 8:36.

Yet, there are many  
who seek riches, power, and fame.

Recently, I was thinking about how fleeting fame is. Fame seems to generally last at best for one or two generations. Try conducting a little experiment. Here is a list of 20 names. If you are a baby boomer, you will most likely know all the names, and will be surprised if others do not. However, if you are 30 or under, it will be more difficult, and under 20... well good luck! So, try it, check it out with your circle of young and old family and friends, and see what you come up with.

1. [Walter Cronkite](#)
2. [Buddy Holly](#)
3. [Cassius Clay](#)
4. [Bing Crosby](#)
5. [Jayne Mansfield](#)
6. [Yasser Arafat](#)
7. [Glenn Miller](#)
8. [Amelia Earhart](#)
9. [Fred Astaire](#)
10. [Grace Kelly](#)
11. [Bob Hope](#)
12. [Jackie Gleason](#)
13. [Evel Knievel](#)
14. [Red Skelton](#)
15. [Nikita Khrushchev](#)
16. [Ed Sullivan](#)
17. [Lou Costello](#)
18. [Arnold Palmer](#)
19. [Sonny Liston](#)
20. [Charles Lindbergh](#)

After trying it myself with some younger folks, I've reached the conclusion that “fame” is very fleeting! In fact, in another generation or two, ask someone to name the four Beatles, and I suggest most will not be able to. Remember, John Lennon once was quoted as saying the Beatles were more popular than Jesus.

By now, some of you are probably wondering what on earth all this has to do with those in law enforcement. Well, as a peace officer, you may not be “famous”, but you certainly have a measure of status and respect. You are known in your community, and you have some influence. Like fame, your “status” as a peace officer is fleeting. One day, you will no longer have this measure of influence.

Right now, as a serving officer, you have access to colleagues who do not know the Lord. You deal daily with circumstances where you can do your work as Jesus would do. When you leave the career, you will find that you no longer have such unique opportunities.

Let your light shine – it has eternal consequences!

***Only what's done for Christ will last.  
Only one life, yes only one,  
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;  
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,  
And stand before His Judgement seat;  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.***

From a poem by: [Charles Thomas Studd](#)