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Welcome to the first installment of this new publication of the Canadian Presbytery of the RPCNA. Maybe you are thinking, "Another magazine? ... I've got too much to read already!" Many of us probably feel like we are in the same situation. The period of history in which we live, beginning sometime in the mid-20th century, has been dubbed "The Information Age". Rapid and recent explosions in the advancement of technology have only further flooded us with information. We have reached a point where it is not uncommon to experience "information overload". The easiest thing would be to "unsubscribe". But I hope you won't. And my reason is biblical. The Apostle Paul was keenly interested to get information about the congregations he knew and loved. "I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you." (Philippians 2:19). And he was equally interested in letting others know how he was doing, "Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. (Ephesians 6:21).

As we walk in the footsteps of Paul, it is our prayer that what we communicate will help us as Canadian RP's to get to know one another better, and to be informed about what is going on--that is, what the Lord is doing in and through us. We hope that these personal and congregational articles will help us love better and pray better. The publication also includes sections on theology, history, and current events. Teaching in these areas can be a great help for us to think, be encouraged, be challenged, and be discerning as Christians in our day. "Thank you!", to the contributors to this first issue who have helped to set the tone for what we hope will be a long and fruitful usefulness of this endeavour, by God's grace and for His glory.



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# NEW MINISTERS AND ELDERS

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## West Vancouver & Vancouver Nissi

On November 29, Rev. James Zhou was ordained and installed as minister in the West Vancouver RP Church and Rev. Kevin Jia was installed as minister in the Vancouver Nissi RP Church.



## Ottawa

Mr. Colin Postma and Mr. Oliver Lam were ordained as ruling elders, and installed along with Rev. Vince Ward in the Ottawa RP Church on November 20. They join the existing elders, Rev. Dr. Andrew Quigley and Mr. Cory van der Meer.



## Kitchener - New Creation

Mr. Syer Lamos and Mr. John Smid were installed as ruler elders on November 6. They join minister, Rev. Scott Wilkson and ruling elder, Rob Somers on the Session of the New Creation RP Church in Kitchener, Ontario.

Give thanks for the ministry exercised by our pastors and our ruling elders who labour with them in the pastoral care of God's people.

Pray for God to continue to burden the bride to pray for labourers of the harvest field, both ministers and ruling elders. (Matthew 9:35-38)

Pray for sessions to seek to provide specific opportunities for men to develop and prove their character (1 Peter 5:1-5), competence (1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9) and courage (Acts 20:28-35) in preparation for these Biblical offices.

Pray that God would burden his people to:

- pray for their minister and ruling elders regularly. (Hebrew 13:18)
- be willing to submit cheerfully as Christ commands. (Hebrew 13:18)
- have a heart desire to follow their elders' example, as they follow the Lord's example, (Hebrew 13:17)



# THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE LORD JESUS

In the following series of articles we will consider the glorious person and work, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. One wonderful result of doing this will be the encouragement of our hearts and minds. Hopefully it will also encourage you to delve deeper into discovering more of who he is and what he has done for you. We begin by considering the uniqueness of his person.

## The Uniqueness of His Person

This is of vital importance in any age, but particularly in ours. We live at a time when, increasingly, men seek to diminish and devalue the biblical testimony as to Christ's uniqueness. But the Bible constantly challenges us to understand and acknowledge how unique Jesus is. He is not just another religious leader. He is God incarnate. For in Jesus, we have the 'enfleshment' of God. This is not something to be considered solely in the halls of academia. This is a truth that is of such consequence, your response to it, whether in agreement and worship, or dismissal and denial, determines the very destiny of your soul. If he is who the Bible says he is, then to worship him is your highest duty and delight; if he is not God, then we find ourselves in the realm of idolatry and blasphemy.

But the Bible is clear in its testimony to his deity and lordship:

*John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*1 John 1:1 - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life...*

*1 John 4:2 - By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God...*

Among other things, this teaches us that Jesus was no illusion or the figment of men's imagination.

The world marvelled when Neil Armstrong's foot stepped off the Lunar Lander and onto the surface of the moon. It surely was a marvellous thing. It reminded us that mankind, as made in the image of the Great Creator, is a prince, a fallen prince, but still a prince. But it is as nothing in comparison with Mary first feeling the foot of her infant son kicking and wriggling against her, seeing him born, and then placing him in the cattle trough in Bethlehem. In Jesus, three-dimensional, woundable flesh was found, even within the safety and confines of his mother's womb, far less as he walked on this earth, his feet treading on soil that he once had declared was very good.

The world says to us that the originators of the world's religions make various claims. One says, "I have found the way,"; another says, "I have seen the way". But in Christ, however, we have One who says, "I Am the way." Jesus Christ made the most astonishing statement any person could make. Such is a claim of fantastic proportions.

But after Jesus says, "I Am the Way..." he adds, "... and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." He is declaring to every man, woman, and child, in every age, that there is no other like him: he is Unique; he is the God-Man.

The Christian apologist C. S. Lewis spoke of the "trilemma" about Jesus Christ. Many in his day, as in every day, sought to bring Jesus down to the status and level of the various religious leaders who had appeared throughout history. In other words, declaring him not to be unique.

Yes, many of this mindset would acknowledge that Jesus was a good teacher, a wise man, a kind and benevolent person. But to say he was the only begotten Son of God, was, and still is, a truth, many cannot swallow.

But Lewis responded in saying that to go down this road is immensely problematic. How? If you want to take this route of saying that Jesus is not who he claims to be, then this is the destination you must come to: he was either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord of Glory.

Or, as someone else has put it, he was either mad, bad, or the Son of God.

How then do you respond?

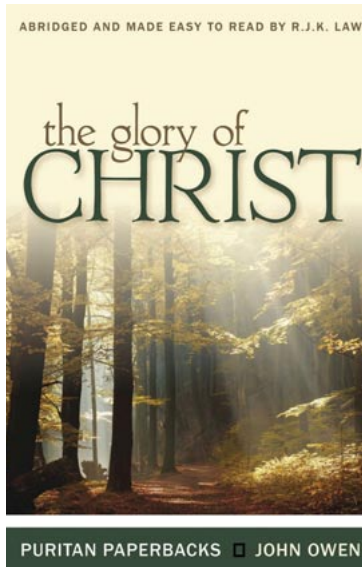
It cannot be stressed too often that if Jesus is not God, we dare not worship him.

But, if Jesus is who he says he is (and he is!) you not only have the privilege and responsibility of worshipping him, but you must do it now. For if not now, then one day, as Paul writes, you will, although then it will be in condemnation:

*Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11*



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Scripture testifies of Christ saying, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (Hebrews 1:3). Consider that this glory, that we now see by faith, shall be the glory that we will be blessed to look upon for all eternity. John Owen, in his book, *The Glory of Christ*, thoroughly unpacks the many facets of Christ’s glory and encourages the reader with both love and admonition to seek the glory of Christ by faith, and to grow in love and devotion to our Saviour by careful meditation on his person and work. Owen’s book, abridged and made easier to read by R. J. K. Law as part of the *Puritan Paperback* series, is currently the focus of study in the youth group of the New Creation RPC, and is highly recommended by all those studying it.

Owen begins with foundational truths of the Christian faith saying, “The essence of faith lies in glorifying God” and “it is only by Christ that we can glorify God rightly and acceptably”. His encouragement early in the book follows, “If we regularly beheld the glory of Christ our Christian walk with God would become more sweet and pleasant, our spiritual light and strength would grow daily stronger and our lives would more gloriously represent the glory of Christ.” He then outlines the glory of Christ in his person, in his love and work as mediator, in his exaltation, in Old Testament revelation, and in his union with the Church. He explores how Christ gave himself to all believers and will gloriously restore all things. Owen then explores the difference between seeing the glory of Christ by faith and seeing it by sight in the life to come. Finally, he exhorts unbelievers to turn to Christ and warns professing Christians concerning spiritual decay; also advising them on recovery from spiritual decay.

Read, *The Glory of Christ* and be delighted with reminders of the glory of the Christ you hold dear, while learning more of His glory in this truly insightful work by John Owen.

# THE INTERVIEW

Rev. Patrick McNeely  
Pastor of Coram Deo RP Mission Church  
in Squamish, British Columbia



## Who are you?

I was born in 1984 in Longmont, Colorado, but lived out my childhood in Albuquerque, New Mexico. My parents, with distant Roman Catholic and Episcopalian backgrounds, raised my three siblings and me with a nebulous acknowledgment of God as Creator. We had little time or desire to go to church amidst the athletic competitions, household chores, and school homework. My brother, sisters, and I respected, feared, and loved our parents. Looking back, I would say that in the absence of God's covenant grace in my family, we were still blessed with much of God's common grace.

During my childhood two of my best friends were pastor's sons and I attended church and then youth group with them. One night at Youth Group, at age 16, I heard the Gospel clearly proclaimed from John 14. I responded with repentance of sin and belief in Jesus to reconcile me to the Father.

I wasn't sure how to break this news to my family. I began by praying for them and reading the Bible. After taking courage, and roughly three years of inviting my family to church, our entire household received baptism together.

While in university, I had an ever-growing desire to study and know God's Word and more about the one who had saved me. After graduating with my Bachelor's degree in Communication and Spanish, I enrolled in a seminary. However, I first took a detour to enlist in the United States Air Force to join my brother in the spirit of seeking 'the lost sheep', as my brother had departed from the faith he claimed in his earlier years. Although the Lord did not reclaim my brother during our six years together (or to date), the Lord reformed me. I became convinced and convicted of confessional, reformed presbyterianism. In rapid succession, my house in Las Vegas became an RP preaching station, I accomplished my M.Div. with RPTS, was ordained to pastor the Squamish RP Mission Church, and have recently been blessed with a beautiful wife (Jaclyn) and two young boys (Brixton & Bondi).

## What is your current situation?

Although geographically distant from our family in the U.S.A., my wife and I are thankful to be here in Squamish with our church family and friends. In addition to caring for our boys, my wife does nutrition coaching on the side. For fun, I race mountain bikes as time permits in the summer, and volunteer at the Whistler Olympic Park Nordic Center in the winter.

## What has been the greatest influence in your life for Christ?

The Church. The Spirit-filled, grace-gifted body of Christ has been the greatest influence for me to "grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). Pastors and elders have graciously befriended and mentored me. Truth in love has come from wise and godly saints. My fellow Christian brothers and sisters have given me joy as we run together the race set before us with endurance. Through the outward and ordinary means of grace, Christ has sustained, satisfied, and sanctified me beyond anything else. I didn't appreciate this influence until I was away from my local congregation, and for the most part, physically separated from the church while away on military deployments.

## What advice would you give to someone 10 years younger than you?

To someone in their mid to late 20's I wouldn't say much if you're already clinging to Christ, living out your lawful calling, planning for or building and shepherding a household, and actively serving in

your local congregation, except: press on! But for others, I would advise you to:

- Gain clarity about what the Lord would have you do to enjoy Him and glorify Him.
- Surround yourself with the most godly, wise, loving, and respected Christians you know and seek their counsel.
- Get feedback on what they believe your greatest gifts and strengths are.
- Be humble and open to what you might learn about yourself if your self-perception doesn't line up with their assessment.
- Set short and long-term goals with concrete steps to work towards them.
- Seek a small void to help fill in your congregation.
- Beware of thinking that critiquing and complaining about those who actively serve Christ is a way of serving.
- Cultivate faithfulness and trustworthiness in the small things.
- Focus on being a peacemaker, and pursue peace in your relationships.
- Don't befriend bitterness or self-pity, since they are difficult to unfriend.
- Don't view your brothers and sisters in Christ through the polarizing lens of social media

categories, but through the lens of Christ's suffering—that He willingly, lovingly laid down his life for them as well as for you.

**If the Lord continues to bless, what would you like to see happen in the RP Church in Canada?**

I would like to see congregations in the West strengthened and multiplied. I am praying to see a strong, well-functioning Western presbytery in my lifetime. I would also like to see several RP congregations in every province of Canada, so that the dominion of Christ would be more manifest across this entire nation. I would like to see the RPC of Canada strive for faithfulness and purity to the utmost. May she never compromise her fidelity to Christ in order to accommodate numerical growth. I understand that the labor we undertake now will have an impact for many generations to come. The straighter the trajectory we can set in the early stages of this new denomination, the better it will be for our children and children's children after us.



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Squamish, BC





# News



## Silver Lake Family Conference

The Labour Day weekend saw families make the trip from Ottawa, Russell, Kitchener, and more for four days of teaching, fellowship, fun, and amazing food. It was a time of encouragement and delight for all who attended.

The guest speaker, Rev. Winston Bosch, delivered four powerful messages on how to live in each stage of life by choosing joy and living for God's glory.



Activities this year included swimming, canoeing/kayaking, soccer, volleyball, gaga ball, the dice tournament, the 8th annual Cèilidh dance, and the annual talent show.

Between the lectures/services, Bible classes were organised for all ages and were a very profitable and thought provoking way to spend time.



Sunday afternoon we held a psalm sing in the chapel before moving to the dining hall to sing to our kitchen workers. The singing was absolutely beautiful with everyone lifting their voices in praise to God together.

The food was delicious for every meal, thanks to our talented kitchen staff. Many thanks as well to all the volunteers who stepped forward to help wherever it was needed, and of course to the lovely organizing team who made it go so smoothly.

Natalie E. Dohms  
Ottawa RPC



# Opening of the new Russell RPC Building



October was a busy and exciting month for the Russell RP Church! Not only did we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our first worship services being held in Russell, but by God's grace we also were able to witness the grand opening and dedication of our new church building.

On October 15th, we were excited to open our doors to the community during a Grand Opening Open House. At this event, we gave tours of the building, enjoyed lunch, pumpkin carving, cotton candy, and other activities with our friends and neighbours, and had the opportunity to share about God's faithfulness to our congregation.

That evening, we joined together as a congregation for a special dedication service in which we publicly dedicated both the building and ourselves to the service of Christ and the spreading of the gospel. Our hearts were encouraged by preaching from Pastor Matt Dyck of the Hillside RPC and we were grateful to have many visitors from other local reformed churches join us for the service.

We look forward to seeing how God uses this building for his glory and the good of our church and community. To God be the Glory!

Mrs. Elia Vedder, Russell RPC





# CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

## Death on Demand

This past year has not been an encouraging one when we consider the rise in state-sanctioned killing. Euthanasia claims the lives of thousands of Canadians each year, with over ten thousand Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) deaths reported in 2021 alone, an increase of 32.4 % from 2020. Of those cases, 17.3 % cited ‘isolation or loneliness’ as a reason for wanting MAiD, while 35.7 % believed that they were a burden to family, friends or caregivers. Health Canada also reports that all provinces continue to “experience a steady year over year growth,” as though that is something to celebrate.[1]

Parliament first legalized euthanasia in 2016. It has since then expanded access to those whose death is not reasonably foreseeable. It is now set to expand access to those with mental illnesses on March 17th of this year. Let this sink in: in just a few months’ time, Canadians struggling with mental health will have MAiD available to them (see, Romans 1:31). One such Canadian, a patient of Barrie Psychiatrist Dr. John Maher, discussed the possibility of MAiD “because of his belief no one will ever love him”.[2]

The Special Joint Committee on MAiD, made up of Members of Parliament from each party, is currently undergoing a statutory review of MAiD and continues to hear testimony from experts and vulnerable groups. The stories have been troubling. For example, 44 -year-old Winnipeg resident

Sathya Kovac, who suffered from a degenerative disease and died by MAiD only after persistent attempts to procure home care were denied. In her obituary, she reveals: “Ultimately it was not a genetic disease that took me out, it was a system. There is desperate need for change . . . Vulnerable people need help to survive. I could have had more time if I had more help.” [3]

“For vulnerable Canadians, it is easier to access death than it is to obtain proper support”

Another disheartening case was that of a 61-year-old B.C. woman suffering from extreme pain following a car accident, who was offered MAiD when the doctors couldn’t find the source of her pain. Her daughters, who said their mother was mentally vulnerable and was not able to consent to MAiD, learned that their mother’s life would be ended in 48 hours, at which point they could do nothing to prevent it.[4]

Global News also broke a story in August of last year, in which a Canadian Forces veteran, who was seeking treatment for PTSD and a traumatic brain injury, was casually offered MAiD by a Veterans Affairs employee, unprompted by the veteran.[5]

These are just a handful of hundreds of such accounts, all with a common denominator: for vulnerable Canadians, it is easier to access death than it is to obtain proper support.

But perhaps most disturbing was the recent recommendation to the Committee by Dr. Louis Roy of the Quebec College of Physicians, who

stated that in the view of his organization, euthanasia for children younger than one is appropriate if the child has “grave and severe syndromes” or “severe malformations.”[6] While we can be thankful that this statement caused an outcry from most media outlets, and that even one Liberal Minister found it “completely shocking and unacceptable,”[7] we should be concerned with the direction we’re going, and the speed at which we are in moral decline.

As Christians, we can pray that God would open the eyes of legislators to the evil of euthanasia; that vulnerable Canadians would find the support they need to live fulfilling, Christ-centered lives even amidst difficulty; and that we would return to a society that finds meaning in suffering; a society in which we work to alleviate the suffering, not eliminate the sufferer.

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## Biblical Anthropology – A Right Understanding of Mankind is Required

John Calvin opens his Institutes with this observation: *Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But, while joined by many bonds, which one precedes and brings forth the other is not easy to discern. In the first place, no one can look upon himself without immediately turning his thoughts to the contemplation of God, in whom he “lives and moves”.* [Acts 17:28].

True wisdom consists of knowing what and who we are. It also consists in knowing who and what God is. The two go hand-in-hand. If we want to understand properly the nature of mankind—anthropology—we cannot start with observations and theories made by those who reject God and his revelation in the Bible. If we want to properly understand God, we need to understand who we are. We need to know and believe that we are creatures formed uniquely by God, sinful creatures in rebellion against God, creatures who are dependent upon God for our moment-by-moment existence (Acts 17:28), and creatures who need to receive, in faith, the solution to our sin problem, which God has provided for mankind through the atoning work of Jesus.

All (all!) of mankind’s problems; wars, murders, crimes, diseases, hatred and anger, dishonesty, false worship, pride, selfishness, and envy and covetousness (the list is almost endless) stem from one event. That was when Satan approached Eve in the garden of Eden and presented her with a choice—obey God’s word or pursue the satisfaction of her own desires. Satan opened with a diversionary tactic to put Eve off guard. He didn’t start his conquest of her with a barrage of curses against God—she would have seen his intentions and likely would have spoken in defence of God. Rather he asked a question that seems like an innocent query but is cloaking a pit of venom, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in

the garden?’” (Genesis 3:1). The form of his question was intended to be contradicted—he knew that he was misrepresenting God’s prohibition. However, the question was also designed to confuse the woman and to plant in her mind the possibility that either she had misunderstood God’s prohibition or that God had made a mistake when he restricted access to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan’s question introduced an element of doubt into her mind that he would capitalize upon as he continued to bring her into a state of sin and misery.

Satan’s question is the first recorded words of a created being speaking about God. It is an evil insinuation against God. It suggests that God did not have good intentions toward mankind when he placed a prohibition before them. It is obvious that Eve understood this accusation against God since she defended God by correctly stating that they had only been prohibited from eating from one tree (Genesis 3:2). However, Satan’s thrust had drawn first-blood. Eve added the restriction “neither shall you touch it” (Genesis 3:3). What she said was incorrect, and a lie—she had entered the valley of sin, begun to question God’s goodness, and charged him with severity rather than blessing him for the bounty he had given Adam and Eve by providing access to all the other trees in the garden.

After lying to Eve about the consequences of eating the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:4), Satan provided

Eve with the basis for rationalizing sin and soothing her conscience. She could think that since God was holding them back from fulfilling their destiny, it must be okay to eat the fruit. We use this kind of rationalization ourselves, “God wants me to be happy, therefore I can do ...” We forget that God’s ultimate destiny for us is to be obedient and that our true happiness is based on obedience to his revealed will—as given in his law. Satan struck a final blow, by making sin appear beautiful and a blessing for mankind—if you eat from the tree “you will be like god, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5). What could man desire more than being like his Creator? However, the self-actualization and liberation that Satan promised the woman is the same false reward that he holds out to each of us. Bite the fruit and taste the foul dust of death! Thus began mankind’s spiral into all forms of debauchery.

Most people in our society have rejected God’s word and scornfully ask, “Did God actually say ...?” Thus, they have a faulty view of anthropology. They have accepted Satan’s myths: humans are nothing more than intelligent apes, and no supposed deity (other than ‘Mother Nature’) can establish rules for our lives; life does not begin at conception, and it is okay to rip an unborn child from his mother’s womb; there is no reason to keep a disabled person around or one who is experiencing severe pain or depression. We can offer them a medically assisted exit; my gender is self-designated; my sex is not determined by presence or absence of an X chromosome; I can even transition from one sex to another if I so choose, sexual intercourse does not need to be confined to one man with one woman in a marriage relationship; if I want to marry someone

of my own sex or an animal, that is my choice; anyway, ‘marriage’ is an archaic concept that should have gone extinct with the Dodo Bird!

Many of the actions which our current governments have taken are excessively sinful because they cling to a Satanic definition of anthropology and ignore what God has stated in his Word. Thus, the editorial committee for this new publication determined that the section devoted to doctrine would initially focus on Biblical anthropology—the doctrine of man as a creature of God.

Over upcoming issues, we will look at various aspects of Biblical anthropology which provide a theological foundation for what we should believe about mankind and how we should respond to the moral chaos around us.



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# THE GLOBAL CHURCH

The Reformed Presbyterian Church was established in the country of Australia in 1974, after a 100+ year history of work by the RP churches in Ireland and Scotland sending ministers to serve the congregations that had been established by families who had immigrated to the country starting in the 1850s. The current three congregations of Geelong, Frankston and McKinnon are all located in the province of Victoria on the South East coast of the country. The RPCA also owns a facility called Dixon Creek Camp, which they use to bring glory to God and the furthering of his Kingdom through camps for various ages throughout the year.



## Geelong

The work in Geelong was first organized in 1857. Rev. Andrew Stewart is the current Minister and they have approximately 170 members.



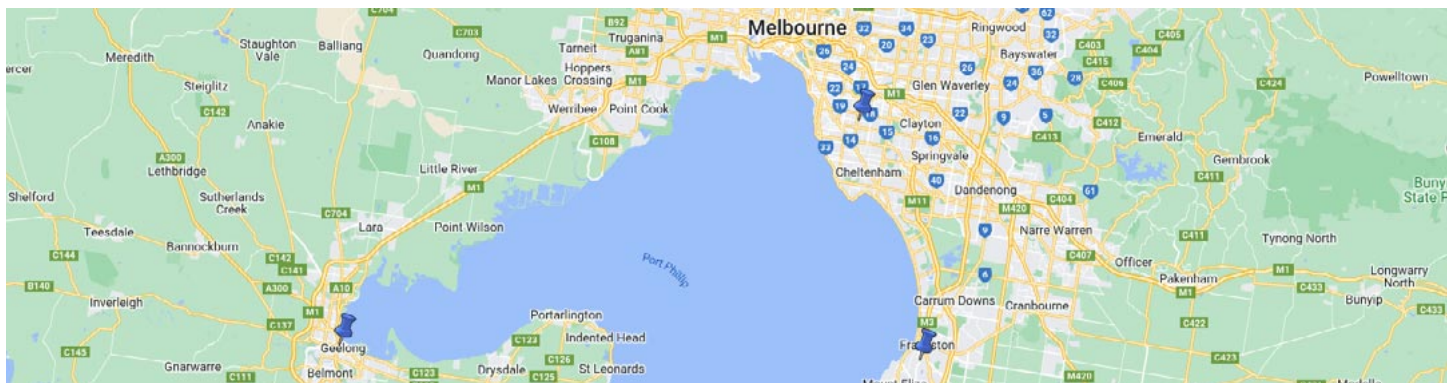
## McKinnon

The congregation of McKinnon was begun in 1933 and organized in 1946. Rev. Graeme Hart is the minister and they have 40 members.



## Frankston

The newest work is in Frankston where Rev. Andy McCracken is the minister to a congregation of around 30 people, was organized in 2008.



# Hillside RP Church in Almonte, Ontario

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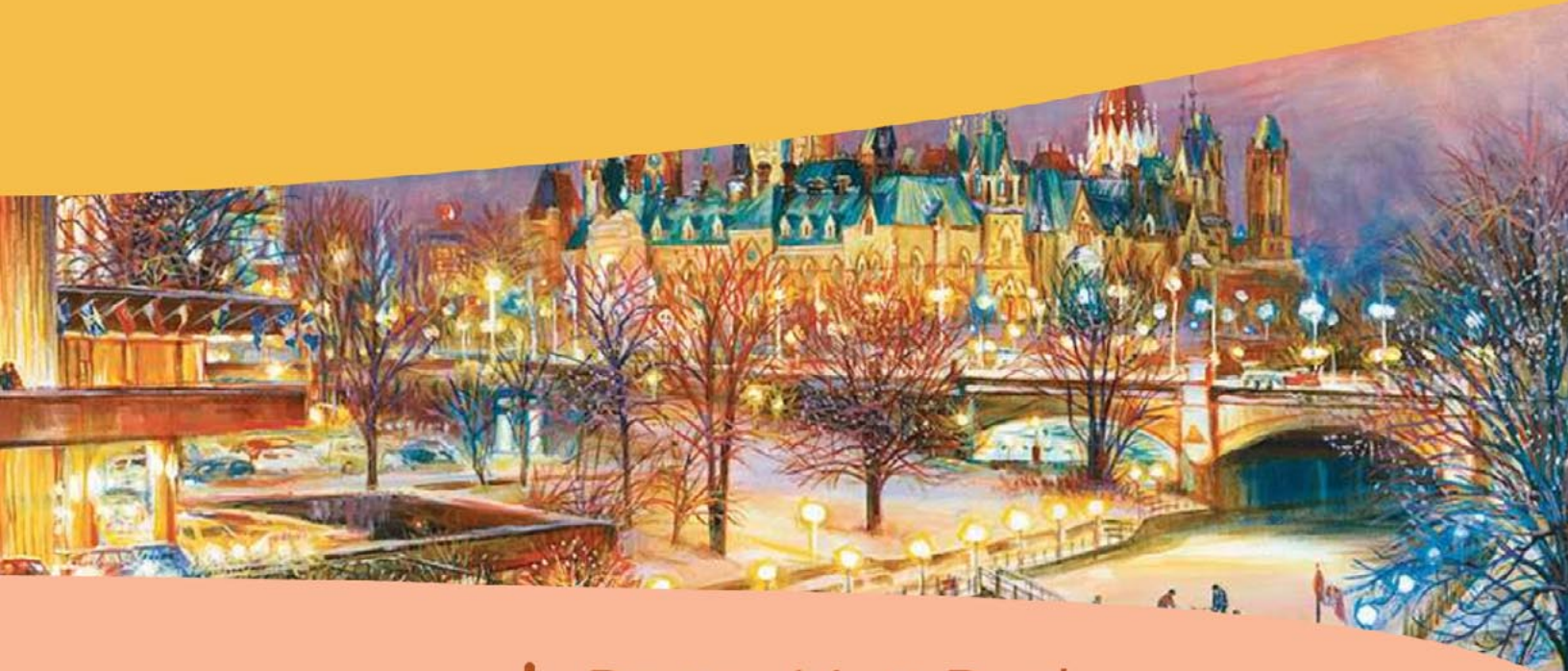


<b>Organized</b>	1830
<b>Regular Attendance</b>	100 in the morning 20 in the evening
<b>Pastor</b>	Matt Dyck
<b>Elders</b>	Peter Chan Gerry deHaan (clerk) Bill Lowry Jr.
<b>Deacons</b>	Bill Lowry Sr. Stephen Lowry Guy Markham Chris Swallow Tony Welk
<b>Congregational Life</b>	Small Groups Prayer Meetings Youth Group Outreach Events Fellowship Meals
<b>Lord's Day</b>	10.00am - Morning Worship Fellowship Meals (summer picnics) 6.00pm - Psalm Sing, Catechism, Prayer
<b>Local Community is</b>	A growing small town with deep Celtic roots whose generations of traditions are learning to interact with new post-modern and artistic values Resisting becoming an Ottawa bedroom community A popular community trying to accommodate many new families
<b>Specific Challenges</b>	Bringing the gospel clearly and lovingly to a growing post-modern community Raising up discipleship-makers Serving the needy in our community well Providing counselling services Facility space

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# WINTERLUDE

10-12 February 2023



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- Pastor Matt Dyck
- Ottawa RPC
- Fellowship, Fun &
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Details and Registration

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