



Prior to and following my ordination as an Evangelist at Canada East Mission Conference of 2019 my “go to person” for advice and frequent inquires has been my long-term friend Brother Carman Thompson. During the Fall months of this past year as Carman was dealing with some health issues he was continually willing to be available to the Order of Evangelists as his energy allowed him. It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that the CEM “Order” thanks Carman for his several years of leadership by being our “Team Lead”. Previous to Carman’s leadership was Brother Rod McLean. Carman continues to be an active Evangelist within Canada East. I am now striving to take on this role as Team Lead for the Order of Evangelists.

In early 2020, I was privileged to connect via phone calls to chat with our 23 active Evangelists/Emeritus members within C.E.M. to get to know them more personally. In March, Covid 19 reared its severe life- threatening “head” which has greatly impacted all of us in many personal and congregational ways. In enquiring of the Order of Evangelists re their availability for making a personal prayerful response to this pandemic, each of our Evangelists were most willing to assume the role of supporting their home congregations as well as being available to one or two additional congregations who didn’t have a resident Evangelist within their midst or geographical area, to support them with prayers and various forms of communicating with them. With tenderness and love they phoned, wrote and electronically communicated God’s blessing upon each of our 43 cong./groups. Also this past Springtime, those Evangelists who were available connected on “Zoom” for a time of worship to be prayerful for the C.E.M. membership and friends of the church regarding their living with Covid 19 in Ontario and beyond. They continue to support each congregation prayerfully as the months are now eroding into a second wave with Covid 19. They look to each of us to be “prayer advocates” as part of our calling to be in mission; Christ’s mission, our mission!

President Steven Veazey was the guest speaker at the global Evangelist’s first gathering this summer. 150 members from various countries gathered together for a time of spiritual practice and to listen to President Veazey’ s introduction to the church’s emphasis on “Metamorphosis” that is weaving its cocoon of transformation from being the church we are / where, to being the church that God is calling us into. Sept. 29th was our second global meeting of our Quorum of Evangelists in which 12 members of CEM joined with 125 members globally. Locally and globally our Evangelists are initiating a time of weekly spiritual formation that would encourage not only the Evangelists but our membership and friends of the church to continually be aware of and implement our Mission Prayer and responding to our yearly theme of, “Are you moving toward Jesus, the peaceful one?”

Individually, our CEM Evangelists continue to communicate on a one-to-one basis and with congregations as they feel led to by God’s Holy Spirit. On behalf of the “Order”, please don’t hesitate to connect with your resident Evangelist or anyone of the Order to seek a listening ear, a concern you may be dealing with, a personal blessing or those whom you feel could use the ministry of the Evangelists of Canada East Mission.

With gratitude to you our membership and friends of Community of Christ for striving to live a life of integrity, and a life of honouring our nine Enduring Principles. May each of us collectively sense God’s blessings so that we will be a blessing to one another.

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Mission Prayer

God, where will your spirit lead today?
Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.
Grant me courage to risk something new
And become a blessing of your love and peace.
Amen.



the enduring principles



grace & generosity



sacredness of creation



continuing revelation



worth of all persons



all are called



responsible choices



pursuit of peace (shalom)



unity in diversity



blessings of community



Community of Christ

learn more at <http://www.cofchrist.org/enduring-principles>

How am I doing?