



Prayer of Thanksgiving: that Jesus inaugural address was one of the liberation from the tyranny of the power of Sin. **“18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Lu 4:18-21 ESV)**

Please do not forget to pray for all the shut-ins and isolated brothers and sisters in our congregations Mrs. Jack and C. Campbell (Fredericton) and J. Steffes (Caribou, Me), Mr. Ross Bathurst, P. Ward (Saint John) and others.

Open Hand Food Bank – Moncton - is in need of grocery plastic bags to give out food to those in need. If you are interested in donating your unused grocery bags, you can bring them to church and someone will collect them and bring them over. Those who want to bring food to give to the **Open Food Bank** may do so by bringing to church and giving it to **Michael M.** of the Moncton congregation.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF January 2019

Times of worship services: **Moncton** – 10:30 AM every Sunday

In Saint John – February 10 and 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Communion- on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

Address: Moncton—70 King St. —Sage building;

Saint John—50 Newport Cres., Portland United church.

Discipleship Group at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vautour this coming Wednesday January 30 at 7:30 PM. **Topic: 1 Peter chapter 2.** Please prepare a question or a topic for discussion.

UPDATES

AUDIO SERMONS are also now uploaded to YouTube.ca. To listen to those sermons, you can Google **Grace Communion International New Brunswick** or go to

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgKazyWhmKmDZy69vJcFfPg>. Please pray that they will be a source of inspiration in sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to a wider audience. They continue to be available in our local website at www.worshipim.ca

The good news of the gospel is a message to be shared with others. Please pray that God will give us the love and wisdom to be able to share this message with others in a loving, clear and confident matter as we participate in his missional work on the earth in our generation. **“5 ¶ Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” (Col 4:5-6 ESV)**

Please pray that God will put an end to the senseless violence happening in North America continent and other parts of the world.

Pray that we will see the good works that God has prepared for us in advance so that we can enthusiastically participate in the on-going work He is doing now on this earth in bringing people in relationship with him in Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

Please pray, as per Jesus instructions, the disciples prayer, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matt 6:9-10) as our world is suffering so much and in need of complete restoration by the King of kings, Jesus. As we are his royal priesthood, let us proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light, as we are instructed in 1 Peter 2.

Pray for the world and for all people: we live in a world that does not know the way to peace. Important to pray as we are instructed by the apostle Paul — **“1 ¶ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,” (1Ti 2:1–3 ESV)**

New Church Structure



Greg and Susan Williams

Dear GCI family,
 Hopefully you have taken the opportunity to see the video series where I spoke about REAL Teams. If not, you can check it out [here on our Resources site](#). It is our goal to be more creative in the ministry tools we are producing, and we are designing these tools for ease of understanding as well as application. A clear understanding of [REAL Teams](#) sets the precedence for what we are hoping to accomplish with the new organizational structure

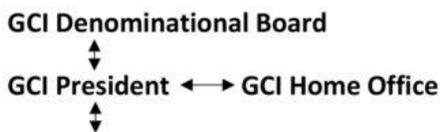
we have in GCI for every circle of leadership.

In short, REAL Teams reflect the perichoretic union of Father, Son, and Spirit; the holy, mutually interdependent, completely harmonious relationship shared by the three members of the Trinity. This same kind of love, intimacy and inclusion was displayed by Jesus in the way he interacted with the original disciples.

In [John 15:13-16](#) Jesus told his disciples that they weren't mere followers or workers, they were his friends. Friends with whom he shared the insights he received from the Father. Friends with whom he shared life-on-life experiences and in-depth dialogue ([Luke 24:13-45](#)). Friends that he shared teachings with, which were not disclosed to others ([Matthew 13:36-52](#)). Friends to whom he gave high challenges, always with high support seasoned with grace ([John 13:1-17](#)). Friends who received tender acts of love from Jesus ([John 13:1-17](#)). Friends who were present to share the deepest and most painful experiences of Jesus ([Matthew 26:38](#)). This type of friendship expresses the very nature of the Triune God in which we are privileged to commune.

The following chart is the best way to present the new GCI organizational structure. It is not 100% uniform as each region and country has its own set of nuances, but the alignment is close, and it provides me a meaningful way to communicate and serve our pastors and churches around the globe. The biggest upside for me is when I visit one of the six areas around the world, I will meet with 3-4 leaders at one time and it reduces my travel and hopefully amplifies my effectiveness.

GCI ECCLESIASTICAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Superintendent of Asia	Superintendent of Africa	Superintendent of North America	Superintendent of Latin America	Superintendent of Europe	Superintendent of Australasia
Eugene Guzon	Kalengule Kaoma	Mike Rasmussen	Heber Ticas	James Henderson	John McLean
Regional and National Pastoral Structures	Regional and National Pastoral Structures	Regional and National Pastoral Structures	Regional and National Pastoral Structures	Regional and National Pastoral Structures	Regional and National Pastoral Structures
Community of Practice E. Guzon (Facilitator), Mein Kong, D. Zachariah	Community of Practice Kaoma (Facilitator), T. Musekwa, A. Gachanja, E. Okai, G. Kunje	Community of Practice M. Rasmussen (Facilitator), B. Hall, C. Fleming, R. McKinney	Community of Practice Ticas (Facilitator), H. Barrero, L. Soto, N. Cruz	Community of Practice J. Henderson (Facilitator) F. Danenberg, G. Henderson, M.A. Picard	Community of Practice J. McLean (Facilitator), D. Sidney, D. Richards

Note: GCI has National Boards in most of the countries included above. These are governing boards that provide oversight for their administrative leaders and body of churches. The appointment of national or regional leaders is done in concert with the GCI President with final approval from the GCI Denominational Board.

It is my desire to develop good chemistry with each of the six teams that we call "Communities of Practice," and to whole-heartedly support each of the Superintendents. I am dedicated to listening, dialoguing, collaborating and planning with each group and as we bathe our times together in prayer. We expect the Lord of the Harvest to guide and bless.

This is a brave new undertaking and several of the leaders are new to the mix, so please join me in your prayerful support of each name on the chart. Even as I more fully step into the shoes of the GCI presidency, several others are stepping into bigger shoes as well, and I truly believe Jesus has raised up the right leaders for such a time as this.

I will work closely with the media team to keep you abreast of what is happening around the world of GCI. "We are GCI" and we are in this together!

Greg Williams

Devotional: INNER PEACE – January 23 (<https://update.gci.org/2019/01/devotional-inner-peace/>) written by Daphne Sydney



And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ ([Philippians 4:7](#)).

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, is speaking of inner peace, contentment that comes from God and is found in Jesus Christ. When Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians, he was imprisoned, yet as with many of his letters, his greetings began with grace and peace. This was not Paul's grace and peace, but rather, it was *from* God and that which is found *in* Jesus Christ.

Jesus promised to leave his peace with us, saying we would have troubles in this world. Peace is not the absence of troubles. Paul faced extreme adversity during his life, yet he learned to be content.

Paul's desire to know Christ was above all else. He had a focus and such passion for knowing Jesus, he was willing to suffer the loss of many things. As inspired by Paul, may we focus our thoughts on Jesus, daily learning more about his life, his death and the power of his resurrection. Paul shared this with such joy, may we also share the joy of knowing Jesus and live in the peace that is found in the knowledge of him.



Daphne Sydney

Prayer:

Lord, we pray for the peace of God to be with us and in us, a peace that transcends human understanding. Help us Lord to fix our eyes on Jesus and not on our troubles, and to pray always with thankfulness.

Quotes by C.S. Lewis From <https://www.deseretnews.com/top/817/0/Top-100-CS-Lewis-quotes-.html>

"Since it is so likely that children will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage." Source: *"On Stories: And Other Essays on Literature"* (1966)

"There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him." (From *the Great Divorce* 1945)

There are only two kinds of people: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, "All right, then, have it your way." Source: *"The Great Divorce"* (1945)

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