



The Christian and Missionary
Alliance in Canada

Media Backgrounder

Who We Are:

The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada – “the Alliance” – is a network of 440 churches across Canada who are committed to Jesus and his mission to change lives. We engage people from all walks of life to serve in Canada and around the world. We aim to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focused in everything we do – from working with local partners to share the gospel of Jesus, to building and supporting our churches, to humanitarian projects and more. Our global projects span a vast array of causes including education, spiritual and physical health, disaster response, agricultural development, and other poverty-alleviation projects.

A Brief History:

The Alliance was founded in the 1880s by Albert Benjamin Simpson, a Canadian-born Presbyterian minister. Simpson became passionate about poor and neglected people here in North America and abroad – what are referred to today as the “most-neglected” or “least-reached” people groups. His passion led him to create two key initiatives – an evangelical association to preach the gospel in North America and an international missionary organization to send missionaries around the world. In 1897, the two initiatives became one, called The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

In Canada Today:

In 1981, the Christian and Missionary Alliance evolved into two North American organizations – one in Canada and one in the United States. In 2016, the Canadian Alliance celebrated its 35th anniversary of autonomy. The National Ministry Centre, in Toronto, Ontario, is where our executive team and staff are located. Today, churches are grouped regionally into the Canadian Pacific, Western Canadian, Canadian Midwest, Central Canadian, Eastern Canadian, and St. Lawrence districts. Churches send international workers (missionaries) abroad and raise vital funds to support our international projects and workers, and are also involved in planting new churches across Canada.

Global Presence:

The Alliance in Canada is part of a larger, global Alliance church family; more than 6 million people worship and live on mission in almost 18,000 churches across 80 nations.

Learn More or Get Involved:

Visit us at cmacan.org for more information about who we are, our vision, core values, history, statement of faith, and statistics about what we do in Canada and around the world.

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