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POWERteam

Great Grandparents

Who of us ever thought that we would ever get to this place? There are many of our POWER Team members who are celebrating milestones in their lives, whether that be a 75th, 80th, or 90th birthday.



As editors of **CONNECTOR**, Betty and I have entered a new season of our lives where we are now called GREAT..... with 5 grandchildren whom we thought were great from their day of birth, and they in turn believed that we have been "great" grandparents. As of, June 5th, we have discovered that we are now officially Great Grandparents.

Through some social media we have discovered that not only did Norm Morris turn 90 and is a Great Grandfather, but Marie Enns, Dave and Arlene Peters are now Great Grandparents.

We would ask if any of you are able to match what we have accomplished with the 4 Generations of Kerr males. Riley was born in June so is 0 yrs old. His father is 25, his grandfather is 50 and his Great Grandfather Wayne/me is 75. We have all the quarters of the century covered.



Great Grandparents

Norm Morris 90



4 Generations of the Kerr Clan



Marie Enns



Dave Peters

Two Former C&MA Vice-Presidents Transitioning

Many of us could never image ourselves coming to retirement, but to be entering the 2nd decade of such a transition will become a reality to us at some time should we last that long. **Stuart & JoAnne Lightbody** are facing that reality. After a decade of retirement in their lovely bungalow in London Ontario, they have now sold that and have transitioned into a first- floor condo apartment.

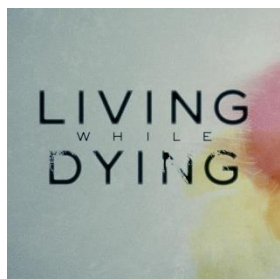
Stuart is providing us with a 2-part submission for the **CONNECTOR** as he and Joanne enter their 2nd decade of “retirement” from serving with the C&MA. They served as a pastor and wife, as missionaries in Colombia and Stuart served as the Vice-president of Canadian Ministries at the National Ministry Center. Following that, Stuart served a number of years with SEND International. In **Part I “Death, dying and heaven”**, Stuart is transparent about his first decade of “retirement”. In the next issue of the **CONNECTOR** he will be giving us **Part II on “New Heaven/New Earth/New Jerusalem”**.

Ken & Darlene Paton have also retired or transitioned a number of times after ‘retiral age” and they share with us their continuing journey. Be blessed by both families who served us so well in the National Office as well as in the pastorate and in missions. First let us hear from Stuart.

1. Lightbodys Transitioning into 2nd Decade of Retirement

What a difference a 'decade' makes. By Stuart Lightbody

Two people have said I talk too much about death and dying and heaven. They are probably right. It is a topic, for me, that is always on the table. One of the reasons I think and talk about it is because I am probably in my final decade of life. I am presently 78 years old. Life expectancy for men in Canada is the early eighties. In Biblical terms I have lived my seventy years and am now in the category of 'perhaps eighty if I have the strength'. (Ps 90:10)



Some people find the topic of death, dying and heaven

difficult. Like my two friends. They feel I should have a more positive outlook. The issue for me is 'big' because the second decade of retirement is different from the first. It is life-altering. I have never personally been at this stage of life before so I find the subject of death, dying and heaven to be very challenging as I approach the end of life.

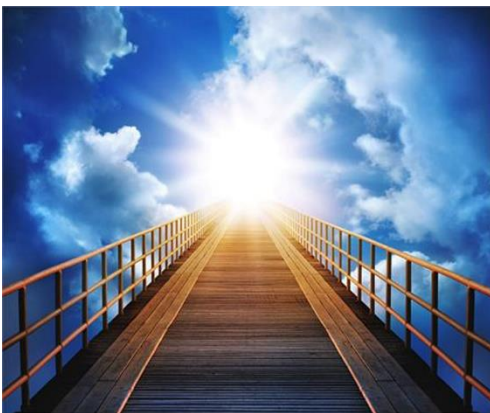
Four years ago I had bypass heart surgery. It did not go well. Since then I have had eight stents and a three balloon procedure. It is not a pretty story. By God's grace I have been actively engaged in ministry (half-time) with SEND International of



Canada until January 31st of this year - some 12 years after my retirement from the Alliance at the age of 66.

So, what are the issues that are life-altering in this second post-retirement decade?

1. The number one issue is surely health and mobility. Poor health and diminished mobility impact significantly one's marriage relationship, life-style choices, travel and more. This is especially true if one spouse is less mobile than the other.
2. A second major issue, after the first 10 years of retirement, is whether to stay in your current home, to move into a condo or to rent. To make this decision 10 years into retirement is urgent. I think this decision should be made by age 75 so that the actual physical move can be made soon after.
3. Financially speaking, a lingering question is 'How much is enough?' This question is critical once item number #2 above is settled. Even more challenging is the potential cost of long-term, nursing-home living – will it be for one or two people and for how many years should you plan?
4. Everyone must have a will which at this stage of life is rather basic, but what about 'Splitting-Heirs' so described by Ron Blue. Should an inheritance be divided equally among children or divided according to some other criteria?
5. The whole matter of buying a burial plot and a tombstone and having it engraved with an epitaph valued by both in the marriage is quite daunting. I have always had a personal and pithy epitaph until I realized (dah) it had to be shared. Regardless, it must be done now, before death and not left to others.
6. Finally, though there are many other related topics, do we have a traditional or classical burial (as suggested in # 5 above) or do we cremate? From my perspective, cremation lacks the respect for the body that a traditional burial gives, but few seem to agree



The subject of 'heaven' remains an exciting conversation piece. I 'luv' this topic. My approach centers around our understanding of Revelation 21:1

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God . . .". See also II Peter 3. I don't have

editorial permission to comment further but a close analysis of this passage is very thought-provoking.



I find the above topics, a decade after the first 10 retirement years, serious and very challenging. Most of my reading and research does not make this particular decadal distinction.

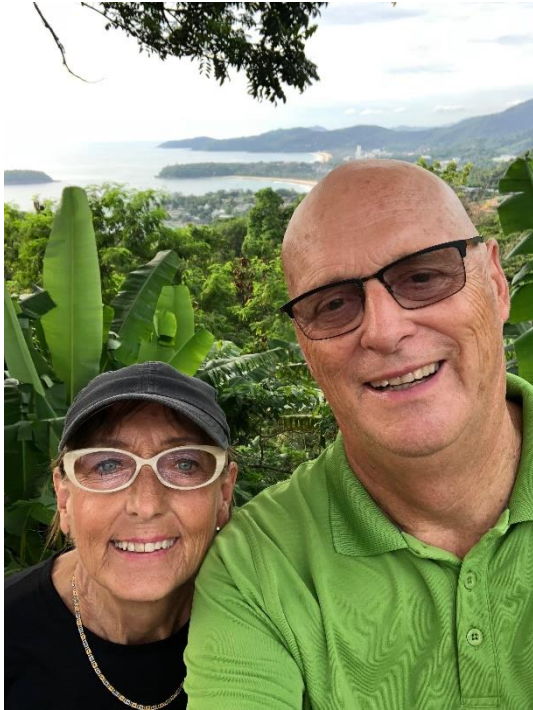
To keep the conversation alive please email me at lightbodysj@rogers.com .

Stuart has part two coming in our Next Connector **"New Heaven/New Earth/New Jerusalem"**.

2. Patons Transitioning into new ministries

Retire or Retread *by Ken Paton*

It is hard to believe it is nearly nineteen years since we left ministry with the C&MA in Canada for a new assignment in the USA. After leaving the National Ministry Centre we moved to Pennsylvania (PA) and spent a number of years with Christian Publications (CPI) before the changing scene in Christian publishing ultimately led to the demise of CPI. It was no fun going through this at the time but now the pain has subsided we sometimes jokingly say: "A B Simpson got it started and we shut it down." It now seems this was among the first of the old C&MA institutions to go through a major



upheaval. Times are changing for sure.

The thirteen years we spent in PA were difficult ones, but they were also filled with many wonderful ministry opportunities. As we look back, it was a season of preparation for ministry we could never have imagined. While in PA KR (space does not permit the story of why he transitioned from Ken to KR) served for many years on the Licensing, Ordination, Consecration Committee for the Eastern PA District. Together we served the district by leading teams into church conflict situations. After a few days of interviews and praying the team would suggest a path for restoration, healing and future direction for the church. This was a very rewarding experience. This ministry led to doing interim pastoral work at two different churches.

During these interim pastorates God began to birth in us a new passion for pastoral ministry. It seemed like the timing of a new call for ministry was not well timed. After all we had recently passed the age of retirement. While contemplating our future we heard a message preached by our youngest son (Wade) on Matthew 6:33. When he finished reading this passage, he asked the question: "What if it is true?" This

question stuck in KR's head for days and through the process of praying and deciding what this meant for us, we concluded God was asking us to abandon any thought of retiring, leave everything behind, and move overseas. God seemed to be saying to us it was time to gear up for a new season of ministry and in order to do so it meant abandoning any thought of retiring.

Initially, we thought the call would be to interim work in international churches, but God had other ideas. As we began to search for ministry opportunities, we reconnected with our friends Ken and Melanie Driedger and Warren and Debbie Reeve in Kuwait. While there we also joined in ministry with Dan and Linda Harstad, and Ralf and Patty Peters (who later became C&MA Canada workers) as well as a couple of non-C&MA couples from the USA. To sum up the ministry we enjoyed in Kuwait in a few short sentences is entirely impossible. KR served as Executive Pastor and was the site pastor for four of the eight English language services held each week. We learned to expect miracles every week. There were people seeking Jesus because they had seen a vision of a man in white. The team of pastors was working in harmony like few teams do and the comradery was amazing. Unfortunately, after about two years a small group led a coup which ultimately led to the core team of pastors leaving Kuwait.

We left Kuwait very wounded and moved to Sherwood Park Alberta to heal. In addition to the terrible ending in Kuwait we went through some really deep experiences of loss which left us in a position where we were unable to think or make decisions. God used the staff and congregation at Sherwood Park Alliance (SPAC) to bring healing to our wounded souls. During the time at SPAC we also became more involved with Warren and Ken in Missional International Network (micn.org).

About one year into our time of healing the call came to move to Phuket, Thailand for a year of interim ministry at All Nations Church Phuket (ANCP) (www.allnationschurchphuket.org) so Derek and

Bonnie Burnett could return to Canada on home assignment. And as it turned out we became the full-time pastor of ANCP while also serving on the executive of MICN. It has become pretty clear God did not have retirement on the agenda for the Patons just yet. Pastoral ministry at ANCP is amazing. The church is growing through ALPHA and other outreach ministries. SPAC and First Alliance Calgary have partnered with us to form a network of new church plants in SE Asia. There are currently three locations under prayerful consideration. It is a great time to be at work in advancing the Kingdom through a local church and MICN.

So, right now the new tires on these old vehicles seem to be holding out. We know retirement is in the future but for the time being we don't want to miss anything God is doing in a place that has historically been resistant to the Gospel. Some would say we have a front row seat on some pretty amazing things taking place in Phuket. We prefer to be thankful to have delayed retirement and with a new set of retread tires actually be in the game. By the way, we would welcome any of our friends to take a vacation of a few months and come to help us. Living is quite inexpensive, and we don't ever get snow or cold weather. This can be a real advantage for old bones. If you would like information about what you would do here (or just to say hello) we can be reached at

pastorkr@allnationschurchphuket.org or kr.paton@micn.org or 302 566 1516 or +66 6 1873 3240.

Blessings

KR and Darlene Paton



POWER Team Members Journey with God

Lori and Callin Friesen -CMD

We grew up hearing the stories of Jesus in what began as the first daughter Church of the then University Drive Alliance in Saskatoon. As children we were taught in the Westgate Alliance Church what it meant to be followers of Jesus Christ. The Lord worked through faithful men and women to help shape our lives to know and love Jesus. There too we learned of God's love for the nations. I married Lori, my best friend, in 1980. *The goodness and grace of Jesus Christ have been evident in our lives for over half a century.* Here is some of HIS story in our lives.

We attended the Canadian Bible College and Seminary in Regina. Here the Lord called us to ministry. Then at Southdale Alliance in Winnipeg we ministered to children and youth. These were delightful years, sharing our lives with the church family. Together we grew in discipleship and nurture. In Winnipeg our beloved daughter Amanda was born.

In Seminary Jesus led us to Guatemala, Central America. Besides our Area Study, the only thing I remember hearing of Guatemala was a CBC News Broadcast of guerilla warfare and a military takeover. Some of my family was doubtful of God's leading. Others and the Church sent us off with blessing. The Lord soon revealed His abundant protection and grace.



Arriving in Guatemala City we saw that the dictator in power was; benevolent, "tough on corruption" and evangelical. It seemed the only ones fearful were criminals, guerilla militants.

Generally, there was no more terror but peace. And the Lord was building His Church. In our Christian service we saw the Lord work in saving children, youth and adults. We shared in training children's workers and Pastor's. Many grew to be "disciples who trained disciples". I taught TEE, Theological Education by Extension and eventually the Lord Jesus used Evangelism Explosion and small groups as methods His people used as He was building His Church. In Guatemala the Lord blessed our family with the birth of our son, Joshua.

After Guatemala, the Lord Jesus led us to Mexico City. Though somewhat "seasoned" in cross-cultural ministry, the Lord Jesus brought us through both victorious and strenuous times. His Church grew in size and in the blessing of the Lord ... but I am not so sure we had the blessing of all of the National Church. After an exhausting year as Field Director we returned to Canada. The Lord had blessed us in so many ways. Yet I was physically and emotionally tired.

During Home Assignment I was hospitalized with Clinical Depression. After treatment I thought I was cured, ready to return to Mexico. I was not ready. Over the next two years I was properly diagnosed and treated.

Today God continues to write His story in our lives. We serve with His Church at Westgate. We also serve the community, Lori as a Nurse and I as an associate at Walmart.

Del & Jane McKenzie -former WCD

I was born in Eureka, Montana on February 2, 1937. After high school in 1955 I followed my former pastor, Arvid Erickson and my older sister, Grace, to WCBI (Western Bible Institute), 1720 Broad Street, Regina. We were followed by five of our siblings after the school moved to 4400-4th Ave. My first year I met Jane Halverson. She was born in Calgary but came to Bible school from Lethbridge, as did her two sisters, Bernice Falconer and Ruth Westcott. Jane graduated in 1958. I did in 1959. We were married in the Lethbridge Alliance church on September 5, 1959.



In January 1960 we began our ministry in pastoring at the Alliance Church in Whitetail, Montana. Our son, Tim, was born in Scobey, Montana. From there we went to the Manhattan, Montana Alliance church. While there I studied at Montana State University. Our daughter, Melodee was born in Bozeman, Montana. In 1967 we moved to Lewiston, Idaho and another Alliance Church. During that time I took classes at Lewis-Clark State College.

We moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta in 1978 and got acquainted with the Peace River country. From 1984 to 1998 we served the Sherwood Park Alliance Church. Shortly after moving to Sherwood Park, Rex Boda was with us. Coming back into the SPAC parking lot after breakfast together, he turned to me and asked, "What is a boy from the hills of Montana (probably meaning hillbilly) doing in Sherwood Park?" My response was that I asked myself that same question most every day. The only answer I can come up with is "by the grace of God." That grace has flowed into our lives over the years and is still being poured in.

We accepted a call to be district superintendent in the Rocky Mountain District, Billings, Montana in 2001-2003. After that term we retired to Moses Lake, Washington. I served on staff there for eight years, part time except for a year as interim pastor. After that I did several interim roles in Alliance and non-Alliance churches.

Jane was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia around 2009. I cared for her at home until April 2018 when I could no longer give her the care she needed. During that time I continued to teach in a home Bible study group, hiring care-givers to be with Jane in the evenings. Since then she has been in a private adult care home. Now that she is getting that care I have eased back into some counseling, mentoring and preaching.

Some words of a song often come to mind: "Days of darkness still come o'er me, sorrow's path I often tread, but the Savior still is with me and by His hand I'm safely led."

Lois Franklin -CMD

I grew up attending church, but I came to Christ in a home Bible study while in nurses' training. I was moved by how they talked about God, that He was present and knowable. I decided to walk with Him. Some years later I joined the C&MA in Brandon, MB where I was working.

After graduating from CBC while on a Short Term Mission to Chile God called me to come back as a missionary. Graduating from CTS in 1990 I was on my way, first to Costa Rica and language study and then to Chile where I spent two terms. As my church was part of the Encounter with God activities, I helped them start the Women's Encounter in my church. When it was decided that Chile was a reached country, I was redeployed to Mexico.

I arrived in Mexico City in 2000 working in evangelism and discipleship and then moved to Guadalajara. I again worked with the Women's Encounter. The more I talked with people, the more I became impressed that it would be helpful to work on a counselling degree which I was able to finish in 2010.

My last years were spent in Mexico City working in many areas, counselling in particular, but also leadership and administration, and leadership development preparing, mentoring and equipping Mexicans for ministry in the local church.

What I loved most was seeing God at work in people's lives. He has a way that is so beautiful and that makes ministry immensely rewarding. God has given me an ability to be able to sit with people from the different classes in Mexico and to listen and help them to move forward. God was able to do infinitely more than I could dare to ask or imagine.

So, I returned to Canada in Aug of 2017, it was great to be able to visit many sending churches as I completed my last HA (Home Assignment) ministries. I also began remodelling my house. This is a work in progress, and has not been for the faint hearted (tearing down ceilings, finishing floors, painting, a broken rib, cleaning out the jungle of bushes around the house and keeping the grass mowed, refinishing the bathroom, etc.).

The church that I attend is small, but I have been slowly involving myself (worship leader, prayer, visiting, etc.). I was able to visit Chile in January and reacquaint myself with friends, churches and country. It was wonderful!! I was pleased to be able to attend Soul Care in Winnipeg in April. How great is our God!! But what I am finding is How great is the need for God in Canada!!

Lois lives in Deloraine, Manitoba.



Joy & Lulu Tira -continuing to transition and serve -WCD

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Joy and I connected at the CCD Conference in the spring.

Joy wrote from Pome Cafe in he & Lulu's new neighbourhood – “yes, we moved! More on that later. Lorajoy, our assistant/daughter introduced me to this cozy and quiet cafe.

However small this cafe is, it is globally connected via the internet. I have vacated my Starbucks office and have moved into this workspace in this “new for-us neighbourhood”.

“Almost ten years ago, Lulu and I started praying for and working with a young missions' practitioner, Nigel Paul. At the time he was single and young, but he had responded to the call to “move in” and lead young followers of Jesus into the urban missions field. This movement called itself **MovelIn**, “a movement of regular Christians prayerfully moving in among the unreached, urban poor.” Fast forward many years, Lulu and I have actually “moved in.” In May, we intentionally moved our belongings into a rental apartment complex and set up home in a very “diverse” block of the city. It is June now, and we are still unpacking, but we have already met many of our adjacent neighbours - all New Canadians. We are excited about this new chapter in our life and ministry. You may recognise **MovelIn** from many of our letters, blogs, and social media posts. It is a ministry we are deeply committed to. Please 1

Highlights: Spring 2019 • Ang Symposium 2019 (Calgary, AB) - Joy co-convoked the Beyond Hospitality symposium hosted by the Jaffray Centre at Ambrose University. • Joy shared his testimony and fellowshiped with ministers at the Arctic Anglican Synod • Joy represented PALM at the C&MA Central District and St. Laurence District conferences • In keeping with their local ministries to New Canadians, Lulu continues to help a Filipino Church in the area.

Enroute with the Tiras Dear Family & Friends,
June 17, 2019

Pray for us as we intentionally pray for our neighbours and live among them.

With boxes still to unpack in our apartment, Lulu and I are catching a flight - tonight - to the Philippines. Those of you who have travelled this journey with us, know that almost a year ago, my medical specialists ordered a “travel ban” - they would not permit me to travel outside Canada, until they had evidence that I was fit to fly long-haul. This “travel ban” was lifted two weeks ago, just a few weeks before the Lausanne Movement-sponsored Global Workplace Forum (GWF) to be held from June 24-29, 2019 in Pasig City (Metro Manila), Philippines. Some 850 participants, representing our very diverse global workplace, were invited from 109 countries. They are global influencers who the Lausanne Movement is praying to motivate and mobilise for the fulfilment of the Great Commission. See <https://www.lausanne.org/gwf> for more information. I am grateful that diasporas is a major issue to be discussed from the platform. I am also thankful for the opportunity to hear from these participants, and to be able to share how God is working in and through the scattered people. As advised by my doctors, Lulu will be travelling with me. As well as being my doctor-appointment “nurse,” Lulu will be an observant at the consultation. We look forward to sharing with you what new doors God is opening through his people in diaspora”.

With Affection, Joy & Lulu

Howard & Jennie Rensberry -CMD

Greetings in Jesus' name from Prince Albert Sask.

Both Howard (78) and I (Jennie 76) are "retired" but still active in ministry as the Lord gives strength.

Howard had several speaking opportunities this summer.

The tent meetings were from August 16-23, sponsored by the P.A. Baptist Church. A number responded to the invitation to pray for salvation or for help in their walk with God.

There was a different preacher every night; I had the privilege of preaching one night.

The Model A Ford got attention when I drove around the city for 7 days for an hour or two each day advertising the meetings.



July 30 to August 3: Jennie and I shared in the speaking at Kitchen Lake Bible Camp for their Camo Camp. A great 5 days, with some youth and staff making good choices in their spiritual life.

June 1st: Jennie spoke to about 180 women at a "Salad Fiesta" at Candle Lake. She shared His story as she told her story.

The theme was, "Reaching Out."

The Lord helped me speak even when the mic stopped working one minute into my speaking. I felt there was a good response, especially in the Prayer at the end.

After my main message, I gave this handout to the ladies. It's the Lord's Prayer, with a personal (I and me) response prayer, that I wrote for "my girls" in prison.

Our Father in heaven... Creator of heaven and earth.

Hollowed be thy name...Your name is HOLY

Thy Kingdom come....Come, be King of my heart

King of my life.....Ruler of my thoughts

Director of my actions.....I put you first.

Thy will be done.....To glorify your Son

On earth as it is in heaven.....And in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread..... Fill the deep needs of my heart as well.

And forgive us our trespasses and sins..... Forgive my sins and cleanse my heart.

As we forgive those who trespass against us.....I forgive those who hurt or offend me.

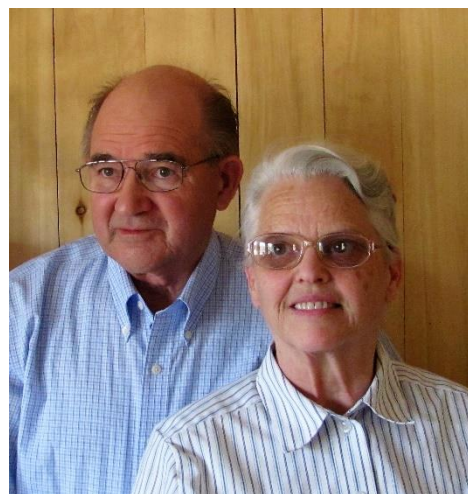
Lead us not into temptation May I hear and follow your voice.

But deliver us from evil: ...Help me make right choices

To resist temptationsAnd the evil one.

For thine is the kingdom,...You are the King of Kings.

And the power Your Almighty strength helps me



And the glory ...I praise your Holy name.
Forever and ever.....For all eternity.
We pray this..... In the name of Jesus.
Amen ! Amen !

The Lord bless you and all Power Team.
From Howard & Jennie Rensberry



Betty and I had the privilege to attend two District Conferences this year plus connect with various people. Here are some pictures of those contacts as well as social media “stuff”



Two Westerns find Eastern men more appealing or aggressive

Wayne Kerr or Owen Sound Ont and Dave Belsey (on right) of Midland Ontario felt God's call to vocational service for God.

During their training at Canadian Bible College in the 60's they both were claimed by Western women—Betty Stewart of Prince Albert Sask got her MRS. with Wayne and Pamela Klemke of Edmonton/Medicine Hat obtained her MRS with Dave.

This summer they connected in Alymer Ont as Dave was scouting out where some of his ancestors lived. It is

interesting that both couples have followed their children in retirement—Dave who has some health issues moved to Toronto where one daughter who is a Medical Doctor can look after him in his old age; Wayne who is still the epidemic of health (knock on wood) moved to St. Thomas Ontario where there son in the Chief Pediatrician. This was a wise move so Wayne can be cared for when he goes the second time into his childhood.



TV Thomas continues to travel the world in evangelism. We connected at the ECD Conference. We go back many years in service, even to the ordination of TV at the CBC Chapel where I (maybe by default) was one of the signatures on his Certificate of Ordination.



Ron MacKinnon, our ECD Toronto Region POWER Team Volunteer Coordinator was awarded an exercise bike for just showing up to connect with Pastors and IWs who will be “retiring” over the next decade. He put his name in for a draw and won this exercise bike. We need a report on its usage since this picture was taken.



**Frank
& Marie Peters**

Carolyn & Ed Drewlo celebrated their 50th Anniversary



Marie Ens has been speaking across Canada and part of the States this summer.

She is now joined by a dance team from Cambodia ministering in churches and schools.

The Matheson Family at a Family wedding. Most of these are **POWER Team** members Gerry & Betty Matheson, Dee & Ray Matheson, Marion Ratzlaff,, Ruth Dirks Mora Bundy & Joyce Grunau (Morris Dirks, Craig Bundy and Floyd Grunau missed out in the picture) Brother Dave Matheson is in the picture and not been in formal ministry



Al & Joan Fedorak (DS for CMD) was blessed as he and his wife have moved into a new season of retired life. Presently they are remaining in Saskatchewan.



Gathering in London Ontario gathering with Danny & Vera Kuranji who have now returned to Serbia before retiring in Canada.

Picture: Betty Kerr, Joanne & Stuart Lightbody, Hope Reichert, Jan & Nelson Annan, Danny & Vera Kuranji



We do get good feedback from our **POWER Team** members. We desire that and welcome your input for future publications.

We sure enjoyed receiving the CONNECTOR -H&JR

Thanks for another great CONNECTOR. Always great getting caught up on people -BB

Thank you, for the information on CONNECTOR #33 June 20 -J&KK

As always a great job! Always fresh and great to read how others are doing ...an inspiration...and then some tips and light hearted points!! GH

It is great to know that this very vital and important ministry is now all the way across our country. And what could I possibly say except thanks, for your work doing the Connector. It's hard to believe that the most recent edition is Number 33. WOW!!!. God bless you for that. LM

You do such a great job of keeping us retirees all connected and feeling like there's still purpose in our lives

Another excellent issue. This one is packed with much more than news about people who continue to make an impact on the Canadian Alliance family in our own country and beyond. Among other things, it features a brief study on the Bible use of the word, "power", mini-bios of ministry colleagues, an entertaining humour section and some online links to check out. I especially enjoyed listening to "The Green Side of the Grass" YouTube video link. R&VD

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You did another great job on the "Connector". We read every word of it. A&JD



As the **POWER Team** Leadership, we want to bless you with an enjoyable and fruitful Fall Season as you represent Christ and His **POWER** to all who may cross your pathway.

Wayne & Betty Kerr -National **POWER Team** Volunteer Coordinators & producers of **CONNECTOR**

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The Lighter side for some POWER Team members.

Item #:1

Last issue we told you there are a few “retired” **POWER Team** members who regular meet together at Tim Horton’s to solve the worlds problems and rejoice in the joys and challenges of ministry. One email to inform the members of the next gathering called it the **ROMEO** group. This was to be an acrostic for this gathering and so we put it out to you to submit your suggestions and that we would report.

Well, there is really nothing to report because our members did not bite on it to help us out, ignored it or felt it was below the integrity of the group.

So we will just drop it.

- one member suggested Retired, Overlooked, Moody, Energized Overcomers
- it is really very simple, Read Old Men Eating Ot

Item #2



Never leave home without a kiss, a hug and an 'I love you.' Then remove the dog hair from your mouth as you walk to the car.

Item #3

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.

The following was sent by Lorna Stewart

Take advantage of the **Alliance Retiral Fund** support from your Reuter Benefits Retirement team!

You may have received the June report from Reuters sent out from the National Ministry Centre called **Your 2019 Beneficiary Review**

Our experienced investment and retirement professionals are here to provide personal support. We can help you learn more about:

- Your Alliance Retiral Fund
- How to determine if you are saving enough for retirement
- The advantages of ARF low investment management fees
- Your personal risk profile and investment choices
- On-line tools and resources
- How to transition into retirement

To review your investments and retirement planning, contact Reuter Benefits toll-free at 1-800-666-0142 or by email at retire@myretirement-alliance.com

Whether you are coming to retirement or well into it, here is good material for you to consider. For example, the last question and statement is the following:

If I have a beneficiary under my Group Plan, do I also need a Will?

- Yes! If you do not have a Will at the time of your death, this means you would die 'intestate'. The court would then appoint an administrator to handle your affairs, approve whoever applies to be the guardian of your minor children, and, distribute your assets according to the applicable provincial Succession Act, none of which may necessarily be done in accordance with your wishes

Click on the following for the full page of good questions and answers.

http://www.easterndistrict.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Reuter-Insight_CMA_June-2019.pdf

