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# CONNECTOR

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## General Assembly Pictures July 5-8, 2022

General Assembly was a great time of connecting with our Alliance Family, meeting our fellow servants of many years and getting acquainted with those we have lost touch with or had not even met before.

Here are a few pictures taken during our time together



**POWER Team luncheon** attended by around 60 people



Connecting time led by Gerald & Dorothy Hogenbirk our National Coordinators. Fellowship, good food, presentations by Brian Thom & John Healey (District Coordinators for CPD & WCD POWER Teams) along with Earl Case of the CMD. Wayne & Betty Kerr were acknowledged for their part in envisioning, launching and developing **POWER Team** with a great team.

Frank & Marie Peters, Mary McElhone, Lois Belsey



Edwin & Caroline Drewlo

TV Thomas & Gerald Hogenbirk and Betty and Wayne Kerr connected with Wayne Boldt (see below) on #1 highway near Carin Saskatchewan. Dawn was overseeing a home improvement project to free Wayne for a wee connection time.



**CONNECTOR** compilers Wayne & Betty did a tour from General Assembly to Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw etc connecting with Power Team people and former parishioners.



Of interest was the CTS building in Regina. While pastoring in Regina (1975-1990) Wayne took on the steel erection contracts of Rosetown, Alliance Church, Glencairn and CTS building. It was encouraging to see this CTS structure still standing.

**Jim & Brenda Regehr** - transition pastors. We hope to hear more from them in the future



If you missed hearing some of the presentations at General Assembly, click on the following

[General Assembly 2022 on Vimeo](#)

Healing Service with Rev. Steve Kerr: <https://vimeo.com/727996044>

Evening Session with Danielle Strickland: <https://vimeo.com/727242218>

Evening Session with former Interim President, Rev. Keith Taylor: <https://vimeo.com/723055612>

Evening Session with Rev. Damien Lee: <https://vimeo.com/727624283>

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## Retired or just Re-assigned?

### Moe & Dea Gillard -ECD

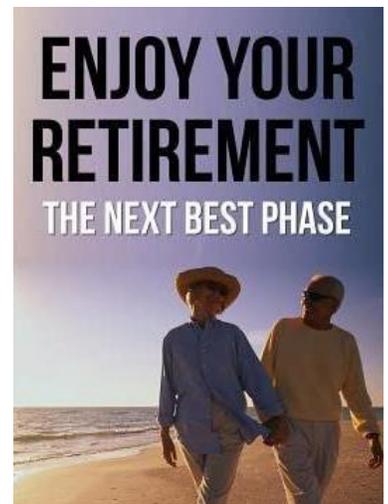
It was April 1980 and I remember sitting in the Centre of the Arts in Regina, Saskatchewan as I graduated from the Canadian Bible College. During the weekend festivities, there were a number of people who were recognized for their 40+ years of ministry. I can remember thinking that these people are ancient. Forty years seemed like an eternity for a 23 year old who was just entering into ministry. Fast forward and I am wondering where 42 years went.



My journey has seen me serve with Youth for Christ on two occasions: with Toronto YFC and with Highlands YFC where we lived in Orangeville as I worked in the high school in Erin. When I was with Toronto YFC, I also served as the youth pastor in an Associated Gospel Church in Etobicoke. The remainder of my time in ministry saw me coming home to my Alliance roots as I pastored in Belleville, Bramalea, Waterdown and for the last 15 years at the Westburne Alliance

Church in St. Catharines.

During my fifteen years at Westburne, where I transitioned from an associate pastor to the senior pastor, I have had the privilege to serve as the team chaplain/pastor for the Niagara Icedogs of the Ontario Hockey League. It has been something that I have enjoyed immensely and little did I know when I started, that as I would see my days in the pastorate come to an end, that God had been preparing me to join the full-time staff of Hockey Ministries International as the 'Ontario Chapel Coordinator'. At this present time, HMI has a chaplain with 40+ teams in Ontario ranging from the top Junior Ranks to Women's University hockey. I think there is a great opportunity for expansion and we will pray and trust God for the increase.



A couple of years ago, around the beginning of Covid, we had a district ZOOM call and I had a little chat with Dave Freeman. His words were encouraging and solid. Dave said, "Moe, don't retire abruptly." I took this to mean to have a plan and God has provided me with a new adventure. I have been retired for two weeks from the church and I am glad that HMI has given me an opportunity to carry on in what many would call my 'retirement years'.

My wife, Dea, and I would like to thank all of you who have touched our lives through our years in Christian service.

God bless you!

PS The attached picture was taken on our farewell Sunday at the Westburne Alliance Church. The hockey stick was signed by many of those who were in attendance on that day.



Maurice 'Moe' Gillard



# Ernie & Marilyn Klassen – On Retirement (wcd)

Our journey, like everyone, is unique.

Marilyn and I met when I had just turned 18, we were married in 1976 when I was 21, and we started to serve with the Alliance, first in a pastorate (Dartmouth Nova Scotia) (3 years), then after a year in grad school, and a year in language school (Costa Rica), we served in Peru (22 years), Mexico (2 years) and Canada (Belleville, Ontario) 7 years, before returning overseas to Spain for 6 years and then serving as IWIR (International Workers in Residence) at Ambrose, our Canadian training centre here in Calgary for 3 years, serving for a total of 41 years, or 45 if you consider our home service which started in 1976. We officially retired December 31, 2021.

Since we officially retired in the middle of COVID, with classes online, in a sense, retirement is a relief, but it also brings uncertainty. We both are deeply motivated to serve the Lord in ministry, although no longer "on salary" with the Mission. 45 good years. Revival and phenomenal church growth in showcase Peru, dysfunctional and extremely difficult adjustments in Mexico, where we actually resigned from the mission, and returned to look for a ministry in the pastorate. Then 7 very productive years in the pastorate (Belleville) before being restored to returning to the overseas field, this time in Spain, where we also saw the power of God. Finally, the high privilege of serving at Ambrose, teaching, mentoring and connecting.



And now, WHAT? As we prayed into the future, we got a curious phone call from retired IW Craig Bundy, telling me about a businessman (Jack Neufeld) in Calgary who is developing an NGO ([www.communitiesforlife.com](http://www.communitiesforlife.com)) in a suburb of Lima, Peru, a place called Manchay (population 200,000). He's looking for help in connecting the 96 Alliance churches in Lima to his "project". Although we were advised not to step into anything too quickly, it was

impossible for me to turn down an invite for 8 days of ministry in Lima and Manchay. As I made connections, I discovered that the week we were scheduled to be in Lima was the week of special leadership training for the pastors and key leaders of those 96 churches, with an invite to speak as well as a platform for Jack to present his NGO project.

Although a volunteer position, our expenses for this ministry are covered by the foundation. What a gift, to return to Peru, twice a year, both of us, where we saw the hand of God.

We also, in our last weeks of ministry as official works, had the immense privilege of being invited to serve at Samuel House in Paraguay, preparing Alliance Latinos for international work in difficult places. And as we served, the opportunity has opened for us to continue in this ministry, both of us. Passing it forward. Leaving a legacy. Sharing with emerging leaders from our failures and successes and lessons learned. What a gift.



We also have three precious grandchildren (2 with Daniel and Jessica, 1 with David and Boyda). Investing in their lives, and their parents, is a high priority.

**W**riting, **R**eading, **A**ctivity, **P**reaching and **P**raying (that's a WRAPP). That's our plan. Finding the balance. That's the challenge.

46 years of marriage. 46 years of ministry. Changes. Adjustments. Hope. Dreams. The God of mystery holds the future, and He is good.



# Don & Dolores Tjart (WCD now CMD)

-retired, re-aligned, offering opportunity to **POWER Team** members

Dolores and I are now in Winnipeg finding some new roles for us in life and ministry. We are delighted to be living close to Doug & Judy Wiebe. We started working with Marketplace Care Canada a couple of months ago as Care Team members. We're finding it to be a very interesting ministry opportunity.



## (now is Winterpeg????)

The role of a Care Team member with this organization might be a great fit for those POWER Team members. It's a part-time paid position working in various secular companies giving care and personal support to the workers there. Dolores and I are currently going into the Gordon Food Services plant a couple of times a week to develop relationships with the employees there.

Marketplace Care Canada is growing quite a bit right now especially in light of the pandemic as companies are seeing the need to give more support to their employees.

MCC is looking for more part-time care team members in the following cities across Canada...

Delta, BC  
Nanaimo, BC  
Terrace, BC  
Abbotsford, BC  
Quebec City, QC  
Amherst, NS

At this point, I would be the contact person for any inquiries.

There is definitely an application and interview process but I think this would be a valuable opportunity for Alliance workers looking for extra ministry opportunities.

Let me know of any questions you might have.



## Don Tjart

Care Team Member



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# Joy & Lulu Tira –(WCD) -A NEW MISSION FIELD ASSIGNMENT???

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joy and I trust and pray that you are all fine in spite of challenges surrounding us - inflation; climate change causing floods, fire, extreme temperatures; violence, rebellion, anarchy, gun shooting

lawlessness; health problems, lukewarmness, etc. etc.

Let us continue to completely depend on God without wavering and insecurity and obeying Him always.



A year ago God had called us here at Rosedale Seniors Living. I never thought we would be living in a senior's home. When Joy and I would visit seniors to pray with them before, I would tell to myself, "**I would not like to live in a senior's home.**" But surprisingly God led us here. I did not know even where to get our monthly payment. .... but remembering the Word of the Lord in Isaiah 43:1-3 ..... **do not fear for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine, I will be with**

**you..... do not be afraid for I am the Lord your God."**

It was June last year when we moved here, praise God we made it, now we are entering our 2nd year. God has always been faithful to meet our needs.

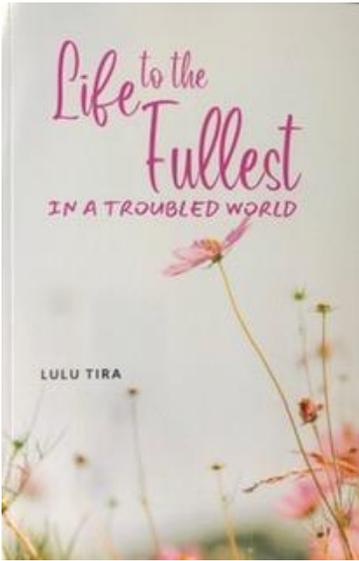
Joy has been getting better. It was so hard before coming here. Our daughter Lorajoy & husband Tony saw our struggle and saw I needed help to take care of him. The Lord brought us here. Now he can walk better with a cane but still needs balance and coordination. We are still waiting for God's miracle on restoring the function of his left arm and leg. There is nothing impossible with God. Please join us in thanking Him for healing him. He just finished coordinating and co-editing a mission book soon to be published. Now he is working on revising one of his books. He continues to resource and counsel students and practitioners through the media.

Praise God. after a year of editing the book I wrote, it was out for the public since May.

We had a book launching last May 7. The service was so touching listening to the testimonies of God's reality, love and power. The book has been touching hearts. PageMaster Printing is distributing it through ebooks and a printed copy in Amazon. I have given away 300 copies. I have given to some seminaries and schools.

Pray that God will inspire every reader to seek God (for those who have no personal relationship with Christ yet) and for every Christian to seek God more and become intimate with Him enjoying His Presence. Please pray for me as I follow up those to whom I have given the book personally, especially here at Rosedale. It is so challenging to follow up so I spend more time in praying for them.





God did not only bring us here to be helped and to rehabilitate but God sent us here for another purpose. **Rosedale is a mission field.**

Pray that God will show His love and power through us and that He would touch and open the eyes of the seniors and the staff and workers.

Do you have your own copy of the book now?

If I have missed to giving or mailing you one, please let me know or you can order the ebook for 3.75\$ from Amazon. I can also send you the pdf file.

The picture above, taken in our eating and working table, always reminds me to bloom always for Jesus. He is always calling me to walk with His Spirit daily.

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One day, a farmer's donkey fell into a well. The animal cried and grieved for hours while the farmer tried to do something to save him.

Eventually, the farmer decided the donkey was too old and the well had been dry for a long time, so getting the donkey out of the well wasn't worth it.

He called his neighbors, and each of them took a shovel and began throwing dirt into the well. The donkey, realizing what was happening, started crying and growling even louder.

At one point, to everyone's surprise, the donkey stopped complaining after a few shovels of dirt. The farmer looked to the bottom of the well and was amazed at what he saw...

With every shovel of dirt, the donkey was doing something incredible: it was hitting the ground with its hooves and taking a step above the ground.

Very soon, everyone saw in surprise the donkey coming to the mouth of the well, stepping over the edge and trotting out.



**MORAL.** Life will knock you down, but we can get out of the deepest pits if we don't give up. Use the ground they throw at you to move forward. Love more, fight more, and let the real ass holes be the others.

**-submitted by Lulu**

## Roy & Betty Hubert -transitioned to a condo

We are now in a senior complex and Betty can have her flowers in the backyard so we are happy but the majority of the heavy work is done by the condo.



Betty had a stroke almost 2 years ago now but you would never know it. I had a heart attack and stent put in last May and then fell and broke my hip curling in October of last year.

Everything is almost back to normal now. I am back preaching tomorrow and had done a bit before Covid. So I

am getting back in the swing. Betty is back to her painting.

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**AGING IS TRICKY. IT'S LIKE YOU STILL FEEL YOUNG INSIDE, BUT THEN EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU CATCH A GLIMPSE OF YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND REALITY JUST SMACKS YOU IN THE FACE.**

Remember: 'Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day". 2 Cor.4:16

## **Bob & Svea Henry** had their **70th wedding anniversary** July 18th



The Henrys have served in Viet Nam, Canada, USA, the Philippines, the President of the Australia Alliance Church. More recently they have been mentors/coaches and participants in the Filipino Church in the greater Toronto area.

### **CAREER RESUME OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF REV. DR. ROBERT T. HENRY**

Robert was born in Hamilton, Ontario and he served with his wife, Svea (nee Anderson) in South Viet Nam commencing in 1956. Bob and Svea are now retired and reside at Shepherd Village in Scarborough, ON. Bob attended Crown College from 1950 to 1955 and in his final year he was elected President of the Senior class and President of the Student Council.

In more recent years he was attached to the Senior Common Room of Regent's Park College, Oxford University, while he researched the lives and preaching of the outstanding pulpiteers of the Victorian era. His research was published under the title, "The Golden Age of Preaching: The Men Who Moved the Masses" in 2005. His other published works include a six volume textbook series on the Vietnamese language published by The Summer Institute of Linguistics, and a booklet, "People with Disabilities: A Biblical Perspective."

Dr. Henry pastored churches in three different countries including Canada at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Alliance in Vancouver and Preaching Pastor at Seven Oaks Alliance Church in Abbotsford. The USA at First Alliance Church in Washington D.C.; and Australia, establishing the first Alliance church in Sydney.

In the Providence of God the Henrys were led to serve in various capacities in different countries over the years. Including the following:

- \*\* Missionaries to Viet Nam assigned to evangelism, church planting, and country-wide evangelist
- \*\* C&MA National Evangelist and Conference Speaker for the C&MA in North America.
- \*\* Founding Director of the C&MA of Australia
- \*\* Directed the initial probes into New Zealand on behalf of the C&MA
- \*\* Director of the British Missionary Alliance
- \*\* Vice-President/Church Ministries of the C&MA

\*\* Director of World Relief Hong Kong including assisting the care of 5,000 Vietnamese boat people and the reestablishment of the work of World Relief back into communist Viet Nam while based in Hong Kong, establishing 30 to 40 humanitarian projects among indigent people, orphans, the blind, people afflicted with leprosy ... etc.

\*\* President of World Relief Canada

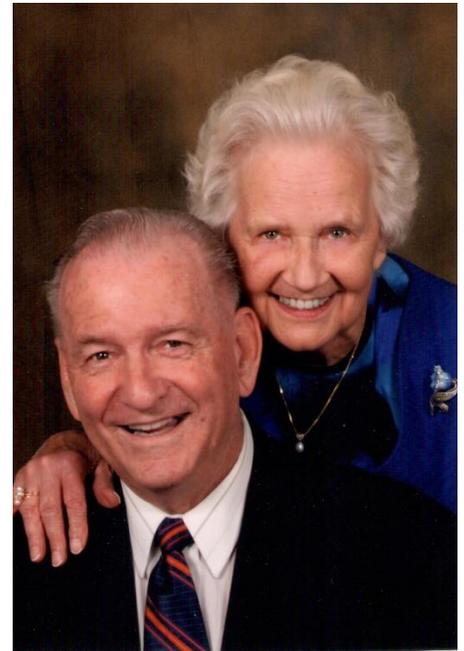
In the field of linguistics Dr. Henry served in the following capacities:

\*\* Linguistic Instructor at the Toronto Institute of Linguistics and the Missionary Training Conference conducted at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA.

\*\* Linguistic scientist for the largest language program in the history of the Foreign Service Institute of The Department of State, in Washington, D.C., which included writing the text material, assembling and training of a faculty, supervising other linguists in the program, and classroom teaching of diplomats and Air Force personnel

\*\* Wrote language teaching material for pilots including execution of GCA landings in fog, the chatter between pilots and air controllers, creating vocabulary for cockpit instruments

\*\* Linguistic Researcher with the Institute of Behavioural Psychology in Silver Spring, Maryland taking a pilot language teaching program in German, which had been converted to English, and which then needed to be adapted to a tonal language



\*\* Founding Director of the Vietnamese Language School in Dalat, Viet Nam

\*\* Advisor and translator for the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense of the Australian Federal Government during their investigations of the Vietnamese boat people phenomenon

Blessed are those who bring good tidings

Some memorable highlights of our career would include our escape with our missionary language students and their children when we were surrounded by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces during the 1968 Tet (New Year's) Offensive at which time our colleagues at Banmethuot were either murdered or captured; experiencing two group movements in north central Viet Nam when scores of Vietnamese prayed to receive Christ, night after night. Possibly the greatest challenge to faith was being assigned to be the first Alliance personnel to plant the work of the C&MA in Australia.

It is easy to identify what had the greatest influence in shaping our lives at St. Paul. Hands down, without question, it was the godly influence and example of our teachers.... Stanton Richardson, George French, Jack Shepherd, L.A. Perkins, Irving Peterson, Miss Lockwood, Miss Jones and others.

Dr. Henry was selected as Alumnus of the Year in 2014 by Crown College.

# Graduation Celebration

## ANNE WALTERS WCD

January 18, 1935 – Truax, Saskatchewan -June 3, 2022 – Calgary, Alberta

Anne Walters, beloved wife of Alvin Walters of High River, AB passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the age of 87 years. Anne was born on a farm near Truax, Saskatchewan, on January 18, 1935. She married Alvin Walters in 1960 and they have lived together in the community of High River, AB since 2000.



Anne will be most remembered for her faithfulness in serving the Lord in ministry for over 40 years alongside her husband Alvin.

Together they pastored many churches throughout B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan under the Christian and Missionary Alliance Organization between 1960 – 2000.

After retirement to High River in 2000 they continued in part-time ministry there for another 10 years. In particular, Anne was very active in children's and women's ministries. Anne's focus was on providing a good home for her family. Throughout her lifetime, she spent many hours in prayer for her husband, children, church family, missionaries, and anyone that the Lord laid on her heart. She truly was a living example for those around her of the scripture verse James 5:16 ***"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"***.

Anne was always thinking of her family, encouraging them and supporting them in prayer. One special thing that she did was to write her life story and have it printed as a book, opening it with a dedication to her family. She wanted to leave a record of God's goodness and faithfulness over the years, and her appreciation to her family for their support and love.

Memorial service was held at High River Alliance church on June 18, 2022,

Anne's living wish was to spread the gospel of Jesus to as many people as possible.

# Some items to bring a smile to your face.



If prices keep going up, Power Team may look like this



Are you sweating while putting gas in your car?  
Feeling sick when paying for it?  
You've got the Carownervirus. 😊



I don't care what your religion or political beliefs are.  
Just use your turn signal.

Did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for eleven minutes.

I just read a book on marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on the first date.  
So after dinner tonight I'm dropping her off at her parents' house.





## A note from your **CONNECTOR** compilers.



We met a number of Pastors and IWs who will be transitioning from “full-time” ministry to this new season of living life to the full in what is called “retirement, realignment, reassignment, retreading” or whatever name you want to call it.

This 60<sup>th</sup> issue of **CONNECTOR** has given us examples of those in that transition now due to their age, etc.

At our **POWER Team** luncheon at General Assembly we were blessed to see two former District Superintendents (Brian & Judy Thom CPD & John & Connie Healey WCD), and one IW couple (Earl & Barb Case CMD) carrying the torch of **POWER Team** in their districts of residence. They desire to keep us connected and encouraged in this season of our lives. They want you to know that your ministry has not been in vain and that you are still a valuable member of the Alliance family in Canada.

Each district's **POWER Team** will look different. How it functions will only be as effective and fruitful as you participate and use your giftedness in the building up of the body.



We are so thankful for the leadership that Gerald & Dorothy Hogenbirk [hogenbirkgd@gmail.com](mailto:hogenbirkgd@gmail.com) are giving as Volunteer National Coordinators of **POWER Team**.

Gerald has expressed that “**there is no success without succession**”. Betty and I are so delighted to have passed the baton off to the Hogenbirks this past year.

We thank those who have contributed **their God stories** to the **CONNECTOR** so that other members of our Alliance family can rejoice with them and pray for them.

Please submit such information or materials that will benefit those who are facing retirement or are in the challenges and joys of this season of life.

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-**CONNECTOR** compilers

-Central Canadian District **POWER Team** Volunteer Coordinators

