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The Church from all nations to send the Gospel to all nations.



February's Animator Newsletter for Ottawa

Hi Everyone

Hope you are keeping safe and comfortable these cold and icy winter days.

Last weekend, I attended the two-day **CAPITALYZE** conference at the Met. They had some terrific keynote speakers and some very informative workshops. One workshop I attended was a panel discussion looking at homelessness in Ottawa. Groups talked about how they were responding to the situation and how faith was interwoven in all they were doing. More about the conference and workshop later in the newsletter.

As Christians who see a need in our communities, we can't stand by and do nothing. It's great that several congregations are involved with walks in support of *Ottawa Mission*, and helping *Restoring Hope Ministries* either by making up Winter Kits (previous newsletter) or sending youth to *Winterlude*. Some



congregations have held special concerts to raise funds for groups working with our homeless. **For those who want to do more, Ottawa Innerscity Ministries's Urban Intervention Training Program is a 7-session, 4-week program that begins Monday, January 28th - 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

It's also **Annual Meeting** season. In addition to the majority of Annual Meetings taking place this month, February is also **Black History Month** and a number of churches are holding special events to celebrate it. What congregations are doing are found elsewhere in this newsletter.



Upcoming Ottawa Christian Music Festival with Jacob Moon - April 5, 2019. If you want to learn more about the festival, check out the Jacob Moon Trailer. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Bob Curzon at bobcurzon@hotmail.com.

Keep warm and help others keep warm too. Happy Valentine's Day!

Rev. Dr. Cheryl
(As usual - here is a [PDF](#) of the newsletter.)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"Why celebrate *Black History Month*?" some of you might be asking. Individual congregations might have their own reasons but I can think of three.

- **We need to remember the church's role in the slave trade and in preaching racism along with a "White, westernized" Gospel.** While we also need to remember how eventually we recognized God telling us we were wrong, a little humility is good for us and a way to begin reconciliation with those we have harmed.
- **We were commissioned to spread the Gospel throughout the world** - celebrating Black History Month is one way to celebrate how well we have fulfilled Christ's command.
- **Black people are a significant part of many of our congregations. Why wouldn't we celebrate** what they bring and what they have taught us about their cultures and their understanding of the Gospel?



Upcoming Events Celebrating Black History Month

February 16, 2019

- **5:30 p.m. - Parkwood Presbyterian Celebrates Black History Month** – Parkwood, Ottawa. Ticket includes African Buffet, entertainment by Tine-Rufaro Marimba Band (Zimbabwe), African-Caribbean Fashion Show and other cultural activities. Cost: \$25 for adults; \$12.50 for youth 12 to 18; free for children under 12. [More Info](#).

February 17, 2019

- **10:00 a.m. - Black History Service** – St. Timothy's, Ottawa. Join St. Timothy's worship service, led by St. Timothy's own African Chorus and followed by an authentic African lunch!

Black History Month



DATE: SATURDAY, FEB. 16TH, 2019
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
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YEARS OLD \$12.50; CHILDREN UNDER 12
FREE.
PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHURCH.

February 23, 2019

- **7:00 p.m. - Remembering and Understanding the Heritage of African Canadians** – St. Andrew's, Ottawa. The event will explore the military heritage of African Canadians during the First World War and how the voices of minorities are heard in the telling of Canada's history. Adrian Harewood of CBC Ottawa will moderate presentations. Admission is free. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre are encouraged. [More Info.](#)



- **7:30 p.m. - Big Soul Project** – Knox, Ottawa. The *Big Soul Project*, the largest community choir in Ottawa, their house band, *Deep Grove*, and two talented soloists (Michael Hanna and Sheril Shaw) will be performing at Knox, Ottawa to celebrate Black History Month and to support our *Out-of-the-Cold* Centre 120 program. Join us for a high-octane gospel-style of songs about hope, love and peace - and R&B Rock, Soul and Motown! Tickets at \$20 and can be purchased online at www.bigsoulproject.com/. Free parking at City Hall. [More Info.](#)

ANNUAL MEETINGS

February 3, 2019

- St. Andrew's, Richmond.

February 23, 2019

- Parkwood, Ottawa.

February 24, 2019

- Knox, Manotick.
- St. Andrew's, Ottawa.

March 3, 2019

- St. Andrew's, Aylmer.
- Westminster.



JANUARY / FEBRUARY EVENTS

January 28, 2019

- **7:00-9:00 p.m. – Urban Intervention Training –Session 1: What is an OIM Volunteer** – Ottawa Inncity Ministries. [More Info.](#)



January 31, 2019

- **7:30 p.m. – Young Adults Group** – Grace, Orleans.

Tuesday morning Drop-in share and play for Parents/caregiver
Children Ages: 0-3
where early learning activities and networking can take place
Starting Tuesday January 15th
Coffee, Tea, Juice and Cookies
Come and join us from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m
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February 1, 2019

- **6:30 p.m. – Family Games Night** – St. Stephens, Ottawa. All are welcome! Please bring your favourite board game or a deck of cards.

February 3, 2019

- **Deadline for Winter Kits / Restoring Hope Ministries** – Congregations are encouraged to make winter kits that will be given to *Restoring Hope Ministries* on February 9/Winterlude.

February 4, 2019

- **7:00-9:00 p.m. – Urban Intervention Training – Session 2: Listening, Limits & Boundaries** –

Ottawa Innerscity Ministries. [More Info.](#)

February 5, 2019

- 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Play Group for Parents/Caregivers & Children 0-3 – Barrhaven. [More Info.](#)

February 7, 2019

- 7:30 p.m. – Young Adults Group – Grace, Orleans.

February 9, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. – Urban Intervention Training – Sessions 3-6 – Ottawa Innerscity Ministries. [More Info.](#)
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. – Pre-Winterlude Skating – St. Stephen's
- 3:00-7:30 p.m. – Winterlude 2019 (for Ottawa's Presbyterian Youth) – Knox, Ottawa. [More Info.](#)

February 10, 2019

- 12:30 p.m. – Knox Book Club – Knox, Ottawa. The group will be look at "Washington Black" by author Esi Edugyan. [More Info.](#)

February 11, 2019

- 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Urban Intervention Training – Session 7: Street-Engaged Youth – Ottawa Innerscity Ministries. [More Info.](#)

February 14, 2019

- 7:30 p.m. – Young Adults Group – Grace, Orleans.



February 16, 2019

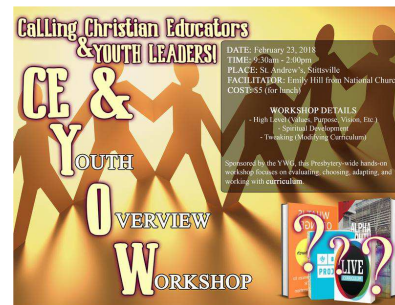
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February 23, 2019

- 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. - CE & Youth Overview Workshop (for Christian Educators and Youth Leaders) – St. Andrew's, Stittsville. [More Info.](#)
- 4:30 p.m. – Coldest Night of the Year Walk in support of Ottawa Mission – St. Andrew's, Orleans – [More Info.](#)
- 7:00 p.m. - Remembering and Understanding the Heritage of African Canadians – St. Andrew's, Ottawa. [More Info.](#)
- 7:30 p.m. - Big Soul Project – Knox, Ottawa. [More Info.](#)



February 28, 2019

- 5:30-8:00 p.m. - Messy Church: When Zac Met Jesus – Gloucester, Ottawa. Ages 0 to 100.
- 7:30 p.m. – Young Adults Group – Grace, Orleans.

CAPITALYZE CONFERENCE

Capitalize Conference Celebrate - Collaborate - Cross-Pollinate

The **Capitalize** Conference was held in Ottawa January 18-19, organized by *Love Ottawa* and *One Way Ministries*.

The key speakers were great, talking about what God was doing in their communities. Here are some of the key points they made.

Collaborate

We've been "playing" Christianity as though it's all up to us - we are the whole football team. We're not. We're not even a team of two: God and us!

God has planted other Christian leaders in our city. They may not hold the same theologies or practices as we do - but they are members of the team and have their own role to play. **Start working together - at least start praying together!**

Cross-Pollinate

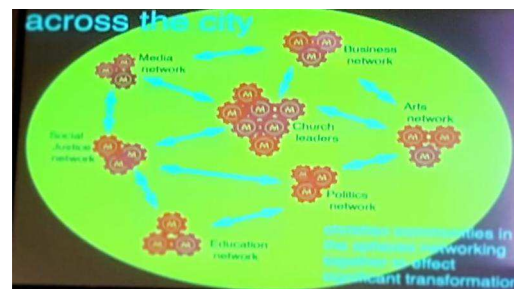
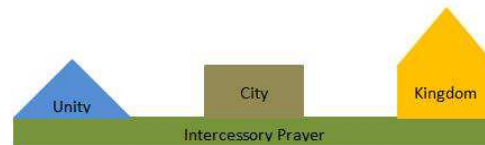
Don't forget - we have people in the pews! Train them to take the Gospel into their workplaces.

There are also other groups in the city - work with them! Ask them *how can we help you?*

Undergirding all that we do - intercessory prayer.



More Info on the Plenaries? - [click here](#)
Notes on the Workshop? - [click here](#)



CAPITALYZE & INNER-CITY MISSIONS

Inner-City Missions & Local Church Workshop in the Capitalize Conference

This was a panel workshop at the recent Capitalize conference. Jasmine Duckworth moderated the panel, which included:

- Hope Versluis from *Jericho Road*
- Peter Tilley from *Ottawa Mission*
- Ken MacLaren from *Ottawa Inner city Missions*
- Jason Pino from *Restoring Hope Ministries*

Collaborate: The organizations each have their own area to focus on:

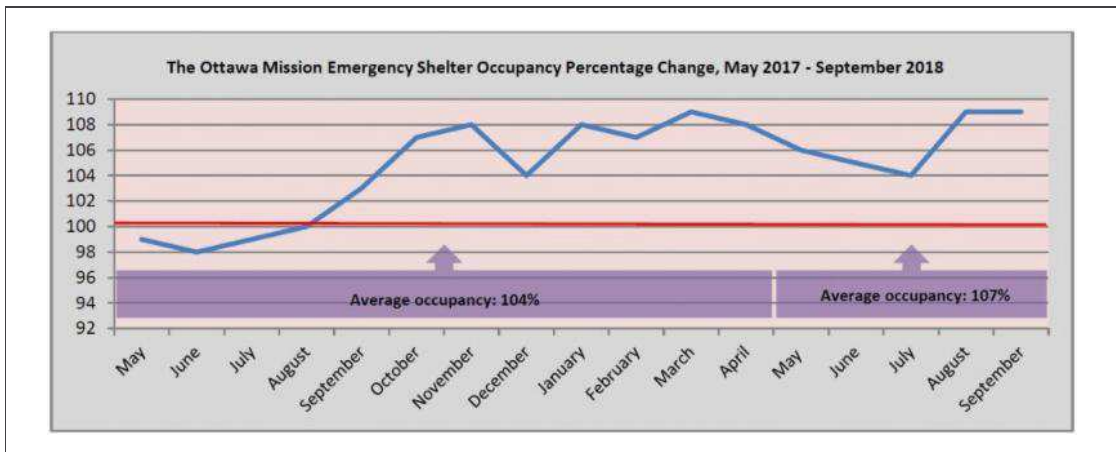
- *Restoring Hope* - emergency shelters for youth
- *Ottawa Mission* - provides a wide range of services but focuses on older men
- *Ottawa Innerscity* - provides training to volunteers as well as day programs and training to get people off the streets
- *Jericho Road* provides long-term support

Faith is an important component in all they do and in how they interact with their people. Their faith in Jesus is woven throughout all that they do. Sometimes, people they have helped end up becoming part of the staff.

Look at the chart below. It shows that Ottawa Mission has been operating at **more than 100% occupancy** since August 2017! This is true for many of the missions. **How can we help?**



1. Pray
2. Take advantage of *Innercity's* training program (next one is January 28th).
3. Don't preach *at* people on the streets - take them as they are - walk *with* them
4. Open your buildings to organizations such as AA, NA, and AIAnon .



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