Vision – Mission – Plans

CGI Ottawa, 2018-2019

Vision: what we see in our future:

A dynamic, actively-serving congregational family that worships God in spirit and in truth and keeps the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (John 4:24, Ephesians 4:3)

Mission: Our Purpose:

To work locally to preach the gospel to all nations and to prepare God's people for marriage to Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:15, Revelation 19:7)

Guiding Principle: What directs us in all circumstances:

We ought to know how to behave ourselves as the house of God which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:15)

Action Plan for 2018-2019

Outreach:

- 1. Live and speak the gospel in our families, among our friends and the public;
- 2. As welcomed, share a Bible verse with others from time to time.
- 3. Welcome visitors to our services;
- 4. Hold special outreach services with invitation cards and ads in local newspapers in Orleans (1), Ottawa South (3), OttawaWest-Quebec(1);
- 5. Carry on Outreach into the community through street people visits, food donations to the local food bank- Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard in Beaconhill North;
- 6. Use the outreach tools of booklets, brochures, Bible Study CD's, TV broadcasts and the internet including social media for personal and congregational evangelism; Advertise services under 'events';
- 7. Share evangelism experiences with mentors, with brethren in Bible Conversations and on SLACK for support and prayers;
- 8. Increase CGI Ottawa's visibility in the local community with Sandwich Boards at the entrance to the parking lot and at the

- entrance to the pathway, ads in local newspapers or TV, a billboard advertising our services;
- 9. Offer French Interpretation for the sermon during services as needed and begin to have basic booklets translated into French by a volunteer to reach Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec audiences.

Caring for The Congregation:

- 1. Ensure that our congregation is a welcoming, safe and vibrant place to be;
- 2. Involve volunteers from the congregation to use their spiritual gifts as they are able offer worship services on Sabbath and Feast Days;
- 3. Communicate through the Leadership Team to do all things 'decently and in order' scheduling MC's and all aspects of the worship service
- 4. Learn to balance physical and spiritual health with volunteer serving for the congregation; Freedom to increase or decrease volunteer tasks as needed.
- 5. Learn to balance physical and spiritual health by caring for our bodies- the temple of God- in healthy living
- 6. Invite youth to become engaged in services in ways they would value;
- 7. Draw closer as a congregation through Fellowship Hour, Socials, phone calls, Visits to The Holy Voice and Talent Shares
- 8. Focus on God's Word through personal Bible Study, sermons, midweek Bible Studies, CGI website and booklets;
- 9. Focus on personal prayer, Prayer Circle before services and Intercessory Prayers during services;
- 10. Support the Card Ministry to encourage and thank both brethren and others;
- 11. Offer involvement in music- congregational singing, learning new hymns, special music, CGI Ottawa Choir, Singers to support congregational singing;
- 12. Support battered women centers with donations of clothing, small household articles & other things as appropriate (after the FOT 2018).