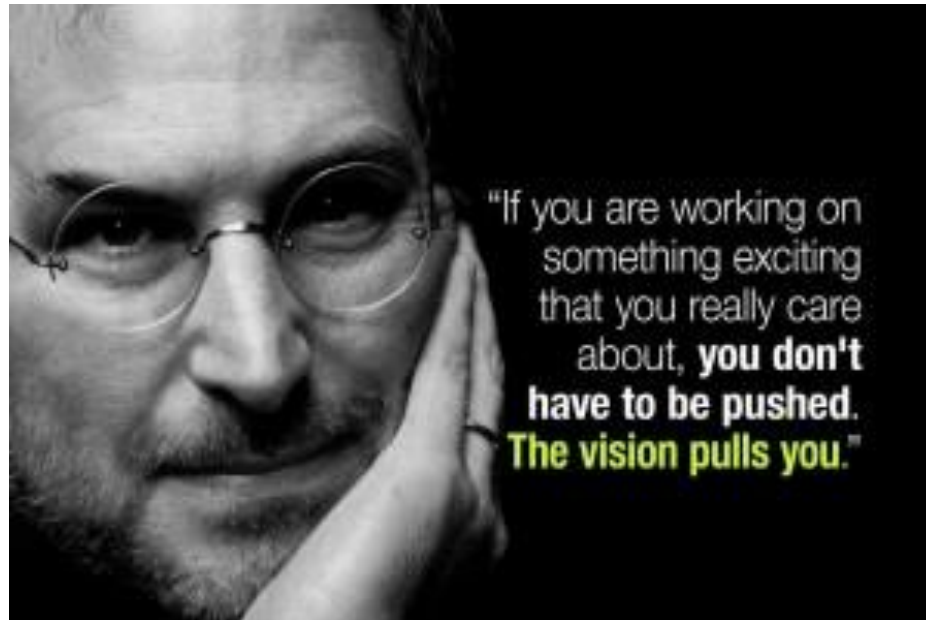


## Update 2107 – Role of Vision at CgiOttawa

Vision as defined by Merriam-Webster is (noun) “the ability to see: sight or eyesight; something that you imagine: a picture that you see in your mind; something that you see or dream especially as part of a religious or supernatural experience.”

Quote - “I think that the greatest gift God ever gave man is not the gift of sight but the gift of vision. Sight is a function of the eyes, but **vision** is a function of the **heart**.”

Quote - “**Vision** is the art of seeing what is invisible to others”



### **Do Not Be Anxious... ie What is REALLY important in this life??**

**Mat 6:25** "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

**Mat 6:26** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

**Mat 6:27** Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

**Mat 6:28** "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

**Mat 6:29** and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

**Mat 6:30** Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

**Mat 6:31** "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

**Mat 6:32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

**Mat 6:33** **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Mat 6:34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Jesus **in His words**, and with the **Plan of God (shown in the Holy days)** keeps the Goal at the forefront of our minds!

**1Co 2:9** But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

**1Co 2:10** But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

### **The Righteous Reign of the Branch**

**Isa 11:1** There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

**Isa 11:2** The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

**Isa 11:3** His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

**Isa 11:4** But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

**Isa 11:5** Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

**Isa 11:6** "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.

**Isa 11:7** The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**Isa 11:8** The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

**Isa 11:9** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

**Isa 11:10** "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

**Dan 7:13** "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

**Dan 7:14** Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

It is interesting to see where each person puts their emphasis when describing the "world tomorrow"!  
We got a glimpse into Pastor Adrian last week when he spoke of ...

The physical universe containing **100 Billion stars** in a galaxy (*and many stars have planets circling*)

And ... **ten trillion galaxies!** – "that number is so large... I don't know what that means!"

(Jim does! ... it's 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars! (1 with 24 zeros)

(Kornreich emphasized that number is likely a gross underestimation, as more detailed looks at the universe will show even more galaxies.)

### **The Rider on a White Horse – Our King returns!**

**Rev 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

**Rev 19:12** His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

**Rev 19:13** He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

**Rev 19:14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

**Rev 19:15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Rev 19:16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

### **The New Heaven and the New Earth**

**Rev 21:1** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

**Rev 21:2** Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

**Rev 21:4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Quote – "The first part of accomplishing any vision is to take it from the unseen world and bring it into the natural realm. This can be accomplished by simply writing down the vision."

Quote - "Rowing harder doesn't help, if the boat is headed in the wrong direction."

Tale - There were three bricklayers working beside each other on a wall. Someone came up to the first one and said, "What are you doing?" "What; 's it look like I am doing?" he replied sarcastically, "**I am laying bricks!**" The man asked the next guy on the wall what he was doing. He said, "Can't you see what I am doing? **I am building a wall.**" Then the last man was asked what he was doing. He exclaimed, "**I am building a great cathedral for God!**"

Who do you think will do the best quality work and be the hardest worker?

.....(See also 1 Cor 12:12-31 parts of the body)

### **The Mountain of the Lord**

**Isa 2:1** The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

**Isa 2:2** Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

**Isa 2:3** Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**Isa 2:4** He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; **They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.**

**Isa 2:5** O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

### **For to Us a Child Is Born**

**Isa 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the **government** will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Isa 9:7** Of the **increase** of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with **judgment** and **justice** From that time forward, even **forever**. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**1Jn 3:2** Beloved, now **we are children of God**; and it has **not yet been revealed** what we **shall be**, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

**1Jn 3:3** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.



# CgiCanada – Mapping Internet Presence & Tools to Vision, Goals & Strategy

**Our mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world (Matthew 28:19).**

Basic Tools: Personal and local church evangelism

Basic Tools: Television broadcasting

Basic Tools: Booklets, brochures, and study CDs

Basic Tools: The Internet

CgiCanada Vision:  
**Our ministry is Best in Class In Pursuit of Excellence (Deu 4:6, Matt 5:14)**

CgiCanada Vision:  
**Our Community is the Safest Place Psalm 122**

CgiCanada 3 Focus Areas:  
**1. Congregational**  
2015-Develop sense of Mission & Healthy communities  
2016-Dev local leaders  
2017-Ordain local leaders

CgiCanada 3 Focus Areas:  
**2. Eldership**  
2015-Ongoing education & full time evangelism program  
2016-programs in place  
2017-Plural eldership

CgiCanada 3 Focus Areas:  
**3. Financial**  
2015, 2016, 2017- Income growth each year

CgiCanada **5 Strategic Objectives**  
1. Establish an Evangelism department  
2. Provide continuing education for eldership  
3. Feed the flock & focus on culture  
4. Development of local leadership  
5. Establish local ministers/plurality



CgiCanada: **Evangelism theme**  
Growth through Teamwork

CgiCanada **Values 2015-2025**  
**Caring** - We care for each other and all people (1Pet 3:8)  
**Courtesy** - We practice self control and speak with kindness (James 3:9)  
**Consideration** - We put ourselves in the shoes of others and act accordingly (Heb 10:24)

CgiCanada: **Evangelism 2 Key Lessons**  
1. Discover Congregation strengths & weakness  
2. Build mature congregations (Acts2-5)

CgiCanada: **Evangelism Natural Church Development – NCD**  
i. The quality of leadership  
ii. The quality of ministry  
iii. The quality of spirituality  
iv. The quality of structures  
v. The quality of worship service  
vi. The quality of small group ministry  
vii. The quality of evangelism  
viii. The quality of relationships

CgiCanada: **Evangelism Action Plan A – In-reach**  
1. Implement continuing training and development for Elders  
2. Build spiritually mature congregations  
3. Teach members to become witnesses for Christ  
4. Equip members with the doctrines of the Church  
5. Teach and preach Church attendance

CgiCanada: **Evangelism Action Plan B – Out-reach**  
1. Quarterly Bible study outreach will be held by each congregation.  
2. Two major public outreach activities per year will be planned for in spring and fall.  
3. Outreach activities by Prayer Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry etc.  
4. Make personal witnessing and invitations a big thing. Each believer is empowered by God's Spirit to be a witness for Christ.  
5. -CGI Canada livestream interactive internet based program 2016 – Updated Internet Presence (Website & Social Media)

**THE GROWTH STRATEGY**  
The strategy is to use biblical principles to shape the Church for “self-growth”. Just as crops grow all by themselves if the weeds are taken out of the way, God’s church will experience growth when the **barriers to growth are removed**. This is the strategy Jesus advocated for the growth of the Church in Mark 4:46-29. when He said, *“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields the crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens immediately he puts in the sickle because the harvest has come.”*

**How Growth Declines**  
Unfortunately, the upward growth trend of the first century church was not to be for long. Instead of unity and like-minded-ness, **jealousy, hatred, envy and disagreements** began to rear their ugly heads causing divisions within the church. *Believers were envious of one another (Phi 1:15); complaining and disputing ( Phil 2:14) , can't get along (Phil 4:2-3) taking one another to court (1 Cor 6:1-11) "biting and devouring one another" (Galatians 5:15).*

## 2017 Tweaking with our New Evangelism Coordinator – Horane Smith

**Goals 2017**  
- Reach as many people as possible with the gospel  
- Restore growth to a reasonable level  
- Maintain attendance levels more consistently

**Mission 2017**  
- To nourish God's people with the word  
- To provide healthy, safe & joyful congregations;  
- To be effective in preaching God's word &  
- To become financially viable

**2017-2022 Activities**  
- 2 Pronged Focus  
1. Sowing seed- unsure who will harvest  
- Internet websites, Internet Radio, Social media ads  
2. Attract people into a Congregation  
- Local *discipleship* and *mentoring*  
- Seasonal campaigns  
- Improved Tracking of “what works” now (e.g. internet, campaign or word-of-mouth)

# Our Vision - CGI Ottawa

**We are a congregation of brothers and sisters in Christ who through God's Word and His vision are striving to identify and nourish each other's spiritual gifts and Agape-Love to spread the gospel to our youth, our children and to the public, and to better love and serve the brethren.**

## Our Plan

### Continue

1. **preaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ through** Special Outreach Services with invitation cards & ads in local newspapers, street people visits and the CGI Ottawa website

2. **caring for our congregation** by

- \* worshipping God together on the Sabbath and Feast Days
- \* encouraging and building up the whole congregation with sermons, mid-week Bible Studies, intercessory prayers, announcements, music (choir, special music, traditional and contemporary hymns)
- \* welcoming everyone to our congregation with agape-love and warmth
- \* getting to know each other via Fellowship Hour after services, socials, Talent Shares plus sharing hospitality throughout the week
- \* showing thankfulness to each other by words, e-mails, phone calls, cards
- \* keeping informed through the CGI Canada and Ottawa websites and other resources.

### Start

**As God's Spirit enables more volunteers, proceed with the following plans by**

- \* continuing ads in local newspaper Church Directories as affordable 2016-17
- \* working **towards** having CGI booklets translated into French and preparing to offer simultaneous interpretation of services into French before advertising in French local newspapers 2017-18
- \* offering special Sabbath Services to which those who wish could invite family, friends and acquaintances 2017-18
- \* creating a CGI Ottawa Facebook Page with support of volunteers 2017-18
- \* starting youth & children's ministries on a phase-in basis Fall 2016

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**Php 3:13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

**Php 3:14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Jas 5:19** Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

**Jas 5:20** let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

**Php 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

**Php 4:9** The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Psa 37:4** Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

**Psa 37:5** Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

### I Will Be Their God, They Shall Be My People

**Eze 37:21** "Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

**Eze 37:22** and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

**Eze 37:23** They shall **not defile themselves anymore** with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but **I will deliver them** from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. **Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.**

**Eze 37:24** "**David My servant shall be king** over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also **walk in My judgments** and observe My statutes, and do them.

**Eze 37:25** Then they shall  **dwell in the land** that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David *shall be* their prince forever.

**Eze 37:26** Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set **My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.**

**Eze 37:27** My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed **I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

**Eze 37:28** The **nations also will know** that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore." ' ' "