



Canada Central District News

Reverend Stephen Ottley

District Superintendent

Mission: *Making Christlike Disciples in the Nations*

Core Values: *Christian—Holiness—Missional*

Strategic Priorities: *Leadership Development — Church Renewal — Theological Identity—
Missional Outreach — New Church Development*

Welcome to 2018

A new year is an exciting time. It gives us opportunity to reflect on the previous year – the successes, the challenges, relationships forged, relationships lost, people stepping across the line of faith into a relationship with Jesus and His Church. A new year also gives us opportunity to dream about possibilities – personal dreams, dreams for your family, dreams for your church and ministry.

I've had some time to do both of those in recent days – Reflect and Dream. As I enter into this new role of serving you as District Superintendent, I am grateful for those on whose shoulders I stand. Over the years we have been blessed with great and godly leaders, both clergy and laity. Across our district are countless gifted and faithful pastors and leaders, working towards our common mission of *Making Christlike Disciples*. I'm reminded of what the writer of Hebrews says.

Hebrews 13:7 (NLT)

⁷ Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

To my predecessor, thank you Dr. Fitzpatrick, for your strong leadership these past 13 ½ years. To you pastors and lay leaders, thank you for all you do for the Kingdom and for your local church. I look forward to our journey together in these coming years.

Our commitment to *Every Church a Healthy Church* will continue to be a priority. My role is to support and journey with pastors and leaders, ensuring the district provides resources for training and equipping towards effectiveness in being a *Great Commission* district where every congregation is a vibrant and reproducing faith community. We have completed Step 1 and Step 2 of *iMPACT*, and have started Step 3 – Weekend Consultation and Follow up, with 9 churches on the waiting list.

Our district office is already being used as a place of training. This will become even more so as we make upgrades to the conference room to become a hub for in house and remote training events, with video conferencing technology. Current programs will benefit from these upgrades: *iMPACT*, *eQUIP*, Ministry Development Centre (MDC), Church Planting (DCPI). Our district committees and auxiliaries will also benefit.

Relationships have been a large part of who we are as a district. I look forward to continuing to foster an environment of relational ministry through church visits. With 61 churches, it will take a year and a half to make my rounds to all – but we will get to you. There will also be opportunities at district and zone events to connect.

We are here to be a blessing and support to your local church ministry. Please do not hesitate to contact us. You are in our prayers as you serve on the frontlines of ministry and mission.

Some Important Information

Office Staff

You will be happy to know that Pat Fitzpatrick will continue to serve as our Office Administrator. I am thankful for the years of experience and faithful service she brings to her role. Our district is blessed by having her in the office. Pat will continue to be an excellent resource to our district family.

We are also blessed by having Dr. Hugh Hawthorne continue to serve as our District Administrator, overseeing incorporations and other legal issues for the district. Dr. Hawthorne has been a great asset to us and I look forward to his continued service in this capacity.

As you're aware, the National Office is now housed in our Canada Central District Office. This allows for good stewardship of building and equipment. It has only been a few weeks; however, we can share with you that the arrangement is working well. When sending mail to the District Office or National Office, please label clearly.

District Office Schedule and Contact Information

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Phone Number: (905) 614-0914

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District Superintendent's Schedule and Contact Information

When not on the road:

Mondays & Wednesdays – Whitby Office

Tuesdays & Thursdays – District Office

Fridays – Day Off

Saturdays – District Meetings/Events

Sundays – Church Visits

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Communication and Social Media

With the diversity of our district, we understand the need for multiple ways of communicating with everyone. We will be using several platforms to accomplish this. Some will be ones we have been using, with upgrades, while others will be new to the district communication tool box.

- The District Newsletter will have a new look and will be published the first week of each month, starting in February.
- The District Website is also receiving an overhaul and will be a landing place of information and reporting.

- The District Facebook Page is another medium of communication.
- Other Social Media tools will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

We invite your feedback, suggestions, and use of these resources as we continue to be a connected family across Ontario.

God's blessings on you as together we make a dent in the mission of reaching the millions in our province with the love and message of Jesus Christ.

John 4:35-36 (NLT)

³⁵ *You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.* ³⁶ *The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!*