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## AGENDA

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## IN MEMORIAM

(Former Partners of the Renewal Fellowship)

*Dr. Douglas Alexander, Ottawa ON*

*Mrs. Elizabeth Beaton, Markham ON*

*Mrs. Hilda Brett, Perth ON*

*Rev. William Duffy, Kingston ON*

*Mr. Ben Gowing, Hamilton ON*

*Rev. Douglas Norman Henry, Kingston ON*

*Mrs. Ruth McCombie, Chatsworth ON*

*Miss Prudence McIntosh, Madoc ON*

*Mrs. Flora McKinlay, Scarborough ON*

*Mrs. Julia Mills, Cookstown ON*

*Dr. W. Murray Mutrie, Woodstock NB*

*Dr. J. Glyn Owen, Oakville ON*

*Mr. Russ Passmore, Ottawa ON*

*Mrs. Barbara Paterson, Toronto ON*

*Mrs. Joy Wilkinson, Belfast PE*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

*Mr. Donald Campbell, Ottawa ON*

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# **MINUTES**

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Of The Renewal Fellowship  
Within The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

Saturday, April 22, 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Renewal Fellowship was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Barrie, Ontario, on April 22, 2017 at 1:30 pm

1. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER: led by RF chair, Nan St. Louis.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: moved, duly seconded and carried.
3. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY: moved by Timothy Ferrier, seconded by Karin Cowan and carried.
4. ADOPTION OF 2016 MINUTES: moved by Linda Shaw, seconded by Karin Cowan and carried.
5. REPORTS OF 2017

a) Chairperson Report, pg. 8

b) Search Committee Report, pg. 9

Ian McWhinnie highlighted and recognized Fred's leadership especially his ability to form pastoral relationships, his leadership in strengthening prayer across the RF, and his ability to promote RF even to the point of getting on the front page of the *Record*.

In two months' time, he expects to be able to bring the name of the new Executive Director to the Fellowship after it completes the church and presbytery process.

The new E.D. will remain at 40% with 60% spent in local church ministry.

This person will obviously not share the same style, flexibility or even church context as Fred and so actual details of the 40/60 split are yet to be worked out.

Ian moved that Fred be thanked for his ministry over these 5 years, Al Clarkson seconded and this sentiment was duly carried.

c) Nominating Committee Report, pg. 19

Nominees who were present were introduced.

Ian McWhinnie moved that this report be accepted, Blake Walker seconded and this motion was carried.

d) Executive Director Report, pg. 10

e) Website Report, pg. 11

Robin Ross was thanked for his work at keeping the website items current.

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f) Prayer Coordinator Report, pg. 11

Linda Shaw was thanked for her work of regularly connecting with people as she hunts down prayer needs for the RF Prayer Calendar.

g) Eastern Ontario Regional Renewal Team Report, p. 12

James was thanked for his leadership in promoting the RF and praying for the RF.

h) James Hurd moved to accept all reports, John Vissers seconded and the motion was carried.

**6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

a) Karin thanked Ruth Stewart who did the large part of the financial work for 2016.

b) Karin thanked everyone for their continued support and noted that PAR regular giving is very helpful in planning and paying regular bills.

c) The \$50,000 bequest really carried the RF through 2016.

d) The new E.D. is expected to start in July and the 2017 budget reflects this.

e) The RF has no extra funds beyond what is noted in the report.

f) A gift of \$5,000 given toward a RF Human Sexuality conference was put into general funds with the approval of the donor.

g) Karin moved that the 2017 budget be accepted. Ian Shaw seconded and the motion was carried.

**7. IN MEMORIAM**

Chair, Nan St. Louis, read the names of friends and members of The Renewal Fellowship who entered their eternal rest in the Lord in 2016. She led a prayer of thanks for the difference their lives have made in God's Kingdom.

**8. RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP SECRETARY**

Norm Kerr spoke with appreciation for Bill Harrison's service as RF Secretary for 19 years. Norm moved that our appreciation be noted, Blake Walker seconded and Bill received a warm round of applause!

**9. PSALT**

Calvin Brown brought greetings and thanks from PSALT who consider themselves partners with us in Christ during this time of crisis. He encouraged prayer for them especially as their conference approaches in May.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Nan moved to adjourn; the motion was carried and she closed the time with a benediction.

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# **REPORTS**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

This year has been an exciting one as we welcomed the Reverend Andy Cornell as our new E.D. and new members to the Board, bringing us up to muster and adding some great dynamics to the Board. The Board has operated with reduced numbers for a few years and we are so grateful for the support of the stalwarts who have served the board beyond what was expected.

Our June meeting was held in July this year in order to have the opportunity to have Leslie Ruo of Saskatoon physically present at a meeting and for him to see all of us in person for the first time. Many of our hopes, dreams, and ideas got legs or wings and resulted in the fulfillment of things that have been on our agenda meeting after meeting.

How great it is to be chair of a board where people volunteer without being arm-wrestled into it. Leslie was key, along with Andy and of course, Robin Ross, in getting our web-site up to speed. I hope everyone has visited it, not once but many times.

As a Board we recognized the need for updating the constitution and we were able to work on revisions.

This being the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Renewal Fellowship we wanted to recognize it throughout the year through Renewal News, the work of our new executive director and a special event, a dinner, which ended up dovetailing with the installation service for Rev Andy as E.D. and our Board meetings in November.

General Assembly this year was held in Kingston and there were three representatives from Renewal Fellowship present. Rev. Germaine Lovelace came as a commissioner, Andy Cornell and myself there to watch and pray. These are certainly troubling times in the Church at large, the PCC in particular and for ourselves as members of congregations. Much prayer is needed, for the Holy Spirit's Presence and power and for listening ears on the part of our leaders: to hear the noise of our culture and the whisper of God.

For 35 years we have been working to bring renewal to our denomination through conferences, seminars, prayer gatherings, newsletters, prayer updates and encouragement and prayer support for individuals and congregations. We have rejoiced in the support we have received from so many faithful and earnest followers of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian church, to continue our work year after year. As we have blessed, so we have been blessed in turn. There are so many people to thank, and especially, thanks be to God and our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit moving among us, that has made all this possible.

Renewal fellowship stands by our historic faith. But also see our calling to bring spiritual renewal, support and encouragement to our fellow Presbyterians. The prayer calendar has continued under the faithful work of Linda Shaw in gathering and organizing and editing our prayer calendars. We are grateful for her work and for Robin Ross, our webmaster who has brought the prayer requests to your inbox daily. Robin is one of our many faithful workers, quietly going about his tasks and giving great support to the work of renewal, using his gifts in many endeavors which support our vision. Thank you so much Robin! Our 7:14 prayer initiative has been ongoing and we appreciate those of you who have been diligent morning and night remembering our denomination before the Lord. The alarm on my cell-phone has made it easy for me to respond to its beeping with a prayer. Please continue as we prepare for the coming General Assembly in June.

It was with regret that I had to resign my position as chair and take a leave of absence from the Board due to health issues that remain ongoing and difficult to address let alone resolve. Thankfully I was comforted knowing that the Board is equipped with such diversity of gifts and excellence in leadership that I was assured matters

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would continue and flourish. As in deed they have. I am continuing to hold the Board, our ED and the Fellowship up in prayer and gladly do so. The challenges for renewal are many and your prayers and support are a valuable resource we all depend on, looking to God for His grace and mercy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Nan St. Louis  
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**REPORT OF THE BOARD VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

As I write this report, news of the passing of Rev. Billy Graham has been spreading throughout the world and though our hearts are saddened by this great loss of a passionate evangelist and gifted preacher, through Graham we are also reminded of our call and participation in the kingdom of God. One of the things that I always appreciated about Graham's preaching was that it was not simply a call to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ but also an encouragement to become connected with a Christ-centred church in the local community. Graham said, "*Parents do not abandon a baby at birth, but nourish and protect the life of that child. So, evangelists are to assume responsibility for those born into the family of God under their ministry.*" In his quiet, confident way, Graham partnered with pastors, church leaders and multiple denominations to make that happen, reminding us to be faithful witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ in our churches, communities and nation. This has always been encouraging to us as the Renewal Fellowship that God has chosen the church to be the community of Christian grace and discipleship, renewing us through the power of the Holy Spirit. This continues to be our prayer.

On behalf of the Board of the Renewal Fellowship I want to thank Nan St. Louis for her dedicated leadership as our chair for the past 3 years. Nan has been able to lead us through a time of transition and working with her has been a pleasure. Nan is an example of persevering prayer and is the one person I know who has been faithful in praying the **7:14 Prayer of Renewal** for our denomination over the past several years. Nan is going to remain on the Board as an active member and we will pray for God's wisdom and healing as she addresses her health concerns.

In the near future the Board will identify a new chairperson. It has been my pleasure to work with Andy and Bill and the rest of the Board over the past year taking on some of the responsibilities of the chair. Andy and Bill have been dedicated in their leadership not only within the Renewal Fellowship but also in working along with PSALT and Dunamis as our denomination prayerfully considers the reports of the Doctrine Committee and the Life and Mission Agency.

Please continue to pray for Andy as our ED and for God's wisdom for the Board as we consider how best to encourage Andy and best use his gifts and talents for such a time as this. The RF seeks to be faithful to God's call to be Christ followers, and to be both a prophetic and a prayerful voice for renewal in our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Ian McWhinnie  
<[pastorian@glenbrook.ca](mailto:pastorian@glenbrook.ca)>



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2018**

Under the current governance structure, the Board of the Renewal Fellowship is to be composed of twelve members serving staggered three-year terms. A second term (for a total of six consecutive years) is allowable. Ideally, the Board should have no more than half of its membership composed of pastors.

The following people are currently serving as members of the Board:

**Elected 2015** (term completed with this meeting):

Karin Cowan (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Germaine Lovelace, Janie Robertson, Leslie Ruo

**Elected 2016** (term completed in 2018)

No additional members were elected in 2016.

**Elected 2017** (term completed in 2019):

Duncan Cameron (3<sup>rd</sup> term), Stan Cox, Don MacMillan, Ian McWhinnie (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

**Elected 2017** (term completed in 2020)

Timothy Ferrier, Bill Harrison, Ian Shaw, Nan St. Louis (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Janie Robertson has indicated that she would prefer to serve the Renewal Fellowship in ways other than sitting on the Board for an additional term. We are also proposing (as we expressed our hope of doing last year) to replace Ian McWhinnie and Duncan Cameron, who have served beyond the allowed six years.

We are therefore in need of two members to be elected for a one-year term (completed in 2019), and four members to be elected to a three-year term (completed in 2021), and we recommend the following individuals for the term specified:

**One-Year Term** (completed in 2019):

Don Bartlett, John Park

**Three-Year Term** (completed in 2021):

Pye Chew, Diane Eaton, Germaine Lovelace, Leslie Ruo

Respectfully submitted,  
Duncan Cameron  
Convenor, Nominating Committee  
<pastor@standrewsscarborough.ca>

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

The first I'd heard of the Renewal Fellowship was in March 2015. I'd been a minister a mere two years. One day, I stumbled across a notice of the annual meeting and renewal day, buried on the PCC website. Intrigued, I searched out the RF website. A breath of fresh air! I was amazed and encouraged that such a group existed in the PCC. "Where have you been?" I thought, as I quickly took out a membership. I immediately wrote a note of appreciation to the RF general mailbox, stating among other things, that "what you are doing is vital and badly needed" and revealing my rather naive surprise that it wasn't a fully-funded arm of the denomination. Little did I know of the history and politics. I received a response within hours from a "delighted" Bill Harrison.

The discovery of RF and the quick response from Bill stuck in my memory as I attended my first AGM in 2016 at Kortright in Guelph. I leaned over to my wife and muttered something about "being among kindred souls."

And now here I am, now fully aware of the ongoing history of RF as it strives to be a voice of true renewal. I am more convinced than ever of the vital need for a voice that cries out for adherence to biblical purity, the search for the narrow gate and the discipline of prayer. I am so privileged to be your executive director.

In preparing and learning on the job, I've had the pleasure of talking to each of my predecessors. I am indebted to their contributions and I pray that the quest for renewal will continue. I note in last year's report, my friend Fred Stewart noted his wish that two things would remain "front and centre" in Renewal Fellowship: prayer and care. I was shocked. Not that those were his wishes but that those just happen to be mine. Honestly, while I must have read his report at last year's AGM, I do not remember his advice as I prayed, listened and discerned the Holy Spirit's direction. And so, if I am to summarize my first eight months in the job, much of my activity has been centred on those two vital acts.

**Prayerful presence:** Although I officially began as ED on July 1, I began my work a few weeks prior. With a new portable banner I ordered to promote the Call To Prayer initiative, Nan St. Louis and I attended General Assembly in Kingston as observers and prayer warriors. To our delight, we were joined by friends from Presbyterians Standing for Apostolic Love and Truth (PSALT) and Dunamis Fellowship Canada. General Assembly office graciously set aside a prayer room at the residence, where Nan was stationed, praying constantly with the names of the commissioners taped to the wall beside her. I kept in touch with her via text message. The prayer room was also used for pre-breakfast devotion led by moderator Peter Bush. We are proposing to do the same at this year's GA in Waterloo.

**Website:** A revamped website was my first priority. With the knowhow of board member Leslie Ruo and the guidance of webmaster Robin Ross, we decided on a new theme and look, making it easier to navigate. An important factor was including a mobile version. We were able to test it out by August and made it public in September.

**Promotion:** With a new face at the helm came the need for an updated and redesigned brochure, which came together in late September. Another priority was the need for promotional videos for web and

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speaking engagements. Board member Janie Robertson and I kicked a few ideas around and looked into producers and cost, but that's as far as it got. It's still a goal. Along with that is a more-active presence on Facebook.

**Membership drive and awareness:** It was apparent to me and the board that despite our 35-year history, there are many in the PCC who have never heard of us. With a fresh web theme and brochure, our house was in order and ready to show to the world. I proposed sending a package to every congregation in the PCC, including the brochure and a letter of encouragement. I worked with board members Ian Shaw and Janie Robertson to write two letters: one to RF-supporting congregations and another to everyone else. Those letters went out in late autumn.

**Encouragement:** My goal was to follow up those letters with a personal phone call. The gist of the letter was to encourage ministers to lead their congregations in some sort of study and report on the seven documents handed down from 2017 GA. Connecting to ministers was a challenge. It's one thing to call people you know, quite another when you are a stranger. Calls to the uninitiated were never productive. It felt like a cold-call sales pitch, even though I wasn't selling anything. So, I changed my tactic and approached by email, inquiring about the best time to call. The result was a slight improvement. With assistance from board members Ian Shaw and Don MacMillan, we were able to touch base with several dozen ministers.

**Translations:** The experience of GA 2017, which revealed the marginalization of many in the Han-Ca presbyteries, resulted in commissioners voting to provide Korean translations of study papers. The RF needed to do the same, I concluded. And not just to Koreans but all people in the PCC whose first language is not English. John Park, the associate minister at Oakridge PC in London, graciously provided a team to translate our awareness letter into Korean. My goal is to eventually provide translations in Arabic and Hungarian and other languages.

**Newsletter:** More than 20 years in the newspaper business taught me a few things about presentation. So, I redesigned the newsletter. We have two issues under our belts and the plan is to increase it from four to six or eight pages. There is a lot of renewal going on and stories to share.

**Knox Scholarship:** Our "Living The Name Scholarship" was established in 2010 with an initial investment of \$2,000. It's only been awarded twice, \$100 in 2010 and in 2013. The trouble is that first choice is for a basic degree (M.Div., MTS) student taking an elective course in evangelism, and the only place such courses are offered is Wycliffe College. With the board's approval, we've removed reference to Wycliffe and made it open to any student who showed interest in evangelism and mission. With an infusion of an additional \$2,500 in principal, our goal is that it will be renamed the Renewal Fellowship Evangelism Scholarship, with a prize of \$250. We hope a relaunch will provide an opportunity for RF to attend the college in person during the academic year and promote it in person.

**Collaboration:** Planning for our annual spring Renewal Day got off to an early start, as we confirmed speakers David Haskell from Wilfrid Laurier University ("Theology Matters: Comparing the Traits of Growing and Declining Mainline Protestant Church Attendees and Clergy", which found conservative theology is a driver for growth and liberal theology leads to church decline), globetrotting speaker and author John Stackhouse Jr. of Crandall University, and moderator Peter Bush. The speakers' costs were more than we were used to so we put it to prayer. Soon after, we were contacted by PSALT, who were

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also planning a spring conference, and had heard about our speakers and asked if we would consider partnering on a single event, share expenses and avoid duplication. The result: Thriving in Babylon, a two-day celebration and time of encouragement for the evangelical church, April 20-21 at Vaughan Community Church in Thornhill. PSALT is taking care of the first day (which has seven speakers) and RF has ownership of the second. Because our speakers will appeal far beyond our Presbyterian walls, we are promoting this event to a wider ecumenical community. Planning for this event is in addition to our regular Renewal Day and AGM. I had no idea how much is involved in co-organizing a two-day event of this magnitude. It has taken up a significant amount of my time.

**More event planning:** Scouting for locations and making arrangements for our November dinner to mark Renewal's 35-year history and my installation as executive director, along with our Renewal Day and AGM took up a good chunk of my and the admin assistant's time. Yet every conversation was an opportunity to connect. It's all about people.

**Up close and personal:** I led worship at Knox Wallaceburg and Westminster-St. Paul's in Guelph. I represented RF at the Toronto Festival of Preaching in October and the most-recent Dunamis conference in November. (So far, I have three congregational visits lined up in 2018. I am planning a road trip to British Columbia from May 5-14.) Everywhere I go, I consider myself on-the-job for Renewal. If I am on the road and pass a Presbyterian congregation, I will stop and make a cold call. If no one is present, I leave some material and follow it up with a call or email. At the board's suggestion, I am attempting to reach out to ministers outside of Ontario at least once a week.

**Prayer:** My presentations and messages so far have centred on 2 Chronicles 7:14 and the Call to Prayer initiative launched prior to 2015 General Assembly in Vancouver. It's an inspired campaign and first-rate logo and I will continue to use it. I am attempting to form more local prayer groups to add to our existing gatherings in Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto and Vancouver.

**People in the pews:** We get cards, phone calls, letters and emails. We strive to respond to each one. Some great conversations have resulted, ranging from a few minutes to more than an hour.

**People in the pulpit:** From the start, I have come face to face with colleagues in ministry – teaching and ruling elders – who are shouldering great burdens. They bear the weight of strained relationships (personal and congregational), dwindling personal and financial support and theological differences. Many feel isolated and misunderstood. I become a listening ear. I'm tracking these dear souls and staying in touch where possible. What's clear is that the church – at every level – has not done an adequate job in caring for its leaders. I am indebted to the wise mentoring of Chuck Congram, who in his remarks during my installation ceremony in November, observed that I am a pastor to pastors. That's a challenge, but I don't see it as a burden, rather as an opportunity. Among my favourite nuggets from scripture is Proverbs 27:17. "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." That's all it is. By listening and praying and being there for one another, we allow the Holy Spirit to work. If that same Spirit provides words, only then do we speak.

That's a good note on which to end.

These are early days in my time as executive director. As I told the board members in my interview, "these are not normal times." We are facing financial challenges within our organization. We are

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searching for our place in the Presbyterian expression, which may be headed for momentous change. Please pray for me and the board as we navigate through these waters, that we discern the course set by our Creator and stick to it.  
Peace be with you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Cornell, Executive Director  
<amcpastor1@gmail.com>

**RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE REPORT FOR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

The continuing purpose of the Renewal Fellowship website is to advance the cause of God and the Renewal Fellowship as efficiently and effectively as possible. Our gratitude goes to The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which graciously continues to host our website at no cost to us. James Laurensen, the Web Coordinator at Church Offices in Toronto, Ontario, has been exceedingly responsive to any needs that we have reported, and we are grateful to him.

2017 was a year of transition for our website. The Board indicated that the website needed sprucing up, since it looked very "busy" with links to too many pages being presented on the home page. When Andy Cornell took over as the new Executive Director, he commissioned Leslie Ruo, a new Board member from Saskatoon, to design a new format for the website. When Andy was satisfied, I undertook to make the live website duplicate the mock-up as closely as possible, taking into account the material that was already there. Andy has been very active in writing new material for the website, which has also been sent out by e-mail.

Another transition took place when Beanstream – now part of Bambora – ceased offering a portal for conference registrations. Online registrations, such as for the Renewal Day Conference and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, are now handled through Eventbrite, though most attendees prefer to register offline through the Renewal Fellowship office. Online membership renewals and donations continue to be handled by Bambora. Memberships were entered or renewed online by 24 people and one congregation, and there were 33 online donations, for a grand total of \$5,300.

Traffic counting was unfortunately lost with the transition to the new website. Previously, a plugin that served the website to mobile devices also kept track of traffic, but the new website is "responsive", adapting automatically to all the various viewport sizes.

During the year, our e-mailing list was stable, increasing slightly to 629 from last year's 624, despite many e-mail addresses having to be cancelled because of returned mail.

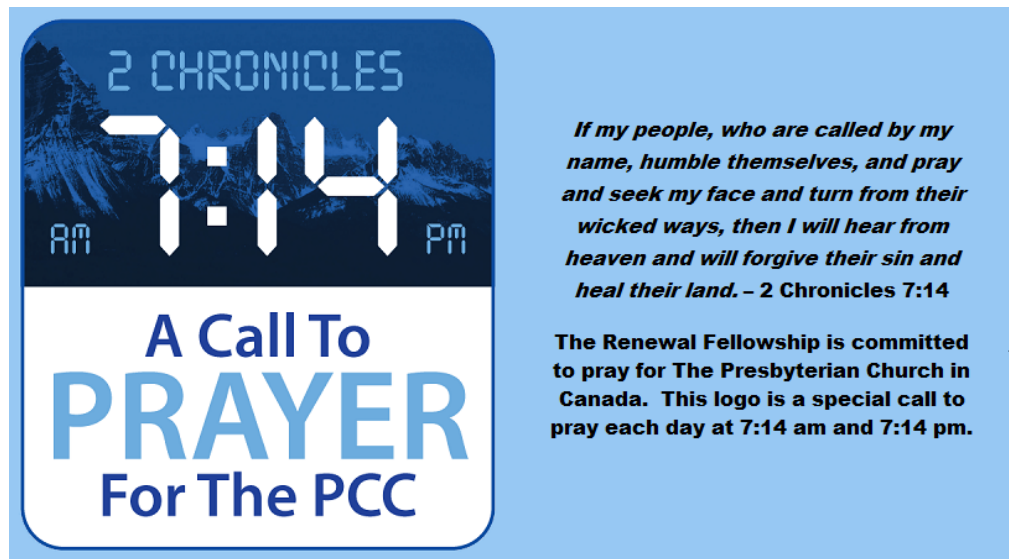
Besides publicity for the Renewal Day Conference and the Anniversary Dinner and Executive Director Installation, five editions of the Renewal News were sent out during the year. Several requests for prayer submissions were also sent out. Our prayer ministry was undergirded by circulating our Prayer Chain requests by e-mail, under the greatly appreciated editorship of Linda Shaw, of Simcoe, Ontario, as reported elsewhere.

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I consider it a great privilege to be involved in the Internet presence of the Renewal Fellowship. I am always open to considering new ideas for ways to use technology to advance the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Ross <ross@telus.net>  
Webmaster, Mission, British Columbia

**REPORT OF THE PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR FOR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**



In 2017, approximately 2000 Prayer Calendars were printed on a quarterly basis and mailed to individuals and churches; and the email version of the Prayer Chain was sent out daily to an average of 348 email address, weekly to 89 email addresses, and monthly to 192 email addresses.

I appreciate the prayer submissions I received from coast-to-coast in 2017. We are a national church. I believe it is important that prayers for specific needs for congregations and presbyteries are included; and for that to happen, I need members of the Renewal Fellowship from across Canada to send me prayer requests. The requests need to be short, specific and dated, if possible. That would make my job easier! If needs arise after the prayer calendar is printed, it is still possible to have them included in the email version of the prayer calendar thanks to the faithful and quick work of webmaster Robin Ross. Please look at your church calendars and send your prayer requests to me; and more importantly, PRAY morning and night for our church. Pray that God would give our leaders and our people great wisdom in these days. Pray that we will love God and love people. Pray that we will have eyes to see how the Lord wants us to serve our communities and our world in 2018.

The best way to send prayer requests to me is by email, but they can also be sent by regular mail to the national Renewal Fellowship office. To ensure your prayer submissions are included in the quarterly

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printed Prayer Calendar, they should be sent at least 3 weeks prior to publication for January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.

Special thanks to my husband, Ian, for his assistance in preparing the calendar; to Bill Harrison (Hamilton ON) for help in sending out the printed versions of the Prayer Calendar; to Robin Ross (Mission BC) who assists with proof-reading and posts the Prayer Calendar by email; and Terry Folster (Saskatoon SK) for posting our prayers on the Renewal Fellowship Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON RENEWAL PRAYER NETWORK**  
**FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

A prayer group open to and for all the pastors in the Presbytery of Hamilton has been going for the last 7 years. Through that time, it has been hosted at Knox, Waterdown. At the beginning of January 2018, the Prayer Network has moved to Cheyne, Stoney Creek. It now meets on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Through 2017 we had on average 6 pastors joining together each month apart from July and August for prayer. The focus has been on listening to one another in our personal lives and ministry and then offering each other up to the Lord. We have prayed for the congregations in our Presbytery, for the PCC, and for events in our country and world. A Bible has always been on the table in the centre of our time of prayer, ready to be opened, read and listened to. We have waited on God. We have held each other up to the Lord's care and for the gift of his strength. Each time we have left encouraged, with a deeper bond of friendship in Christ.

On a personal note, it has been a joy and privilege for me over the last 7 years to be a part of this good group of sisters and brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ. I will be retiring at the end of August and will greatly miss the monthly gift God has blessed me with of praying with the pastors in the Presbytery of Hamilton.

*Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.*

*I Corinthians 13:13*

Respectively submitted,  
George Robertson,  
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**EASTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL RENEWAL TEAM REPORT FOR THE 2017  
ANNUAL REPORT**

The Eastern Ontario Regional Renewal Team met nine times during 2017: on January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, and November 25<sup>th</sup>. Our meetings were held at Parkwood Church, Ottawa on Saturday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon.

There are ten active members. Our connection with the national co-ordinating group was strengthened when one of our number, Don MacMillan, was elected to the board of directors of the Renewal Fellowship within The Presbyterian Church in Canada at the annual meeting held April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Barrie, which the convener of the Eastern Ontario Team also attended.

Members take turns leading devotions, usually for the first twenty minutes or half hour of the meeting. Strategic requests for intercession are then voiced, with consideration for items listed in the printed quarterly prayer bulletin. The balance of the time is devoted to prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## Renewal Day Program

# *Prayer Saturation and the Fullness of the Spirit*

9:30 - 10:00: Registration and Refreshments

10:00 - 10:15: Welcome and Worship and Prayer

10:15 - 10:40: Rev. George Anderson:  
PRAYER SATURATION AND THE  
FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT, Part I

10:40 - 11:00: Small Group Discussion

11:00 - 11:15: Stretch and Washroom Break

11:15 - 12:15: Business: See Agenda, page 2 – Items 1-8

12:15 - 1:00: Lunch – small groups encouraged to eat together

1:00 - 1:15: Worship & Offering

1:15 – 1:30: Small Group Prayer

1:30 - 2:15: Business: See Agenda, page 2 – Items 9-13.

2:15 - 2:40: Rev. George Anderson:  
PRAYER SATURATION AND THE  
FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT, Part II

2:40 – 3:00: Small Group Discussion and Prayer

3:00 - 3:15: Small Group debriefing/sharing, adjournment.