

President's Report 2024–2025

Elim Fellowship Canada Annual Members Meeting

As we gather for this Annual Members Meeting of Elim Fellowship Canada, we reflect with gratitude on God's faithfulness over the past season and look forward with anticipation to His continued blessing on our fellowship.

In Philippians 1:3–6, the Apostle Paul writes:

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

The word “**partnership**” beautifully captures what we believe is essential for advancing the Gospel—relationships, collaboration, and the active participation of everyone in God's mission.

Elim Fellowship is a **missional family**—a network of pastors, leaders, churches, missionaries, and ministries, people working in partnership to see God's Kingdom advance across Canada and beyond. Our desire is not to control, but to serve and walk alongside. We believe in leading through **influence, authenticity, and relational investment**.

Our Approach to Relationship

We engage in relationships through three key expressions:

1. **Tangible Connections** – intentionally connecting with others in ways that demonstrate mutual value and respect. Together, we are stronger than we could ever be alone.

2. **Invested Relationships** – intentionally investing our time, knowledge, and energy in others to help them grow in ministry and in their relationship with God.
3. **Kingdom Partnerships** – forming collaborative relationships with ministries that align with Elim Fellowship Canada’s vision, both nationally and globally, all for the advancement of God’s Kingdom.

In keeping with our value of **Kingdom Partnerships**, we have rebranded what was previously called *Affiliated Churches* to **Partner Churches**.

Partnership, for us, is about more than association—it is about **relationship**. It means walking together in shared mission, mutual encouragement, and strength. Partnership reflects **shared vision, mutual investment, and a commitment to grow together**.

Through these relationships, we create an environment where the Holy Spirit can move powerfully—both locally and beyond. Partnership with Elim builds deeper connections among churches, extends Kingdom reach through each partner’s unique calling, and strengthens our collective impact across Canada for Christ.

We believe that connection, investment, and partnership all exist **for the glory of God**—and that you, your leadership, and your church have something God-given to contribute to the wider Body of Christ.

What Your Church Gains by Partnering with Elim

a) Practical Support

- Admin help (e.g., digitizing processes, database development)
- Temporary offering processing for new church plants (up to 1 year, for a limited number annually)
- Guidance on structure, bylaws, and growth

b) Leadership Support

- Access to Elim's Leadership Team for preaching, coaching, or counsel
- Mediation when invited
- Invitations to regional events and national conferences
- Voting representation at our Annual Members Meeting

c) Visibility & Voice

- Listed on Elim's website
- Access to social media tools and sharable graphics
- A voice in shaping Elim's direction

d) Missional Alignment

- Join national and global partnerships
 - Receive and contribute to a greater vision than any one church alone can carry
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What It Means to Partner

We're looking for churches and ministries that want to move together in the same direction.

To become a Partner Church:

- Agree with Elim's **statement of faith and core values**
 - Operate with **bylaws approved by Revenue Canada**
 - A record of all business meetings is kept by the secretary of the Church
 - A record is kept of funds received and disbursed by the Treasurer of the Church
 - Be under the leadership of a pastor holding **Elim Fellowship Canada credentials**
 - Appoint **two voting delegates** to represent your church at our Annual Members Meeting
 - **Support Elim Fellowship Canada monthly** in a way that reflects your partnership and shared vision
 - **To apply**, send a **letter of request** to the Elim Canada office, **signed by your pastor and or a representative of your board or visit elim.ca partner with us**
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What Elim Gains

- Deeper **relational connection** with churches
- Greater **Kingdom reach** through your unique calling

- A stronger **network of leaders** impacting Canada for Christ
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The Outcome We're After

Connection, investment, and partnership—all for the glory of God.

We believe we are **stronger together**. And we believe that you, your leadership, and your church have something unique and God-given to bring to the wider Body of Christ.

I hope that every ministry led by an Elim Canada Credential Holder would come into Partnership with Elim Fellowship Canada.

For more information about partnership, visit **elim.ca** and scroll to the bottom of the homepage to find the link *“Partner With Us.”*

Elim Fellowship Canada School of Ministry

Another exciting initiative this year is the launch of the **Elim Fellowship Canada School of Ministry**, in partnership with **Nation to Nation Christian University**.

Our vision is to **equip, train, and empower believers for the work of ministry**, helping local churches become thriving centres of leadership development.

The School of Ministry serves as a tool for the local church—offering structured biblical education and ministry training that empowers individuals to grow in faith and effectiveness. Students gain access to regional and national conferences, resources, coaching, and ongoing mentorship from Elim Leadership.

At our conference, we held a workshop on how to start a school in your church or ministry, all of that information is available on our website, elim.ca, or you can call the office on Thursdays at 519-753-7266

Graduates are welcome to apply for our **Elim Fellowship Internship Program** and receive **one year of free credentials** with Elim Fellowship Canada. Full program details are available at **elim.ca**.

Bylaw and Statement of Faith Updates

We have also been working to update our **Bylaw** to ensure compliance with the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*. Once complete, members will receive a copy to approve.

Alongside this, we have revised our **Statement of Faith** by adding supporting Scriptures and four new affirmations:

1. **Human Identity:** We believe that God created mankind as two distinct sexes—male and female—and that each person affirms God’s infinite wisdom by living in alignment with their biological sex. (*Gen. 1:26–28; Matt. 19:4–5*)

2. **Sanctity of Life:** We believe that, since mankind is created in God's image, human life is of inestimable worth and significance in all its dimensions, from conception to the grave. (*Gen. 1:27; Ps. 139:13–14*)
3. **Baptism:** We believe that baptism is for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and is to be administered by immersion, symbolizing the Gospel of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and our new life in Him. (*Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4*)
4. **Communion:** We believe that Communion, when shared by believers, testifies to the saving and healing power of the Gospel, to Christ's presence in His Church, and points forward to His victorious return. (*1 Cor. 11:23–26*)

The full Statement of Faith is available on our website. Elim.ca

Team and Leadership Updates

We are pleased to welcome **Emely Vellacott** to our volunteer office staff, assisting **Destiny Freeman** with growing administrative responsibilities as our Fellowship expands.

We are pleased to welcome a new director "Pastor Anouk Dubreuil. Pastor Anouk has been serving in ministry for over 15 years and has been happily married for 20 years. As the lead pastor of the church in Rouyn-Noranda, she shares her vision and provides spiritual leadership to see lives transformed by the power of God. Her passion is to see people deeply rooted in their faith and equipped to walk in their God-given purpose,

allowing Him to use them to their fullest potential for the advancement of His Kingdom." Welcome to the leadership team Anouk.

We also welcome three new **Regional Representatives**:

- **Quebec (South Shore Region):** *Normand Abue and Navin Thoplan*, taking over from *JF Denis*
 - **Ontario (South Central Region):** *Destiny Freeman*, taking over from *Matt and Jen Robinson*
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New Credential Holders – 2025

License to Minister

- Chantal Fortier
- Patrick Synnette

Christian Worker

- Lori-Ann Klomp
- Jane Stockdale

Recognition of Ordination

- Florence Williams
- Jean-Marc Tassé
- Steven Smith
- Chris and Anuji Rejinold
- **Ordination**

- Lisa-Marie Carrière
- Samuel Trudel

Upgraded Credentials

- Ann Williams – Ordination
- Celestin Kouakou – License to Minister
- Joséphine Aya N'Guessan – License to Minister
- Jen Robinson – Ordination

New Partner Church

- *Praise Fellowship Church*
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Honouring Faithful Service

At our conference this year, we honoured **Larry Jones** for 34 remarkable years of faithful service to Elim Fellowship Canada. Larry will be retiring at the end of the year.

We are pleased to welcome **Patrick Higgins** as our new part-time **Bookkeeper**. Patrick serves with *Increasing Faith Fellowship* and brings valuable experience in accounting, financial reporting, and auditing from his work with Canada Life. We are excited to have him join the team.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued faithfulness in building and strengthening the relationships within Elim

Canada. Many of you have been the first point of connection for new ministries and leaders who have since joined our fellowship.

To our **Elders, Board of Directors, Regional Reps. and Administrative Team**—thank you for your dedicated service and wisdom.

It has been a privilege and joy to serve you. Together, we continue to advance the Kingdom of God in Canada and beyond.

“To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

— *Ephesians 3:21*