

Conclusion

The challenge for the accomplishment of the Great Commission in Canada has never been greater in at least two ways.

When Christians first came to Canada's shores they knew Canada was a mission field. Today that missionary motivation and momentum has been lost and will be difficult to regain, in part because of the high value of cultural and religious pluralism in Canada and because of a hardening of secular attitudes both outside and within the church.

The task is more challenging now also in the sense that the number of churched persons and the number of new churches to be planted is greater than it has ever been.

The choice for Canadian evangelicals is then not merely between the growing of existing churches and the planting of new congregations.

Existing churches must continue to evangelize their communities and grow by making more and better disciples for Jesus Christ. Many additional large and growing regional churches are needed to minister to the complex and increasingly specialized human needs of our urban settings. In fact, large growing churches may be the best environment out of which to plant many new churches.

The decision rather is whether we have the heart and will also to plant the thousands of new churches required to turn around the decline in the percentage of Canadians who are nominal or non-Christians.

The call to evangelize our nation is clear. Let our hearts and wills join in sacrificial, unceasing, fervent prayer. Let us implore the Holy Spirit to fill us with His vision of Canada and to anoint us with power for fulfilling that vision. Let us prepare ourselves for spiritual warfare as we regain for the Lord Jesus Christ, ground the enemy has taken. May God direct our planning and training of leaders so that our ways are His ways.

May the God of Glory grant you His grace as we work together to establish an evangelizing church for each 2000 Canadians by the year AD 2000.

May we, in the years 1995 and AD 2000, have made great strides in the re-evangelization of our nation.

May Christ be glorified and His Kingdom come!