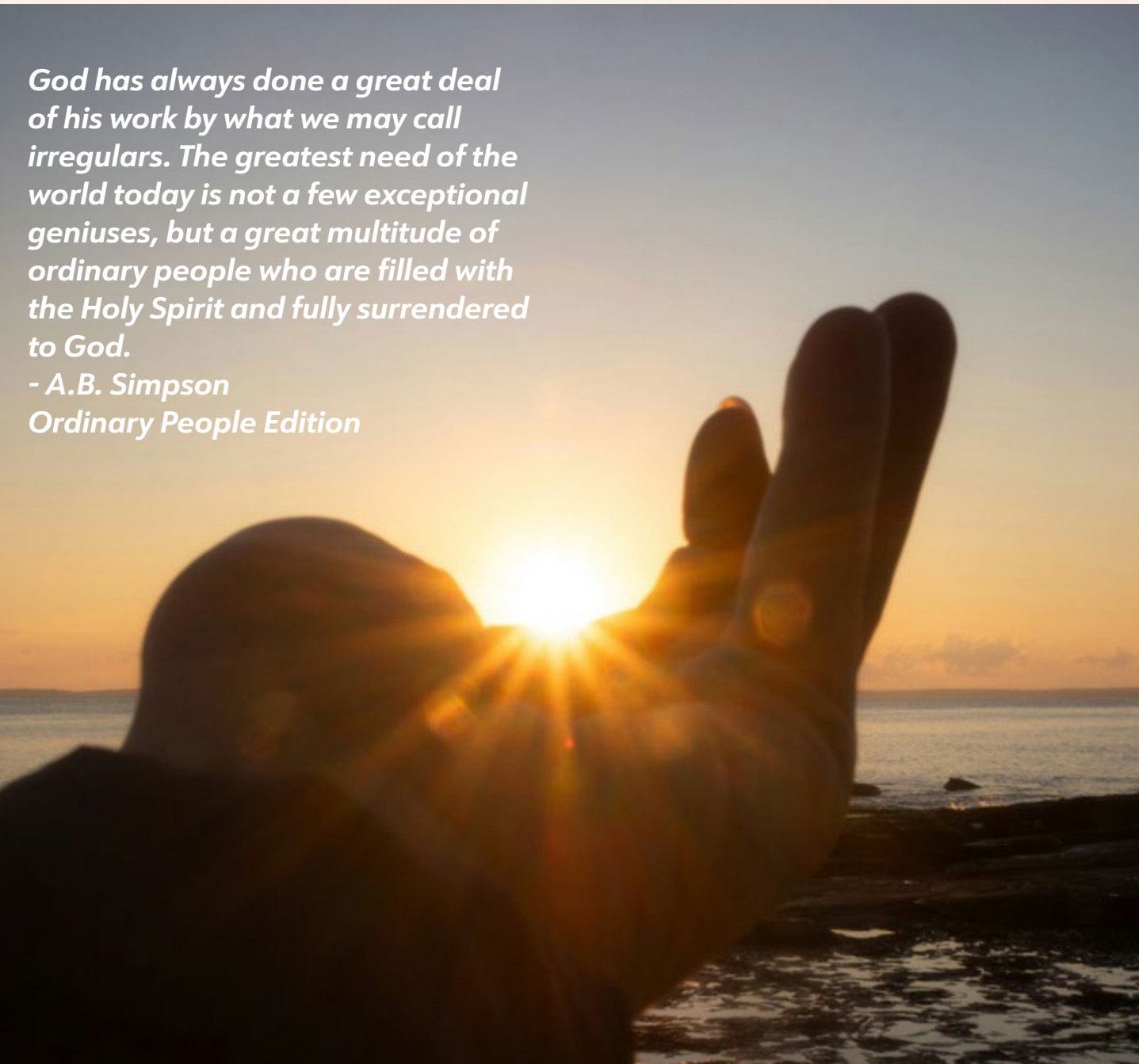


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2026-2027

ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

An overview of ministries and ministry contacts to help you engage fully in the life of Lakewood.



God has always done a great deal of his work by what we may call irregulars. The greatest need of the world today is not a few exceptional geniuses, but a great multitude of ordinary people who are filled with the Holy Spirit and fully surrendered to God.

*- A.B. Simpson
Ordinary People Edition*

LAKEWOOD ALLIANCE CHURCH
2026-2027 ENGAGEMENT GUIDE

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD



People who set out to be extraordinary often discover that the underlying motivation behind their zeal is little more than an ego-driven desire for personal significance. It's not the extraordinary people who produce the biggest change in this world. It's the ordinary people who pour their lives into extraordinary things—and what qualifies as extraordinary is not up to us. That's God's department. A Children's Ministry leader might labor each Sunday teaching Bible stories to children wondering if the effort will ever make a difference. Then twenty years later, one of their students launches a humanitarian relief organization that saves the lives of tens of thousands. It may have felt like an insignificant contribution at the time, until the day when that teacher arrives in heaven to a standing ovation.

A college student might choose to embark on a ministry training program just to see if it's a good fit. Ten years later, they find themselves on the far side of the world in charge of a national ministry to a least reached people group. The goal is not greatness. The goal is to say "yes" to a great God. The Alliance in Canada has an exceptional record of trusting a great God for great things. As you read the stories in this Engagement Guide, prayerfully consider where you can join the work of the Kingdom. And remember, we're not just members. **We're ministers!**

GEORGE AND JANE POWELL



Ninety-six years ago the first Alliance missionary couple, George and Jane Powell, arrived in Bouaké, the second largest city in Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) a French-speaking West African nation. As one of the first evangelical missions in the country, their ministry rapidly expanded and a national church came into

being. Today, the Alliance autonomous churches, known as the Evangelical Protestant Church (C&MA) of the Ivory Coast, is the country's largest Christian community, comprising over 4,900 congregations with a total membership of almost 812,000.

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LEADER DEVELOPMENT

At Lakewood, we value people serving utilizing their spiritual gifts, and work to empower people to take ownership of the areas in which they serve. To that end, we have multiple layers of leader development and ministry training to help equip each person to grow in their service in God’s kingdom.

Leader Development contact: Pastor Dave
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LEADER DEVELOPMENT COHORT

The last Tuesday of every month, we will be partnering with Timbers Community Church to work with a cohort of people wanting to grow in their Christian leadership, working through topics such as establishing identity, developing character, developing other leaders, team leadership, embracing the cost and staying fresh. This is a great chance to grow in both heart and skills needed in Christian leadership.



THE ALLIANCE CANADA

When you become a member of Lakewood Alliance Church, you’re joining a family that might be larger than you think. Even though we’re all just ordinary people, we’re 160 thousand ordinary people meeting every Sunday in 426 ordinary churches across the country. In 2025, we performed 3,600 ordinary baptisms and saw 8,400 ordinary professions of faith. Last year alone, we started 51 ordinary new churches. In an era when so many churches are shrinking and others are closing their doors, that’s not so ordinary. God is on the move in the Alliance in Canada and as long as we keep moving with him, great things lie ahead.

MINISTRY-SPECIFIC TRAINING

With many of the ministry teams in the church, there are opportunities through the year for training in that area, such as our Place to Grow ministry offering training in September and our Hospitality Team training. Be sure to watch for opportunities, and also reach out if you’d like to grow in your specific area of ministry.

NATIONAL LEADER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

An exciting opportunity that is being offered as of 2026 is our National Leader Development Pathways that help cover the cost of some Bible School courses while offering serving opportunities in the church and mentorship with the goal of helping you discern whether the Lord is calling you into vocational ministry. For 2026-27, we have 3 pastoral apprentices who were accepted into the program.

For more information:
thealliancecanada.ca/leaders

We will also offer an introductory conversation on calling at our *‘Called or Curious Dinners’* - where you can take a step to see about beginning this process.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.
- 1 John 5:14-15

SUNDAY PRAYER TEAMS

After the message has been shared on Sunday, we move into a time of response where members and guests have the option to receive individual prayer in our Prayer Room. Teams of two will meet people and present their requests to the Father. This ministry takes a caring heart and sensitivity to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The commitment is once per month at the service of your choosing. There is training and onboarding available for church members who would like to be a part of this team.

PRAYER NIGHT

Each week we join together as a church community asking the Lord to meet our personal requests, those of others in our church family, needs in our city and so much more. No scheduled commitment is required. Drop in as you are available. Will you join us every Sunday at 6:30 pm as we seek God’s will?

CONCERT OF PRAYER

On the first Sunday of every month, we hold a time of prayer, worship and celebration that includes individual prayer by our Elders and pastors for physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness for all who come. Jesus provides healing to his church through his atoning work on the cross and in his name, we will pray for that healing for you.

RESTORATION PRAYER

The Restoration Prayer process leads you through systematic confession and repentance, claiming your authority in Jesus Christ, breaking lies and replacing them with truth. The enemy’s influence in your life is discerned by the prayer team and confronted on your behalf. When we submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to the body of Christ, it is a powerful encounter with the Living God. The Holy Spirit will then have greater influence in and through you. The fruit of that Spirit will grow more abundantly and you will learn to hear the voice of God more clearly. If you know that the enemy has influence in your life, we’d love to help. We are always in need of team members who are gifted in prayer and discernment.

Prayer Ministries contact: Pastor Dawn
dawn@lakewoodalliance.com

DAVE & ARLENE PETERS

Would you like to sit down and talk with a career Alliance International Worker? Just look in the seat beside you. Dave and Arlene Peters, longtime members of Lakewood Alliance Church, served three 4-year terms in Columbia between 1970 and 1986. Their ministry took them from outreach to the indigenous Paez people to the vibrant Bogota Encounter Church in the capital city. They spent two further terms between 1987 and 1996 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the largest city in the Americas, and in 1997 Dave and Arlene redeployed to Mexico to advance the gospel there before returning to Canada in 2006.

Their story has been published in a book entitled *“By an Unfamiliar Path: The Story of David and Arlene Peters”*. It’s part of The Jaffray Collection of Missionary Portraits and is available in a Kindle version on Amazon.



PLACE TO GROW MINISTRIES

SUNDAY MORNING

At Lakewood Alliance, we take a fun but intentional approach to our Children's and Youth Ministries. All helpers in our Nursery and Preschool ministries must be a minimum of 12 years old, and all workers need to go through our Children and Youth Volunteer Training Program as well as screening through our Safety and Risk Management Policy with an RCMP Police Information Check. It may seem like overkill, but we want to make sure we've done everything in our power to keep our children safe. We are always looking for people to be part of a regular rotation as nursery attendants, teachers and classroom assistants.

*Children's Ministries contact: Andrew Whyte
children@lakewoodalliance.com*

PARENT ROOM

Church is tough as a parents of infants and babies. You want and often need to be with your child. You don't want them to disrupt the service. But you also want to be part of the worship experience and hear the message. That's what the Parent Room is for. You can sit with your child, nurse them, cuddle them - all the while staying connected with a livestream.

STAFFED NURSERY - AGES 0 TO 3

One day children were crowding around Jesus when his disciples tried to stop them, but Jesus wanted them to have a positive experience with the Kingdom of God. That's our desire at Lakewood Alliance. Whenever our children experience church life, we want them to feel safe, loved and nurtured. Are you ready to stand in for Jesus and take part in a ministry of caring for toddlers so their parents can attend the service? Our nursery also has a TV to enjoy the livestream for both staff and kids!

PRESCHOOL - AGES 3 TO 5

This is a vital ministry to some of the youngest members of our church family. And it's so much more than just babysitting. We're always looking for teachers and helpers to shape values and reinforce ideas about God in the minds and hearts of our preschoolers. We're looking for people who can reflect the love of God to some of the youngest members of our congregation.

GRADES K-1 & 2-3

Loving teachers and helpers make a huge difference in this age group. Successful adults often name their Sunday School teacher as the person who had the most impact in their lives. Could that person be you?

GRADES 4-6

Both Mother Theresa and Billy Graham attributed their spiritual foundations to volunteer leaders who guided them during this stage in life. Secular schools no longer lead their students in prayer. They no longer engage their students in moral discussions. This is where it all comes into focus. This is where lives are changed.

Place to Grow Ministries also needs a regular rotation of hallway supervisors to help children with everyday issues (such as bathroom patrol.)



ARE MY CHILDREN SAFE?

Everyone attending Lakewood Alliance Church needs to be confident that their children and teens are safe and being properly cared for while attending Children's Programs or any other church function. Parents need to know they can trust the adults who are leading their kids. They also need to know that there are policies and procedures in place to make sure that happens.

1. Every leader working with children and youth at Lakewood has been screened through our Safety and Risk Management Policy.
2. Every leader has also participated in our Children and Youth Volunteers Training Program.
3. Every worker has completed an RCMP Police Information check.

All of this creates a lot of steps to go through for volunteers wanting to work with youth and children, but *it's our responsibility as a church to protect our children and workers.*

*Safety & Risk Management contact: Pastor Dawn
dawn@lakewoodalliance.com*



PLACE TO GROW MIDWEEK

Other than Peter, there's evidence in scripture that the disciples of Jesus were not much older than teens, yet together they changed the world. Even in Paul's ministry, Timothy was likely of a very young age when he took over leadership of the church in Ephesus. The youth of Lakewood Alliance are not the church of tomorrow. They're the church of today!

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY - GRADES 7 TO 12 Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Young people in today's world need the church, but the church also needs young people. Secular schools teach information but not values. Social media has taken over that role, and the results are really quite shocking. The solution? A safe place where youth can connect with peers and be themselves without the pressure of having to conform to expectations. But more than that, they need committed leaders who have life experience and the Holy Spirit in their hearts!

*Rooted Youth Ministry contact: Holly Range
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Does your child love science, technology, engineering or math? Or maybe all of the above? Join Lakewood's STEM club for kids!

*Mondays from September to June
Registration contact: Wendy Dysart
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EQUIP DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

The final words of Jesus Christ before he left this earth to join his Father in heaven were **"Go and make disciples of all nations."** In God's economy, becoming an authentic disciple of Christ is not an option. Discipleship defines Christian belief.

LIFE GROUPS

A Life Group is a small gathering of generally less than 15 people who meet together on a regular basis to form community and grow together as disciples of Jesus. This is one of the most dynamic ministries at Lakewood. The door is always open for new groups and new leaders. Our Life Groups come in all shapes and sizes. If you are interested in starting or participating in a Life Group, talk to any of the pastors and we'll get you connected.

*Life Groups contact: Pastor Dawn
dawn@lakewoodalliance.com*

YOUNG ADULTS - AGES 18 TO 25 Sundays 2:00pm - 4:00 pm

The challenges facing this demographic are more fluid and complex than any group of people since the days of the Second World War. This is a critical ministry! There is room for both joining the group and helping out with planning and events.

*Young Adults contact: Jaimee Peters
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Available on the Church Centre app.*

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is an 11 week series introducing the basics of the Christian faith through video presentations, discussion and a truly delicious weekly dinner. A vital ministry at Lakewood, Alpha is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors and family members to consider Jesus Christ. A huge project requiring a large and committed team, Alpha will launch early in 2027.

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MEN'S MINISTRY

Meeting for a monthly breakfast at Lakewood for great food, community and involvement in regular service projects.

*Men's Ministry contact: Mel Eby at
greentilldeath2007@gmail.com
Available on the Church Centre app.*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The women of Lakewood coming together and living life with depth and honesty. We run a variety of events throughout the year including Bible studies and social events. Come laugh, learn, play and journey through life together.

*Women's Ministry contact: Stacey Russell
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CHAT & CHASE

A time of connecting for Moms and little ones, meeting at our church facility on a weekday morning.
***We're currently looking for a leader for this ministry! Could it be you?**



EQUIP DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAYS

ENCOURAGE DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » Chat and Chase (Moms and babies)
- » Life Groups
- » Young Adults
- » Women’s Ministry
- » Men’s Ministry

ENFOLD DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » Newcomer Welcome
- » Baptism
- » Membership

ENGAGE DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » Alpha
- » Pain-free Evangelism
- » The Coming King

ENCOUNTER DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » The Holy Spirit
- » Holiness
- » Company of the Prophets
- » Tongue Tied
- » Healing

EMPOWER DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » Month of Prayer and Fasting
- » Prayer Training

ENRICH DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » Bible 101

ENTRUST DISCIPLESHIP PATH

- » Stewardship

Be sure to check the weekly handout and the Church Center App for information on times and dates of upcoming modules.

DR. WILLIAM CASSIDY

In 1881, A.B. Simpson stepped away from a prestigious pastorate in New York City in order to found a ministry that could reach overlooked immigrants and the poorer class. Six years later A.B. Simpson founded the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In that same year, 1887, William Cassidy, a medical doctor, also stepped away from a lucrative practice in Toronto to become the first ordained missionary in the new missions society.

Tragically, he died of smallpox before reaching China, but his death was the spark that ignited a missionary passion in the Alliance that still burns to this day. The Alliance World Fellowship is now comprised of over 6.2 million believers in 88 countries supporting over 1700 International Workers, all laboring to “make disciples of all nations.” The Alliance has more than 30,000 pastors and each year graduates even more in 90 Alliance theological institutes around the world.



EXTENSION MINISTRIES

Every Christian has been called to be an ambassador for God’s Kingdom. God has called those who follow him to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to the world around us. Extension Ministries is one of the most tangible ways of doing that.

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INTERNATIONAL WORKER CONNECTIONS

The Alliance in Canada supports a large number of International Workers, many in limited access countries around the world. Connect with our workers and promote their ministries.



LAKEWOOD PARTNERSHIPS

SET FREE RECOVERY CENTRE

Set Free is a Christian residential recovery centre for men seeking freedom from addictions. Residents are a vital part of our church family serving in multiple capacities. Add your support to this vital ministry.

NESS LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Youth and adult volunteer opportunities abound at Prince George’s multi-denominational camp. Ness Lake Camp has been an integral part of the Prince George community since 1953.

ARTHUR & ESTHER HAMMON

When Arthur and Esther Hammon arrived in Cambodia in 1923, they were the first long term Christian evangelical workers in the country. They faithfully advanced the gospel, remaining in Cambodia until they were evacuated in 1975 when the Khmer Rouge seized control of the country. The Khmer Rouge was a hard-line anti-Christian Communist regime led by Pol Pot, a notorious dictator. By the end of 1979, 80 percent of Cambodian believers had been martyred, a stunning blow to the Christian community in Cambodia. It looked as though effective outreach in Cambodia had been set back 50 years.

But the seeds planted by the Hammons and others were strong. 1993 marked the rebirth of the new Alliance national church in Cambodia renamed the Khmer Evangelical Church. From the 2,000 believers who survived the Killing Fields, the Khmer Evangelical Church has grown to more than 200,000 members.

COMPASSION MINISTRIES

As a constantly evolving area of ministry, Compassion can include serving the immediate community, local initiatives, and outreach abroad. There are many options for both ongoing and annual service.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOUP BUS

Although the original mobile Soup Bus is a thing of the past, once a month, the Soup Bus Team makes soup and sandwiches and delivers them to the St. Vincent de Paul drop-in centre on 3rd Avenue in Prince George.

Contact: Julie Gaunt
jagaunt71@gmail.com

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE

Under the oversight of Prison Fellowship Canada, this ministry provides Christmas gifts to the children of incarcerated inmates. The gifts are given in the name of the inmate.

QUINSON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This ministry provides much needed school supplies to the children of Quinson Elementary School.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection and drop-off of Christmas “shoe boxes” under the oversight of Samaritan’s Purse ministries. This ministry has grown to include almost 170 countries.

LAKESIDE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Preparing, serving and delivering Christmas breakfasts to those in our community who lack family connections. A great way to experience the true spirit of Christmas.



ROBERT PAGE

In 1890, at a time when Black people across North America faced serious restrictions in education, employment and civil liberties, Robert Page graduated from the Alliance Missionary Training Institute. He set sail that same year for the Belgian Congo. A.B. Simpson recognized that White missionaries would face difficulties in overcoming the stigma of Belgian colonialism. Robert Page was not only a man who could identify with the people he set out to reach for Christ, he was also a man of many firsts. He was one of the first Black students to attend the Alliance training institute. He was the first Black Alliance missionary. And he founded the first Alliance missionary school in the Belgian Congo.

Today, the former Belgian Congo is represented by two nations. Between 90 to 95 percent of the population of Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Congo identify as Christian. That equates to 116 million believers.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

God is Spirit and his worshippers must worship in Spirit and in truth - John 4:24.

Worship Ministry at Lakewood is on the move. This is a great ministry for musicians, singers and technology buffs – and it’s all designed to usher God’s people into His presence. This is one of the most important ministries in our church. Don’t let our team’s pursuit of excellence intimidate you. Training is available. There could be a place for you to serve on the Worship Ministries Team.

TECHNICAL TEAM

We live in a visual age. Behind all those slick multimedia presentations are creative servants with a heart for bringing polish and professionalism to our services. This is not about digital graphic arts. This is about taking provided art slides and presenting them using some of the most cutting edge technology available today. Computer geeks - please apply!

TECHNICAL TEAM - SOUND ENGINEERS

Each week, our Sound Engineers skillfully mix the audio to produce a great worship experience. If you’ve ever taken a peek behind the tech desk in the balcony, you’ll know that it looks like the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. But our Sound Engineers know exactly what each of those buttons and dials does and they can show anyone with an aptitude how it all works. Maybe this is your ministry niche. Why not give it a try?

SINGERS & MUSICIANS

We know that our singers and musicians at Lakewood can be a bit intimidating. They’re so darn good! But maybe you are too. Or maybe you could become just as good. Not every singer can lead a team. Not every musician can take the lead. But no matter what instrument you play or what your style of music is, we’d love to talk to you.

Worship Ministries Team contact: Pastor Dave
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HOWARD JOLLY

Howard was born into the Waskaganish Cree Nation in Quebec and was sent as young boy to live at the Moose Factory Indian Residential School near James Bay, Ontario. As a result of his time at the institute, Howard became a strong advocate for residential school survivors. He went on to serve Christ as a musician, an ordained Alliance pastor, and a champion of reconciliation within the church. He has a deep vision for the renewal of indigenous communities for Christ. Howard is convinced that reconciliation is not just for the healing of Indigenous communities, but for the health and fruitfulness of the whole Church. Howard pastored the Winnipeg First Nations Community Church for 15 years before serving as Director of Indigenous Alliance Churches of Canada. He transitioned from that role in 2025 to serve on staff at the Prairie Alliance Church in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. Howard invites people from all cultures to subscribe to his YouTube channel, Piwitapamin (Come Sit With Me) where he invites the Canadian nation to join him in the conversation on reconciliation.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

The Hospitality Ministries Team is Lakewood’s “Ministry of First Impressions.” They serve as the face of Christ to those God sends our way. Visiting a new church can be an intimidating experience. Our task is to help our guests feel the love of God by welcoming them into our facility through friendly and gracious service. The goal is to help outsiders become insiders in the most comfortable way possible.

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COFFEE & COMMUNION PREP MINISTRY

Just about everyone loves a cup of tea or coffee on Sunday mornings. Did you ever wonder how that coffee gets there? Faithful servants of God come in early, start the coffee maker, set up the table and dishes and carry that pot upstairs. Then after all the smiles and fellowship is over, they take it all down, clean out the coffee maker and put the dishes in the dishwasher. They’re the silent heroes of the Hospitality Ministry Team! And the same is true for our Communion prep people. Imagine cutting all those little pieces of bread into perfect squares and filling over a hundred little cups without spilling. There’s always room for another set of hands.

LAKWOOD GREETERS & USHERS

Our greeters are the most positive people in the church. Divided into two roles, some meet people at the door to extend a warm welcome. Others direct guests into our Worship Center and distribute the weekly handouts. And when things get busy, they help members and guests find seats. We’re becoming a much more diverse church these days and we love the way that’s reflected in our Greeters. We want to show Prince George that Lakewood is a church for everyone!

COMMUNION SERVERS

It may seem like no big deal, standing at the front and serving communion elements to the congregation, but nothing could be more important.

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LRPGS

The Alliance in Canada supports almost 200 International Workers and professionals in 34 nations around the world. The majority of those workers serve in countries that long ago closed their doors to traditional missionaries. Behind those doors is where Least Reached People Groups (LRPGs) reside. By definition, a LRPG is an ethnic group where no more than 2% of the population are evangelical Christians and those who are Christians lack the resources to evangelize their own people. According to Joshua Project, LRPGs represent 42.6% of the world population.

The Alliance in Canada cannot publicly report specific details concerning the activities of our International Workers among these groups. Hostile or restrictive governments closely monitor digital and print communications. Openly publishing evangelistic or explicit Christian work can lead to immediate visa revocation, expulsion or imprisonment. In addition, public reports can expose local converts and indigenous faith communities to severe legal or societal penalties. Alliance workers in these nations operate under professional cover identities, such as teachers, business people, or medical professionals.



SPECIAL EVENTS MINISTRIES

DECORATING TEAM

When members and guests walk into our facility, the atmosphere we create speaks volumes. It says something about the way we care for people. We want them to feel valued and important. We want to connect with the artistry and beauty of God’s world. If you have an artistic hand and understand something about the importance of ambiance, this is the perfect ministry for you. From decorating for special events to crafting great seasonal decor for our Worship Center and foyer, we’d love to have you as part of this team.

*Decorating Team contact: Janice Jones
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FOOD SERVICES TEAM

Have you ever noticed the way that food is featured in the Bible? When Jesus wanted to minister to people, he often ate with them. He attended wedding banquets, private banquets, he even hosted the most famous banquet of all time - the Lord’s Supper. And when we join him in heaven, we’re going to be doing it at a banquet. Sharing a meal together is one of the most authentic expressions of community we can engage in. Purchasing food supplies, stocking the kitchen, preparing meals for Alpha and events, serving, clean-up - this is the ultimate ministry of service for those special people gifted in the art of advancing God’s kingdom by way of the dinner plate!

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SET-UP TEAM

Have you got a thing for tables and chairs? Nothing happens at Lakewood with a team of faithful people setting up and tearing down for every event. No need for teaching or speaking skills—just a willing heart and two hands that can serve. But let’s not minimize this. Jesus once said that servants are the greatest in God’s Kingdom.

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FACILITIES MINISTRIES

A church building is far more than just brick and mortar; it serves as the physical anchor for a community’s shared faith. It’s a dedicated space where collective memories are forged through seasons of celebration and spiritual growth, providing a tangible base where the Christ-life can be nurtured and strengthened together.

BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM

The Lakewood Alliance Church Building and Maintenance Team has a mission to develop a safe, beautiful and ultimately functional facility in which to glorify God and minister to his people. Shaping an environment for optimal ministry effectiveness and then maintaining it with prudence and excellence is no small proposition. If you have knowledge and skills in architecture, engineering, property maintenance or trades, then this team would love to talk to you.

*Building & Grounds contact: Chris Isaac
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MABEL FRANCIS

In 1880 Mabel Francis was born into an ordinary Christian family, but even as a little girl, she knew that one day, she would be a missionary. Five years after experiencing the indwelling Spirit of God, Mabel had a vision of the islands of Japan and knew this to be the call of God. At the time, it was considered inappropriate for single females to serve as missionaries, but after writing to A. B. Simpson, founder of the Alliance, it was agreed that she would sail to Japan. She was 29 years old at the time. She left for Japan with three dresses, a fork, knife, and spoon, and a half pound of cocoa.

Mabel Francis went on to serve in Japan for 57 years, returning to North America in 1965 when she was 85 years old. She lived through WWII and was placed in an internment camp. Over the years that she ministered to the Japanese, she endured fires, floods, disease, the earthquake of 1923, the humiliation of loss in WWII and the carnage and destruction of the atomic bomb. After WWII ended, Mabel planted churches, started a Bible school, grade schools, orphanages and medical clinics. On May 7, 1962, the Emperor of Japan awarded Mabel the Order of the Sacred Treasure, the highest honor that can be given to a foreigner.

LISA ROHRICK

Lisa Rohrick serves Lakewood Alliance and the other churches of the Canadian Pacific District as Assistant District Superintendent in charge of Mission Mobilization. Lisa dedicated 20 years to being a missionary in West Africa, mainly among the Fulani people in Niger. The Fulani are a largely nomadic cattle herding group considered unreached by the gospel. Her work with the Fulani varied from developing projects to relationship building, evangelism, and discipleship based on chronological Bible stories. Lisa learned that the Fulani are a story-telling culture. In 2010, a man came to Lisa after hearing the story of Noah. Lisa explains, "The Fulani people are afraid of the rainbow. They believe it's some kind of a serpent in the sky that prevents the rain from falling on the fields. It drinks the rain and keeps it from the fields." When Lisa told the man that rainbows were actually a sign that God keeps his promises, he ran and brought other Fulani to hear the stories. The Fulani are a large cultural group comprised of more than 45 million people spanning 24 nations on the African continent. Estimates of Fulani Christians range anywhere between 50 to 500 thousand, but the truth remains: Many more "ordinary" people like Lisa will be needed to reach the Fulani for Christ.



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Getting Started:

1. Download the Church Center App on your phone from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).
2. If you use the QR code, it will help you download the app and get connected to our church directly.
3. If you don't use the QR code, Open the Church Center App and search for Lakewood Alliance Church.
4. Click to Login
5. Enter your mobile number and create an account.
6. Enter the code that the app will text you.
7. Click to Log In
8. Then take some time to explore the app!

If you have any problems or need some help downloading the app on your phone, talk to Pastor Dawn. Once you've explored the app a bit, you'll see what a wonderful tool this is!





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