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"DO NOT BE AFRAID"...

"THEY REJOICED WITH EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY"

By Rev. Michael Cowley

The Shepherds were told not to be afraid, and the Wisemen had much to be joyful about!

They both saw the same thing — the Lord's Divine light shining before them. One appearance was in the form of the bright angel of the Lord followed suddenly by a whole lit up sky filled with the "Glory of the Lord" shining all around them. They weren't just afraid... they were "sore afraid", TERRIFIED with what was happening to them. I think we can all identify with times like this in our lives.



On the other hand, when the Wisemen from the east first saw the star in their homeland they knew an ancient prophecy from their Word had been fulfilled. A king, a Saviour had been born. Imagine the relief after waiting so long! The Star was the light of the Divine Human who would bring the Divine Doctrine to light the minds of all mankind.

Did you ever wonder if they were living in perpetual fear that they would never see the sign of the new King their ancient scriptures foretold? Day after day, month after month, year after year, decade after decade, generation after generation, century after century. Wisemen were once young, studied, passed on the message, kept alive the dream into their mature years, and then... died. Futile? Meaningless? Wouldn't fear enter in? Disillusionment at the very least must have been a constant companion, wouldn't you guess?

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Those eons would be a long time to be afraid! Did some lose faith and give up hope? Imagine a whole city or region gripped in fear from before anyone can remember because things weren't turning out the way they had been led to believe. Was their faith in the prophecies diminished decade after decade? I think we would have a hard time identifying with this kind of culturally imbedded fear, dismay and anxiety. We expect a baby to be born and we do get impatient waiting for its arrival. Sooner or later that baby will arrive. But imagine not knowing! Imagine having such faith in the arrival of a newborn King and just waiting... forever... or so it may have seemed to them.

They kept their faith. They keep searching the skies, seeking for the sign. Balaam, one of those wise men couldn't be bought off. For all the riches offered him by Balak he could not produce a curse, only a blessing and then a new iteration of their hope: "A star shall arise... I see Him but not now, I behold Him, just not near."

He kept the faith, and the power and wealth of the world could not dissuade him. The riches of this world are nothing compared to the glory of the heavens. But the natural world presents constant challenges to our vision and our hope. King Herod sat on his throne in the center of political and economic life. Around him bustled all who were especially beholden to his power and sharing in unspoken fears. What could be worse than a new king threatening his throne? This evil king had no idea the Wisemen were on their way.

Once the Wisemen of the nativity story saw that star, we assume they knew right then that the Messiah had been born. They knew now was the time to make the trip, to follow the sign. Did they wonder if it was a false sign? Were they prepared to come to Jerusalem and find no one else who saw what they saw, who knew what they knew? Instead of being met with spiritually enlightened leaders they were greeted with a worldly minded, ignorant king who was "troubled and all Jerusalem with him."

We don't know how long it had taken them to reach this point. However, we do know when they arrived there they did not get a joyful greeting from King Herod. Although King Herod called for his scribes to find out where Jesus would be born

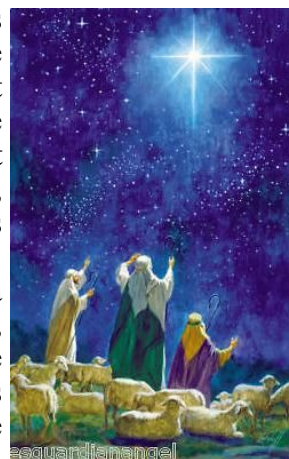
according to the Jewish scriptures, it was not those scriptures that continued to lead the Wisemen to Bethlehem. It was the Star once more appearing to them. They had eyes to see beyond the texts of other prophets. They trusted in the enlightenment that had brought them that far. Their vision was based on much older prophecies and the faith in those earliest scriptures was the faith needed to keep their eyes open to direct their steps.

"When they heard the king they departed, and lo, the star which they had seen in the east went before them."

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy!"

Was it the same night the Star first appeared to the Wise men that the Angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds? We don't know. Maybe. We can compare their different responses. The Shepherds were not looking for any sign, just taking care of their pastoral work, keeping watch on the movements of their flocks in the dark fields, not gazing up at the dark skies.

Suddenly everything was bright! Not a simple bright star, but a brilliant angel followed by a whole heavenly army. It was just as much a spiritual vision, and when the heavens open its not a dull scene! "Do not be afraid." It's a message repeated often, both in the story of the Lord's birth as well as many other stories in the Word.



Herod never looked up from his fear; it led him forth to slaughter the innocents of Bethlehem. The Shepherds looked up from their sheep when the heavens opened and it led them to the stable. They walked, they ran, trembling with a profound holy fear of reverence.

We need to be reminded constantly by the Lord not to be afraid. In various ways the message to "fear not" or "be not afraid" is said to be mentioned 365 times in the Bible – or *Once a day*.

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We may imagine the daily practice of the Wisemen of the east. Daily they would likely pray not to be afraid, not to lose hope, not to be dismayed. They offered their gifts and then did not return to Herod, not because they were afraid of him, but because they continued to be guided by an inner way.

Do we need to be reminded every day not to be afraid? Another way to ask that question is whether we need to be reminded everyday to trust in the Lord's providence. When we do have legitimate fears, we need to turn them over to the Lord. We need to ask the Lord to calm our spirits and remind ourselves that we are in His care, no matter what the circumstances around us may be. The Lord gives us an inner way to follow, an internal sense of external texts.

In the case of the Shepherds, as well as Joseph and Mary the Lord sent angels to let them know of Jesus' birth. However, it was a common belief in those times that if an angel or spirit appeared to a person it was because they were about to die. So one of the things we should understand is that being afraid when a spiritual being appears would be a very natural reaction. The first message to get across is that you are not going to die! At least not right away!

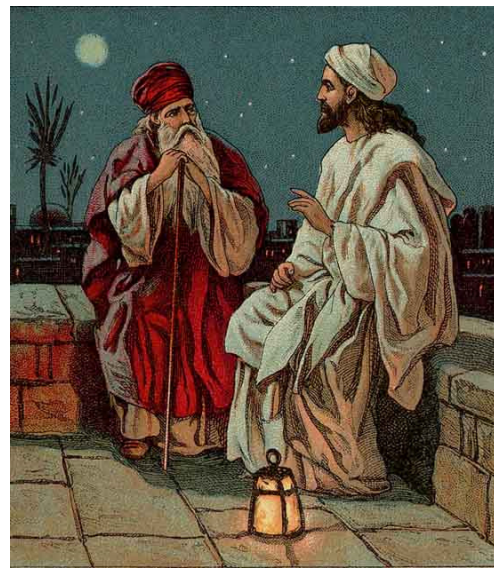
It's a good spiritual message, not to be afraid of death. And it's a major message of the Advent. Jesus has come to save us from both fear and death. We will die naturally after our days are accomplished on earth; it's the faith that looks beyond death which gives spiritual life, an inner vision and knowledge. Doesn't everyone see that? It is a message for "the fall and rising of many" as Simeon told Mary as he held baby Jesus. It's a powerful and



frightening truth, this message of death and new life. It will pierce our souls as it did Mary's.

We will die. And the deeper message of the Gospel is that we can be reborn. Now is the time to prepare, now is the time to seek the healing power in His wings. The time to accept the wings which were given to the Woman to escape the dragon, and be carried away into spiritual safety.

The Christmas message of rebirth, or regeneration also involves fear. We can be afraid of what will happen if we do what is required in order to be regenerated by the Lord. "Do not marvel when I say 'you must be born again'... Unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3)



Do not fear... impossible. Yet with the Lord "all things are possible" (Mat. 19:26)

Fear of death gripped the Shepherds, then hope of life guided both them and the Wisemen. We live in a world consumed by the glorification of natural gratification and comfort as if to hold off the fear of death. We are persuaded to place our faith in natural not spiritual visions. It's natural to focus on the here and now and not the hereafter. To live according to natural appearances and not the revelation of Divine Doctrine or Light. This is the focus of the New Church which offers a new vision of the Glory of the Lord to follow, and yes we must fight our fears. We step away from walking in darkness consumed by consumerism and resist being persuaded to live each day as if it could be our last. We know better than that to believe the message in such trite sound bites. "Walk in the light" and live each day knowing

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none will ever be your last. Each new day is the first day of the rest of your life, which will never end!

As Bishop Willard Pendleton said in an address in 1965 on Prophecies: "... It is then with deep concern that we reflect upon the subtle persuasions of our day. Through all manner of media they enter into our homes, appealing to all kinds of sensual delights, and obscuring the sight of the understanding. Yet in our concern we must also be mindful of the Lord's power to uplift; for although the dragon has gone forth to persecute the Woman, to her has been given 'two wings of a great eagle' that she might fly into the wilderness where she hath her place. By the two wings of the great eagle are signified 'intelligence' and 'circumspection' which, it is said, 'The Lord gives to those who are of the (New Church).' Concerning this we read: 'As all who are meant by 'the dragon and his angels' are . . . sensual . . . and as such reason from appearances . . . and lead astray the simple, therefore it is granted to those of the New Church . . . to behold the Divine truths that are in the Word, not sensually, that is, according to appearances, but spiritually, that is, according to their essences; for this reason the internal sense of the Word, which is spiritual and is solely for those who will be of the New Church, has been disclosed" (AE 759).

By virtue of the Divine doctrine, therefore, the men and women of the New Church have been endowed with the ability to rise, as it were, above the earth, and to view with spiritual intelligence and circumspection those reasonings from the appearance of

self life which are the seed of the dragon. So it is, that on this day, when we celebrate the Second Coming of the Lord we have cause to be grateful that, "It is now permitted to enter with understanding into arcana of faith." (TCR 508)

When we turn to the Writings, is there not an uplifting, that is, an elevation of thought and affection above the sphere and life of the world? This then is that great wonder which was seen in heaven: A Woman clothed with the sun who was delivered from the wrath of the dragon by means of eagles' wings. It is an ever recurrent wonder, for with those who are to be of the New Church it is now possible to rise above the appearances of self life and soar, as it were, upon eagles' wings. As it is so beautifully expressed in the thirty sixth Psalm,

"In Thy light, shall we see light."



Christmas Gift Ideal

A New Book by Rev. Michael Gladish

A new book on *Prayer and Providence* is now available. This is a compilation of sermons written by Mike over several decades. It includes an introduction on prayer in general, a specific treatment of the Lord's Prayer, a whole section on Providence, and another section with mostly expository sermons illustrating the principles discussed earlier.

In all, it's about a 285 page paperback. If you'd like to buy one, they are for sale at \$18.50 CDN, payable to Mike.

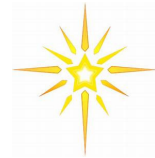
All the money from the sales of the book will go to the General Church for future publication work. He can accept payment by PayPal or by a cheque sent to him at 3039 Huntingdon Pike, Box 550, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. If you have questions please email Mike at mdgladish@gmail.com.

There will be a review in the *New Church Life* coming out this month.



Peace

By Ernest Marshall



The western wash of colour slowly fades to blue and black, unnoticed.
Cattle settle to a murmur,
snuffling and mumbling with quiet lowing.
Stay gray mouse, and all your kind don't be about.
The stars peek out.

Blow gently wind, there is no rush.
The countryside is all a-hush, at peace.

Lo! A brilliant beam breaks in the east!
A sign foretold by seers and sages,
anticipated through the ages.
The glory of God, in love and wisdom fully revealed
so all mankind can now be healed.

Be still and silent all those who witness this awesome presence.
Let God's will become your soul
and be at peace.



*"..... the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of
righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in quiet resting places;"*
Isaiah 32:17 &18

Tranquil quietness = the delights of good and the pleasant things of truth.
Apocalypse Explained 365(40)

"When corporeal and voluntary things are quiescent, the Lord operates "
Arcana Coelestia 933(3)

*"Those in a quiet state , that is, those whom the Lord keeps in a state of quiet,
(are safe) from evil spirits "*
Spiritual Diary 2344



FROM THE REGIONAL PASTOR FOR CANADA

Rev. James P. Cooper

I am reminded of the phrase “three steps forward, one step back” when I’m working on planning visits to the Canadian West. At midnight of October 16th, 9 hours before Karen and I were supposed to leave for our western trip, it was announced that in-person church services would not be allowed in Northern B.C. It was too late to amend our itinerary, so we continued to Dawson Creek and arranged some pastoral calls instead of having a church service. However, we were able to hold the services in Grande Prairie and Vancouver as scheduled.

An unexpected outcome of the trip was that as we travelled around the Vancouver area, we became fully aware of the challenges that the members there face in just getting to our services. They travel long distances and have to deal with mountains, expensive ferry rides, or both. And then there was the “weather bomb” of wind and rain that arrived that weekend. The weather reporter said it was centred around the lowest barometric pressure ever recorded for coastal B.C. And despite it all we had a wonderful service at the Roundhouse Community Centre and some nice visits.



What does the future hold? There is supposed to be an update on the situation in Northern B.C. on Nov. 19th. We’ll base our decisions about December visits to Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie on that. As usual, I will update everyone by email and the Dawson Creek Facebook page. If you are not currently on my email list, and would like to be, please send a message to rev.james.cooper@gmail.com and I will add you to the notification email list.

Bishop Heinrichs is scheduled to visit Vancouver on Sunday, December 19th. The Board Room at the Roundhouse Community Centre has been reserved for that service. He has also scheduled a trip to Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie for February 20, 2022, in the belief that things will certainly be open by then.

With the Christmas season upon us, I would like to call your attention to the Dawson Creek Facebook page (search for @DawsonCreekNewChurch). Starting on December 1st there will be daily readings to help you prepare for the spiritual side of the celebration of the Lord’s birth among us. I hope you find them useful and uplifting.



Karen and I would like to thank you all for your patience and endurance during the trials and tribulations of the ongoing pandemic and wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Here’s hoping we’ll see you face-to-face soon.

Rev. James P. Cooper
Regional Pastor for Canada

THE WORD MADE FLESH

by Rev Brian W. Keith

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

Night; a time of quiet when the bustle of the day dies down; a time of weariness when we make ready for a restful sleep; also a time of darkness and cold; our vision is limited and we seek the warmth of fires and homes.

Night-time plays a prominent role in the birth of the Lord. It was at night in a dream that the angel appeared to Joseph giving him reasons to marry Mary. Later at night He warned him of the danger of Herod, and eventually informed him that it was time to return to the land of Israel. It was in the night that the Lord was born and the shepherds found their way to the manger. And it was in the night that the wise men saw the star in the east, and then had the star lead them from Jerusalem to Bethlehem where it stood over the house where the young Child lay.

The night-time scenes surrounding the birth and early years of the Lord's life depict the shroud that had descended upon the world. Their God, Jehovah, had not been seen nor heard from in hundreds of years. They were lost and rudderless without Him. Other than maintaining the ancient rituals, they had little sense of who He was and how they were to live. Hearts were growing colder from the confusion and distortion of everything good.

Even with the few descendants of the ancient churches, some of whose knowledge resided with the wise men, there were but scant glimmers of light. Perhaps those wise men alone among the ancients saw the star. Certainly its light was not overpowering. So even with the ancients there was but little understanding of who the Lord was. What minimal truth re-

mained was heavily shaded because all they had ever seen of the Lord was a representative, not the Divine in its glory (see Doctrine Concerning the Sacred Scripture 99).

But our images and memories of the birth of the Lord are not focused upon the darkened states. Rather we remember the multitude of heavenly hosts shining upon the shepherds, the star guiding the wise men, and the light of day in which Simeon lifted up the infant Lord, blessed God, and Anna proclaimed His glory to all. For the Lord's coming is a coming with light and with life. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."



One of the wonders of Christmas is the fact that the Lord is born with light in the midst of confused and dark states of life. When we see little but gloom and hopelessness, He comes to us. He holds us in His hands, nourishing an inner sense of hope that we might endure and overcome. Then His full presence with us is in the light of the morning, enabling us to recognize who He is and how we might walk in His ways. This is why the morning with its light and warmth corresponds to the Lord's coming. (see Arcana Coelestia 22, 4240e; Doctrine Concerning the Sacred Scripture 99)

For the Lord came as the light of the world. This is His glory. We can see it shining upon us in the truth His advent brought. For until the Lord took on a physical form as a tender infant, all the earlier concepts of Him were

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vague at best. (see Doctrine Concerning the Sacred Scripture 99)

All of the true ideas that had existed with the ancients about marriage, life continuing past the veil of this world, and how His providence guides us were only misty images of what they might be. For all truth had been filtered through the heavens. Dependent upon the finite grasp of the angels, the glory of the Lord had shone dimmer and dimmer into this world, until at last the vision of Him was nearly lost.

By His birth the Lord acquired a natural degree of life. As He put it on and gradually made it Divine, the warmth of His love and the light of His wisdom became immediately present with all. This is the light of the new day the Lord's coming heralded for mankind, a light shining in the darkness, leading to the brilliance of day. We can sense this when we reflect upon our awakening states not those mornings which come after too little sleep, or when we are rudely awakened by alarms and the bustle of hurriedly preparing to rush off to work. But we feel it in the quiet mornings when we awake refreshed and revived, when we listen to the singing of the birds and know the dazzling sunlight portends the warming of the earth. The light has a special quality then.



With clarity we see beauty in even the simplest things around us. And we can sense the closeness of heaven, the closeness of the Lord's

Advent as our spirits are lifted up to the new day. (see Arcana Coelestia 7844:2)

As the Word made flesh, the glory of the Lord can bring us a peacefulness unlike any other. Not a peace like the quiet of evening when we are preparing to rest. Rather it is a peace of



contentment and confidence. As the Heavenly Doctrines note, this peace is "the very Divine truth in heaven from the Lord which universally affects all who are there and makes heaven to be heaven; for peace has in it confidence in the Lord, that He directs all things and provides all things, and that He leads to a good end. When a person is in this state, he is in peace, for he then fears nothing, and no worry about things to come disturbs him." (Arcana Coelestia 8455) The glory of the Lord's Word shines upon us when we have such assurance that He is in charge, carefully guiding every one of our steps.

This is the state of the angels. Their unpleasant memories of this earth have been set aside. They have no desire to leap into the future. Rather they fully enjoy the present, sensing all the goodness that the Lord is giving them now. For they trust in Him, knowing that He is leading and caring for them no matter what happens.

We may taste some of this angelic peace as we celebrate the Lord's advent or awaken in the morning. But we enter into it more and more as we set aside the things of this world: worry about the future, too great a focus on natural toys and conveniences, our selfish drives and desires. To the extent that we can enjoy earthly delights without making them all

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important, that we can serve others without always thinking about what we will get out of it, so far peace can enter our lives. It is then that we become convinced that the Lord's light is the true light and most of the problems and troubles we experience can fall away. It is then that we can glimpse the Lord and experience His peace, His Advent into our lives.

In one sense there is nothing startlingly new or different about this idea. Indeed, it is so simple, so fundamental, that it hardly needs to be said. So we are affected by the Word made flesh as the Divine flows into some of the simple truths we already know. This is one of the reasons the Lord was born on earth that the Divine goodness might be joined with the common sense and simple ideas of Him that we have. (see Arcana Coelestia 2554)

The Lord's birth itself did not reveal any radical new information that had not been available before. In fact there would be no real instruction until thirty years later when the Lord began His public ministry. But His birth signaled a beginning of salvation for all because His presence, His love for us all, was proclaimed by His coming down among us, filling us with His good.

For us now, the Christmas story reveals His glory, the brilliance of His Divine Human in which we may know and love Him. The Divine as it is in Itself is far beyond our comprehension and affection, even as it was for the ancients. So the Lord was born that we might see His nature and have it shed light on our lives, giving us the confidence and trust that He is always with us, always leading us in paths of peace.

The Lord then becomes flesh and dwells among us when even our limited, simple ideas of truth can be filled with His presence, showing us something of His love. For the Lord's coming into our life is not simply to make us feel good. Yes, the Lord would have us experience states of happiness and joy regularly, and eventually in heaven constantly. While He may be born in our states of darkness, His full

Advent is to us in light the truth of His Word which can fill our minds. Every time we recognize a concept as Divine, as coming from Him and leading our minds back to His love and mercy, His advent has occurred. Then the Word is made flesh, living, for us. We are touched by it, we are enlightened by it, and we are strengthened by it. (see Arcana Coelestia 8792)

This is our sight of the Lord, His birth among us. It brings us light, and it will bring us warmth. We can embrace this light, this new vision of the Divine, and use it to recognize and follow His teachings. (see True Christian Religion 774) Then the truth of peace will be ours.

So let this Christmas Day affect us with the joys of morning! As its light brings a new brightness to our day, as its warmth stirs a renewed heat in our lives, let us feel the Lord's closeness to us. His birth on earth was the taking on of a natural form of life that we might know Him, see Him, and love Him.

As we put off an excessive focus on the things of this world and upon our concerns, He can come closer to us, bringing us the peace of dawn — a peace that has within it complete confidence in His truth, in His guidance, a complete confidence that a heaven shall be made from this human race.

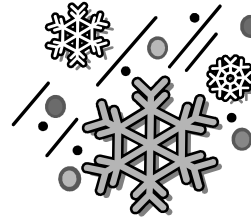


This was the reason for His coming to touch our hearts and enlighten our minds, that He might become the Word made flesh for us eternally. Let us behold His glory, full of grace and truth.

Winter Has Come

by Paula Niall

Well, here it is!
That white stuff.
It's pouring down like pallid rain,
covering green lawns under
a blanket of cotton wool.



Standing strong are snow-filtered,
barren tree trunks,
limbs stripped of all their leaves,
except for evergreens – though
no longer looking green but black,
against a backdrop of glum skies.

All is silent.
People treading carefully,
looking down upon their feet.
Snuggled in warm clothing,
yet not feeling cold.
There is no wind.



It's a silent snowfall.
A perfect Christmas snowfall –
though it isn't Christmas!
Automated vehicles progress cautiously
along a cushioned road.
I fear winter has finally come!

It seems the world has momentarily slowed,
giving time for contemplation.
Yet one knows, shovels will be coming out
and ploughs will start a-ploughing,
And I, gazing from my window,
wish it would all go away!



CHRISTMAS CANDLES

By Rev. Lorentz R. Soneson

"The glory of the Lord shone around them" (Luke 2:9).

When we want to have a party or a special celebration we often decorate. At a birthday party we usually have a cake. At Christmas time we trim a tree and set up a representation of the manger scene. When we prepare our living room for family worship we may set the Word on a pretty cloth and put flowers around it. For a wedding we decorate the altar with ribbons and blossoms.



Now, there is one thing we use at all these celebrations to make them even more wonderful—lighted candles! We put candles on a birthday cake. We burn candles on Christmas or Christmas Eve. We use candles at family worship. And candles are set up at weddings to make everything more beautiful. So candles remind us of happy times. They help us remember festivals of the past with many lovely thoughts. But candles are also used to remind us of something more important than parties. There are words in the Christmas story that give us a clue about what candles can mean. These words tell about the angel who first appeared to the shepherds: "And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid." What shone or glowed all around them? The glory of the Lord! But what is that? What is the glory of the Lord that could shine brightly enough to frighten the shepherds? It was the light of heaven! It was the light coming from the Lord! The shepherds were able to see into heaven for a few moments. And the brightness was so strong that it frightened them. Now that same light can shine on us today. Today it does not come from an angel of the Lord. It shines in the Lord's Word. It is a spiritual light. It is a light pouring into our minds from the heavens. We can even feel it! It is a warm glow, a glad and joyous gleam. It brings love as well as brightness.



Something that is like this glimmer in our minds, something we can see in this world, is the flame of a candle. Candles remind us of happy things, of holy things. And the fire from candles gives warmth as well as light. Candles glow. They give us a glimpse of heaven. When we place candles beside the Word, they help us think of worshipping the Lord and of His love for us. Christmas candles bring the story of the Lord's birth into our thoughts. We can see and feel what the shepherds felt — the "glory" of the Lord. The glory of the Lord can fill our minds with understanding. And it can swell our hearts with love as well.

So, whenever we see candles burning we can think about the glory of the Lord. And this will remind us of the glad tidings that the angels brought to the shepherds—that Christ the Lord was born among us on Christmas Day!



MARRIAGE RETREAT BOOKED FOR NEXT SPRING!

In the past, the Carmel New Church has held a marriage retreat in the spring. This year, I extend the invitation to all married couples of the General Church in Canada.

With this event, there will be worships, doctrinal classes and discussions, all related to the subject of marriage. We also hope this can be an opportunity for a variety of married couples to come together and enjoy the wonderful gift of marriage that the Lord has given us.

We hope this will be something fun and revitalizing!

WHERE? This year, the marriage retreat will be held at a new location in Blue Mountain, ON. The chalets at the Tyrolean are a little over two hours from both Kitchener and Toronto!



TYROLEAN
VILLAGE RESORTS
BLUE MOUNTAIN

WHEN? Friday, April 29, to Sunday May 1st, 2022.

HOW MUCH? \$250 per couple for housing accommodations. GCIC has agreed to cover the rest of the rental costs. Couples are responsible for their own food and transportation.

HOW MANY? Currently it will be open to 12 couples. There is room enough for 14, and if there is enough interest, it will be opened further to accommodate them.

WHO DO I PAY? Please make cheques out to the “General Church of the New Jerusalem in Canada.” You can submit the cheque to me personally or you can mail it to:

Carmel New Church
40 Chapel Hill Drive
Kitchener, ON N2R 1N2

If you choose to mail the cheque to the church, please let me know!

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Email me at asstpastor@carmelnewchurch.org or text/call at 266-899-4746 and let me know that you’re interested. To guarantee a spot, please have the cheque written and submitted to me (or mailed to the Carmel New Church address) by **April 1st**. Your cheque submission demonstrates that you are committed to coming and it secures your room. Early submissions are welcome and if there is still availability after April 1st, then couples who missed the initial deadline are still welcome.



We are looking forward to getting this underway and if you have any questions or comments don’t hesitate to ask!

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For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)