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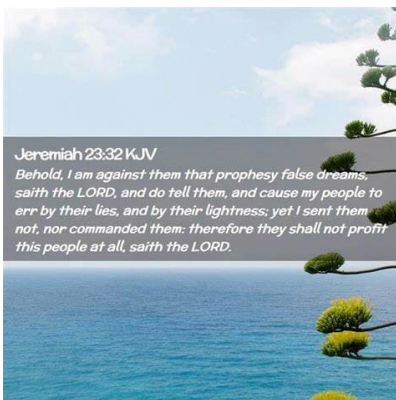
## JUNE 19TH - BEWARE OF HEROD AND DON'T BELIEVE THE LIARS.

By Rev. Michael Cowley

"I am against them that lie that they may seduce  
My people by their lies".

(Jer. 23:32)

The first time the events of June 19th are mentioned is in the first chapter of True Christian Religion (n. 4). The very next thing mentioned after sending out the Apostles to preach the Gospel anew, is the insanity, derangement, dementia, frenzy or delirium (depends on the translation) which infected and still infects people when they believe lies and liars. Many of the liars are church, social and civil leaders and influencers!



Jeremiah 23:32 KJV

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

As we look forward to celebrating June 19th, staying true to the teachings of the New Church means standing up for the Truth which the New Gospel preaches. The principles involved in the victory of the Second Coming are the reason the Lord again sent out His Disciples. They were to preach anew the Gospel that "the Lord God Jesus Christ Reigns" (TCR 791). And it was done at a time when almost nothing of the Christian Church, which the Lord established, remained intact. (TCR 4)

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BIG LIES were accepted as the GOSPEL TRUTH! And the church was lacerated and butchered by the lies like the man robbed in the story of the good Samaritan. (TCR 378)

DON'T BELIEVE THE LIARS! That's a pretty blunt statement, right? That's where the celebration of New Church Day becomes more than just a nice picnic and social event and turns into a challenge to our faith. Not exactly a lighthearted theme, is it? But it's good to examine history so we don't repeat historical mistakes.

Just as Herod always shows up in the Christmas story, the Liars seek to destroy the followers of the New Gospel (TCR 669).

What lies are we talking about here? The worst are of a spiritual nature, and next are lies of a civil, social, political or natural level. (See AC 8908:3)

Jeremiah speaks about needing "a sword against the liars of Babylon." (Jer. 50:35-38) Babylon stands for our worldly persuasions and desires, ideas from the world which seduce our mental acuity.

June Nineteenth is the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Apocalypse, or Book of Revelation.

The first message to the first church in the Book of Revelation, Ephesus, was to search out and examine, or put on trial, the liars. The Lord affirmed them being sought out and removed. The next church had some "bad apples" too, "the so-called Nicolaitans mentioned in Revelation 2:6" (TCR 378). And unpleasant as it may seem, we are each and all "on trial" as it were, to judge ourselves and critically examine our beliefs and the beliefs held by others.

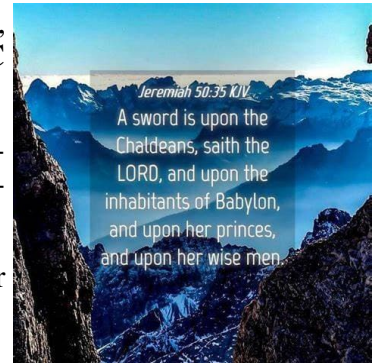
The first of charity is to shun evils and sins, and that involves self examination for the lies we may tell ourselves, or the false persuasions of which we have become convinced. We become convinced by science, civil narratives, political ideologies and social practices. (AC 2657:2) These belief systems bully and mock the genuine teaching from the Word. No matter how "good" or regenerate we may become, these false persuasions still cling to us and challenge us to follow them.

We will always be lied to, and there will always be something in us that wants us to believe old lies which we thought we left behind. Only the Lord completely cleared out all falsity of the lower rational mind. (AC 2657:7)

This is why the Lord wrote to the seven Churches in Asia, strengthening them in the proper ways they were practicing and believing, but giving each one a thing or two to work on.

Our celebration of June 19 each year gives us an opportunity to do the same. Ask the Lord what has been going well and thank Him, but then look at some of the items which may be a little suspicious. We might start by using the example from TCR 4 talking about the insanity, derangement, dementia, frenzy or delirium going on in and around us.

"I'm not crazy or deranged", you might say! OK, what about your neighbor, or your partner, family member, church associate, political leader, or former ally? There sure is a lot of talk about the crazy world we live in, right? Do we have any spiritual responsibility to scrutinize the crazy world we live in? Or the people around us? And isn't it possible you've been tainted, just a wee bit by your surroundings...maybe just a little?



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The Word tells us we must look at the crazy ideas which infect our spiritual lives and the life of the Church. We are not responsible for forcing others to believe what we believe, only to use discrimination and scrutiny to access what's going on around us, as well as in us.

The celebration of June 19th is the restoration of a genuine conscience allowing us to follow the Lord in His new Word. The dangerous lies which do not bear up under scrutiny are numerous and crazy, but if enough people tell you they are the truth you may doubt your own convictions. No one came into the New Church without holding the widely accepted ideas of their surroundings under suspicion. You're not crazy for believing in the Second Coming no matter what the majority believe.

The churches Ephesus and Pergamos are both praised for hating the Nicolaitans, "who I hate," said the Lord. This false persuasion is that we deserve heaven and worldly praise for doing good. Virtue signaling today has taken hold of many. That is bumper sticker identity scoring on a spiritual and social level. The Lord "hates" it. There is a list of well over 35 other "identities" or lies and liars which are outlined in TCR 378 which have infected, torn and mangled true believers since the time Jesus sent out His Disciples the first time.

As we celebrate the Second Coming and call June 19th the Church's birthday we remember we are capable of being infected by deranged thinking and deception. Just as our Christmas celebrations can be captured by the commercialism of the world and we can be caught up in externals, so too can the freedom celebrated by the Second Coming be stolen from us by commonly accepted social and political ideologies. The Word talks about people who do not want to have to think too deeply about religion or spiritual matters, looking for an "easy button." The thought (lie) presents itself that spiritual matters are on higher and deeper levels and don't apply to political or social issues. We are commanded to scrutinize such thinking from an affirmative attitude toward the Word.

But in fact, there is not some place where the application of spiritual thinking stops, and natural thinking begins. The deepest spiritual and doctrinal matters all must be based in our natural, scientific and natural rational minds. "For nothing is possible in a person's thought, even as to the deepest secrets of faith, that is not attended with a natural and sensuous idea." (AC 3310) A lie some may tell you, or you may believe yourself, is that Divine things are not everyday things, and everyday things can't be Divine. Enemies of New Church thought will opt for the simple, easy excuse that spiritual ideas "should be believed in simplicity, without any mental view of them on the part of the rational". People may say "don't overthink" these natural or social matters. Again, that is a lie.

The Word tells us no level of our lives, from the Divine to the most natural is disconnected. None of our thinking "not even its deepest secrets, are comprehended by anyone without some rational idea, and also a natural one being connected to it." (AC 3394) If we are having genuine New Church thought then it will be on all levels of our thinking. An extremely dangerous lie is that heavenly thinking doesn't apply to our social or political life. Such a lie "is harmful if believed, for it is one in which a person's freedom to think may be taken away and his conscience bound even to something extremely heretical, with the result that control is established over the person internally and externally." (AC 3394)



The Lord made His Second Coming to set us free from lies and liars, and also to apply His Truth such that we ourselves don't lie or contribute to false narratives which harm others freedom. He came to give us the ability to consider all matters of life in the Light of Divine and Rational Truth. We celebrate this victory and the descent of the Holy City New Jerusalem into our hearts and minds. As it is established in each of us internally from heaven, the church on earth grows. "This cannot take

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place in a moment. It comes about as the lies are removed. What is new cannot take hold where people have been born into false beliefs, unless those beliefs are first uprooted.” (TCR 784)

And the lies can not be removed unless we have the spiritual and natural freedom to consider all sides of an argument or ideology. The Lord sent each of His disciples to the quarters of the Spiritual World where their individual gifts and preaching would be most effective. We can not be held captive by one camp or party such that we won't consider the other side. We have to remain open to hearing the Lord tell us what we don't want, but need, to hear. Otherwise, we are described as “a person who only believes that to be true in which he already is, (the silo effect) and does not see opposing considerations; in a word, they are not in spiritual equilibrium”. (SD 6006)

However, on June 19th we celebrate this spiritual freedom and equilibrium.

Then only “can we be led by the Lord to scrutinize a matter on both sides, and so see everything in a rational, and thus in a spiritual, manner.” (Ibid)

***May your celebration of New Church Day be one of new Light, open to New Truths which help root out false thinking and set you more firmly on the path toward the pearly gates.***

***“THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST DOTH REIGN!”***



## AND GOD SAID, “NO”.

*by Claudia Minden Weisz*

I asked God to take away my pride. And God said “No”.  
He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. And God said “No”.  
He said her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. And God said “No”.  
He said patience is a by-product of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. And God said “No”.  
He said He gives me blessings, happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain. And God said “No”.  
He said suffering draws me apart from worldly cares and brings me closer to Him.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. And God said “No”.  
He said I must grow on my own. But He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. And God said “No”.  
He said He will give me life, that I may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me love others, as much as he loves me.  
And God said “Ah, finally you have the idea!”

# THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NEW CHURCH

## True Christian Religion 791

From [newchurchvinyard.com](http://newchurchvinyard.com)

### Words to Understand

**gospel**—the good news of the Lord's life as told in the New Testament

**prediction**—a foretelling of some future event; prophecy

**the elect**—people who have been chosen or selected

### The Coming of the Lord

At Christmastime we learned how the Lord was born on earth to teach people the way to live in order to be truly happy and to live in heaven forever. His disciples told the news to all who would listen. So the Christian Church spread over the earth to many nations. Many people were baptized and became known as Christians, that is, followers of Jesus Christ.



In time, though, the Christian church began teaching the ideas of people instead of the Word of God. So the Lord came again on this earth but in a different way. He prepared His servant Swedenborg to write books telling the truth about Him and His kingdom. He guided Swedenborg in the writing of these books. Swedenborg was like the prophets of the Old and New Testaments. The Lord spoke through him. These truths contained in the books written by the Lord through Swedenborg make up the Heavenly Doctrine of the New Jerusalem and are the third part of the Lord's holy Word. We often call them "the Writings." The Lord came again through these "Writings." Now we know more heavenly truths than the world has ever known.

You may know about some of these truths such as the special love of a husband and wife who look to the Lord, called conjugal love. Now we have many details about such things as the life after death and how people live in heaven and hell. And most importantly, we can know that the Lord God Jesus Christ is our Creator and Savior and that there is no other God beside Him.

### Disciples Sent Out

In the year 1770 a most remarkable event happened in the spiritual world. By that time all of the teachings for the New Church had been given and the books containing the Heavenly Doctrine were published on earth. It was now time to announce this wonderful news to all the angels in heaven. So the Lord called together his disciples in the spiritual world. He gave them a mission to tell everyone that people on earth could now read in the Writings that the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns.

Read True Christian Religion 791 (below).

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“After this work was finished the Lord called together His twelve disciples who followed Him in the world; and the next day He sent them all forth throughout the whole spiritual world to preach the Gospel that the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom shall be for ages and ages, according to the prediction in Daniel (chapter 7:13, 14), and in Revelation (Chapter 11:15). Also that blessed are those that come to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9).

This took place on the nineteenth day of June, 1770. This is what is meant by these words of the Lord: He will send His angels and they will gather together His elect, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:31).”

The prediction in Daniel 7:13, 14 tells of an everlasting kingdom that will not pass away. It is the same kingdom represented by the stone which grew into a mountain and filled the whole earth, destroying the big statue. Revelation 11:15 also predicts that the Lord’s kingdom will last forever and ever.

### **The Birthday of the New Church**

Since the Lord sent out His disciples on June 19th, 1770, we celebrate the birthday of the church on that date each year. New Church Day is a day of worship, celebration, and gratitude for the New Church. Although the church on earth is still small in numbers, all the angels in heaven join us in rejoicing because they know that we celebrate the coming of the Kingdom that will last forever and ever. As more people learn about the beautiful teachings in the Heavenly Doctrine, the New Church will grow larger and larger until one day it will have spread throughout the whole earth.



### **Growing the New Church**

Who is the New Church for? Do you think the Lord wants just a few people to learn the Heavenly Doctrine and know about His Second Coming? Remember that His love is infinite. This means The Birthday of the New Church that He wants everyone to learn about heaven and to live there with Him forever. So this revelation is not just for a few. It is for the whole world.

How can this wonderful news spread over the whole world? The Christian Church spread to many nations because the disciples went out sharing the gospel of the Lord’s life and teachings all over the world. Some listened and others did not, but the disciples talked to everyone who would listen and many lives were changed. Then others began to spread the good news.

***How can we be disciples of the Lord’s Second Coming and spread the news throughout the earth? We can be sure that the Lord wants us to share His truths with anyone who wants them. One way is to choose to obey the Commandments and do our work honestly and faithfully and as well as we can. In this way we are being an example to others of what the heavenly life can be like. These are some of the best ways to be a disciple and spread the truth to the world. Can you think of other ways?***





# THE NEW JERUSALEM AND ITS PRECIOUS STONES

by Rt. Rev. George de Charms

The New Jerusalem, which John saw coming down from God out of heaven, had a wall like that which was built around all ancient cities to protect them from their enemies. But this was far more beautiful than any wall that was ever built on earth. It was made of jasper stone, which is a brilliant white in color, whiter than the whitest marble; and it shone in the sunlight with a greater brightness than snow.

And above this wall John could see the buildings within the city, all made of gold, resplendent and shining. Think how beautiful that must have been! First, the bright white wall, and then, above it, and within it, the buildings, the streets, and the palaces of gold.



Nor was this all. For the twelve foundations in the wall were decorated with precious stones of various colors. The first foundation was of jasper, which, of course, was white like the wall. The second was ornamented with sapphires, which are a beautiful blue, nearly the color of the sky. The third was a chalcedony, of which we know very little, but it was probably of a bluish color. The fourth was an emerald, which is a bright green. The fifth was sardonyx, which is both red and white, in layers or stripes. And the sixth was the most beautiful of all stones—the ruby, which is red, as you know. The seventh was a yellow stone called the chrysolite; the eighth was a beryl, also yellow with a touch of green; and the topaz is mentioned as the ninth stone, this again being yellow in color. The tenth stone, a chrysoprasus, was green; the eleventh, jacinth, is yellow and red; and the amethyst is violet.

All these colors caught the light and reflected it back with a brilliance that is hard to imagine. No wonder it is said that the city had “the glory of God,” and that its “light was like a most precious stone.” The whole city, from a distance, must look like one marvelous precious stone, of a kind that is not known at all on this earth.

And further, each one of the twelve gates was of one pearl. You know what a pearl is. It is the beautiful gem that is made by an oyster. It is not angular, like the other stones, but round and smooth. It is made in layers and cannot be cut without ruining it. In this world, pearls are very small; the largest ones being made into necklaces. But just think of the pearls which John saw, so large that every gate was one pearl!

In the old city of Jerusalem, in the Holy Land, a great temple had been built by Solomon. And it was in that temple that the Tables of the Law had been placed, and there all the Jews came to worship the Lord. But in this New Jerusalem, John saw no temple. The whole city was like a temple, because everyone there worshiped the Lord, and the Lord was always there, just as He was in the temple. So it is said that the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of this city.

Further, the city “had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, because the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.” The “glory of God” is the glory of the spiritual sun—the sun of heaven in which the Lord is. And because the Lord, who is here called the Lamb, is in the spiritual sun, the New Jerusalem gets all its light from this. There is no need for the sun or moon of this world to give it light. For this world’s sun and moon do not shine in the spiritual world at all. Their light is made

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for the eyes of our body to see. And when we lay aside our bodies, and come into the other world, then we see with our spiritual eyes, which perceive the light of the spiritual sun.

Now it is said that all those who are saved, that is, who love the Lord and who live a good life in the natural world, will come into this city. And because the Lord wants everyone who possibly can to enter into this city, He keeps the gates open all the time. They are never closed. But still, no one who is evil can enter in, because angels stand guard at each of the gates, to keep away all those who do not love the Lord and keep His Commandments.



*Lesson: Revelation 21:18-27*

## HISTORY CORNER: NEW CHURCH EDUCATION IN CANADA

### New School House in Berlin (Kitchener), Ontario (1892)



“[On October 30th], parents and friends gathered at 10 o’clock, and took their places in the rear of the hall on the first floor. In front were the chairs for the children, but these were as yet unoccupied. The teachers and children assembled in the old school-house, not far away, and marched to the new building together. After laying aside their hats and wraps in the side rooms they formed in line to enter the hall. Before entering they sang the first two verses of the “Color Song” (see *Life* [1892], p. 124). With the third and fourth verses they marched into the hall to their seats, placing their offerings in the basket as they passed the door” (*New Church Life* 1893, 10).

The Berlin (Kitchener) school house, which was also used for church services, was situated on an ample three acre lot (*New Church Life* 1890, 205). It was designed and built by Henry Stroh, who also built the Parkdale Church in Toronto as well as the “Club House” in Bryn Athyn.

A cornerstone laying ceremony had taken place earlier in the year on Sunday, June 12, 1892. The stone chosen for the occasion was an unfinished piece of granite taken from a local field (*New Church Life* 1892, 112). It is interesting to note that the sermon delivered by Rev. F. E. Waelchli was given in German (*New Church Life* 1892, 130). Berlin had originally been settled by German Mennonites in the 1790s, and later other German immigrants followed.

The building is remembered by many as the “**old Carmel Church.**” The society adopted the name **Carmel Church of the General Church of the New Jerusalem** on New Year’s Eve 1897.

The building was used by the Carmel Church Society until 1962 when a **new Carmel Church** was built in the countryside, now known as Caryndale.



*From newchurchhistory.org*



## NEWS FROM THE GCIC EVP / REGIONAL PASTOR

by Rev. James Cooper

### Report on the GCIC AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the General Church in Canada was held on Saturday, April 12. As we've been doing for the last few years, the meeting was "hybrid" in that the officers and local members met together in person at Carmel Church while other members from all over Canada joined by Zoom. We reviewed the various reports published in the Annual Report, approved the budget, and elected new Board members for three year terms. See the results of the election below.

Many thanks to the Carmel Church for hosting the meeting this year and providing a delicious supper for those attending the meeting in person.

The GCIC is blessed with a generous endowment that provides for a number of different uses across Canada. We fund travel for clergy to visit the various groups and circles from one end of the country to the other. We fund scholarships for students to attend the Academy Secondary School and Bryn Athyn College. We fund translation of the Writings into French and Korean, support [www.NewChristianBibleStudy.org](http://www.NewChristianBibleStudy.org) and a number of other things.

A new service that we are providing is Human Resources support for Canadian New Church societies. As new regulations are added all the time it's becoming essential to have access to a trained professional to guide groups made up of lay volunteers safely through the process of dealing with employees. Please contact Lee Horigan at [Horigan@outlook.com](mailto:Horigan@outlook.com) for further information.

If you would like to be a part of this, please contact the GCIC Secretary at [Karenanncooper@gmail.com](mailto:Karenanncooper@gmail.com) for information about joining. It's painless and free!

And, whether or not you are a member, you could contribute to these various important uses as easily as making an Interac transfer to [GCICTreasury@outlook.com](mailto:GCICTreasury@outlook.com) to help provide these services to Canadian members and friends of the New Church.

### Ex Officio President

Rt. Rev. Peter M. Buss, Jr.

### GCIC Officers Elected Annually

EVP: Rev. James P. Cooper  
Administrator: Lee Horigan  
Treasurer: Lee Horigan  
Secretary: Karen Cooper

### 2027 Cohort

Darrell Scott (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
Denis de Chazal (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Jacquie Avelar (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Marvin Friesen (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

### GCIC Board of Directors 2025-2026

#### 2026 Cohort

Jared Hasen (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
Jim Swalm (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Lee Horigan (1<sup>st</sup> term)

### 2028 Cohort

Britteny Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Erik Parker (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Janet McMaster (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Joyce McLeod (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Peter Bailey (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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## From the Regional Pastor:

Two new pastors will be coming into the system this year, assuming they finish their courses and are ordained as expected. General Church policy is that newly ordained ministers should spend two years under the mentorship of an established pastor. Thomas Jackson has been assigned to be an Assistant to the Pastor in the Oak Arbor Society in Rochester, Michigan where he will be working with Rev. Erik Buss. Daniel Calvo has been assigned to be an Assistant to the Pastor in the Pittsburgh Society where he will be working with the Rev. Jared Buss.

These two assignments, along with some other adjustments, mean that Rev. Michael Cowley will not need to travel to congregations in the United States in the coming year. The good news is that means he will be able to do more visiting within Canada.

Rev. Mark Allais will continue as pastor of the Carmel Church. He will not have a resident assistant, but Rev. Michael Cowley will be able to provide regular assistance.

Rev. Todd Beiswenger is getting settled in Toronto. As in Carmel, Toronto will not have a resident assistant, but will get regular assistance from me.

This coming summer there will be a number of church camps in Canada (well, the Cascadia camp includes the Vancouver group and is VERY close to the border) to choose from this summer:

- ♦ Moonshine Lake, AB, June 22-23
- ♦ Maple Leaf Academy, July 5-11
- ♦ Living Waters, July 17-20
- ♦ Cascadia, Whidbey Island, Washington, July 19 -23

Finally, we need to note a coming change in the New Church Canadian. Sandy Kuhl, who with her husband Denis has lovingly edited, printed, and mailed this newsletter out for so many years, has decided to take a well deserved rest from her labours and is retiring as editor of NCC. We are extremely grateful for her dedicated service – and the quality product that so many have enjoyed over the years. At the same time we can officially welcome the new Editor, Lindsay Hyatt. Lindsay grew up in Etobicoke and attended Olivet School. As an adult she worked for several years in the Olivet Church office. She is married to Edward Hyatt, and they have two children, one in Olivet School, and the other will start at Olivet next fall. Sandy and Lindsay are working together on this issue to ensure a smooth transition.

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From the Editor: Dear Friends,



It has been my privilege and great pleasure to bring you 156 issues of this newsletter since 1999. This final one is a joint transitional effort with the new Editor, and I am so pleased to be passing it on into her very dedicated and capable hands.

*Farewell*

I look forward to finding new ways to fill my days—from birdwatching from my lovely deck to bringing my very neglected Family Tree up to date!

With Warmest Regards, Sandy Kuhl



***Held at the Ecology Retreat Centre in Mono, Ontario***

***Theme: SEASONS***

*"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.  
Psalm 1:3 NKJ*

**SAVE the DATES!**

***We look forward to welcoming campers!***

***Saturday July 5 – Friday July 11, 2025***

This will be a week of friendship building, laughter, restorative relaxation, and spiritual growth for teens who will have just completed any year of high school.

Want to register or get more information?

Please visit [maplecamp.com](http://maplecamp.com) or contact

Stephanie Kuhl, Camp Director, regarding any questions  
at [gcic.mapleleafcamp@gmail.com](mailto:gcic.mapleleafcamp@gmail.com)

Maple has been serving New Church youth since 1969; it is sponsored by the General Church in Canada and is staffed by experienced volunteers.

After GCIC contributions, regular camper fee is \$300, with discounts for early bird registration (before May 1) or for "junior staff" (returning campers finishing high school). A deposit of at least \$50 (\$5 non-refundable) is required with registration and full payment is due by June 16.







## LIVING WATERS FAMILY CAMP

Thursday, July 17 – Sunday, July 20, 2025

### This Year's Theme

*"The Covenant"*

Now is a great time to start a family tradition where Grandparents, Parents, and Children can all go to a summer camp and worship, learn, pray, and play together. These family camps provide a fantastic opportunity for the Lord to store up some cross-generational New Church "remains." Every good church camp has the Lord at the center of it, and the opportunity to learn about Him from His Word and to worship Him with thankful praise!

The theme for our camp this summer is **"The Covenant."** The Covenant that the Lord makes with each individual of the human race is in short form contained in the Ten Commandments. We will be taking a deeper look at the nature of this sacred Covenant that the Lord makes with us. One passage to points out how the purpose of this Covenant with the Lord is so that we may be conjoined with Him: ***"There were two tables, one for God and the other for man. Conjunction is effected by the Lord, but only when man does what is written in his table; for the Lord is continually present and wishes to enter in, but man, by the freedom which he has from the Lord, must open to Him"*** (True Christian Religion 285).

The sheer volume the Heavenly Doctrine for the New Church has to say about the Ten Commandments is amazing, and hopefully you will come away with the idea that not only are they vitally important, but that these laws were given for your happiness! As the Lord said to His disciples, ***"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love.... These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full"*** (John 15:10-11).

The camp is located near Paisley, Ontario on the Saugeen River and is called Hidden Valley Christian Camp. It is only 194 kilometers from the Olivet New Church and just 154 kilometers from the Carmel New Church. It is also an easy trip across the border for our Southern neighbors from the United States. Canoeing and fishing are available, and the camp is just 20 kilometers from a beautiful beach on Lake Huron. There are cabins, rooms, and service hookups available for campers.

The General Church in Canada has been wonderfully supportive of this venture and, there are scholarships available to ensure that the camp is affordable enough for most everyone to attend! If you would like to register online, please go to: <https://livingwatersfamilycamp.wordpress.com/> and sign up!

If you would like more information about **Living Waters Family Camp**, you can email [LivingWatersFamilyCamp@gmail.com](mailto:LivingWatersFamilyCamp@gmail.com) or call Brad Heinrichs at 215-870-0591.

Currently, the ministers on staff are Todd Beiswenger, Justin Schorran, and Brad Heinrichs.

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***"Living waters" are often mentioned in the Word, and by them are meant truths that come from the Lord and are received. These are living, because the Lord is Life itself, as He Himself teaches, and that which comes from Life itself is living."*** (AE 483:1)



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