

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12: 4-7 NRSV)

For 70 years, The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) has been proclaiming the Gospel. As the Apostle Paul declared, it's in God that we live and move and have our being. On our 70th anniversary, we come together to learn from and challenge each other. We go forward into God's future, to work and witness in the Holy Spirit for the common good of all Canadians.

To celebrate and commemorate this milestone, we are having an Assembly! This letter is your invitation to join us on November 17-21, 2014 for this important event. As part of the Assembly, the Governing Board of the CCC will hold its regular meeting on November 19-21 at the Queen of the Apostles Retreat Centre in Mississauga, Ontario. Committees, commissions and bodies of the CCC will also gather that week. In addition, a public event will be held in downtown Toronto. Mary Jo Leddy, a prominent Canadian writer, theologian and social activist, is our confirmed guest speaker. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 19.

We encourage you to attend as many of these meetings as possible, to greet your colleagues in ecumenism, and be challenged as you continue to work for justice and peace.

Registration information and a draft agenda are included with this letter. We anticipate that the cost for you to attend this Assembly will be paid by your denomination/organization, especially if you are a member of a CCC committee, commission, or other CCC body.

Follow us on our website (councilofchurches.ca), Facebook (facebook.com/CCC.CCE) and Twitter (twitter.com/CCC_CCE) for further Assembly developments as they occur.

The theme of the first CCC Triennial Assembly in 1969 was "Count Us In! Christians in the Radical Seventies." Seventy years later, we are still shaping the ecumenical landscape in radical ways. Let your registration for this Assembly once again declare, "Count Us In!"

The Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton
General Secretary

Lt-Colonel Jim Champ
President

Registration, lodging and meals

To register and pay to attend the Assembly, the special evening events and the meetings scheduled for November 17-21, and to reserve lodging and meals, please click here and **register as soon as possible, but latest October 15 2014**: [link].

The registration fee to attend is \$100 per person, non-refundable. The registration fees will contribute to covering special costs related to guest speakers, the venue and meeting rooms, and special assembly coordinator staffing.

There are three lodging and meals options available. Make your selection early to get your preferred choice by registering on-line right away:

Option 1: Queen of the Apostles (www.qoa.ca) including breakfast, lunch and dinner and HST: \$135.60 per day

Option 2: The Mississauga Admiral Inn under the CCC Group booking (<http://www.admiralinnmississauga.com/>):

- Single Room including breakfast and HST: \$95.00 per day
- Double Room including breakfast and HST: \$52.50 per day (the CCC will choose my roommate)

Lunch and Dinner at Queen of the Apostles: \$73.45 (per day)

Option 3: Commute

Lunch and Dinner at Queen of the Apostles: \$73.45 (per day)

Transportation

We will make every effort to assist with carpooling arrangements from Toronto Pearson Airport, Kipling subway station or the Port Credit GO Transit Train station. Check the available box on the registration form if you would like us to assist in making those carpooling arrangements.

Assembly Agenda

All Commissions, Committees and the Board of The Canadian Council of Churches are invited to meet during the Assembly week (Nov. 17-21 2014). When your Commission, Committee, or Board is not meeting you are all invited to join the meeting of another body, including the Governing Board sessions. We want this to be an occasion when we can discover the work of one another, become more collaborative, and be more aware of the work others are doing. Please see the list below for the approximate start and end times of the various meetings.

Special joint sessions are the prayer and reflection times throughout the day, meal times, and the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening special guest sessions. Wednesday afternoon will also feature a special joint learning session, and on Thursday the Governing Board will feature a number of learning sessions, circles and meetings. More detailed agendas for your Commission, Committee and Board will be posted on-line by 31 July 2014. To assist with travel, lodging and meals planning, here are the start and end times for each body that is invited to meet during this 70th Anniversary Assembly:

- Executive Committee of the Governing Board (Monday 2:00pm to 4:00pm)
- Commission on Faith and Witness (Monday 5:00pm to Wednesday 1:00pm)
- Commission on Justice and Peace Tuesday 12:00pm to Wednesday 5:00pm)
- Biotechnology Reference Group (Tuesday 8:30am to 5:00pm)
- Human Trafficking in Canada Working Group (Tuesday 8:30am to 5:00pm)
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Committee (Tuesday 8:30am to 5:00pm)
- Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries (Tuesday 8:30am to 5:00pm)
- Christian Interfaith Reference Group (Tuesday 8:30am to Wednesday 1:00pm)
- Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network (Tuesday 8:30am to Wednesday 5:00pm)
- Governing Board (Wednesday 12:00pm to Friday 1:00pm)
- Executive Committee of the Governing Board (Friday 1:00pm to 3:00PM)
- Advancement Advisory Council (not currently scheduled)
- Communications Committee (not currently scheduled)
- Church Leaders (not currently scheduled)
- Project Ploughshares Governing Committee (not currently scheduled)
- Canadian Theological Students' Association National Planning Committee (not currently scheduled)
- Finance Committee (not currently scheduled)
- Personnel Committee (not currently scheduled)

Program Timetable

For this schedule of meetings translated into a program with meal times; special sessions; prayer and worship times included, see the attached timetable.

Contact us with your questions, suggestions and comments:

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PROGRAM (AS OF JUNE 16 2014)

Assembly and Governing Board Meeting – November 17 – 21, 2014

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre – www.qoa.ca

	Monday, November 17	Tuesday, November 18	Wednesday, November 19	Thursday, November 20	Friday, November 21
Theme	<i>Prep Day Executive Committee</i>	<i>Working Groups: Commissions and Governing Board invited</i>	<i>Church Leaders and Commissions: Governing Board and Working Groups invited</i>	<i>Governing Board: Commissions and Working Groups invited</i>	<i>Governing Board Executive Committee only</i>
8 00 Breakfast					
8 30 Prayer / Bible Study					
9 00 Morning I		CFW; BRG; CIRG; WPCU; PP GC; CEARN; HT; FGM; SC	CJP, CFW, CEARN, CC, joined by Governing Board and Working Groups	Governing Board Meeting Joined by members of all other Groups	Governing Board – Business Meeting
10 15 Tea / Coffee					
10 45 Morning II		CFW; BRG; CIRG; WPCU; PP GC; CEARN; HT; FGM; SC	CJP, CFW, CEARN, CC, joined by Governing Board and Working Groups	Governing Board Meeting Joined by members of all other Groups	Governing Board – Business Meeting
12 00 Lunch					
1 30 Prayer / Bible Study					
2 00 Afternoon I	Meeting of the Executive Committee of the CCC	CFW; CJP; BRG; CIRG; WPCU; PP GC; CEARN; HT; FGM; SC	Governing Board, Commissions and Working Group members (possibly “Blanket Exercise”)	Governing Board Meeting Joined by members of all other Groups	Meeting of the Executive Committee of the CCC
3 30 Tea / Coffee					
4 00 Afternoon II	Orientation Meeting of the Chairs of all groups meeting during the week.	CFW; CJP; BRG; CIRG; WPCU; PP GC; CEARN; HT; FGM; SC	Governing Board, Commissions and Working Group members	Governing Board Meeting Joined by members of all other Groups Planning for Canada@150 Events	
5 30 Dinner					
7 00 Evening	CFW Meeting Begins	Plenary Event Future of Faith Communities in Canada	70 th Anniversary Celebration Redeemer Anglican Church @ Bloor&Bay (7:30 start time; transportation will be from Q of A and back)	Plenary Event Indigenous Leaders in Canada	
8 30 Worship					
9 00 Fellowship					