## GLOBAL UPDATE BY PASTOR HOLLY

Peru (AIDIA, Luis Cervantes, Director): Pastoral/Leadership training team - Cecilio, Dina & Rocio + volunteers // Children and Family Ministry training team - Keila, Ana Maria & Bathsheba + volunteers // Others serving in other areas and cross-trained to accompany the above teams: Ruth, Shendy, Yuly, Silvia, Yulino, Wilson, Disana, Betsabe, Yesenia, Oscar, Cirilo & Bernardino. Pray for this wonderfully gifted and dedicated staff as they travel, in many cases, to remote villages. For weather, acceptance in, and transportation to are variables that cause challenges. Pray for the church planters/pastors being trained up. Pray for spiritual health and maturity as they dive into Scriptures for themselves.

The month of January is AIDIA's rest and holiday month. Pray for this time. May they be refreshed, renewed, restored, and have the time to reorder what might need to be. Pray for time with family, friends and other important people in their lives. Would they be strong, and supported.

#### **OUR PASTORAL STAFF**

**FULL-TIME** 

Matt Mordaunt (Sharilyn) Lead Pastor

**Greg Zacharias** (Jennifer) Executive & Worship Pastor

PART-TIME

Noel Santos (Crista)Connections Pastor | Encircle MinistriesCarol Goh (Andrew)Seniors, Community & Spiritual Care Pastor

Anna Carr (Dain) Children's & Family Pastor
Holly Duke Missions & Engagement Pastor
Chantal Roberts (Jeremy) Worship & Media Communications

Leon Throness (Carol)
Wayne Massey (Hilarie)
Catie Koleba

Encounter Ministries Director
Vision Tree & Outreach Director
Youth Ministries Director

Riley Zacharias Young Adults Ministries Director

## **OUR ELDERS**

Neil Froc (Melody)
Chairman

Jon Freeman (Liz)
Laurie Throness

Vice Chair Micah Galmut (Brittany)

Derek Van Oosterom (Becky) Kelly Heibner (Becky)

Treasurer Ken Orr (Jeanette)

Jeremy Roberts (Chantal)

Secretary

## PRAYER CHAIN

To contact the prayer chain with a prayer request please phone Min Wendel at 604.845.2503. hose wishing to inform the pastoral staff please call 604.792.0051



# WELCOME!

December 21, 2025

Very interesting to prepare a message on peace. My newly repaired computer is asking for things I've never heard of. I was late to work because the closed road that was to be open—was still closed. It gave me time to think about the cold I'm almost over.

Peace may be the most elusive of the advent themes. Follow along as the preacher preaches to himself!

Pastor Leon Throness

# **Visitor Information**

Whether you are new or have attended for a long time, we are so glad to see you!

You will find brief descriptions of some of our current ministry opportunities in these pages.

For more information please visit our website at mycac.ca and visit the Connections Centre in the foyer with any questions you may have.

# Contact Us

604.792.0051 office@mycac.ca

www.mycac.ca

Office Hours Mon - Fri | 9 AM - 4 PM (Closed all stat holidays)

> 8700 Young Rd. Chilliwack, BC V2P 4P4

#### **DECEMBER**

- **22 Monday**Office Open
- **23 Tuesday** Office Oper
- 24 Wednesday
  Office Open-9AM-12PM
  4:30 PM | Christmas Eve
- 25 Thursday
  Christmas Day
  Office Closed
- 26 Friday
  Boxing Day –
  Office Closed
- 27 Saturday
- 28 Sunday
  10 AM | Baptism Sunda
  & Bible Readers!
  10 AM | Kids' Church

#### **Christmas Office Hours:**

December 22 - Full Day December 23 - Full Day December 24 - Half Day December 25 - Closed December 26 - Closed

> To access our WiFi network: Name: CAC Guest Pswd: Deep&Wide

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the church library both before and after the service today! It is open every Sunday.

As you consider your year-end investments, remember that financial gifts to be tax deductible in 2025 must be received by Wednesday, December 31st. Gifts may be given in any of the following ways: cash or cheque, credit card, e-transfer (to giving@mycac.ca), and online banking. If you decide to mail a cheque the envelope must have a post-mark on or before December 31, 2025. The church office will be open until 4 PM on December 31st for those wishing to bring their gift in person. Thank you!

If your small group is looking for fresh material, check out RightNow Media. You can get access to a free account by contacting Debbie at: office@mycac.ca.

Did you know <u>YOU</u> have a mailbox here at CAC? hey're getting full of Christmas Cards! Please check the mailboxes by the library for mail that someone may have left for you!

Have more time on your hands these days? Telecare Crisis & Caring Line is looking for people of all ages to help them help others through supportive care over the phone. If you are interested in becoming a trained listener to hurting people, call their administrative number at 604.852.4058. You can serve from the safety and comfort of your own home.

Join us for our annual "Carols by Candlelight" Christmas Eve service on Wed, December 24th! We will have one service at 4:30 PM. Invite a neighbour or two!

As we arrive at Christmas, we give thanks for the gifts of Advent — Hope that sustains us, Peace that fills our hearts, Joy that rises even in the midst of waiting, and Love revealed in Jesus. May these gifts surround you and carry you through this season, wherever you may find yourself. From all of us on staff, we are thankful for you and wish you a blessed, grace-filled, and merry Christmas.

# NOVEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income General Fund: \$104,916.63 Budgeted General Fund Income: \$95,377.44

Shortfall or Surplus: \$9,539.19 YTD Shortfall or Surplus: \$11,565.58

During service from 10-11:15, nursery, toddler & preschool childcare is available. Kindergarten to Grade 5 kids will be invited up to Children's Church during the service.

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

Wordly provides instant translation of our sermons into many different languages and also closed captioning for the hearing impaired. Use this QR code with your smartphone to get started! If you need assistance, contact a member of the Connections Team.



If you would like to be visited or need some meals because of illness or bereavement, please let us know at the church office. Email: office@mycac.ca, or call 604.792.0051. If you would like to JOIN our visitation team, please use the same contact information.

We extend our deepest condolences to Glennda and Warren Wall, Carey Isaac and Robert Isaac, on the recent passing of their mom, Helen Isaac, on Tuesday, December 16th. A celebration of life service will be held at Henderson's Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 23rd at 10:30 AM, with a reception to follow at Evergreen Hall.

We also offer our deepest condolences to Jason and Susan Horton as Susan lost her mom quite recently. Thank you for keeping these families in your prayers.

Leave a Lasting Legacy! The CAC Legacy Foundation gives you a meaningful way to support church ministries for years to come. Your gift is invested, and the income it earns helps fund approved missions and projects that share the Gospel. To learn more, talk to a CAC Foundation board member (Bob Derksen, Andrew Goh, Leon Throness, Sabine Abbasi, Mark Hutchinson, or Wayne Massey) or visit cacfoundation.ca.

## ENGAGE | ENCIRCLE | ENCOUNTER

**ENGAGE:** If you are interested in learning more about baptism, membership, or discovering your spiritual gifting, we would love to hear from you. Contact Pastor Matt at 604.792.0051, or by email at matt@mycac.ca to find out more!

**ENCIRCLE**: I would love to connect with you about building a small group with your people: People whom you share things in common with. Building a small group with a strong culture of trust is the most rewarding part of my role, and we have actionable steps to make that happen. Email me at noel@mycac.ca and let's chat 'next steps.'



**ENCOUNTER:** "The gospel is not a set of interesting ideas about which we are supposed to make up our minds. The gospel is intrusive news that evokes a new set of practices, a complex of habits, a way of living in the world, discipleship...It is a way of living as if the Kingdom of God has already come about" William Willimon.

## **JOIN A TEAM**

Using your gifts to serve the church is an important aspect of the Christian life. You can give us a call at the office, talk to one of the pastors, or shoot us an email/phone call to find out more about the opportunities available!

Are you new to Chilliwack Alliance?
Drop by the Connection Centre after the service.
Bring your Connection Card - we have a gift for you to take home!