

Greetings Team OBFF

Transition

I trust you're enjoying the fall season, as it is one of my favourite times of the year. As you may have heard, Cathy and I have been in a major change in our lives as we have transitioned our senior pastor position at WCF to our oldest son Pastor RJ and his wife Mary. This transition happened on September 9th after 37 years at the helm, and it is bittersweet but the Holy Spirit has given us incredible peace and favour. We are happy to say did not leave because of problems but because of God's timing for us. We left a healthy congregation and zero debt. We felt very honoured, affirmed, loved, and humbled by the goodness of God as the transition day ended with a incredible celebration party for us. We appreciate the affirmation from so many OBFF affiliates that joined us in the celebration, called or sent cards, emails, & text. Cathy and I will be traveling three weeks each month to unite, encourage, and strengthen churches across Canada and the US. Again thanks for your amazing support.

OBFF Administrator Change

I have been honoured to serve alongside my daughter Melissa in her position of administrator at OBFF these last ten years. The systems she has put in place, the excellency she has modeled and the love she has shown the OBFF affiliates have been above my highest expectations. I am saddened to say that she is stepping out of her role but respect her desire to take a year to seek the Lord in prayer regarding her future. She will be greatly missed. We believe we have found her replacement.

Renewals & Police Clearances with Vulnerable Sector Needed

Finally, it's renewal time! I am sure one of our favourites on a list of many things to do in this season. Our fellowship is growing rapidly, and it is important for us to be protected. We are living in a day and hour that many churches are devastated by inappropriate incidents by sexual predators. At WCF all of our staff, leaders, and volunteers including Cathy and I had to obtain an original sealed police clearance with the "vulnerable sector" portion filled out. This police clearance is our due diligence to protect our vulnerable congregants. Your cooperation and support is appreciated. Together let us make our new administrator confident in our fellowship's excellent spirit by completing all our necessary paperwork and having our renewals submitted on time! Our integrity in this area will help accomplish great things for God in our churches, ministries, and fellowship.

Blessings,

Rick and Cathy



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