

BRIDGES OF LOVE'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

Bridges of Love Ministry's Statement of Faith has become a personal journey, as we learn more intimately, what God seeks for followers of Jesus Christ and for His Church. We believe in the Bible as the inspired, and only infallible, authoritative Word of God and how we live out our faith and lead this ministry, is based on these scriptures. *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

Due to the outreach efforts of a local church in Scarborough On. my husband and I became followers of Jesus Christ. Through that churches love and care, we accepted the Lord as our personal Saviour. Before being baptized, they provided a congregation member who came to our home weekly for six months, to bring us up in our newfound faith. *John 3:16*

In 2004, Bridges of Love Ministry registered with the Alberta Government as a Religious Society (5011214334). Federal Registration with Society's charitable objects determined by the CRA became a reality in 2007 (84741 4471 RR0001).

1. To educate and instruct religious leaders and their parishioners on emergency preparedness and the church's role in pandemic situations.
2. To preach and advance the teachings of the Christian faith and the religious tenets, doctrines, observances, and culture associated with that faith.

In these times of isolation and distrust, how do we connect with the people and the needs of the community as **"Salt & Light?"** *Matthew 5:13-14*

How do we fulfill the Great Commandment to **"Love your Neighbour as Yourself,"** to be just as essential to the sanctification of church members as the Great Commission? *Matthew 22:34-40*

There is a greater need today than ever to reconnect the church with the community in a way that makes the church both real and reachable. We believe this can only be accomplished by turning outward and loving those around us the way Jesus loved: not just in words, but with deeds. Any proclamation of God's love without authentic incarnation is hollow. *James 2:14-26*

The Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative (FEPI) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training are Bridges of Love's two connecting bridges. These endeavors open the door, providing opportunities for the local church, to love their neighbour. Through prayer seeking God's Will, we serve, with His Love! *1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"The church is to be in the bridge-building business, according to the design of Jesus Christ. Over this bridge the church must travel and prove its reality to a disbelieving world. Without its own bridges to the world, church life in time, fades into isolation, self-congratulation, and finally irrelevance. We need bridges that balance public proclamation with congregational incarnation. Bridges that are suspended by the steel cables of the Great Commandment as well as the Great Commission"¹

"LIVING PROOF OF A LOVING SAVIOUR"

LOVE is ACTION!

John 13:34

¹ Dr. Robert Lewis, **THE CHURCH OF IRRESISTABLE INFLUENCE** (Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2001).