



Journey
CANADA

Annual Report 2016

Our Mission

To help people find hope and live life through experiencing Jesus in their relationships, sexuality and identity

Our Ministry

We partner with Christian communities to offer safe places for spiritual care and experiential discipleship

Our Desire

To see people living healthy, hope-filled lives in their relationships, families and communities

From the Executive Director

Looking back, 2016 was a very good year – a year of carrying forward the vision of Journey Canada: *To help individuals find hope and live life through experiencing Jesus in their relationships, sexuality and identity.*

This past year we felt called to focus on strengthening the ministry and ‘returning to the basics.’ As you will see in the following pages, it was a full and fruitful year! We ministered to over **8,700** people in our discipleship courses and seminars.

I’m also excited to report that over **1,300** Christian leaders and ministers (pastors, priests, caregivers, youth ministers, missionaries and faculty) were equipped to engage in ongoing holistic discipleship ministry. As well, we ended the year by welcoming the newest member of our team: Min-Soo Kang (you can read his interview on pages 16-17).

Through it all, we have become more keenly aware of our indebtedness to you for your support, encouragement, and prayers – we simply cannot do this work without your partnership! Thank you. As you read this report, I hope you will be encouraged by God’s life in this work!

With renewed hearts, we are looking forward to the year ahead of us. There are challenges, to be certain, but we are bolstered by God’s constant provision, and the many of you who continue to stand together with us.

With deep gratitude,

Toni Dolfo-Smith
Executive Director
Journey Canada





Programs

Journey 101

A six-week introductory course that helps participants identify their issues and look at some of the realities of the healing journey.

Journey Discipleship Course

A comprehensive course that incorporates prayer, providing in-depth discipleship and spiritual care.

Journey Youth / Young Adults

Ministry to youth/young adults and training for youth leaders and ministers in the areas of relationships, sexuality and identity.

Support Groups

Groups that meet regularly to offer encouragement and spiritual support for individuals and family members dealing with sexual addiction, spousal infidelity and same-sex attraction.

Pastoral Approaches Seminars

One-day seminars offering pastoral training and tools for pastors, ministry leaders, caregivers and friends. Topics include sexually addictive behavior, and the church and same-sex attraction.

Journey Canada Intensive Week

A week-long retreat designed to deepen the healing of participants and to train them to become leaders in Journey programs. This experiential training is also open to those in pastoral ministry, professional counselling, and lay leadership.

Internship Program

A program for those wishing to develop Journey in their home region, in Canada or abroad.

Visit www.journeycanada.org/overview to learn more



In 2016, Journey Canada ministered to
8,770+ people



7,100+ people of all ages

attended a public presentation at one of the following venues:

- Church and Ministry Conferences, Gatherings, Panels, Retreats, Seminars and Workshops
- High School, College and Seminary Chapels and Classes
- Sunday Schools
- Weekend Church Services
- Youth and Young Adult Groups



91 churches, organizations
and ministries in 44 cities

partnered with us from across Canada.



284 people participated in
discipleship courses

in Abbotsford, Burnaby, Calgary, Cambridge, Chilliwack, Edmonton,
Halifax, North Vancouver, Oliver, Summerland, Surrey, Toronto,
Vancouver and Winnipeg.



1,390+ pastors, leaders,
caregivers, youth ministers,
missionaries and faculty

ministered to and equipped for holistic discipleship ministry.



350+ Staff and Volunteers

regularly provided spiritual support and care.

Participant Stories



I CAME TO JOURNEY WITH A DEEP LACK OF SELF-ESTEEM, childhood sexual abuse, years of pornography use, same sex attraction and depression. What I found was a safe place where

*God began to unravel my pain,
addictions and unforgiveness*

and where I could experience His fatherly embrace and affirmation. I now feel confident that God, who began a good work in me, will continue to work in me until perfection.”

Paul* | Vancouver, BC

I ATTENDED A JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE at a point where I couldn't make excuses or run away from my problems anymore. I needed help lowering the facade and admitting how I had been wrongly coping. After Journey, I now feel more

equipped, strengthened, and rooted in my identity in Christ to continue this path of healing."

Ellen | Calgary, AB

INTELLECTUALLY, I KNEW GOD LOVED ME. I grew up in the church. Wasn't that what Scripture taught? But I had no experience of Jesus' love. I had no idea that Jesus wanted to, or even could, speak into the emptiness I had inside. Through the Journey Discipleship small group sessions Jesus poured His love into me... week after week. In the core of my being, gently, gently Jesus showed me that I am His beloved daughter. And He is proud of me.

I am no longer invisible, no longer unloved."

Lynda | Squamish, BC



"I CAME TO JOURNEY DURING A VERY DIFFICULT SEASON OF MY LIFE, where I didn't believe God could love someone like me. I found a place where I was listened to and not judged for where I was at; rather, I was pointed toward relationship with a God who I discovered was full of compassion, understanding and forgiveness, a God who wanted to be with me in my deepest hurts and wounds. What a wonderful time of restoration it has been!

I feel so privileged to volunteer with Journey Canada and walk with others on their personal journey."

Terry | Calgary, AB



"I PARTICIPATED IN A JOURNEY PROGRAM in 2009 when my marriage was failing. I found a safe place where I could experience a closer walk with Jesus; where His love could minister to me in my need. Because the impact of this in my life has been so profound, I have remained connected to Journey and serve on a local team in my city. I believe Journey is part of the work God is doing, using His church to meet people where they are and walk with them in transformation and healing. Through Journey,

my story of hope is used to invite others into an intimate, life-changing relationship with God."

Elisabeth | Halifax, NS

Volunteer Stories



"I WAS A MISSIONARY WHEN I CONNECTED WITH JOURNEY CANADA almost 16 years ago. Haunted by feelings of unworthiness, hopelessness and shame, I had a long-standing struggle with sexually addictive behaviour. In Journey I discovered I could talk openly about my deepest fears and wounds without being judged. Through this process, Jesus helped me experience that life could be so much more than just survival. I thank God every day for the transformation and freedom I experience;

it is the belief that He can use the ministry of Journey to help others grow closer to Him that causes me to volunteer to this day."

Nicole | New Hamburg, ON

Endorsements



“JOURNEY CANADA IS AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE when it comes to helping people who are struggling in the areas of relationships, sexuality and identity.

Journey Canada presents with a beautiful balance of truth and grace

and teaches with great intelligence and insight to the issues of culture and sexuality. I would not hesitate at all to recommend them to any organization that is looking for wisdom and clarity to respond redemptively to these complex issues today.”

Sid Koop

Executive Director

Truth Matters Ministries and CYWC Regional Training

Kelowna, BC



“OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS AS A PASTOR, I have witnessed the increased complexity of issues that face the church today. People who are coming to church are coming with all sorts of baggage.

And that’s what makes the ministry of Journey Canada so valuable in our time. They’re able to meet people where they’re at.

Journey Canada doesn't settle for quick solutions to the deep issues that every person struggles with.

They recognize transformation takes time. Staff and program volunteers are willing to walk with people over the long haul, believing that the journey of discipleship is a long obedience in the same direction.

I think the thing I appreciate most about Journey Canada is the vision they have for what it means to be a human being. Their desire is to see the work of God in each of us, making us into men and women who are fully alive. And so, for their honesty, patience, and vision, I highly recommend the ministry of Journey Canada to you.”

David Wood

*Senior Associate Pastor
Coquitlam Alliance Church
Coquitlam, BC*

In 2016 We Partnered With...

ACTS Seminaries | Langley, BC
Ambrose University College | Calgary, AB
Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd | Vancouver, BC
Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church | Carstairs, AB
Beulah Alliance Church | Edmonton, AB
Bonavista Evangelical Missionary Church | Calgary, AB
Broadway Church | Chilliwack, BC
Broken Bread Toronto | Toronto, ON
Calgary Chinese Alliance Church | Calgary, AB
Calgary Japanese Gospel Church | Calgary, AB
Cambridge Vineyard | Cambridge, ON
Canadian Association of Mennonite Schools
Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute | Camrose, AB
Canadian Pacific District of the C&MA | Surrey, BC
Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese
Cedar Grove Church | Surrey, BC
Cedar Park Church | Delta, BC
Centre Street Church | Calgary, AB
Chilliwack Alliance Church | Chilliwack, BC
Christian Camping International Canada
Christian Life Assembly | Calgary, AB
Church of Christ | Winnipeg, MB
Coquitlam Alliance Church | Coquitlam, BC
CrossRoads Church | Red Deer, AB
Defend Dignity
Eastern Canadian District of the C&MA | Whitby, ON
Evangelical Free Church of Canada
Faith Academy High School | Winnipeg, MB
Faith Beyond Belief
Fellowship Baptist Church | Edmonton, AB
First Christian Reformed Church of New Westminster | New Westminster, BC
Fort Langley Evangelical Free Church | Fort Langley, AB
Fraser Lands Church | Vancouver, BC
Glenmore Christian Academy | Calgary, AB
Gospel Centre Church | Edmonton, AB
Grace Chapel | Halifax, NS
Grace Chinese Gospel Church of North York | North York, ON
Grace Fellowship Baptist Church | Hope, BC
Grace Mennonite Church | Winkler, MB
Heritage Alliance Church | Abbotsford, BC
Hillside Baptist Church | North Vancouver, BC
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship | Montreal, QC
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA
La Salle Community Fellowship | La Salle, MB

Lakewood Alliance Church | Prince George, BC
Life Church | Oliver, BC
Lighthouse Church | Stony Plain, AB
Living Hope Fellowship | Burnaby, BC
Malagash Bible Camp | Malagash, NS
Maple Ridge Christian Reformed Church | Maple Ridge, BC
McDougal Chapel | Sundre, AB
McKenzie Towne Church | Calgary, AB
Mission Creek Alliance Church | Kelowna, BC
Morrow Gospel Church | Winnipeg, MB
Nassau Street Church | Winnipeg, MB
Nelson Avenue Community Church | Burnaby, BC
New Life Church | Stonewall, MB
New Life Community Church | Burnaby, BC
Niverville Community Fellowship | Niverville, MB
North Point Church | Calgary, AB
North Shore Alliance Church | North Vancouver, BC
Penticton Vineyard Community Church | Penticton, BC
Redemption Church | Vancouver, BC
Rexdale Alliance Church | Toronto, ON
Rock Church | Lower Sackville, NS
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver | Vancouver, BC
South Evangelical Free Church | Calgary, AB

St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church | Abbotsford, BC
St. John Brebeuf Catholic School | Abbotsford, BC
St. John's Richmond | Richmond, BC
St. John's Vancouver | Vancouver, BC
St. Peter's Okotoks | Okotoks, AB
Steinbach Bible College | Steinbach, MB
Stony Plain Alliance Church | Stony Plain, AB
Summerland Alliance Church | Summerland, BC
Taylor Seminary | Edmonton, AB
Teen Challenge | Calgary, AB
Tenth Church | Vancouver, BC
The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada
The Lord's Love Church | Vancouver, BC
The Shepherd's Circle | Vancouver, BC
The Tapestry Church | Richmond, BC
Western Canadian District of the C&MA | Calgary, AB
Tillsonburg Alliance Church | Tillsonburg, ON
Trinity Life | Oakville, ON
Trinity Western University | Langley, BC
Truth Matters | Kelowna, BC
Varsity Bible Church | Calgary, AB
Westside King's Church | Calgary, AB
Zion Evangelical Missionary Church | Didsbury, AB

Interview with Min-Soo Kang

*Youth & Young Adult
Coordinator*

*by Kirsten Rumary
Program Resource Coordinator*



Kirsten Rumary: Min-Soo, tell us a bit about what you were doing before you joined the Journey Canada staff in Vancouver this past September.

Min-Soo Kang: Sure. I had been working as a youth pastor in an inner-city neighborhood in Toronto. A frequent question youth asked me was how I became a Christian. I usually responded with a surface answer because I didn't have plans of sharing my story of same-sex attraction publicly. Over time, God showed me I was depriving others of seeing His work in my life. As I slowly took risks and opened up to others, it became evident I was not the only one with these life experiences. In fact, it was more common than I thought. I had a sense God was leading me to provide something more for Christians who experience same-sex attraction, so I founded an organization in Toronto that offers a place to be honest and real, and to encounter God in community.

KR: How did you first hear about Journey Canada, and what attracted you to the organization?

MK: I heard someone from the Journey Canada staff speak at a church in Toronto, and I wanted to connect and find resources to be more equipped. I liked that Journey's model of discipleship welcomed all followers of Jesus, not just those experiencing same-sex attraction. As I got to know the ministry better, I saw how my passion to see the Church equipped around the topics of relationships, sexuality, and identity seemed to fit perfectly with the vision and hope of Journey Canada. I decided to join the staff because I felt the calling on my life was best realized through this organization. It was a no-brainer to partner together!

KR: What has been the best part of the transition in your work?

MK: One of the things that attracted me to Journey from the beginning was the fact there was a team of people doing this work together. I believe that ministry leaders should partner and work with like-minded individuals, so that the weight of an organization does not fall on one individual. Working solo does not lead to longevity. It's in teamwork that lasting impact is made!

KR: What have you enjoyed most about your time in Vancouver so far?

MK: Coming from Toronto, I wasn't exposed to a lot of nature growing up. Now, I'm surrounded by it. The beauty of Vancouver has helped me to fall in love with it quicker than I thought. Now, I actually have to get outside and explore the beautiful sites, instead of my admiring them from afar. I'll do that once I've drunk at all the coffee shops in Vancouver first.

KR: In closing, can you share with us something you like to do when you're not at work.

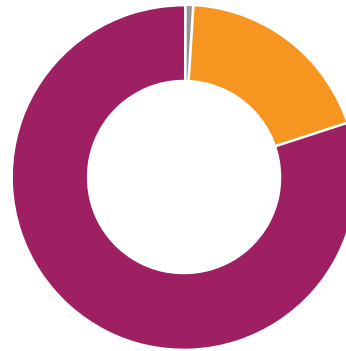
MK: When I'm not working, I enjoy expanding my culinary knowledge or hip-hop dancing - or both at the same time.

Financial Overview

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with Journey Canada. Together we are helping people find hope and live life through experiencing Jesus in their relationships, sexuality, and identity.

Revenue

■ Donation Income	\$658,293
■ Program Revenue	\$165,498
■ Other Revenue	\$3,929
TOTAL REVENUE	\$827,720

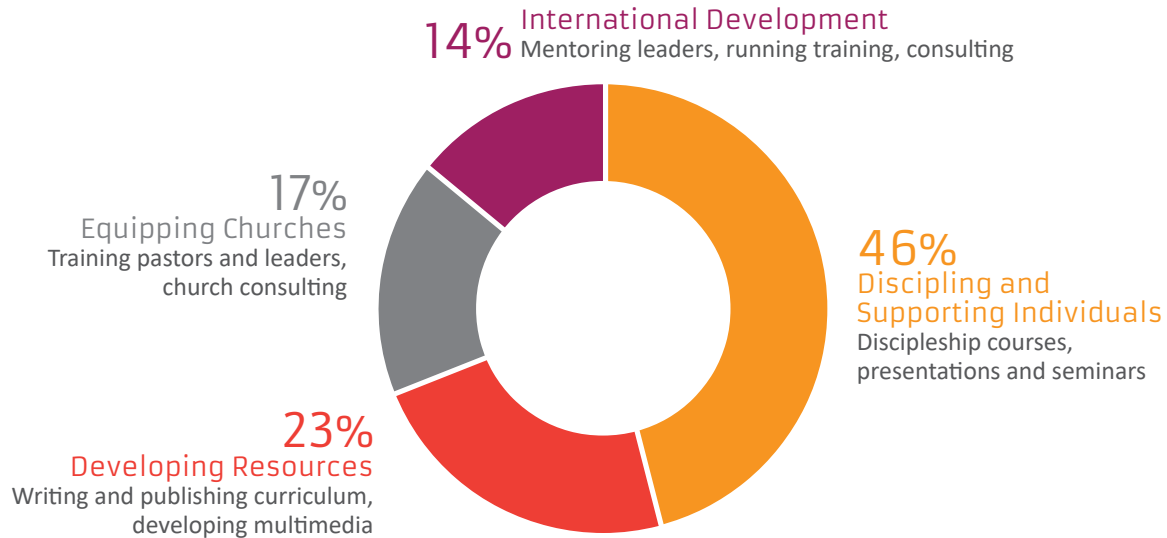


Expenditure

■ Program	\$722,016
■ Administration	\$85,054
■ Donor Relations	\$36,597
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$843,667



86% of our expenditure goes towards helping people live healthy, hope-filled lives



From the Board

Annual Reports aren't always an exciting read, even for people like me who enjoy numbers! That isn't to say the numbers aren't important; the staff and board take seriously the trust put in us when you partner with Journey Canada, and we strive to ensure that investment is maximized. But what I love most about the Journey Canada Annual Report are the stories; stories of real men and women who have encountered a real Jesus. Shame is changed to grace, despair gives way to hope. It's the stories that remind me God isn't finished with me yet. May they inspire you too, as you lean into Jesus on your own journey with Him. On behalf of the Board of Journey Canada, thank you for your ongoing partnership that makes this ministry possible.

Glen Nyhus
President
Journey Canada



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