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Another Way of Keeping Informed

Billy Graham famously once said The Christian and Missionary Alliance was one of the world's 'best kept secrets.' Nevertheless, Prime Minister Stephen Harper recognizes our impact as profound. In a letter read to delegates at General Assembly this summer, he said: *"The Christian and Missionary Alliance is emblematic of Canada as it is emerging—a diverse and compassionate society that embraces pluralism. I commend your dedicated work in communities across Canada and around the world. Your commitment to social justice is extending the reach of The Christian and Missionary Alliance by fostering service, community involvement and spiritual growth."*

Our President, Dr. Franklin Pyles, has called on the constituency to embrace our past as a 'holiness' movement and regain the fervor and love of God that holiness entails. Out of that will flow a true sense of love, justice and compassion to our communities and nation. And so Preston Manning, one of Canada's leading political thinkers and former Leader of the Opposition, weighs in on how the church can engage public policy and why. Allied with that is an interview with Dr. Pyles as well as a piece that helps churches use the media to tell their story.

Canada has become a lightning rod for immigration. General Assembly has called on us to reach out to followers of the major world religions. This issue we look at Islam. What do they believe and how can ordinary Christians connect with ordinary Muslims?

The Alliance in Canada takes actions to reach out to the unreached peoples of the world. Ron Brown sets the rationale for these decisions in *Under the Radar*. The need for protection of people working in Creative Access Countries is highlighted by the story of two workers expelled from their field.

This year Quebec City celebrates its 400th anniversary. What influence does evangelical Christianity have on this largely secular society now? And what influence did it have then? *Bringing Christ to Quebec—Again!* explains in both French and English.

There are other articles ranging from prayer to books that make you think. What you will not find is news. This publication is designed to be a resource for the church—more practical than theological; more 'how did they do it?' than 'what did they do?' You will also find these articles on-line at www.cmalliance.ca with links and references to our video magazine *Family Snapshots* where you will find many 'people' stories connected with the material in this magazine. Different ways to keep informed. Happy reading.

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