



## Marvin's Ministry Update

April – June 2023

### Leadership Transition

The Board of MentorLink Canada transitioned executive leadership to Tim Jacobson on April 20 in Cambridge, ON. My leadership was celebrated with several videos from mentees and my feet were washed by Tim and Terry Dorey. The Board laid hands on and prayed for Tim; I gave a relay baton as a visual symbol of the transition. On June 7, I gave the charge at a special Commissioning Service for Tim at SIM Canada in Scarborough, ON, where his office is located. A delicious Ethiopian meal, prepared by Tim, was served to all who attended.



I have been honoured by the ML Global Leadership Team as the second ML "International Ambassador." I am continuing my previous ministry, without executive leadership responsibilities, as God opens opportunities.



### Ministry Updates

#### 1. Next Gen Leaders Conference

Approximately 55 younger leaders as well as mentors, speakers, and conference staff gathered in Paradise, PA, from April 23-28. The theme was "blessing and abiding." Nine people from our mentoring group which met daily during the conference and several times later to review our takeaways. We have at least one more online meeting.





My NGLC mentor group



CABC Planning Retreat



MBC Student Leaders -- Laura and David

## 2. Miscellaneous Ministries

- a. Christ Almighty Baptist Church – I led 60+ people at their annual planning retreat on April 21-22.
- b. FEB Central “Stronger Conference” – Tim and I represented ML Canada on May 1-2. I presented a seminar on “Healthy Church Boards” and later facilitated a discussion with elders and deacons on local church issues.
- c. Muskoka Bible Centre – I conducted mentor training for 25 amazing young adult leaders of their summer “Stepping Stones” program.

## 3. New ML Tools

MentorLink provides many tools in a variety of languages. All MentorLink tools and resources are free. Two recent additions are:

**Mentoring – It’s Easier Than You Think.** This is a 12-module course based on Passing It On. <https://mentorlink.org/resources/passing-it-on/crest-mentoring-course/>

**Mentoring Process.** This is a one-page description of starting and continuing a mentoring relationship: <https://mentorlink.org/resources/mentoring-process/>

## Ministry Opportunities (Prayer and Praise)

1. Praise – For our new leader for ML Canada, Tim Jacobson. Pray – for wisdom and courage as he leads.
2. Pray – I will be providing training, including about mentoring, for thirteen leadership couples from Lighthouse Gospel Church, Port Burwell, ON, from September 25-27.
3. Pray – I will be providing training in four languages for 60 mentor group leaders who will serve at the GProCongress in Panama City, Panama, November 12-17. Pray for travel funding for many of this group. I am asking God to help me raise \$60,000. PTL: So far -- \$18,500.

Please visit our updated website ([www.mentorlink.org/canada](http://www.mentorlink.org/canada)) and our Facebook page (MentorLink Canada) which provide more information.

“You (Timothy) have heard me (Paul) teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Teach these great truths to trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others.” (2 Timothy 2:2)