

Canada



Today in Canada...

The Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League (Int'l LLL) is also an auxiliary of Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC).

Approximately 4,100 voting members of the Int'l LLL reside in Canada. LLL-Canada is the organization that conducts Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) in Canada.

LLL-Canada's Board of Directors administers an annual budget of about \$750,000 (Canadian), which is used to bring the Gospel to the Canadian people in cooperation with Lutheran Church—Canada.

"The Lutheran Hour" is currently broadcast each week on 71 stations across Canada. Special broadcasts featuring Canadian guest speakers are usually prepared for Canada's Thanksgiving (mid-October) and Canada Day (July 1). In addition, six stations carry the "Woman to Woman" program each week.

LHM has also reached out to French-Canadians by way of radio and newspaper ad campaigns in the Gatineau, Sherbrooke and Montreal areas.

Television plays an important role in spreading the Gospel throughout Canada. Christmas and Easter TV specials are carried by commercial television stations throughout Canada each year. The "This is the Life" series continues to be telecast on a regular basis over several local, cable TV networks.

In cooperation with the LCC, LLL-Canada helped fund several international mission projects, including the production of several Ukrainian television programs, which were used by LCC missionaries in that country.

Funding also has been provided for preparation of print materials in Ukraine, Nicaragua and Thailand. Other projects have resulted in the shipment of medicines and medical supplies to Ukraine, equipping three classrooms of the Lutheran high school in Tisovec,



Slovakia and providing buildings, training and materials in Nicaragua.

LLL-Canada has conducted Parish Media Team workshops, providing congregations with training in the use of local media.

The Ministry...

Office Established:

Kitchener, Ontario 1973
(Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada
Incorporated, 1967)

Director:

Stephen Klinck, since 1996

Area Served:

32,207,113; 606,000 Lutherans

Media Outreach:

"The Lutheran Hour" is broadcast each week on 71 stations, with special broadcasts on Canada's Thanksgiving and Canada Day

"Woman to Woman" is broadcast

TV ministry includes "This is the Life" and holiday specials

Supports ministry projects in Thailand, Nicaragua, Slovakia, Ukraine

Religion in Canada...

Approximately 43 percent of all Canadians identify themselves as Roman Catholic, while the majority of Canadian Protestants are members of the United Church of Canada or the Anglican Church. Sixteen percent of the population claims to be non-religious.

Approximately six percent of the population is non-Christian, with the largest segment of that group being Muslim. Prior to 1961, 39 percent of immigrants were Christians, but during the 1990s that number dropped to 11 percent.

Lutheran is the seventh largest religious denomination, with 606,000 people claiming affiliation. Lutheran Church—Canada has 326 congregations, 317 clergy, and approximately 78,000 baptized members. It is in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Approximately 187,000 other Canadians belong to the 627 congregations of a second body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada.

The Country...

Canada is the world's second largest country by area, covering more than 3,381,000 square miles. It stretches from near the North Pole to Lake Erie in the south. Canada has a vast coastline, towering mountains in the west, a frozen and barren northland—the home to 25,000 Inuit people, forests, mineral deposits, rich agricultural lands and modern industrialized cities.

More than 62 percent of Canada's 30 million people live in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Only six metropolitan areas have more than one million people. The balance of the population is widely dispersed across the country, but the vast majority live within 200 miles of the Canada/USA border.

The People...

Canada is officially bilingual. The mother tongue of the majority of Canadians is English, but nearly one-quarter of Canadians speak French regularly or exclusively. The native "First Nations" population is nearly 800,000.

Historically, many immigrants came to Canada from Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and the United States. More recently, immigrants have come from Hungary, India, Asia, and Central America. Nearly 50 percent of the last decade's immi-

grants were born in Asian countries. These new arrivals have settled mainly in eight cities with populations of more than 500,000 people: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal.



Your Opportunities to Serve...

Pray to the Lord for He is good... We give thanks for the opportunity given to us by our heavenly Father to bring His good news of hope and salvation to the people of Canada.

Indifference can be a powerful enemy to the work of the Lord. If we choose to do nothing, those that are without hope in their lives will not know His mercy and salvation. Through the blessed work of Lutheran Hour Ministries, we can break down the barriers of indifference.

Through your support, the ministry of Canada can continue to reach out to the lost souls around the world. Become a sponsor or increase your level of giving to help us continue our mission of "Bringing Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church."

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Our world is full of people who NEED to know they are loved. Please join us in reaching out to them—with God's love.

How You Can Help:

Become a sponsor and assist LHM Ministry Centers around the world. Call 1-800-944-3450 for details, or visit our Web site at www.lhmint.org.

For the latest listing of fact sheets for all the countries in which Lutheran Hour Ministries is carrying out its vision of "All nations, all peoples, all in Christ," visit our Web site listed above.

For more information, write to the Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League at 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141-8557.

The Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League, with its outreach through Lutheran Hour Ministries, is an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church—Canada.



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