

Uniting Evangelicals to bless Canada in the name of Jesus



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (*l'Alliance évangélique du Canada*) is the national association of evangelical Christians in Canada. The EFC provides a national forum for Evangelicals, fosters ministry partnerships, conducts research on religious and social trends and provides a constructive voice for biblical principles in life and society, all with the help and partnership of our affiliates and donors.

When donors give to the EFC, they have both the expectation and assurance that their sacrificial gifts help strengthen the Church in Canada and our public witness on issues of shared concern. This report shows how that happened in 2021.

"We are thankful for the gifts and support of so many Canadians who recognize the unique ministry and role the EFC plays in the life of the Church and our country," says EFC board member Adam Driscoll.



From the EFC President

I am sure that 2021 was, for all of us, a year like no other. We faced challenges no one could predict but still experienced the affirmation and generosity of Canadians who prioritized the work of the EFC in their prayers and their giving. We are thankful. We hope that as you read through this report you will see *your* impact and the good work we can do when we stand together. From court interventions at the highest level, to podcasts that helped Canadians navigate Covid, to distinctly Canadian research into church trends, and so much more, the EFC was at work, with your help. Thank you.

Bruce J. Clemenger
President of The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada



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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

EFC Centre for Research

The EFC's Centre for Research collaborates with partner denominations and ministry organizations to conduct research projects that help us understand and equip the Canadian Church. In FY2021, the EFC engaged in two ongoing research projects: the Canadian Evangelical Small Church Study (CESCS) and the Canadian Evangelical Faith Formation Study (CEFFFS).

- 10 affiliate ministries and denominations form the CESCS study.
- 16 affiliate denominations and ministries are partners in the CEFFFS study.

Interviews and surveys are essential pieces of research. In FY2021, EFC's research team:

- Interviewed 24 ministry experts and 31 pastors for CESCS
- Interviewed 22 ministry experts for CEFFFS
- Responded to 44 requests for consultations with affiliate or students seeking help with their own projects or EFC expertise

The team produced two academic papers:

- Hiemstra, Rick, and Lindsay Callaway. "Canadian Evangelical Small Church Study Ministry Expert Interviews Report." The CESCS Partnership, November 27, 2020.
- Callaway, Lindsay, Rick Hiemstra, and Joel Murphy. "Canadian Evangelical Family Faith Formation Study Literature Review: Interim Report 1." The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, November 16, 2020.

And the team created their own qualitative coding software – Vimwiki Qualitative Code – to assist with the EFC's own work, but also as a gift to the broader research community.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Centre for Faith and Public Life

Strategically located near Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the Centre for Faith and Public Life's (CFPL) team of experts interacts with individual MPs and government committees on a variety of issues, upcoming bills and government committees.

"We've had some significant highs and lows in 2021," says Julia Beazley, the EFC's director of public policy.

"The lows included the expansion of access to euthanasia and assisted suicide for people who aren't dying – and soon also for those with mental illness alone. This expansion has gone through in spite of our hard work and the hard work of so many of you, and most importantly, in spite of the brilliant work and testimony from the disability community.

"But there were some real highlights too, especially in the area of fighting sexual exploitation online."

In FY2021, CFPL actively engaged in eight bills, speaking biblical principles into some of the most important discussions and developments happening on Parliament Hill and across Canada.

- Bill C-6 (conversion therapy)
- Bill C-7 (Medical Assistance in Dying)
- Bill S-203 (protection of children)
- Bill C-268 (conscience protection)
- Bill C-233 (sex selective abortion)
- Bill C-219 (sexual exploitation of vulnerable Canadians)
- Bill S-211 (forced labour/supply chain)
- Bill C-302 (Internet sexual exploitation)

CFPL also completed eight submissions, (seven written briefs and one oral submission) to parliamentary or provincial regulatory bodies.

- Nov 2020 – Brief to Justice Committee on Bill C-7, MAID
- Nov 2020 – Brief to the Senate Committee on Bill C-7, MAID
- Dec 2020 – Brief to Justice Committee on Bill C-6, conversion therapy
- Feb 2021 – Brief to Ethics Committee on Pornhub study
- May 2021 – Brief to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Committee on sex trafficking; Brief to Senate Committee on Bill S-203, pornography platforms; Brief to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, MAID policy
- Nov 25, 2020 – Oral submission before Senate Committee on Bill C-7, MAID

The EFC sought intervener status in two cases involving the denial of Canada Summer Job grants to two Christian organizations. The EFC was an intervener in a case in which the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously ruled that matters of membership and discipline within a voluntary religious community are outside the jurisdiction of the courts.

"In all of this we worked constructively and collaboratively, in public and often behind the scenes, meeting with and resourcing MPs and staff," says Beazley.



The Wesleyan Church of Canada is honoured to be a member of EFC. Consistently the staff at EFC effectively represents to the government and courts the perspectives of Canadian Evangelicals on important matters, and provides helpful, up-to-date research and encouragement to those on the front lines."

Dr. Stephen Elliott

National Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church of Canada

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Ministry Partnership and Collaboration

The EFC is dedicated to the work of uniting Evangelicals and fostering collaboration for the good of the Church and all of Canada. Our mandate is listening, convening, resource creation and facilitating innovation in ministry. Joel Gordon was appointed director during this fiscal year.

"Thank you for your ongoing prayer and collaborative spirit. We've been able to accomplish a lot in a very short time, with the help of Canadian donors who recognize the unique nature of the EFC," says Gordon.

In FY2021, we focused on facilitating resource creation through partnerships and collaboration.

The EFC facilitated or launched five new partnerships

- Family Faith Formation research partnership
- Abuse Awareness and Prevention Network
- Canadian Council of Christian Women
- Seven Commitments Working Group [Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Relations]

- Welcome Church project [welcoming and hosting immigrants]

We convened 500 ministry leaders through two national gatherings and collaborated with 75 Canadian ministry partners.

The EFC became lead partner in launching three new resources:

- *Conversations That Shape Us*: conversation guide on racism
- Welcome Church training portal: a training series on welcoming immigrants to our churches
- Reconciliation Through Relationships: a guided initiative that brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians together for mutual transformation

We grew the young adult resource *Love Is Moving*

- 124% increase in *Love Is Moving* Facebook engagement in the last year
- Received 16,000 video views across various online platforms



COVID has made it impossible to gather and connect in the usual and necessary ways. The EFC has ensured that its partners are staying connected for worship prayer and exploration of current and relevant social concerns, and the all important networking. In my new role as president of Emmanuel Bible College, it has been encouraging to receive a spiritual care call from the EFC asking me, "How can we pray for you? How are you doing?" They have played a proactive role in keeping us encouraged and connected during these challenging days. Whether drawing us together, or engaging in one-to-one conversations all the support staff of EFC are accessible, responsive, warm and informative, from president to support staff. One only needs to search the inbox to discover depth and breadth of the EFC on behalf of the broader Christian community in the public square. Emmanuel Bible is grateful for their work, support and guidance."

Dr. Neil Cudney

President of Emmanuel Bible College

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Affiliate and Community Relations

Affiliate and Community Relations works to encourage affiliation and provide resources and tools to the churches, ministries and educational institutions that affiliate with the EFC.

- In FY2021, there were 44 denominations, 70 ministry organizations, 32 post-secondary Christian educational institutions and 498 independent churches affiliated with the EFC.
- The EFC welcomed 2 new ministry affiliates, 2 new denominations and 3 new church affiliates in FY2021.
- 78,000 copies of *Faith Today* were distributed to more than 4,800 Canadian subscribers and the rest to affiliate organizations and churches across Canada.
- There were 40,200 Canadian listens to the Faith Today Podcast during FY2021 (50,800 listens globally).
- 15,000 Canadians received the bi-monthly *Canada Watch*, a publication that updates donors and partners about the public policy work and more of the EFC.
- 5,300 subscribers received the weekly *EFC Update* email.
- 500+ participants joined in eight online prayer gatherings, a new initiative of the EFC in 2021.

"Thank you for your prayers, support and partnership over the years. We are definitely stronger together," says Gina Waugh, director of affiliate and community relations. "We are so grateful that a prayer initiative was started at the EFC. Many joined monthly for a time of reflection and prayer lead by our prayer ambassador Roger Helland. It is amazing to see our affiliates and community come together, uniting in prayer."

Financial Highlights

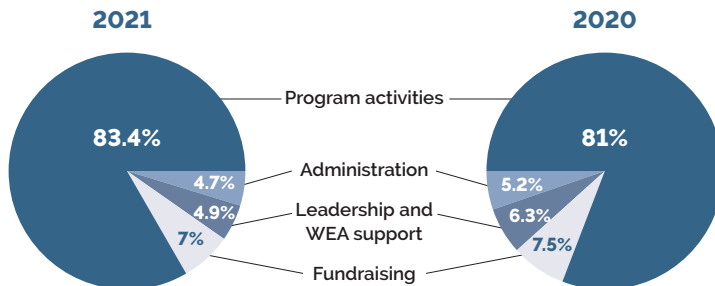
ANNUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021

Revenues	2021	2020
Contributions	\$ 2,327,472	\$ 1,860,477
Program registrations and specific contributions	1,353,216	1,071,053
Interest income	487,712	414,671
Affiliation fees	427,895	375,980
Sales of advertising, magazines and products	202,756	233,103
Other (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy support during COVID)	159,553	225,777
Total Revenues	\$ 4,958,604	\$ 4,181,061

Expenses	2021	2020
Program Activities		
Fostering and engaging in public witness	\$ 1,347,387	\$ 877,608
Equipping and encouraging ministry leaders	1,066,279	1,172,618
Facilitating growth in the Christian faith	871,829	888,518
Total Program Activities	\$ 3,285,495	\$ 2,938,744
Fundraising	274,801	270,806
Governance, leadership and World Evangelical Alliance support	191,798	227,465
Administrative support	185,642	189,211
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,937,736	\$ 3,626,226
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$1,020,868	\$554,835

EXPENSES BY PERCENTAGE



The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) is a charitable organization, duly registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. Charitable registration # 10735 3922 RR0001.

The EFC helped us this year to get support of affiliates to make their members aware of the dangers of expanding euthanasia and the plight of health care workers who are facing discipline because of their unwillingness to participate. The EFC has helped us engage with churches across Canada in a way that we couldn't do on our own. Being part of the EFC network has helped us to be part of movement that seeks to follow the missional call of Jesus to bring His truth about the dignity of the human person to all nations."

Larry Worthen MA (Th.), LLB

Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada



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