

Church History - 1

Following the road from the early church in Jerusalem 33 AD to us as members of the Canadian Reformed Church in Orangeville in 2018/19

1. Jesus told his disciples that they were to be his witnesses in Jerusalem and all in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).
 - a. Where in Acts do we read about the gospel going to Judea and Samaria? What event brought this about?
 - b. Where in Acts do we read that the gospel was first preached to the Greeks?
 - c. How many missionary trips did Paul make, and how far did he go on each trip? (hint: look at maps in the back of most Bibles)
 - d. The book of Acts begins in Jerusalem. Where does it end?
 - e. Where did Paul say he hoped to visit in Romans 15:24. Do we know if he ever did?
2. Why is the meeting of the apostles and elders described in Acts 15 important for the history of the church?
3. Using a Church History atlas or internet sources (e.g. http://www.animatedmaps.div.ed.ac.uk/divinity_map/ad250.html, [click the Flash Version (top left of page) for interesting animated view]) describe how far the gospel had spread by around 112, 250, and 406 AD.
4. Look up the following video on the spread of the gospel over 2000 years: <https://vimeo.com/113801439>
 - a. What major threat to the Christian church arose in the 7th century?
 - b. How far did this threat advance into Europe?
 - c. What did you find most interesting in this video?
5. While we are all Canadians, as Canadian Reformed Churches we have roots in the Netherlands.
 - a. Do a search on “St. Boniface” and “St. Willibrord. Note down the following
 - i. What is the country of their birth and when did they live?
 - ii. What is the significance of these men for Dutch church history?
 - b. One died the death of a martyr. What is the story of his death?
6. The Reformation of the sixteenth century saw the development of three main groups. Look up the page with maps on the Catechism page under Group 3 on the website and answer the following:
 - a. Name the three main groups and in which countries each is found?
 - b. Which of these three groups is of interest to us as members of a Canadian Reformed Church and why?

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In High School, you will/are learning about the history of the church in the Netherlands in the 19th and 20th century. You will learn/are learning about the Secession of 1834, the Doleantie of 1886, the Union of 1892, and the Liberation of 1944. We will focus on the history of the Church here at Orangeville.

1. After the Second World War, many people immigrated from the Netherlands to Canada. The Canadian Reformed Church in Orangeville was instituted almost 70 years ago, on August 13, 1950. Generally, we don't remember too much from the first five years of our lives. Any member 70 years or older may remember something about moving to Canada. This means that any member in the congregation over 75 years of age may remember something about moving to Canada. Any member in the late 70s may remember something about the early church life in Orangeville.

Assignment: Visit or find another way to talk to one of the older members (75 or older) in the congregation. It can be a relative or just any member you feel comfortable talking to. Ask them to tell you what they remember about immigrating to Canada with a focus on what church life was like. Some may remember when they built this church. Write up a report and be ready to share when we start again in January. (Perhaps take some cookies and treats – I'm sure they will enjoy your company)

2. Go the website with the Clarion Archives (<http://www.clarionmagazine.ca/archive.html>) and find issue 16 of Vol. 24 (1975), Aug. 9. Read the first article and write down four interesting points that you learned from this article.
3. Find a list of the ministers that have served in the Church at Orangeville and the years that they were in Orangeville. (Yes, you must find that Yearbook again).
4. Somewhere in the building is a stone with a Bible text. Where is the stone, what is the text, and what does the text say?