

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR MAY 2025

“Unless the LORD build the house, those who build it labour in vain...” – Ps 127:1a

This verse reminds us that trusting God and diligent work are vital. Without trust, we drift into self-sufficiency and without hard work, we drift into presumption. Without Christ, we can do nothing – so pray and work.

This is the prayer for Pastoral Development across our great nation.

Purpose

Pastoral Development aims to build content and relationships to support a strong disciple-making and pastoral training network in every region across Canada.

In 2024, we launched two major initiatives:

1. Pastoral Training Certificate (2-Year Program):

- **Year One:** Developed a nine-part cohort based on the BFM 2000, focusing on our theological foundation.
- **Year Two:** Will cover practical ministry areas such as disciple-making, evangelism, preaching, and leadership development.

2. Disciple-Making App:

- Led by Matt Naismith and a team, this app will be accessible to CNBC churches nationwide.

Accomplishments:

- Secured a team of leaders from CNBC and CBTS for Year One content creation.
- Sessions are being recorded and edited with Michael Lew, aiming for completion by late May 2025.
- Rollout will begin on the Pathwright platform, followed by testing and feedback.
- Awaiting the first preview of the disciple-making app.

The goal is to launch both the cohort and the app at the October 2025 Gathering.

Challenges:

- Scheduling recordings has been difficult due to leaders' availability and geographic spread.
- One contributor stepped down for health reasons, reminding us to continually entrust this work to God.

Vision for the future:

We will continue collaborating with Regional Ministry Leaders to grow healthy, reproducing churches.

May the Spirit of God use the people of God to spread the Kingdom of God.