

Senior Pastor Candidate – Abbreviated Bio

Personal

- Garry has been married to his wife Kimberly for 29 years.
- Two adult daughters, Raechell & Shantal.
- Committed his life to Christ as a teenager.
- Enjoys running, hockey, riding motorcycles, water sports, camping, jazz, strong dark coffee, and a good laugh.

Education

- Northern Baptist Seminary 2016-2020 Doctor of Ministry Degree – Contextual Theology
- Tyndale College, University & Seminary 2001-2006 Masters of Divinity – Pastoral Ministry
- Prepare / Enrich Marriage Counsellor. Enrich Canada Inc. (March 2005)
- Schulich School of Business, York University 1998-1999 Masters Certificate – Project Management

Ministry Experience

- Lead Pastor, (January 2007 - Present)
- Worship Coordinator, Part-time, Mississauga City Baptist Church, Mississauga, Ontario (2000 - 2004)

Why the Search Committee Selected Garry

1. Garry has scripture at his fingertips, applying it seamlessly to life's questions in sermons and discipleship. He is creative, thoughtful, interesting to listen to and he is very appreciated in his current position by parishioners and staff members according to the reference checks. His sermons are creatively presented, biblical and interesting.
2. He has all the qualifications that we desired in a candidate – such as education, years of experience as a lead pastor of a large church, strong leadership skills. His secular experience in business and planning that equips him for administrative tasks such as budgeting, supervising and leading staff, as well as coordinating building projects. He is highly organized.
3. He has a reputation for being a respectful and responsive leader, capable of managing controversial subjects. His current church has noted steady growth in his years of being Senior Pastor there. It was also said that Garry largely leads by example, demonstrating humility and full devotion to Christ and the infallibility of the scriptures and does not compromise to the morality of secular society.
4. He appears to have a compassionate heart for the community, having shared several stories and examples of being accessible and supportive to people in need, within and outside the church. He was thoughtful and indicated deep understanding as he responded to questions during the interviews conducted with him.
5. The committee was unified in feeling that he was the best candidate, and that God was clearly directing us as a Search Committee to select him as the final candidate.