



Dear Friends and Partners,

We are emerging from the excitement and wonderful feedback of the second Capitalize conference held April 25th -27th. Hosting it once again was a fulfillment of a dream in my heart placed by God over a year ago. One of the senior city-reaching leaders in North America confided with me privately that it was one of the best conferences that emphasized city-reaching for the sake of the Gospel that he had ever attended. A local pastor told me how he felt convicted to lean more into being part of reaching the city collaboratively.

One of the first speakers at Capitalize, Rob Kelly from Charlotte, who is a catalyst for city movements that unite the church for the flourishing of cities, laid a beautiful theological foundation for church unity in the city. (All the videos are available to be watched at www.Capitalize.ca.) In his opening statement, Rob shared that he has been following what One Way Ministries has been doing in the city for several years. "One Way Ministries is a model for the global church", he said.

The timely release of Richard Long's book, *The City-Wide Church: Unity that God Blesses*, was another highlight of the conference. Each Capitalize participant received a copy of this book that so beautifully captures the spirit of Capitalize and the heart behind One Way Ministries' heart and mission. As we work together as a unified church, as we abide in our Lord Jesus Christ and pray, we will see much fruit in people coming to Christ and being discipled.

Many of the attendees caught this vision, as you can tell from their comments:

- "We are one geographical church in Ottawa"*
- "I was impacted by "there is just one church in our city"*
- "Different expressions but one!"*
- "I found the increasing unity of Ottawa church communities to be deeply encouraging!"*
- "There is one church in a city. God's body when united is AWESOME"*
- "I gained a clearer vision for "One City, One Church" concept"*
- "God is doing a lot in this city and in this nation, and He is doing it differently than he did years ago"*
- "I loved the reminder that we are many congregations but one church in the city"*
(And from one of our sponsors)
- "Amazing job team! Thank you, Richard, Mark & the OWM team for leading with humility and wisdom in these days. It is a joy to partner with you for the sake of Christ & the Kingdom."*



I am eager to watch what develops in the months ahead for those who attended. In our fall newsletter, we mentioned Ottawa Christian Educators and Administrators Network (OCEANS), a ministry birthed as a direct result of Eugene Zubryn attending the Capitalize conference in 2019.

Would you join me and my team in prayer in asking for the birthing of many creative and innovative ideas for collaborative missions to the city as the result of Capitalize 2.0?

We invite you to read our inaugural printed donor report and discover the impact One Way Ministries is having on the leaders in the city and on so many others.

As we continue this vital work, will you give a summer gift, or become a monthly supporter? Your generosity will enable us to fulfill God's calling for our ministry.

May God Bless you abundantly,

Mark Peterkins

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