

## Presidents Day 2025 Schedule

Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport  
2400 Alert Road, Ottawa, ON

TIME	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
8:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00 AM	Welcome, Scripture & Prayer	Adam Driscoll, EFC Board Chair
9:08 AM	Announcements	Karen Fishwick, MC - EFC VP of Finance & Admin
9:10 AM	Opening Worship	Karlene Fletcher, Worship Leader, Arlington Woods Free Methodist Church
9:20 AM	Acknowledging New & Outgoing Presidents; Theme; Intro of Plenary Speakers	David Guretzki, President EFC
9:28 AM	@influencing_faith_study: A Preliminary Report	Rick Hiemstra, Director, Centre for Research on Church and Faith (CRCF), EFC
9:50 AM	State of the Great Commission Canada: Where are we at?: “Contextualizing the SGC Report for Churches in Canada”	Dr. Victor Ezigbo, Professor of World Christianity and Intercultural Ministry, Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON
10:20 AM	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING	Sponsored by Deeks Insurance - Danny Deeks (2 mins)
10:50 AM	State of the Great Commission Canada: “Reaching all the Nations Without Changing Your Postal Code”	Dr. Sam Owusu, Founder and Senior Pastor of Calvary Worship Centre, Surrey, BC
11:30 AM	Panel Response to Plenary Presentations	<u>Moderator:</u> Joel Zantingh, Director of Engagement, Lausanne Movement Canada  <u>Panelists:</u> - Denominations: John Cressman, President, Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada - Schools: Mark MacKnight, President, Vanguard College, Edmonton, AB - Ministry Orgs.: Janet Noel-Annable, CEO, Karis - Pastors: Doug Ward, Sr. Pastor Emeritus, Kanata Baptist Church
12:00 Noon	LUNCH & NETWORKING	
1:15 PM	State of the Great Commission: Affinity Groups, Facilitated Conversations	<u>Main Facilitator:</u> Joel Zantingh, Director of Engagement, Lausanne Movement Canada  <u>Cohorts:</u> - Denominations: (Lead: David Guretzki) - Schools: (Lead: Rick Hiemstra) - Ministry Orgs: (Lead: Jon Fuller) - Churches: (Lead: Richard Long)
2:00 PM	Plenary Reports on Facilitated Conversation (Intro)	Joel Zantingh, Director, Engagement, Lausanne Movement Canada
2:25 PM	Plenary Debrief	Joel Zantingh, Director, Engagement, Lausanne Movement Canada

2:35 PM	Legal Exposure and Policy Issues for Organizations, Q&A	Faye Sonier, Founder and President, Acacia Group
3:05 PM	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING	Sponsored by Deeks Insurance
3:35 PM	Centre for Faith and Public Life Briefing (CFPL)	Julia Beazley, Director, Centre for Faith and Public Life (CFPL), EFC
3:50 PM	Centre for Ministry Partnership & Innovation Highlights (CMPI)	Joel Gordon, Director, Centre for Ministry Partnership & Innovation (CMPI), EFC
4:05 PM	Affiliate Feedback: How can EFC better serve affiliates?	Karen Fishwick, MC & VP, Admin. & Finance, EFC
4:20 PM	Roundtable Time of Prayer	Roger Helland, Prayer Ambassador, EFC
4:50 PM	Closing Remarks	David Guretzki, President & CEO, EFC
4:55 PM	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next Presidents Day</li> <li>- October 22, 2026 (Toronto)</li> </ul>	Karen Fishwick, MC & VP, Admin. & Finance, EFC
4:58 PM	Closing Prayer	Bruce Clemenger, Sr. Ambassador, President Emeritus, EFC
5:00 PM	FREE TIME & NETWORKING	
6:00 PM	Doors Open for Evening Meal	
6:30 PM	Welcome & Grace	Lynda MacGibbon, VP, People and Culture, InterVaristy & EFC Board Member
6:35 PM	Dinner	
7:35 PM	EFC President's Address	David Guretzki, President & CEO, EFC
7:55 PM	Closing Blessing	Dave Hearn, Interim Lead Pastor of Kamloops Alliance Church, Fr. President of The Alliance Church, & EFC Board Member