

#### Who we are:

The Alliance Canada is a network of over 400 churches across Canada who are committed to Jesus and his mission to change lives. We engage people from all walks of life to serve in Canada and around the world. We aim to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focused in everything we do—from working with local partners to share the gospel of Jesus, to building and supporting our churches, to humanitarian projects and more. Our global projects span a vast array of causes including education, spiritual and physical health, disaster response, agricultural development, and other poverty-alleviation projects.

# A brief history:

The Alliance was founded in the 1880s by Albert Benjamin Simpson, a Canadian-born Presbyterian minister. Simpson became passionate about poor and neglected people here in North America and abroad—what are referred to today as "least-reached" people groups. His passion led him to create two key initiatives that have since merged and become The Alliance: an evangelical association to preach the gospel in North America and an international missionary organization to send missionaries.

## In Canada today:

In 1981, the Christian and Missionary Alliance evolved into two separate North American organizations—one in Canada and one in the United States. In 2016, the Canadian Alliance celebrated its 35th anniversary of autonomy. The National Ministry Centre, in Mississauga, Ontario, is where our executive team and staff are located. In Canada, Alliance churches are grouped regionally into six districts: the Canadian Pacific District, Western Canadian District, Canadian Midwest District, Central Canadian District, Eastern Canadian District, and the St. Lawrence District. Churches send international workers (missionaries) abroad and raise vital funds to support our international projects and workers, and are also involved in planting new churches across Canada.

#### **Global Presence:**

The Alliance Canada is part of a larger, global Alliance church family; more than 6 million people worship and live on mission in almost 18,000 churches across 80 nations. Learn more at <u>awf.world</u>

## Learn more or get involved:

Visit us at <u>https://thealliancecanada.ca</u> for more information about who we are, our vision, core values, history, statement of faith, and statistics about what we do in Canada and around the world.

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