

OUR HISTORY

False Starts

Laurence had dropped into his spirit 3 times that he should start meetings in his home for his family in 2010, 2011 & 2012 (approximately). Each time he agreed, but after a week of consideration decided not to proceed because he said, “People are problems”. This attitude came from his experience of running a house church in country NSW in 1986-87.

Prophetic Message: 23/10/2013

“And, there will come a time, God's going to use you to...it's not a house church, but you'll have a model of the apostolic pattern where people are together as communities – sitting together; worshipping the Lord in reality; breaking of bread; sharing resources; caring for the orphan; caring for the widows.”

(A small part of a prophetic message to Laurence via Peter Kumar)

Meetings Start: 6/3/2014

Began our first Sunday morning gathering in Laurence & Ruth's home in Higgins.

Prophetic Message: 13/1/2014

“It's tough I know, giving you this task of building and overseeing a community for me, but the rewards for my Kingdom will be greater than you will know in this life. Push ahead with it – SLOWLY – and let it develop under the guidance of my Spirit. I am the Head – you are part of my team. Remember that. Don't let that ‘deflate’ you as humility and submission to Holy Spirit is the key to advancement and personal development. This community will become a model for others here in Australia, so listen to me as I show you how to structure it and develop it. Don't move ahead into a commune too quickly as it will implode. WAIT! Wait for the right people and the right connections. [Wait for] when I show you these people and the networks that you are to work with. Step cautiously, but boldly into each phase. Start simply with Sunday meetings with your friends and family as I've shown you. Keep it simple. Train them to follow my Spirit and to focus on me. There's much religion that needs to be reefed out of their behaviour and their thought processes.”

(Laurence's Prophetic Journal)

Prophetic Message: 26/1/2014

“Fear not my little sheep, I will herd you with my love. With diligence I will watch over you and keep you safe.

You are a prototype. Allow me to mould you as a group and show you how to function in me. It's not about religion and doing things. It's about relationship and emotional community. I use the word ‘emotional’ because it's about community with the heart, not community in structure. Structure will come as you relate to each other, and as you relate and connect to me as the Head. Don't plan ahead – let it flow from me. You'll be surprised and overjoyed how it turns out. Yes, focus on me, as it's all about me. It's not about making a structure, of putting a regime of community in place. It's about me and community will flow from that. True, much remoulding and remodelling has to be done with each and every one, but that's my problem [my concern] not yours. You don't need to plan and lead in this area. It will just flow from me. In fact, don't do any planning unless I show you or ask you to do it. Otherwise it becomes a

work of your flesh and this won't have my full blessing – it will not prosper to the extent I can make it prosper. Don't look at property – look to me. I'll bring people in, they will come 'out of the woodwork', as it were. They will appear as I spread the word.

Bond together, love each other and desire to be together focussed on me. Socializing has its place as it's part of bonding, but don't let it become a club. There's no life in a club, only gathering together for personal pleasure. Kingdom life is what you need to seek, not pleasure and enjoyment. This is the flesh and flesh has no part in the life of the Spirit. Pleasure and enjoyment will come if you seek the Kingdom first in the venture – always Kingdom first.”

(Laurence's Prophetic Journal)

Prophetic Message: 7/3/2014

“This is a great day – appreciate it. Appreciate me and that I am releasing you into a big Kingdom assignment/task. It is a long term job, so don't give up or look for a way out. See, I have told you beforehand. You are in this for the long haul – for ever. Being in community is the way of life you must live from now on. This is what eternity will be like: community. It's not loneliness and isolation. You will be in community continually. So get used to it. Learn to love it. Learn to desire it – yearn for it. I know that this goes 'against the grain' for you, but this is the way of the future. In these Last Days I'm preparing my church for the future... You must be aware of this, so see your move into community as part of your training, not a chore or a job. It's to be a way of life, as painful as it may appear to be. Lap it up – absorb it, so it oozes from you in your speech and mode of operation. You must love it (i.e. community) otherwise you will resent it and balk at every little 'bump' in the road you go down.

I have brought a core of people to join you. Look for others. As I show you them, invite them to join – no matter how they look and what their personality is like. Don't even consider their theology. Just bring them into community and leave the rest to me.

Training is important – it is a big part of what has to take place in community. Be prepared to train and be trained yourself. You're ready for this – I have seen to it.”

(Laurence's Prophetic Journal)

Multiple Venues

By mid 2014, we began to meet in other people's homes on a monthly rotation. The purpose was to impact Canberra with the message of the Kingdom and to encourage others to start Communities in their suburb.

Other Models Suggested

Bob Crockford talked to us about models of communities set up by Generation Fire. These were rejected as they were not the designs given specifically to us by the Lord for our prototype development. We wanted to stay 'loose' so he could mould us into his shape.

Strategy For Community Reproduction

At our Community gathering on Sunday 12 April 2015, we were given a strategy as a revelation for our expansion/multiplication/reproduction. (See separate article¹)

Separate Teaching Sessions

1 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/KINGDOM-COMMUNITY-expansion-strategy.pdf

At the start of 2015 Laurence was given the inspiration by the Spirit to present his revelatory teaching as a separate segment to the Community. He rejected this under the logic that if he had his teaching as a session after lunch on a Sunday most people wouldn't stay and the important impartation would not be reaching everyone. By the end of 2015 it became apparent to everyone that the teaching segment would not fit into the Community gathering as each time he taught it was either rushed or became an announcement to look it up on the website. At the end of 2015 he decided to do what he was inspired to do. So, from the 31st January 2016 teaching sessions of an hour began as an after-lunch activity for the Community.

By mid-2016 there was a 1-hour teaching session on every Sunday afternoon which provides sound doctrine (useful teaching) and Kingdom information. Laurence taught on topics that the Spirit showed him, but mainly on what he had been taught by our King over the previous week or so.

The first Sunday of each month continued as a Forerunners' session² providing information on current events and End Times. The content usually included challenges to theology and quite a bit of teaching to reprogram our belief system.

Teaching Series

In 2015 Laurence began the teaching series "Coming Out of the Old Covenant". This was vital as it highlighted for members the need to be completely deprogrammed of religion and legalism. This complemented our detoxification from the religious system.

In June 2016 he began teaching on a series "Men & Women in the Kingdom" which the Spirit had shown him some time previously was an urgent set of understandings that our Community needed. During 2017 other series also commenced on the following topics:

- "How to"
- "Spiritual Authority"
- "An Apostolic People"
- "Victorious Eschatology"

These continued into 2018 and notes for all six are available on Canberra Forerunners' website.

Focus on the Local Community

In October 2016 Laurence was told by the Spirit not to try impact the city which had been his major thrust since 2010. Instead, he was told to focus on his street and his local community. This was not a completely new direction as he had been told previously by our Lord that he wants a Kingdom Community on every street so that cities can be 'taken' for him.

Immediately he assented to this redirection, the following happened the following days as confirmation:

1. A person in the street asked Laurence to step in with a family where the father was becoming an alcoholic. He organised for the man to come to his home where he spent a half an hour talking man-to-man. The outcome was success, with an immediate turn-around.
2. A woman in the street asked for help finding a soup kitchen where she could assist. Her need was to get out of the house for a few hours a week after the death of her young daughter. Laurence found her a community kitchen at a local Anglican church facility. They joined the kitchen team cooking Friday lunches for disadvantaged people. The two have been doing so ever since. The woman has now returned emotionally to life and to family duties.

2 – Forerunner teaching sessions began in March 2012

One upshot of this change in direction has been the Community focus on members maturing to the point where they can ask our King to start a Kingdom Community in their own locality (on their street).

Revelatory Influence

Since 2016, thanks to the revelations and prophetic input from 3 of our members, our understanding of Kingdom living and where our King is taking us has been kept right on track. From 2017, there has also been a marked convergence of what has been revealed to us and what we are reading and hearing from a limited number of prophetic, apostolic and Kingdom-centred teachers around the world. CCOP³ prophetic messages have also reaffirmed our burgeoning understanding of Kingdom life in the city and our nation.

Lack of Corporate Direction

From 2014 up 'til 2018, one of the restrictions the Community has operated under is the lack of corporate revelatory direction. While Laurence (the oversight) receives prophetic revelations as to where the group is to head, this has been the only input of this type. Disappointingly, no other members have received downloads for the Community as a group. Even those with a prophetic mantle have not given input.

Instruction to Become an Ekklesia

In early October of 2019 Laurence was prompted to implement changes to the gatherings so that there was an inclusion of a component for 'waiting on the Lord'. This is for him to speak to us so we can all hear what he wants us to know. This was to be a corporate activity which could occur for an hour before the normal gathering started, or, as part of each gathering. Time will tell how it occurs.

We had been waiting for more instruction from our Head (as he had told us to wait) about how we were to operate. This was the first instruction for quite some time. The delay was because it was important that we deprogrammed from the church's way of doing things so we didn't just implement what we were used to doing in the Charismatic system.

The sharing time will now include more of the revelations we have each received as well as testimonies of our activities in the Kingdom.

Watching the end of 'Outsiders' on the Sky News channel will now be restricted to the 1st Sunday of each month, instead of every Sunday morning. The 1st Sunday has a Forerunners' session in the afternoon so the morning viewing will fit in with that.

These changes are to make room for more activities that can transform us into a local *ekklesia*. We now need to focus on how we transform into an *ekklesia* where each person has an active function. This will not be easy as not everyone will flow with it.

Beginning to Reproduce

On October of 2019 Laurence was given the sense that each member should begin to think about running a Kingdom cell with their contacts and Community meetings in their own homes. Everyone thought about who they had developed connections with and those they were already meeting with during the week.

We also talked on bringing these people into our central community gathering when they had had time in a cell.

Other street communities will develop as members become confident in running Kingdom cell meetings.

3 – Canberra Company of Prophets (canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=4940)

They will monitor those they meet with and identify when they are ready to be invited.

Coronavirus Pandemic

With the compulsory isolation early in 2020 we ceased meeting together in homes. Each person received an email advising them of this arrangement. They were reminded of their need to continue focussing on the King and the Kingdom, as well as on their intimate relationship with the Trinity.

During this time I had plenty of spare time and amazingly I was given inspirations galore. I was writing one or two teaching articles every day which I posted in the website. Everyone was emailed a link to the files each Sunday as their spiritual ‘food’ for the week.

Meetings stopped on the 25th March 2020 and recommenced on the 13th May when meetings of 5 could be held, provided 1.5m separation was observed.

One-on-one mentoring sessions paused at the start, but didn’t stop during the pandemic.

Changes From February 2021

In November 2020, Laurence felt there were major changes that had to be made to Canberra Forerunners, CCOP and KLC. He cancelled all meetings for December through to January and replaced them with ‘open house’ for fellowship. He waited to hear from Heaven during that time so he’d know what he was to do. The inspiration came, so on the first weekend of February he recommenced monthly Forerunner meetings and kept ‘open house’ for Sunday mornings and any time during the day when anyone wanted to catch up. The reason for this was Father’s desire that his sons move to a new ekklesia⁴ format for this season of the Kingdom. Laurence also released everyone connected with us to the freedom of becoming who they were to become and to do whatever they were called to do. Some of us had been together since 2012 and with all the reprogramming that has happened to us, it was time for everyone to put it into action in their lives. The purpose was to prevent everyone from becoming complaisant.⁵ Spiritual mentoring continued with those who wanted that support.

The Restoration of All Things

From around 2017 we were exposed by Father’s leading to The Restoration of All Things as his plan for the future. By 2020 we came to accept, through his teaching of us, that this was the big action plan for the medium and long term. We also came to accept that this would be achieved through his sons who he would raise up, train and manifest in the image of Jesus of Nazareth. As of 2021, we are now totally committed to supporting this plan and are allowing ourselves to be radically changed so we can participate.

At this time we have no idea what our individual involvements will be in this or how long it will take to be fully completed.

Community Multiplication

One of the outcomes of the “Changes From February 2021” was that it forced KLC members to consider starting their own Kingdom Communities, in their homes and for their streets or high-rise buildings. Therefore, the changes I was shown to put in place were for the purposes of ‘reproduction’. The importance of that move was that it was directed by the Spirit, not by myself or by the whim of members. This is genuine reproduction in the Kingdom. How long it will take members to commence their own community group is up to them. My only task was to release them and bring it to their attention.

4 – “Father’s Mind on the New Ekklesia” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Fathers-Mind-on-the-New-Ekklesia.pdf

5 – “We Are Reassigned So We Don’t Get Comfortable”

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/We-Are-Reassigned-So-We-Dont-Get-Comfortable.pdf

The Move To A New Ekklesia

At the end of February 2021, I began to spend time communing with our King, to find out what he wanted us to do about moving in this direction. You can read the messages he gave me on my website here: [Prophetic Journal For The “New Ekklesia”](#).

I’ll update this history document as we implement the new way to function.

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