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On Sunday, August 16, I was ordained along with Pastors Abe Chan and Larry Kong by Rev. David Hearn, District Superintendent of the Christian & Missionary Alliance—Canadian Pacific District, and the pastors and elders of our church. I was also commissioned as a local missionary to serve in the marketplace as a chaplain. This marks another milestone in my faith journey with the Lord. The following is my ordination speech, which summed up my thoughts.

“Although the Lord knows that I’m an unworthy sinner to Him. Although He knows that I’m far from perfect, it’s only by God’s grace that He has given me the privilege to serve Him as a minister of God’s Word.

As Rev. Hearn explained earlier, a person gets ordained when he receives a calling from God to go into ministry. I first sensed God’s calling to serve Him in the marketplace about seven years ago. But it was only after that call was affirmed over time as I served Him here at VCAC and in the marketplace that I chose to get accredited and go through the ordination process. I wanted to make sure that it was not just my passion, but also God’s will for me. It’s a process that I do not take lightly.



It means that now more than ever, I am in absolute need of God’s help. Rev. Hearn and the other pastors and elders have laid hands on us to ordain us, but the truth is I need God to lay His hand on me as well. Only God can truly anoint me.

Until now, if I have done things in my own strength, may the Lord forgive me. As of now, I beg of the Lord to anoint me, empower me, and equip me so that I may be used by Him to minister in power and holiness.

Upon the ordination today, I am publicly declaring my commitment to serve God and His people. I am truly grateful to those who have come alongside of me on this journey of faith.

First, I want to thank my beloved wife Linda. She has been a steadying force in my spiritual life. She has been

the prayer warrior—praying continually and giving thanks in all circumstances. She embodies love and sacrifice, tolerance and patience. I could not have asked for a better partner to serve in the Lord’s vineyard.

Next, I am grateful to Paul Stevens. If I had to name one person that God used to impact my spiritual life, it would be him. He led me to Christ, baptized me, and then married us—many years ago. And while I was studying at Regent College, he was my professor and advisor who encouraged me to consider serving in the marketplace.

Next, I want to thank two colleagues at City In Focus, Tom Cooper and Bruce Rushton, for mentoring me and showing me in real life what it takes to do ministry. Their Godly influence and wisdom have meant a lot to me.

And to all of you here today - my friends, colleagues and family members—I thank the Lord for your love, support and prayers over the years. What a privilege and honour it is to stand before you—to be ordained along with my two brothers here—as part of God’s mission. All I ask now is your unending prayers that I would be faithful to His calling. That I would persevere when the going gets tough. That God would protect me in the spiritual battle that is ever present in the marketplace.

Finally, to my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ‘Jesus, when you gave me the faith to trust in you many years ago, I never thought that you would bring me to this point. You are the reason I live. You are the reason I die. Until I die physically one day, help me to die everyday for you, so that you may live in me and that others may find eternal life in you. It’s all about you, Jesus; it’s not about me. I give you all the glory and honour! Amen.’”



UPCOMING EVENTS

City In Focus Breakfast series at the Vancouver Club, 915 West Hastings, 7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

- September 11th—**Paolo Aquilini**, Managing Partner of the *Aquilini Investment Group*—‘My Place, GM Place & the Workplace’
- October 2nd—**Karen Reed**, Executive Director of *More Than Gold*

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