



## Vancouver, WA

Rev. Chris & Melissa Coleman

**“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”**

**Acts 2:42 (ESV)** The Lord grew and prospered His Church, from the earliest days, through ordinary means and through ordinary people.

The Lord is continuing to do just that, at [Peace United Reformed Church!](#) Every Lord’s Day evening the saints of Vancouver, Washington gather together to sing Psalms, hear God’s Word read and proclaimed, and to break bread together in the Lord’s Supper. To the world we are nothing remarkable and many might describe our worship as “boring” or “old-fashioned” or “foolish,” but our worship “testifies to a glorious reality. In the ordinary local church, God makes his love for his people visible.” (Megan Hill, *A Place to Belong*, p. 22)

Throughout 2020 and the beginning of 2021 we have witnessed, firsthand, God making his love for His people visible! On February 7, 2021, we celebrated our first anniversary! A few weeks later, we welcomed our first new member. Arnel Manalo. Arnel came



to faith in Christ while serving in the United States Navy. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he discovered the teaching ministry of R.C. Sproul and he then desired to be a part of local Reformed congregation. After completing the New Members Class and a visit with the Elders, he was welcomed into full communion with the people of God on March 21, 2021.

A few weeks after Arnel made profession of faith, Peace URC celebrated another milestone: our

first baptism! On April 18th we welcomed the Vandenburg family into fellowship with Christ’s church. Brian and Charlotte came to us from a local Presbyterian congregation. While visiting with us, they welcomed a beautiful baby girl into this world: Cosette. It was a joy to hear their profession of faith in Christ and to witness God’s faithfulness to His promise: “I will be a God to you and to your offspring after you.” Genesis 17:7

While the past year and half has been a challenging season for Christ’s church, the Lord has been faithful to continue to grow and prosper His people through ordinary means. Praise the Lord!

While the Lord has been faithful to Peace URC, we have three pressing needs you can pray for: (1) a space for morning and evening worship, (2) qualified and ready men to serve as Elders and Deacons, and (3) another skilled pianist to assist with congregational singing. Please be praying with us about these needs.

You can also help spread the word about Peace URC by liking, sharing and following us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).



**St. Catharines, ON**

Rev. Thabet & Wafaa Megaly



**PATHWAY OF PEACE**

*The times we have been living in of late have been both difficult and strange. Yet God is reminding us in a stark way that it is Him we need to trust.*

When we place our trust in Him, we have no reason to fear. May we continue to obey His Word and proclaim the Good News. May the Holy Spirit lead people to know that there is no other way but through Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father but through Jesus.

Here are some of the things we continue to do:

**TELEVISION OUTREACH IN ARABIC AND ENGLISH:** Weekly one-hour program in Arabic. The program compares the teachings of Islam with that of the Bible. The Gospel is presented to Arabic communities around the world. While normally televised live, during Covid the program has been pre-taped from our studio in St. Catharines and sent for broadcast to California. The Lord is changing lives through this ministry and feedback continues. Our monthly one-hour English broadcast continues with the participation of area ministers. The program is an interview format.

**Q&A EXPLAINING OUR MINISTRY**

**Q: What are the broadcasts about?**

**A:** Normally I choose a subject that relates to current events. For example, a recent program discussed what happened between Israel and Hamas (Palestinians). The goal was to point viewers to the path to true peace that is only found in Christ. Questions are also answered about topics from past shows. Some examples of English program topics include: "Why did God command people to kill women and children in Old Testament?" Another was, "Is COVID a punishment from God?"



**Q: What countries does the broadcast reach?**

**A:** All Middle East countries, as well as Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and North America.

**Q: How much feedback do you get from viewers?**

**A:** Every week at least 30 people contact me through Facebook with questions

and comments. Church leaders, pastors and elders let me know how important this programming is for their people. There are occasional hostile attacks from Muslims, but my answers attempt to turn their anger to dialogue.

**Q: What types of inquiries do you receive?**

**A:** It depends. Christians ask questions for information; Muslims often ask to prove that Islam is right and Christianity wrong. They may say that the Bible is not the Word of God, or that God never had a Son, or Jesus was not crucified, or that there are contradictions in the Bible. I tell them that if you have the truth, then teach me. This gives me the opportunity to ask questions and hopefully lead them to the Truth.

**Q: Is there a country or countries where you get more inquiries than others?**

**A:** Questions usually come from Arabic countries, mostly from Egypt.

**Q: Do people come to Christ through this ministry?**

**A:** Yes, I know many people who have come to Christ from different backgrounds.

**Q: What are some recent topics covered in your Arabic program?**

**A:** Q&A about the Cross (four episodes), The Resurrection. (three episodes), Did Jesus spread his message via the sword? (This was to answer questions by Muslims about Matt.10:34).

**TRANSLATION WORK:** *Promise & Deliverance* Volume 1 is in Arabic. Available in print and PDF. The Heidelberg Catechism with notes is now in Arabic.

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