

Introducing Brian Bartley

I hold the following degrees and designations:

- Bachelor of Arts (Toronto)
- Master of Divinity (Trinity College, Toronto)
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP)
- Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU)
- Chartered Financial Consultant (CH.F.C.)
- Registered Financial Planner (R.F.P.)

I have 32 years of experience in financial services - 26 as a practising financial planner. During my career I have been a life insurance agent; Manager of the Financial Planning Department at North American Life, with cross- Canada responsibilities; and Vice-President of Leon Frazer Executive Financial Consultants, a fee-only financial planning firm. I have experienced success working with people at all levels; from senior corporate executives, professionals and business owners to just plain folks.

I am currently the incumbent of the Parish of the North Peace, centred on Fort St John in Northern British Columbia. My lay leadership positions in several parishes have included: Treasurer, Chair of Parish Council, People's Warden, and Lay Delegate to Synod. I have also been a Board Member of a workplace ministry (The King-Bay Chaplaincy in Toronto); and was responsible for resurrecting Operation Bootstrap, working with downsized knowledge workers.. Currently I am Chair Pro- Tem of the India Christian Mission (Sri Lanka) and Hon'y Managing Director of the Paynter Children's Home in Nuwara Eliya.

In all my undertakings, I endeavor to love and serve the Lord, Jesus Christ.

What Can I Offer?

A deep love for and commitment to Jesus Christ, manifest in:

- Capability and competence tempered by compassion; with the ability and willingness to roll up my sleeves and work alongside those I am 'leading'.
- Passion
- Energy
- Vision
- A deep care for people, and time and love to give them
- An ability to give all of myself
- Experience – earned from both successes and failures in life
- International service and mission
- Ability to think outside the box
- Strong communication skills
- Strong administrative and leadership skills
- An ability to inspire and motivate others to stretch themselves and achieve their potential, while upholding the individual
- Servant-leadership

Further information - My resumé references, academic, papers, sermons and essays - is available on my website.

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WHAT DO I OFFER?

I have a deep love for God and a passion for serving him, to the extent of choosing to seek significance in life, rather than success. To this end, my wife and I left our positions in Canada, in 1997, to assume responsibility for the work of the Paynter Children's Home in Sri Lanka. Over the next eight years we revitalized the Mission; and found competent Sri Lankan leadership for it. However, the Bishop of Colombo helped me to recognize that the mission field for me truly lies in the West. Although Kay and I will always be connected with the Paynter Home – it was started by her family – it is now appropriate that we seek to use our gifts in Canada.

From the fruits of my life's journey, I offer desire and competence tempered with compassion. In leading, I roll up my sleeves and work alongside others to get the job done.

I have been given considerable life experience, both in the workplace and the mission field, working in Canada and abroad. Having experienced both success and failure I have learned from each. My failures have radicalized me and led me to work with the separated and divorced, the unemployed and the marginalized.

My work as a financial counselor has enabled me to develop skills in working with people dealing with emotional and personal issues.

I have a natural ability to work with children and youth, developed as a father, Scouter, and being in loco parentis to 34 Sri Lankan children of Sinhala, Tamil, and Eurasian ancestry, from all four major religions.



Essentially, I was Lay Chaplain to the Children's Home prior to my ordination. Although I now have a parish in Canada and cannot be in Sri Lanka for extended periods anymore, I still serve as Chair of the Mission Trust Board that oversees the Homes.

In Sri Lanka I adjusted to the conditions of a Third World culture living and working, with mutual acceptance and respect; among all strata of society as the need arose.

Strong communication, organizational and administrative skills have been demonstrated in senior levels of business management, both line and staff positions in the Canadian Armed Forces (Reserve) and lay and ordained ministry both in Canada and abroad.

My experience in adult education includes being the manager of advanced agent education at a North American Life, the Chief Instructor of a number of training programs in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve, and a tutor at the School of Philosophy in Toronto. I have planned and conducted schools, seminars and workshops; and coordinated the administration and logistics which supported them.

I have demonstrable financial skills; with several professional designations as a Financial Planner. I have also written on income tax and legal matters affecting personal and business financial planning; and have authored articles published in a variety of consumer and trade publications.

I proved resourceful and flexible in arranging several of my M.Div. courses hostelling at Lanka Bible College; while my Clinical Pastoral Education was completed as chaplain to the Neuro Intensive Care unit at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana, USA.

An interest in different cultures has led to travel in India, Thailand, Hong Kong, England, Holland and the United States.

My particular interest - growing the church - has been reflected in my academic study, particularly: in my church plant proposal, *METANOLA*, a contextually appropriate church without walls for Generation X; and my thesis, *Does Parish Communion Inhibit Church Growth?* It also finds expression in my papers on infant baptism, re-thinking confirmation, and apologetics in a post-modern age.

