



SHORTENED BIO ON REV. COLIN McCARTNEY:

“Rev. Colin McCartney is the founder of UrbanPromise Toronto and current President and Founder of Connect Ministries (www.connectministries.org). Rev. McCartney has appeared on Canadian television, radio and national newspapers regarding urban issues. He is an author of two best sellers (“The Beautiful Disappointment” and “Red Letter Revolution”, Castle Quay Publishers), mentor to pastors and business people and is in high demand as a ministry trainer and coach. Colin is also a popular speaker who has spoken to audiences as large as 7,000 people.

LONGER BIO ON REV. COLIN McCARTNEY:

Colin is an ordained minister through the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada and is currently leading an urban training initiative for young adult leaders living in government housing projects in Toronto. Rev McCartney is a popular speaker who has spoken to audiences as large as 7,000 people and is also one of four Speakers who is on World Vision Canada’s speaking list - <http://churches.worldvision.ca/engage-your-church/gpo/meet-colin-mccartney/> Colin is an urban ministry veteran with over 30 years of ministry experience in high – risk communities and has authored two bestselling books (“The Beautiful Disappointment” and “Red Letter Revolution” – Castle Quay Publishers) and is a writer for “Seven” magazine. Colin also hosted the popular “Red Letters” DVD with Dr. Tony Campolo. Currently, Colin is the Founder and President of Connect Ministries which exists to connect young leaders to God’s mission in Toronto’s most vulnerable communities through church planting and revitalization of dying inner – city churches. Colin is also pastoring an urban church in Toronto.

Colin is married to Judith McCartney and has two children – Colin Junior and Victoria McCartney. Colin served as a Pastor at Parkway Bible Church (A.G.C) in Toronto and his ministry at this church was known for its creative and aggressive outreach to the community and especially to “at risk” youth. While serving as a pastor he birthed many ministries: a drop – in centre for troubled teens, a ministry to young offenders, a ministry to the local high school and a Church for unChurched youth. After thirteen years of serving at this church Colin and Judith created UrbanPromise Toronto and faithfully led this ministry serving vulnerable people in low – income neighbourhoods. After fourteen years at UrbanPromise Colin and Judith had a burden to expand their calling to reach vulnerable people through churches by raising up young adult leaders. Connect Ministries was born “to extend the kingdom of God by developing a mission movement of young adults who will participate with the church to initiate and build sustainable ministries that exhibit the character and priorities of Jesus in Toronto’s most vulnerable communities.” You can learn more about Connect Ministries at www.connectministries.org