Ecclesiact®
Web Site System

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving" - **Col 3:23-24**

Welcome to our first newsletter!

In response to our New Year's resolution to communicate better with our customers and supporters, here is our first quarterly newsletter.   We will showcase new and forthcoming features of **Ecclesiact®** to enable our customers to make better use of these facilities to support their own ministries.   **Anything else you'd like to see here?**   Let us know!

Our Mission Statement:

- To help churches maintain their websites;
- To encourage them to work together as The Body of Christ, and
- To enable them to powerfully communicate Christ's free gift of Salvation to everyone

Our Manifesto: (BGEA, 1947)

- We will be accountable, particularly in handling finances with integrity according to the highest business standards;
- We always strive to be thoroughly honest, not least when reporting statistics;
- We will be exemplary in morals – clear, clean and careful to avoid the very appearance of any impropriety

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New Staff:

We are pleased to announce that after much prayerful consideration **Darren Willson-Rymer** has joined our team.
Darren's focus will be on helping us improve customer communications and training, and to provide valuable insight on realizing our mission to help churches work together more effectively on missions and outreach.

New Hosting Centre:

Zymurgy Systems, our website hosting partner, moved into new purpose-built premises in Aurora in January, complete with 12 fibre-optic Internet connections.

This will ensure that we maintain high connection speeds as more churches start 'Podcasting' their weekly sermons.

New Software Releases:

Over the last 12 months we released **75** new software builds of **Ecclesiact®** in response to customer suggestions and feature requests. If you think **that's** a lot, we actually had **106** builds in 2007!

New Customers:

Several new **Ecclesiact®** sites came online recently, including:
- **Calvin Christian Reformed Church:** www.dundascalvin.ca
- **Richmond Hill Mayor's Prayer Breakfast:** www.prayforthem.ca
- **IAM Distribution**, an online retailer of Christian media: www.iamdistribution.ca
- **Ministry Resources** (Salvation Army) www.saministryresources.ca

New Projects:

We are currently hard at work on a major new initiative for **Ecclesiact®** scheduled for release in Q2 2009 – **Ecclesiact® Community Edition**

Meanwhile, we hope to see you at **MissionFest Toronto,** April 16-18th 2009.
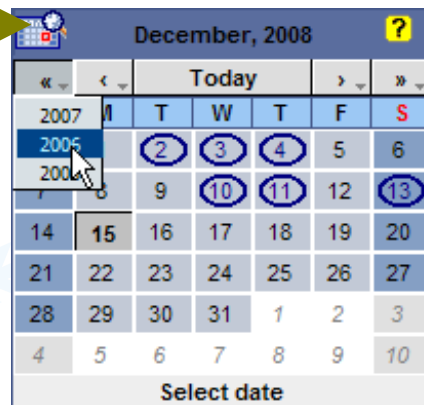
New Features:

The **Salvation Army** invested heavily throughout 2008 in system development, and all the features they paid for are now freely available for use by our customers.

Requests from two church customers resulted in substantial changes to our **calendar system**, including better controls and a new fully customizable monthly printout mode featuring event images and colour coded categories.

Click to see Monthly View

We also recently developed a new **Forum Module** – ask us if you'd like this.

View a full list of changes at:
www.ecclesiact.com/version-history

Blessings in Christ,

Martin Francis

Connecting Churches… Witnessing to Communities