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First service: 2010



Pastor Arriola & family



International Church today

Passing the Baton

On July 11, we celebrated the 5th anniversary of our Metro Church plant in Montreal's South Shore, and officially installed Hector Arriola as Pastor. Below is a brief history of the church.

In 1993, the Kapp family moved from British Columbia to Montreal's South Shore, and began holding services. Through prayer, fasting and outreach, several people were baptized. Following the language referendum in 1995, English people left the province of Quebec in droves, and the young congregation in Brossard dwindled as a result, eventually disbanding.

The Kapps returned to British Columbia. But no work for the Kingdom of God is ever wasted, and although the South Shore was without a UPC church for many years, the ground had already been cultivated, seed had been sown, and the city was just waiting for labourers to come and reap the harvest.

In 2009, Scott and Liane Grant arrived to plant a church under the UPCI Metro Missions program. They attended language school and made many contacts there. When their courses ended, they asked their classmates if they would like to continue studying French over the summer in their home. After a few months, this discussion group transitioned into a Bible study, and a church began to be born.

The first official service was held at the Quality Inn in Brossard in June 2010. A team of Purpose Institute students from the USA, led by Bishop F. Joe Ellis, participated in the church launch.

A few months later, the young church was able to move into the fellowship hall of the United Church at 335 Springfield in Greenfield Park. To reflect the diverse congregation in which several countries are represented, it was named "International Church". Services are conducted in both French and English, with Spanish sometimes being added.

After his graduation from Northeast Christian College in 2012, Jérémie Bossé, originally from Sherbrooke, Québec, came to assist the Grants with his wife, Carrie. Then in 2013, Hector Arriola, a Purpose Institute student, and his wife Claudia, came to help the pastoral team.

In 2014, the Grants moved to Trois-Rivières, a location central to the province, in order to begin outreach into Quebec City and other areas. The South Shore church was flourishing under Pastor Arriola's leadership. While Pastor Grant would continue to give oversight, the time had come to hand over the day-to-day church responsibilities to Pastor Arriola.

God's Word never returns void. The seeds planted long ago by the Kapps are still bearing fruit today. The definition of "revive" is "restore to life". God has restored to life the UPC in Montreal's South Shore. There are more cities in the province of Quebec that once had UPC churches: Sherbrooke, Rimouski, Rivière-du-Loup, and Quebec City, for example. It's time to revive them and then go plant some more!

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