





### **Let us introduce you to Bishop Keith Elford...**

In May 2008, delegates from across Canada elected Rev. Keith Elford to a fourth term as the Bishop of The Free Methodist Church in Canada.

Bishop Elford's mandate is to give leadership to the FMCiC's vision "to see healthy churches within the reach of all people in Canada and beyond". His passion is to develop a diverse group of healthy, godly, competent leaders who, using a variety of approaches, work together to see this vision fulfilled. Prior to becoming Bishop in 1997, Rev. Elford was a pastor for 24 years, serving Free Methodist congregations in Calgary, Alberta; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Whitby, Ontario; and a church plant in Willowdale, Ontario. Since 1999, he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Free Methodist World Conference.

Bishop Keith holds a B.A. from Spring Arbor University in Michigan and a M.A. from Canadian Theological Seminary. He enjoys writing and has contributed columns to religious publications and daily newspapers. When possible, he likes downhill skiing, but can be found more frequently hiking recreationally and developing his skills as an amateur photographer. Bishop Keith and his wife Donna live in Mississauga, Ontario. The Elfords have two adult children. Rebecca and Adam Schnell, their daughter Abby and son Levi, live in Jackson, Michigan where Rebecca serves as the Family Ministries Pastor at Jackson Free Methodist Church. Greg and his wife, Erin, live in Mission, British Columbia where Greg is Lead Pastor of New Heights Free Methodist Church.

### **Bishop Elford's Responsibilities**

- Vision Casting
- Pastors Network System Leadership
- National Church Overseer
- National Church Administration
- International Participation

