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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **OPEN DOORS APPOINTS REV. GARY STAGG AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**December 27, 2016, Toronto, ON:** Open Doors Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Gary Stagg to the position of Executive Director. He will report directly to the Board of Directors.

Gary Stagg joins Open Doors Canada on January 2, 2017 from after serving as Pastor for Assimilation and Discipleship at the Church on The Queensway.

Looking forward to his new role, Gary commented; *“It is with a keen sense of anticipation and expectation that I enter into 2017 and this new role as Executive Director of Open Doors Canada. I am both humbled and honoured to work with this great organization as it serves such a vital role in the church worldwide. I look forward to the work ahead!”*

Gary’s passion for the plight of oppressed and marginalized Christians worldwide was first ignited during an investigative and life-changing missionary tour through a restricted nation. Since then, he has encouraged social justice, both as a mandate of faith and as an expression of Christian maturity. For more than thirty years, Gary has been involved in full-time ministry with an emphasis on the revitalization of Christian communities and the establishment of systems for assimilation and discipleship. Gary studied education and theology and has used that training to structure his passion for helping people stand firm in their faith and embrace a missional lifestyle.

Gary and his wife Ruth reside in Mississauga, Ontario and are the proud parents of two adult children.

#### **About Open Doors**

For over 60 years, Open Doors has worked in the world's most oppressive countries, empowering Christians who are persecuted for their beliefs. Open Doors equips persecuted Christians in more than 60 countries through programs like Bible & Gospel Development, Women & Children Advancement, Advocacy, and Christian Community Restoration.