



Fall 2026



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**MEET THE
2026-27 TEAMS!**

A stylized blue silhouette of a bus, facing right. It has a simple rectangular body, a flat roof, and two circular wheels. Three horizontal lines are drawn below the front wheel.

*What does it mean
to be **Truly**
Present?*

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Ministry of Presence

Elizabeth du Quesnay (NET Canada alum 2026) shares a reflection on one of NET's core evangelistic attitudes, having a "ministry of presence":

I vividly remember meeting that Netter who had something I just didn't. Whatever she had, I wanted it.

Right before I left for my first year of NET, there was a team running a retreat at the parish near my house. I met that beautiful woman in the middle of the bustling chaos of lunch time at a grade 6 retreat. She looked at me and spoke to me as if I was the only person in the room, and I was blown away by how she listened to me. I had struggled for years to listen well, without letting my own ego, agenda, or distractions get in the way. I hoped that over the course of my time with NET, I would become more like the woman who had loved me just by looking at me, the way Christ would.

So integral is this kind of love to the atmosphere of NET that they've captured it with a name: "ministry of presence."

Jesus in the Eucharist is present, perpetually, in all the tabernacles of the world. We call Him True Presence. Every one of us is called to make Him incarnate to those around us, so that this world, suffering so much from absence, might be suddenly love-struck by True Presence.



true
presence.



This presence resonates with people. The youth I helped minister to on NET were fascinated by how we weren't on our phones, how we listened. They were fascinated by the One loving them in us. We became His Heart, aflame with love for His people, fully present to them. And they wondered what it was. My prayer is that all those I meet will experience the love Christ has for them, and that they will be left ever-thirsting for more. That nothing will ever fully satisfy them until they experience a heart-to-Heart encounter with the Living God.

I remember how difficult I found doing a missionary technology fast at the beginning of my first year. It was painful not to have an escape, to have to live in the searing beauty of the present moment. But escape wasn't really what I wanted. I wanted the freedom to be able to experience my life in all its joys and sufferings with my God. The God of the present. I wouldn't have been able to do it before. You would have had to pry the self-centredness out of my cold fingers before I would've given it up. But the Lord works differently, slowly. It's been a kind of death, but not the kind that ends in the grave.



Through these experiences, I've learned what it means to die to myself in order to be present. But I've also found the abundant life that comes with it. I am so grateful to God for NET, and for using it to teach me about the ministry of presence that He calls me to: True Presence.

Meet the

2026-

2027

TEAMS



Retreat Team

(Back:) John McCormick,
Jacob Chartrand, William Baker

(Front:) Megan Fingland,
Danielle Jones, Kiara McKee,
Tina Vandenberg

White Rock, BC

(Back:) Stéphane Fillion, Thomas
du Quesnay

(Front:) Cassie Brousseau, Valeria
Monges Moran, Ceandra Nugent





Ottawa, ON

(Back:) Zahra Hanratty, Hannah Pitre

(Front:) Jacinta Blanchard, Pamela Verdes

PLEASE JOIN OUR MISSIONARIES AND STAFF IN PRAYING OUR THEME SCRIPTURE FOR 2026-27.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

- 2 Cor 4:5-7



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