

told by officials that there are only an estimated 300 Canadians resident in the Soviet Union, which is one measure of just how limited relations between the two countries have been. But there are now exciting opportunities for a wide-range of human contacts. For example, members of the Committee met with church officials and were deeply moved by the experience of attending an overflowing church service one Sunday morning in Moscow. The Minister of the church expressed the desire of his congregation for closer relations with churches outside the Soviet Union, provided that outsiders were sensitive and responsive to the special needs of religion in the Soviet Union. This is only one example of the opportunities awaiting Canadian churches and non-governmental organizations alike to build networks of friendship, solidarity and cooperation with the people of the Soviet Union.