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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Funny in a Good Way offers up a comedy and worship event for the fifth time while celebrating a 100-plus-year history.**

(Pembroke, ON) Funny in a Good Way (FIAGW) offers another unique worship event that encourages the community to come together to celebrate Christian Unity. The 2024 event will take place at Festival Hall, on January 20th, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

This will be the fifth time that Funny in a Good Way has offered up an evening of comedy, contemporary praise music, and a few special surprises to celebrate the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Not your typical worship service, this event will feature comedian Byron Trimble who is coming to the Valley from the Michigan area. Byron has been featured on NBC, Amazon Prime, ABC, Dry Bar Comedy, and a host of other networks. In Byron's words, "I've been a comedian all my life, I just didn't realize it until I was 27". Now he spends his time making folks laugh with his brand of inspiring and inspirational comedy.

Other features of the event include the contemporary music stylings of GATE47. This worship band has delivered the opening and closing worship components of the event since the inaugural show in 1998, so folks know they are getting a heartfelt honest worship experience that they can embrace and participate in. Band leader Kevin Rabishaw advises "We've been working on a set of songs that we pray offers up a revival in the hearts and minds of those who attend."

Managing Director of FIAGW Michael Gulliver says "We're at it again and we're just so blessed to be able to continue to do this event. We're really at home at Festival Hall as Rick Wharton and his crew have been working with us over the years. The event has been so well received that we've had excellent crowds and have even had complete sellouts. The community and the sponsor support have been amazing. There is a real need for the community to come together in this manner."

The theme for the evening is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself". Based on Luke 10:27, the verse calls for Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity.

This year, the net proceeds of the event will go to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Centre as they prepare for the year ahead. Executive Director, Donalee Loback says, "The Centre is thrilled to be the beneficiary of the net proceeds of the event. We've got some big plans for the coming year so this will be a chance to share some of what is coming. If you've been to the event in the past, you know how much fun it is."

Ticket details for the event are available at [www.funnyinagoodway.ca](http://www.funnyinagoodway.ca). We have online tickets as well as some merchants that are selling tickets. Ticket prices are \$25.00 each and all general admission with no assigned seating. There are also still a few opportunities for sponsorship or group ticket purchases with details available via email at [Funnyinagoodway@outlook.com](mailto:Funnyinagoodway@outlook.com).

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