

# Darlene McLean

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Darlene is the Executive Director of the Christian Embassy of Canada since May 2012. Previously, she served for 6 years as the Deputy Director.

In May 2006, Darlene joined Christian Embassy in Ottawa. Christian Embassy seeks to inspire and connect Members of Parliament, Senators, Ambassadors, Diplomats and business leaders in order to help them achieve their mandates better, and to resource them as leaders. Over the years, she has had the privilege of leading and participating in more than 14 Ambassador business tours to different regions of Canada and 5 international delegations to Asia and Europe.

In December 2012, Darlene was awarded with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for her work with Christian Embassy for the benefit of diplomats and government leaders.

She earned a Bachelor degree with Honours in French Literature and a Bachelor degree of Education at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Her third year of studies was completed on exchange at Laval University in Quebec City, Quebec. In addition to her degrees, she later

pursued a Masters in Theological Studies from Tyndale University and Seminary in Toronto, Ontario. Since then, she has also pursued several international programs in leadership, including Arrow Leadership and The Master's Program.

Subsequent to her university education, Darlene taught and initiated French Immersion programs for Grades 4 through 8 in schools across Ontario and New Brunswick in Canada. For eight years, she worked with university students to develop their leadership skills at both the University of British Columbia (UBC) and at Université de Sherbrooke in Quebec. During those years, she led student projects to Peru, Senegal, and Guadeloupe.

She has lived and travelled in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Central and South America. She has also taught French at an international school in Manila, Philippines.

She and her husband, Harold Albrecht, the Member of Parliament of Kitchener-Conestoga, reside in Kitchener and Ottawa, Ontario.



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