

# ENDORSEMENTS

In Christian circles we often default to thinking about the Holy Spirit as an 'it.' As something to be manipulated and exercised for maximum use - not much different than we would think about using a tool. I am so glad for Dunamis Fellowship Canada who paints a different picture and remind us again to engage the person of the Holy Spirit with all our zeal as we properly should. It results in a far richer and deeper practice than manipulating a tool because its about the relationship.

**DARREN ROORDA - Canadian Ministries Director  
Christian Reformed Church in North America**

Renewal is a much discussed topic among contemporary congregations given that 80% of North American churches are plateaued or in decline. Many are asking where renewal begins. Scripture highlights that all true renewal begins with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* helps churches identify commitments and practices that makes likely the Spirit's transforming work in their midst.

**KEITH DOORNBOS—Project Director  
Church Renewal Lab at Calvin Theological Seminary**

The strategy of heaven is to give the Gift of the Holy Spirit to every Christian and so multiply the saving presence of God throughout the earth. Without our dynamic cooperation with the Holy Spirit, the mission of God in the world falters and our churches decline. This conference is designed to lay foundations for a relationship with God the Holy Spirit so that we experience in our time what began in the Book of Acts. The power and intimacy of the Holy Spirit is vital in growing disciples, leaders, families, churches and movements.

**TIM VINK—Coordinator Church Multiplication  
Reformed Church of America**

It is a spiritual awakening needed for all church leaders to attend. It reminds me, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord."

**WILLEM —Pastor and conference participant  
Presbyterian Church in Canada**

How many Christians long for more in their walk with God. How many churches wish for a taste of what they read in the pages of Scripture. And yet how many of us know that the challenges we face are of a different order, requiring a power beyond ourselves. We're longing for life in the Spirit of God. Growing the church in the power of the Holy Spirit has never been more important than it is today.

**PHIL REINDERS - Senior Minister  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto**

If God is the Great Evangelist, how do we "keep in step" with the Holy Spirit? Not only will you be challenged by the *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference, but you will also find great encouragement to join the dance.

**JUL MEDENBLIK—President  
Calvin Theological Seminary**

Congregational leadership is challenging! But to the many helpful resources that focus on our assets and our skills, *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* emphasizes the one thing needful - our participation in God's dynamic presence, power, and purpose.

**CLYDE ERVINE—Senior Minister  
Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, Ontario**

The Spirit of God is among the people of God. God's people, led by the Holy Spirit, will accomplish God's purposes on earth - both now and in the future. This conference, *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit*, will help you lead your congregation into God's future. I strongly recommend it!

**MOSES CHUNG—Director  
Christian Reformed Home Missions**

It's a rare opportunity for pastors and leaders to receive refreshing, guidance, and power from the Holy Spirit. I appreciated the balance of theological teaching, stories of leaders' own experiences, small group conversations, worship and shared prayer. By equipping and renewing leaders, the conference will benefit our churches and even our neighbourhoods.

**DENISE —Pastor and conference participant  
Presbyterian Church in Canada**

## growing the church in the power of the holy spirit conference



**An Approach ♦ Not a Program**

September 25-28, 2017

Registration at 8:30 am

St. Giles Presbyterian Church  
785 Park St. S.  
Peterborough,  
Ontario K9J 3T6

# Christ is Growing His Church

*Learn seven practical principles to  
stay in step with the Holy Spirit*

Grabbing onto the hottest technical trend is tempting, but God knows how He wants to work in your context. Join us and explore how God desires to grow your church in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Make the Most of the Opportunity

This event is intended for pastors, leaders and prayer partners in denominations within the Reformed branch of Jesus' church. Make the most of the opportunity and invite your team to come along!

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Dunamis Fellowship Canada (DFC)

Shares a ministry vision with  
Presbyterian Reformed  
Ministries International (PRMI)



## Conference Description

Beneath the surface of churches' programs and activities lies the fundamental question: How can leaders and churches be enabled to discern and obediently cooperate with the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Since the Kingdom of God is an active expression of the Spirit's reign on earth, it is extended and realized as individuals and churches seek and submit to his will and purposes.

At this *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference, we will explore practical ways for leaders in the Reformed churches to be nurtured and sustained in the process of cooperating with the Holy Spirit.

**Begins:** Monday morning

**Ends:** Thursday mid-afternoon

## Practical Guidance for Effective Ministry

- ◆ Large Group Teaching
- ◆ Small Group Discussion
- ◆ Worship and Prayer
- ◆ Reflection Time
- ◆ Opportunity for Ongoing Coaching

### St. Giles Presbyterian Church

#### Fees for Meals:

Early Bird - \$135 After September 18 - \$160

Block of rooms booked at:

The Best Western - Otonabee Inn

For the "Growing the Church Conference"

Reservations - 1-800-373-5843

**Register and pay by early bird date to get reduced rate**

Registration and more details at: [www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)

## Teachers



**RAY VANDERKOOIJ, LEAD TEACHER,** *Pastor, Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Acton, ON*  
Ray has been involved in many facets of the ministry of Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International (PRMI) since 2000, and was the one of the founders and the first Board Chair for Dunamis Fellowship Canada in 2005. He is committed to cooperating with the Holy Spirit in integrating his learning and discerning into local pastoral ministry.

**MARY STERENBERG, Commissioned Pastor of Pastoral Care, Discovery CRC, Grand Rapids, MI.** She serves as Prayer Mobilizer for the Christian Reformed Home Missions Great Lakes Region. Mary's passion is for the bride of Christ to be healed, holy, unified, restored, revived, and empowered!



**STEPHEN DUNKIN, minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, retired.** In addition to pastoral ministry, Stephen served as the Executive Director of Barnabas House Christian Ministries in Kingston, ON for 11 years. He served as a Trustee on DFC's board for 6 years and has been involved with Dunamis since 2009.

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