

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."

**W.V.—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.

**D.M.—Pastor and conference participant
Presbyterian Church in Canada**

growing the church in the power of the holy spirit conference



An Approach ♦ Not a Program

April 3-6, 2018

St. Benedict's Retreat Centre
225 Master's Ave
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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 Presbyterian and Christian Reformed Church pastors, leaders and prayer partners. 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 Christian Reformed and Presbyterian churches to be nurtured and sustained in the process of cooperating with the Holy Spirit.

Begins: Tuesday morning
Ends: Friday mid-afternoon

Practical Guidance for Effective Ministry

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

Teachers



DAVE WESTRA, *Co-pastor, Gold Ave. Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI*—Brokenhearted and returning from China much earlier than expected, Dave and Anne Westra were in rough shape as they began to serve Gold Avenue Church in 2010. The church itself was also hurting. Membership had dwindled to less than forty members and the church was nearly ready to close. Learning to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and following his lead has led to remarkable story of God's never-ending love and desire to transform his bride—the Church. Dave and Anne enjoy their four young children.

GINA DICK, *Co-pastor, Gold Ave. Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI*—Gina has witnessed first hand the power of Holy Spirit to grow the church. Her heart for healing and a call to raise up an empowered, multiplying church, has been used by God at Gold Ave. Church since Gina joined the team and has received further equipping through Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int'l (PRMI) on how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to bring healing to the Body of Christ.



NANCY MOSTERT, *Ancaster ON*—Nancy has served as a Pastoral Associate in the Presbyterian Church. She completed her studies at Knox College and is currently a candidate for a call. Nancy has served Dunamis Fellowship Canada since 2006 as a founding Board member, past Board Chair, Dunamis Institute teacher and track director for the Dunamis Project.



St. Benedicts Retreat & Conference Centre, Winnipeg, MB

Fees for Accommodation and Meals

	Registered by March 13	After
Double	\$285	\$310
Single	\$333	\$358
Commuter	\$175	\$195



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