



Dunamis Fellowship Canada

*Mobilizing, Equipping and Sending Holy Spirit Empowered
Leaders for Church Renewal and Missions*



SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

You are receiving this special edition of our first Dunamis Fellowship Canada (DFC) newsletter because you are a past participant of the Burlington Dunamis Project, having attended one or more of the annual conferences. We are excited about developments over the past two years that have seen the official launch of Dunamis Fellowship Canada as a registered Canadian charity. Dunamis video courses continue to grow in being offered in more churches, with an increasing variety of denominations represented. *Ignite!* events are flourishing in Alberta and we are poised to form and equip teams to lead *Ignite!* here in Ontario and beyond. As you will read in this newsletter, our Founding Meeting launch also provided us with much to pray through and pursue in cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

The Board of Dunamis Fellowship Canada requested and received permission to add all past participants of Burlington Dunamis conferences to our mailing list. We want to keep you up to date on developments in this exciting ministry and share opportunities for you and your church to experience renewal. Those of you already on the DFC mailing list will be cross-referenced to ensure there are no duplicate mailings. If you happen to receive duplicate mailings in the future, please kindly let us know so that we can make the correction. Also, if you prefer to not be on the mailing list we will respect that. We can be reached through any of the contact avenues listed on the back of this newsletter. Of course we do hope that you will all want to receive regular updates!

We also want to bring to your attention that the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church (like the Presbyterian's General Assembly), at its June 2007 meeting, will consider Study Committee reports on "Third Wave Pentecostalism," a charismatic stream in which Dunamis Fellowship Canada as a regional expression of Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International (PRMI) finds its place. You can read both the majority and minority reports by downloading them from the CRC website: www.crcna.org/pages/synodical.cfm under reports. Please pray for those who will present and consider these reports in local churches and at the meeting of Synod.

We hope you enjoy reading about the Founding Meeting and upcoming events.

Sincerely,

The Board of Dunamis Fellowship Canada — Sandy Bassie, Martin Boardman, Al Clarkson, Les Ferrier,
Nancy Mostert, Fred Reitsma, Pastor Ray Vander Kooij; and Sheila Thomson, Ministry Coordinator

DUNAMIS FELLOWSHIP CANADA **LAUNCHED!**

Anticipation, expectation, celebration. Such emotions and more marked the *Dunamis Fellowship Canada* Founding Event, throughout preparation, participation and reflection. We were delighted that we were in fact able to share and celebrate that the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) has granted charitable status to *Dunamis Fellowship Canada*! We received this news after the mailing for the Founding Meeting had been sent, as we were committed to move forward in ministry no matter what the outcome of the application. However, the successful application was certainly the icing on the cake for celebrating founding the ministry and moving forward with anticipation and expectation.



As a Board, we were blessed to have both Brad Long, Executive Director of PRMI (Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International) and Cindy Strickler, Pastor of the *Dunamis Fellowship International*, come from North Carolina. We were also delighted to be joined by some 50 others throughout the day who were interested in some level of involvement with this unfolding ministry, including 2 from Alberta, where *Dunamis* ministry events are again emerging. We appreciated meeting in facilities of the Meadowlands Fellowship CRC in Ancaster and thank them for their graciousness in hosting this event and for their worship team leading us in times of praise at the Celebration Service.



The evening Celebration Service shared the vision of the church being launched at Pentecost like the christening of a sailboat. *Dunamis Fellowship Canada's* call is to come alongside the church in Canada, encouraging and supporting churches in hoisting sails of openness to the Holy Spirit, unfurling them with prayer, and moving forward in ministry empowered by the breath of the Holy Spirit blowing like the wind into sails. Together we lifted praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A time of prayer ministry included Brad Long and Cindy Strickler praying over and anointing the Board. The Board then in turn prayed over them, and over those who were called by God to join the Dunamis Fellowship International and become further involved in developing the ministry of *Dunamis Fellowship Canada*. Flowing from the Holy Spirit image of fire and Jesus being the light of the world, we closed the service passing the light of the Christ candle to one another and affirming that Jesus is the light of life! We enjoyed a celebration cake and went out to reflect Christ's light in life.



The afternoon had been opened in a time of praise and sharing the vision of PRMI and the Dunamis Fellowship. We then divided into groups, facilitated by Board members, for a time of listening prayer to discern God's calling how to develop various facets of this ministry in the future. The ministry areas include leadership development, congregational renewal through video courses and *Ignite!*, prayer, youth, and mission. The general contours of each group

were shared and will become part of what the Board will use in discerning future paths God is leading us to journey in the context of Canada.



We celebrate what God has done, is doing and will do, as we humbly submit and prayerfully surrender to Him. Please pray for this ministry, for the Board and about what place you may have in this unfolding ministry. Pray too for Canada and the church in Canada, that the light of Jesus would shine brightly, that the Spirit would blaze warmly, and that the Father heart of God might capture the hearts of our churches and communities.

Praise God

from whom
all blessings flow!

Pastor Ray Vander Kooij
Chair, Board of Trustees
Dunamis Fellowship Canada



UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Dunamis Video Course Facilitator Training

Friday, February 23, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Led by Pastor Tom Swieringa.

Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International (PRMI) supports local congregations as they grow in depth of fellowship, and in witness to Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Part of this support is expressed in the development of the *Dunamis Courses*, following the format of *Alpha*, to implement the PRMI teaching on the Holy Spirit within the local church.

Facilitator Training provides essential equipping for launching your first *Dunamis Course*. This includes: an overview of the contents of the course, strategies for launching the course in a church, recruiting and building your team, how to use the material, and prayer for the empowerment and anointing of the Holy Spirit to implement the course.

We encourage you to consider coming with a team from your church to benefit from this training as you prayerfully ponder and/or prepare to launch the *Dunamis Course*.

IGNITE! - Ministry Team Training

Saturday, February 24, 8:30 to 3:00

Led by Pastor Tom Swieringa.

Tom is on staff with PRMI as Advocate for Renewal in the Reformed Churches and is a founding leader of the *Ignite!* event format and materials. He and Jeanne Kraak led an *Ignite!* pilot event at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton on May 13, 2006.

We hope and pray that we will be able to equip teams of 3-5 people to lead *Ignite!* events in churches in Canada. Different members of the team teach, share testimonies, intercede and provide prayer ministry, according to their gifting and interest.

If you are interested in the *Ignite!* or **Facilitator Training** events please contact:

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The third video course is soon to be launched

“The Power of Prayer”

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