



# Dunamis Fellowship Canada

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



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## **DISCERNING DIRECTION** **Board Visioning Retreat – May 17, 2007**

Recently the Board of DFC held its first full-day visioning retreat on the grounds of the Crieff Hills Conference Centre (near Hwy 6, between Hamilton and Guelph). Free from the typical multi-item Board meeting agenda, we focused for an extended time on seeking the Spirit's leading for ongoing ministry in Canada. As an emerging ministry we reflected on forming realistic priorities as responsible stewards of the resources of people and time, while responding in faith and obedience to God's leading. Priority areas of our mission were identified as prayer, congregational renewal, and leadership development.

For congregational renewal we discerned that the Dunamis video courses lend themselves well to the Canadian context, in which the Alpha course has experienced much success. Alpha has a similar format and also introduces the person and work of the Holy Spirit, including addressing spiritual warfare and healing. The Dunamis video courses also allow us to come alongside many churches with a realistic investment of people and time on the part of DFC.



However, for this ministry to truly be a way of renewal working in and through churches, we need to raise up leaders to serve as facilitators and small group leaders for these courses who have experience with the Dunamis teaching and ministry model, and empowerment by the Holy Spirit. To provide this leadership development we have Burlington Dunamis Conferences. The major difference we envision is that the regional Dunamis Conferences will now encompass the first three topics and perhaps the traditional sixth as well (Gateways, In the Spirit's Power, Prayer, and Evangelism) as 1½ day weekend events, while the topics of Healing and Deliverance would typically be offered as the more intensive 4-5 day Dunamis Projects on a national level or for larger regions.

Video course facilitator and team training would then be available along the way to those participating in the Dunamis Conference track, or who themselves have been participants in video courses, as is presently the criteria.

*Ignite!*, a one day "taster" event in a local church will be made available in a limited way, primarily because of the investment of people and time it takes and the small pool of team leaders and members available to draw from at this time. We will weigh and pray through requests, interacting with churches regarding the best 'next steps' for them to take in seeking renewal through greater openness to and experience of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

If you have provided leadership in any way (e.g. planning, teaching, facilitating, prayer ministry, intercession) for a Dunamis or other PRMI event in the past, we would appreciate the opportunity to connect with you and explore possible ministry opportunities that may fit your spiritual gifting, interests and time availability. Please contact us.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of DFC—for discernment, protection and provision. We sense the significant need to expand our current valued intercessory prayer base and deepen two-way communication with our Intercessors. As we expand our interactive capacity in this area, please consider the opportunity to become part of the intercessory prayer network so essential for this ministry.



## *Burlington Conference on Spiritual Warfare - March 2007*

Tension exists between Christ's victory over darkness and the reality of Satan's kingdom on earth. As Christians, Christ calls His followers to equip themselves for a spiritual battle that builds God's Kingdom on earth. The fifth Burlington Dunamis conference on *Spiritual Warfare* drew over 200 participants who were ready to be challenged, receive healing and become equipped for work in God's Kingdom.

In preparation for the conference the prayer ministry team and intercessors met on three occasions to pray for all aspects of the conference. They received training from Mary Ellen Connors and Cindy Strickler, both from PRMI. At the end of the sessions, some prayer teams found themselves with new partners in accordance with the Spirit's leading.

The conference itself proved successful. Brad Long and Cindy Strickler of PRMI, taught portions of the eight full lessons over the weekend to give participants a taste of what is spiritual warfare. Prayer ministry throughout the conference responded to persons seeking healing from oppressive spirits and past hurts that have prohibited them from moving forward in Kingdom work. There was joy for many who experienced God's releasing power in their lives. In helping attendees gain a greater awareness of their role in God's Kingdom against darkness, many were also encouraged to continue learning and maturing in the area of Spiritual warfare.



Ultimately we must remember that all is to the Glory of the Father. As Christ also reminds us that while we have power over demons... **“Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:17-20)**

*The sixth and final Burlington Dunamis conference “Empowered Evangelism” is tentatively scheduled for April 5/6, 2008.*

## *Ignite 2007—Alberta*



Bethel Community Church in Edmonton and Hope Christian Reformed Church in Stony Plain, Alberta partnered together to host Ignite 2007, March 2nd-4th. We welcomed Pastor Tom Swieringa and Jeanne Kraak from PRMI as our guest speakers for this conference. This dynamic conference featured times of worship, teaching, small group discussion, and personal prayer ministry. The conference was enjoyed by 109 people from various congregations. One participant noted “The teaching was solid, the fellowship sweet and the times of prayer a blessing.”

Bethel Community Church was very pleased to have been selected as a grant recipient of the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Program of the Christian Reformed Church in North America for this conference. This has funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Ignite 2007 was a blessing to all those who attended. We thank God for passionate speakers who are dedicated to building the body of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# Getting to know the Board Trustees



**Sandy Bassie** was raised in Presbyterian and United Churches settings as well as being part of a 'charismatic' Anglican church in her teens and early twenties. She has attended Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton, Ontario since 1992, along with her husband, John, and sons Jacob and Joshua. She has passion for encouraging and enriching others through words and prayer, is on a worship team, leads Alpha and small groups, and is part of a weekly prayer group. Her creativity is woven into these areas through singing, writing, and signing. Sandy first heard of PRMI in 2001 at Belleville CRC, and has been involved in the Burlington Dunamis conference since 2003, as a participant on the prayer team. She participates in various Dunamis Fellowship events.



**Martin Boardman** lives in Waterdown Ontario with his wife, Marlene and their two boys Joshua and Matthew. They attend Faith CRC in Burlington where Martin serves as the prayer coordinator for the church. Martin is a seminary student and stay-at-home dad. He is studying at Tyndale Seminary and is pursuing candidacy in 2008 within the Christian Reformed Church. Martin's introduction to PRMI was through a prayer conference and most recently through the Dunamis courses offered at his home church in Burlington. Martin's passion is to see people educated, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit especially in the areas of prayer and intercession.



**Al Clarkson** has been involved with PRMI activities since 1992 and has been a Professing Member of St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Scarborough Ontario since 2002. He has been recently involved with Alpha, visitation, praise team and men's activities as well as a Tour Guide in the (1849) Sanctuary. Al is also working with the National Presbyterian Museum in Toronto as a "Docent" and looking forward for his Congregation's Bicentennial. Once a Presbyterian Young People's Society leader, Al has served as an Elder in another congregation and was a General Assembly Elder on two occasions, as well as serving on the DFC board, Al has a heart for Renewal of the Church of Jesus Christ. throughout the world.



**Nancy Mostert** has participated in two PRMI Dunamis tracks, serving on the prayer team for the second, and is a trained video and *Ignite* facilitator. One of life's greatest thrills for Nancy is teaching Dunamis tracks, particularly *Gateways*, to small groups of people who are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Nancy is a member of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Hamilton where she is involved in prayer and small group ministry. Her and her husband Henry run a woodworking business from home, where they raise their five children. She is also a part time student at McMaster University Divinity College.



**Les Ferrier** has attended Kortright Presbyterian Church in Guelph since 1986 and is on their Session. He has held leadership positions in the Cursillo movement and the Alpha course as well as volunteering at their church. He and his wife Barbara have attended the five-day Dunamis Parts #1, 2 & 3 in Guelph in 1997-98, and later the two-day Dunamis Parts 4 & 5 in St Thomas. During 2004 - 06 they were facilitators for six Dunamis video courses at KPC - *Gateways* three times, *In the Spirit's Power* twice, and *Prayer* once. They have also led a Facilitator Training Course in 2006 and will lead another in the fall of 2007. They plan to start the video series again in the fall of 2007 and open it to members of other churches. In July 2004, Les and Barb attended the Community of the Cross at PRMI, and attended the *Advanced Spiritual Leadership* course in June 2007.



**Fred Reitsma** and his wife Helen live in Brantford, ON where they worship at Hope Christian Reformed Church. Fred is presently clerk of council and prayer coordinator at Hope. Fred and Helen's 5 daughters, 4 sons-in-law and 4 grandchildren live in cities in south western Ontario and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Fred was introduced to PRMI at a prayer conference at Hope in 2002. He has participated in the Burlington Dunamis Conferences and was on the prayer teams on 2 occasions. Fred is the Treasurer of Dunamis Fellowship Canada. In past years he has served as Treasurer of Brantford Christian School and Hamilton District Christian High School. He presently serves on the Classis Hamilton Finance Committee.



**Sheila Thomson**, Ministry Coordinator for DFC, lives in Guelph with her husband Willie and the younger of their two daughters, Rebecca. She has attended Kortright Presbyterian Church since 1983 and has volunteered in a number of positions. She was first introduced to Dunamis through the Video Course at KPC and has attended six Video Courses as a participant or small group leader, and three Burlington Dunamis Conferences. She attended the Dunamis Advanced Leadership Course in June 2006 and the Dunamis Fellowship Annual International Meeting in January 2007. She is on the church's prayer ministry team, attends a women's bible study and she awaits the next Dunamis Video Course in the fall. Her passions are to see more people getting to know the Holy Spirit and to see the Dunamis flame spread throughout Canada.



**Ray Vander Kooij**, chair of the DFC Board, lives with his wife, Sue, and children Matthew & Kendra in Acton, Ontario, where he is Senior Pastor of Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Ray's involvement in the ministry of PRMI and Dunamis includes participation in the St. Thomas Dunamis Conference series and serving on the planning team providing leadership for the current Burlington Dunamis Conference series. He and Sue are on this journey together, including taking the *Advanced Healing & Deliverance Course* with PRMI in 2003. Ray has also facilitated Dunamis video courses and been the point-person in Canada for facilitator equipping and distribution of video courses before the founding of DFC. He has a heart for seeing churches ignited in the power of the Holy Spirit in a way that gently works its way through the church body. He also loves participating in inner healing ministry and seeing God transform lives and relationships.

## *We've Only Just Begun*

In the last few months the focus of the DFC board has shifted. Previously we had been putting together the framework of the organization so that we could pursue charitable status in Canada. God has been faithful and we have celebrated that milestone.

But we have only just begun. The board has shifted now into discerning where DFC needs to focus in ministry. Very quickly we have realized the need for continued support through intercessory prayer. To this end we are establishing an email list of intercessors who will regularly receive an update of prayer requests for the ministry of DFC.

If you feel prompted by the Spirit to join this intercessory team or if you are running or plan to run a Dunamis video course, and would like us to lift you in pray, please email us at [dfcintercessors@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfcintercessors@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)

*"Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails."* Watchman Nee



## *Events to Watch For*

*Dunamis Video Course Facilitator Training—September 29, 2007  
at Paramount Drive Alliance Church, Stoney Creek, Ontario.  
For Information please contact the Dunamis Fellowship Canada Office*

*Ignite! Event—Stirling Presbyterian Church, Stirling, Ontario—October 13, 2007*

*Ignite! Event—Jubilee Christian Reformed Church, St. Catharines, Ontario—November 10, 2007*

*Dunamis Regional Conference—London, Ontario—Spring 2008*

## *Donations at DFC Events*

Dunamis Fellowship Canada, as a regional expression of PRMI, is a faith based ministry. We rely on donations to continue our ministry as a recognized Canadian charity. One of the mandates for Facilitators running courses or events is to take up an offering to support the work of DFC. We will issue Canadian tax receipts for your donations.

Your donations support the events and courses in Canada, missions abroad, outreach in Canada, and our part time office. Our office is responsible for newsletters and other mailings, records, tax receipts and general staff work. With enough donations, we can provide financial assistance for short courses and for missions abroad that are run by PRMI or DFC. We can also help to initiate events in churches across Canada. We intend to support the development of the video courses in cooperation with PRMI.



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