



# Dunamis Fellowship Canada

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



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## *Transitions*

*Philippians 4:9 "Whatever you have learned or received...  
put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."*

Throughout the natural life cycles of people and organizations, transitions are made that produce subtle changes. Whether purposefully initiated or occurring naturally, these changes generally go unnoticed. However; in a ministry they affect the how and why of an organization's day-to-day operations. Such changes have taken place within Dunamis Fellowship Canada and it is hoped that these changes will bear fruit as Christians continue to grow in cooperation with the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

The most exciting transition within DFC is that ministry development has moved toward ministry work. Much of the legal and policy setting has taken place and Board agendas now consists of up and coming ministry events. Of special mention is that we will be offering the full Dunamis Project in Ancaster, Ontario beginning in March 2009, with "Gateways to Empowered Ministry".

An attitude shift has taken place within the Board of DFC. In the midst of setting up a Canadian charity the Board seemed to be developing a "new" ministry. The task became daunting. Administration costs and time were increasing. *Ignite* invitations from congregations were on the rise. The need for teachers, intercessors and organizers increased and, funds were limited. At its' spring meeting the Board earnestly sought Gods guidance in these matters. His direction was clear. DFC is not starting a new ministry, but is a regional partner expressing the work of Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI) a ministry of Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International (PRMI). Our purpose as a Canadian charity is to extend the Dunamis Projects and *Ignite* teaching in the Canadian context. This is a subtle transition, but one that clarifies that DFC is in partnership with our parent, PRMI. What results is unified ministry.

Part of our transition toward unified ministry involves developing a Joint Venture Agreement between DFC and PRMI allowing Canadian donations in support of the Community of the Cross (CoC) in North Carolina. This wonderful prayer and training centre in the Black Mountains has benefited many Canadians already who have gone for summer camp, DFI meetings, Upward Challenge and Advanced Courses. As this cross-border agreement is worked through we ask for you to uphold this work in prayer.

There is one more change worth mentioning. That is the transition that takes place in the hearts and lives of those who have and will experience teaching on the Holy Spirit through this ministry. It is our prayer that all of you experience a transition in your lives as you grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and live a life of cooperation with the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God. We encourage you to put into practice whatever you have learned or received!

*Nancy Mostert—Board Chair*

## *A VIEW FROM CANADA AS A PRMI BOARD MEMBER*

No one was more surprised than I when, as someone involved at the local church level with the Dunamis Video Course in Ontario, Canada, the Holy Spirit tapped me on the shoulder last fall and invited me into the dance with Him as a PRMI Board Member. I'm still learning the steps - and He loves to keep me on my toes so I'll be responsive to His leading.

*What is the Holy Spirit doing among us? To answer that question, it helps to see both the forest and the trees. Sometimes the answer comes through individual's stories that witness to the healing and renewal Jesus brings. Sometimes it's in stepping back to glimpse a bigger picture - to see patterns across continents and PRMI's four vision initiatives that help us answer that question.*

It's been a privilege to sit around the tables at the Community of the Cross with the PRMI Board, where there's a high commitment to listen and to pray, to discern and connect the dots to see what God's doing. Those of you who get PRMI mailings will have heard about the conversations and discernment going on to seek a modified structure to the PRMI organization so that the four vision initiatives can move forward more effectively, with better interface with PRMI office staff. These are exciting times - so we welcome your prayers as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance on these things.



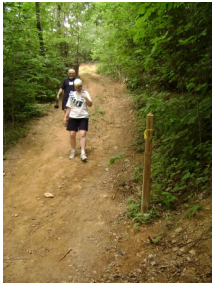
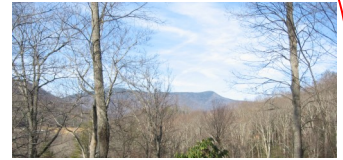
We're looking forward to putting in place proper Joint Venture Agreement between DFC and PRMI so that donations from Canadian donors can support projects that further our common goals. One of those might be a Canada House, a guest house built at the Community of the Cross, which Canadians would have priority to use as accommodation. Another possibility is funding Dunamis Video Course - part 4 on Missions and Evangelism. So, stay tuned, and pray that we have clarity on these possibilities.

- PRMI Board Member

Barbara Ferrier

## *GROWING THE CHURCH IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*

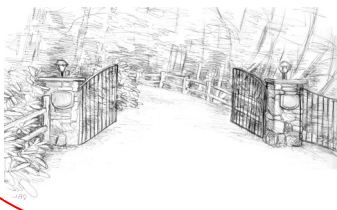
This pioneer church leadership conference was launched at Community of the Cross this past May 5-9. Three pastors from Ontario participated: John Kuperus of the Blyth Christian Reformed Church (CRC); Ray Vander Kooij of Bethel CRC, Acton; and Tom Baird of Fellowship CRC, St. Thomas. Here are some reflections we gratefully received from Pastor Tom Baird.



I was excited as I traveled, with two other pastors, to the Community of the Cross for the *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference. Not only was the camaraderie with like-minded friends enjoyable, but I knew I would be refreshed at the conference as I have been at other PRMI events.

Each morning and evening we experienced inspiring worship with the 30 or so other conference attendees. After instructive morning sessions each day, we were encouraged to take a meditative walk through the wooded trails in solitude. We would then return to meet with a small group to share and pray.

The Lord gave me two special gifts while I was at the *Growing the Church Conference*. The one gift was a prophecy spoken over me to the effect that the Lord would give me eyes to see, not only the present needs of our congregation, but the future needs as well. (The speaker could not have known that I was knee-deep in a five year plan for the church, as well as a plan for future staffing at our church—what an encouraging word!) The second gift dovetailed with the first. I received a clear impression that the Lord wanted me to launch a new prayer ministry at the church, and discerned the shape that that ministry should take. Since the conference I have enjoyed a deepened sense of partnership with God in doing His work.



For me, the Community of the Cross truly was, as their entrance sign declares, a “place of encounter with Jesus Christ.”

Rev. Thomas Baird



## *TREASURER'S REPORT*

Dunamis Fellowship Canada (DFC) was established in 2006. An initial donor helped DFC become a reality. This gift also enables us to meet our current expenditures as the ministry expands. This past year, additional donations covered almost one half of our ministry and administrative annual budget costs of \$30,000.00.

It is truly a blessing that the board has been able work without financial restraints. We are grateful that our ministries continue to expand throughout eastern and western Canada. It is our prayer that a broader donor base will enable DFC to remain financially stable.

The ministries of DFC are maintained by the grace of God and by the prayers and financial gifts of those who share in the vision of bringing increased spiritual renewal to the Reformed family of Christians.

Fred Reitsma—Treasurer

## DUNAMIS PROJECT

March 25 - 29, 2009

The Dunamis Project is a series of six powerful, 5-day leadership equipping events on the person and work of the Holy Spirit taught at six month intervals. The first "Gateways to Empowered Ministry", will run from the Wednesday evening through Sunday morning, March 25 -29, 2009 in Ancaster, Ontario. The second, "In the Spirit's Power" will be November 4-8, 2009. Teaching will be co-led by Brad Long, Executive Director of PRMI, and founder of the Dunamis Project, and Cindy Strickler, Director of the Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI). Both are gifted teachers and have complementary gifts for teaching and leadership.



The primary purpose of the Dunamis Project is to equip an extended fellowship of Christians, both clergy and laity, to share in the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the glory of Jesus Christ. The teaching is based soundly on Scripture. We believe it is especially suitable for those in ministry, whether full time or as a part-time volunteer. It is an excellent format for those who can commit a block of time for personal and spiritual development. We believe that Spirit-empowered leaders, rooted in Scripture, are the key to spiritual renewal, effective evangelistic outreach and the worldwide advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Biblical model of spiritual leadership is envisioned, embracing prayer, trust, mutual accountability and the full expression of the spiritual gifts, for the advancement of the Kingdom of God and the building up of the Body of Christ.

The events include both teaching and practice. Practice and experience solidifies the teaching. You will have an opportunity to experience the Holy Spirit in a safe setting with leaders and participants. As people progress through the Dunamis Project series of events, they will learn to co-operate with the Holy Spirit and to experience the Holy Spirit in power.

We invite you to participate so that your church can be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. A registration insert is included with this newsletter. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact us with any questions or to register. Please note the best rate by registering by December 15, 2008, and that the final deadline to ensure accommodations and/or meals, is March 9, 2009.

Les Ferrier – Board Member

## REFLECTING ON OUR ROOTS



Over the past decade, I have experienced a greater sense of appreciation in the area of Church History. Perhaps it's getting older, and looking back at events over my lifetime, but the "Celebrate!" events over the Millennium within the Presbyterian Church in Canada were also important, as local congregations shared memories of the 125 years from 1875, and some, even further back!

My history with Dunamis begins on Mother's Day 1993, when I was called into a special Kirk Session (Elders) Meeting, and my then-pastor, the late Ted Ellis, sought our blessings on inviting Rev. Dr. Zeb Bradford Long of Presbyterian Reformed Renewal Ministries International (since abbreviated to PRMI), to share the Sermon that morning. We were invited to "meet and debrief" afterwards. Brad had been in Belleville ON, the previous day, where he had met with a number of Canadians, who had been praying for years for this ministry to spread into Canada. The following day, a meeting, of Presbyterians, led to the founding of "In The Spirit's Company", and there were a number of gatherings in the Toronto area, that led to the Guelph Dunamis Project circa, 1998-2000. I was in attendance at many of these events, and I also accompanied Brad into a Taiwanese congregation in Toronto, and attended the 1997 PCUSA General Assembly in Syracuse NY, when *Collapse of the Brass Heaven* had a book release.

This wasn't all of PRMI's activities in Canada. Long before the present **Ignite** and **Dunamis Video Series, Spirit Alive** was held in congregations in at least Ontario and Nova Scotia (also P.E.I.?). Similar Events were held in Belleville ON, Edmonton AB, Kelowna BC, and more recently in St. Thomas ON and Burlington ON. This spurred the birthing of the present DFC.

At this time of Canadian Dunamis history, I'm looking to hear accounts of these past events, especially from those who might have been connected with us from the Kansas City conference, circa 1975-76. Testimonies, perhaps photos and publications (we'll return them!) of our past, will also assist as we Vision for the future!

Please send any such accounts through the DFC office,

Al Clarkson – Board Member



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Ignites*

- October 25, 2008 Ignite 2—In the Spirit's Power  
Christ Community Church, Victoria, British Columbia
- November 21-22, 2008 Ignite 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry  
First Christian Reformed Church, London, Ontario  
Contact: Barb Morrison, Email: firstcrc@skynet.ca  
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- November 28-29, 2008 Ignite 2—In The Spirit's Power  
First Christian Reformed Church, Hamilton, Ontario  
Contact: Janice, Email: office@firsthamilton.ca - Phone: 905-528-3826
- February 6-8, 2009 Ignite 3—Power of Prayer  
River Park Christian Reformed Church, Calgary, Alberta  
Spring 2009 (tentative)
- February 20-21, 2009 Ignite 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry  
Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, Brampton, Ontario  
Contact: Annette McKay, Email: a.mckay@sympatico.ca

### *Dunamis Projects*

- October 26-30, 2008 Project 4—The Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ—Holland, Michigan, US  
Contact: PRMI—828-669-7272
- March 25-29, 2009 Project 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry—Canterbury Hills, Ancaster, Ontario  
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## INTERCESSORY UPDATE



In May, at our Annual Meeting, I agreed to step forward as Prayer Coordinator for DFC. At the time, there was no title, just a PRMI-style request to 'take point' and a fearful realization that God wanted me to say 'Yes'. God so often asks us to lean into something without seeing the end; trusting He sees it.

This call is not just for me to pray, but to encourage others to also step out in prayer for the things God longs to bring about in Canada. At our August Board meeting, we sensed God saying it is important we have 'deep roots' to set a good foundation. We also need 'integrity of listening and acting' on what God wants; not just what we think will work.

God is at work. It brings us joy to be able to step out together in offering the Dunamis teaching in Canada. Please listen with us as we seek God for this ministry. You can contact us at to share intercession or prayer needs relating to DFC. Thank you for faithfully interceding.

Sandy Bassie—Prayer Coordinator



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