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## Eldership Unleashed

Dunamis Fellowship Canada was invited to participate in the “Eldership Unleashed Conference”, an interdenominational conference to equip elders and lay leaders for mission and ministry, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, on May 26-29, 2011, in Grande Prairie, Alberta.



Martin Boardman  
a DFC Speaker

The Conference was attended by Elders from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Special guest presenter from New Zealand, Bruce Fraser, shared his experience and passion “for elders to be trained and helped to discover their call as the spiritual leaders of the people.” Dunamis presented two workshops, “Gateways to Empowered Ministry – Person and Work of the Holy Spirit”, and “Nurturing Prayer in the Local Congregation”.

It was exciting to watch the Holy Spirit at work. In the plenary sessions the speaker mentioned several aspects which were followed up in the workshops, people commented on how everything fit together so well. As we moved into a time of prayer at the end of the Friday evening plenary session, the Spirit fell quietly in the silence and several people were touched responding in a time of repentance and prayer ministry. One elder noted, “Often I have asked in my own church/denomination for someone to teach me to pray, and this weekend I experienced the beginning of the power of prayer. This can only grow in me through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Much interest was generated for participating in a Dunamis Project or hosting an Ignite event in a local church.

We thank God and rejoice at the work He did during the conference. We pray for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit and further opportunities to learn and grow.

Joanne Rozendaal  
Ignite Advocate for Western Canada and Board Trustee



## A Message from the DFC Chair Nancy Mostert

*Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (2 Peter 2:12)*

Being passionate is defined as having “a strong, extravagant enthusiasm or desire for something or someone.” Humanity has a built in desire to be passionately driven. We often spend our time looking for passion to be sparked in our careers, our marriages or ministry work. This is a noble desire, but does not trump our desire to be passionate for God. Peter wants our lives to be passionately driven toward godly living, so that unbelievers may glorify God. It’s about **evangelism**.

Throughout his letter, Peter refers to Christ followers as strangers in a foreign land. We experience incredible freedom that has made us strangers in the world because of what Christ has done in our lives. **Evangelism** begins when we receive God’s mercy and respond with godly living. As our hearts change, so does our desire to share this new found freedom with others.

Have you ever encountered a genuine stranger? Not just someone unfamiliar to you, but a person who looks very different, wears different clothes, speaks a different language, and perhaps behaves differently. Someone who is completely foreign to everything and anything you may be familiar with. I personally find such strangers intriguing. I have a curiosity about wanting to get to know them. This is how Christ desires us to be. Christ followers are to be intriguing strangers, such that the world takes a second look. It is intentional work to set ourselves apart from the world, but like Christ who went before us, the impact is worth it. It is so that all may come to know and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

## You Don’t Have to be an Evangelism Wannabe

Are you an evangelism wannabe?

You admire those who can naturally share their faith in Jesus and wish you could do it too. But you don’t feel equipped to do a good job. And you’ve been put off by some evangelism programs because they seem too inflexible or involve talking to strangers? So you’ve taken refuge in very low key lifestyle evangelism approach.

That can change if you take the evangelism training that DFC is offering from October 12 to 15 in Guelph. The course is the *Missions and Evangelism Project* and it will equip you to naturally witness to Jesus’ work of grace.

How do I know? I’ve edited a related course called *Listening Evangelism* for PRMI and I found the approach practical and liberating. For one thing, it teaches people how to cooperate in the “Holy Spirit’s process of bringing people to faith and developing them as disciples in the Kingdom of God.” Doesn’t that take the pressure off! We don’t have to do evangelism alone and don’t have to make up the method.

*Mission and Evangelism* equips participants so they can talk about God’s saving work in Jesus “in a way that a person really hears the gospel.” It teaches how to let God take the lead. It provides the assurance that the Holy Spirit works through us and calls us to act only when the person, place and time are right.



The section on “calling” is liberating because it teaches that God calls each of us to a sphere of activity that is right for the way he made us. Few of us are called to speak to strangers in evangelistic events; most of us however can learn to share snippets of how God has blessed us, with family and friends— people in our circle of influence. What’s more the course is biblical, based on Reformed theology, and practical.

Krysia Lear—Board Trustee

## Dunamis Teaching Now Online

I am so grateful for our partnership in the Gospel. Jesus has called us to the Dunamis teaching on the Holy Spirit, a teaching that is essential to the church being empowered to fulfill the Great Commission. For years we have delivered it through on-site teaching in churches and at conferences. Then in 2010 we added online courses, which allow us to offer the teaching on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit to Christians worldwide.

### Internet advantages

Using the internet allows us to overcome the challenges of distance, which are well-illustrated in Canada, and of the transportation costs that have hindered our offering the equipping in all the places where it is needed.

I want to thank the Dunamis Fellowship Canada for helping PRMI to offer Dunamis teaching via the Internet. We started offering online courses last fall, and are now the *Listening Evangelism* course, which DFC funded, is now being offered online.

I especially want to thank you for the financial gifts as well as the work of Canadians Barbara Ferrier and Krysia Lear in developing and editing the materials in this new course. PRMI USA, and Dunamis Fellowship Britain & Ireland also participated in this joint project, and the course includes testimonies from people from all those places.

You can take *Listening Evangelism* online as a self-study or moderated course, which allows them to talk about what they are learning. We will also be offering resources so you can offer this practical course to your congregation. The DVDs and manuals will be ready by the end of this year. There will also be an option to use the internet to show the videos. If you want to facilitate this course in your congregation, please let the Canadian office know at [dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org).



Stephen Krysia Les

## DFC's New Board Members

Dunamis Fellowship Canada has a great team that works together, empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the Dunamis teaching with Canada. The board has recently grown stronger, adding three new board members, Rev. Steven Duncan and Krysia Lear. We also welcome back Les Ferrier to the board.

Stephen comes to us from Kingston Ontario where he serves as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church. Stephen also serves as Founder of the Barnabas House which offers prayer counseling services through a network of volunteers. Krysia hails from Guelph Ontario where she works as a freelance editor. Krysia is very active in the work of prayer. Les Ferrier is a biochemist from Guelph Ontario and returns to the board. Les was a founding member of DFC. Although he stepped away from the board Les remained involved with Video Course Facilitator training as well as Project Director. DFC is blessed to have these three, very gifted people join our team along with Ray Vander Kooij, Joanne Rozendaal, Fred Reitsma, Winston Newman and Nancy Mostert.

## Upcoming Events

### Dunamis Project

October 12-15 Project 6—'Missions and Evangelism in the Power of the Holy Spirit' Guelph, Ontario  
**Flyer is enclosed** and registration can be made by mail or online.  
Any questions—please call our office at 519-821-3603.

### Ignite

Spring 2012 Ignite 1—'The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit' Fort St. John, BC— for information and registration call 250-785-4557

### Dunamis Fellowship Canada Annual Conference

May 2012 To be announced

Canadians are developing other online courses. Barb and Les Ferrier have worked on one for facilitators, which they will be offered along with Jeanne Kraak beginning September 27. (Anyone who wants to offer a Dunamis course in a church or fellowship must take facilitator's training.) If you are interested in taking the online Facilitator Training Course, please contact the Canadian office. You can also take the Facilitator Training at the Ontario Project in October and you do not have to attend the Project to attend, but you do need to register with the Canadian office so that there are enough materials available.

Canadians are also providing leadership in the equipping of intercessors. Bernie McGale and I have developed a course to equip high-level intercessors, which Bernie will moderate. Watch for announcements on the start dates for these courses.

In addition, DFC has allowed us to post video of teaching from two events: an Equipping for Spiritual Warfare project and a seminar on spiritual leadership.



### Taking courses on line

Dunamis courses are suitable for any Christian who is thirsting for growth, regardless of their denominational, cultural, economic or educational background. The teaching has proven to be transferable and effective in many different cultural contexts.

For information on registering for online courses please contact the Canadian Office at [dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org) or 519-821-3603. Since this is not a commercial venture but a faith adventure PRMI does not charge for courses. However, we do ask that you support the work in one of three ways: offering prayer, sharing the vision, or giving a financial gift of any amount. Canadians can also donate to the development of the online ministry at [www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org).

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