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# Dunamis Fellowship Canada

A Regional Expression of Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International

*Exalting Jesus Christ! Igniting the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit*

*under the authority of the Holy Bible as the Word of God*

*through Prayer, Leadership Development, Growing the Church and Mission Outreach*

*so that the Church will be empowered to do all that Christ commands to the glory of God the Father*



## Gateways to Empowered Ministry

November 28 – December 1, 2012

Would you like to be part of a global movement? Thousands have been blessed by Dunamis Tracks in Canada, the USA, Britain and Ireland, Alaska, Uganda, Brazil, Indonesia, Japan and Haiti. Thousands have learned the Biblical foundations of cooperating with the Holy Spirit through theological foundations and gifts, prayer, healing, spiritual warfare and evangelism. All streams of Christ's body, such as Reformed, Anglican, Pentecostal, Alliance, Baptist and more have joined as one in worship, prayer, teaching and practice. This ministry of teaching followers of Jesus Christ to be servants of the Lord in cooperation with the Holy Spirit is a revival movement that seeks to empower God's people.

Join the revival. November 28, - December 1, 2012 will be the start of the Dunamis Project Track #2 in Guelph, Ontario. **Gateways to Empowered Ministry** is the first of six, five day retreats that focuses on the theological foundations of the Holy Spirit, looking at worldview, spiritual reality, and the nature and work of the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE consider helping us promote the event by inviting others. Put up posters, pass out brochures, share at your local ministerial groups, donating advertising funds for Christian publications. A brochure is enclosed and posters and brochures can be obtained by contacting the office.

## Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit Conference

Ray Vander Kooij

For four days, we worshipped, learned, shared, prayed and grew as leaders in reflecting a biblical pattern for cooperating with the Holy Spirit in seeing the church grow and the Kingdom of God advance. This conference had been offered previously in the US and UK, and it was wonderful to welcome it to Canada. Nearly 30 leaders gathered, a wonderful balance of clergy and other church leaders, and of women and men, seeking to grow in leading the church of Jesus Christ to be all that He longs for us to be. Many participants reflected that the guided personal prayer walks and the small group times were personal highlights to them. The personal prayer walks were refreshing and part of this being a blend of a retreat and a conference. Participants also reflected that the small groups were filled with excellent sharing, strong prayer times, and wonderful support and care – truly the koinonia fellowship Jesus longs to grow in His church. To top it all off the food and facilities were also fantastic, and we thank God for the blessing of sharing in such a wonderful dynamic of dancing with the Holy Spirit that we pray may bear much fruit in personal lives and ministries.

## A Kairos Moment During a Committee Meeting



Paul Stokes: Dunamis Fellowship Britain & Ireland Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit, Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2009, pp. 207-208

I have heard plenty of derogatory comments about committees. Let's face it: God loved the world so much that he *didn't* send a committee! Yet the Holy Spirit is pleased to show up when Jesus' followers meet together, and that includes the times when we gather to deal with apparently mundane "business" matters.

When 150 members of the regional South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church (UK) met for a day to discuss organizational changes, few of us expected the Holy Spirit to take an interest. During the lunch break, a newcomer handed a note to the moderator describing a prophetic picture, just one piece of "feedback" among the day's proceedings. But as he summarized the discussions, the moderator chose to read the note out loud, and at that instant a profound stillness descended upon the whole group. Everyone seemed touched by the word. It was a kairos moment in a committee meeting!

Time paused as I watched to see how the moderator would lead us, and he appeared momentarily unsure of what to do. It so happened that I was seated nearby, right in his line of sight, and I signaled with my hands that we should pray. I had no authority in the meeting, but thankfully he heeded my suggestion and paused to lead us in prayer before continuing with other business. Perhaps we should have moved into corporate prayer or he should have invited people to speak out any other vision, pictures or prophesy. Or maybe the reading of the note was sufficient, a simple reminder of Jesus' presence and purposes. For me it was a timely reminder that committee meetings are not boring when the Spirit has a voice.

## Commitment to Give

**'Is not the commission of our Lord still binding upon us? Can we not do more than now we are doing?'** William Carey

This quote from William Carey reflects what the board of Dunamis Fellowship Canada (DFC) has been asking. When we consider our declining resources we turn to God and ask is your commission to bring the Dunamis teaching into Canada still binding upon us? As churches and groups continue to ask for projects, video courses and Ignites into their area, the answer is a resounding yes! However, we cannot do it without the financial resources.

As a regional expression of PRMI, DFC 's budget is just large enough to cover administration costs and seeding funds for new projects. Team leaders, teachers, and prayer ministers are all volunteers, many of whom pay out of pocket to drive or fly to events.

We need your help. Our \$50,000.00 annual budget can be met with just 480 donors. That is you and just 479 others.

If we had: 10 donors X \$1,000.00 = \$10,000.00  
20 donors X \$ 500.00 = \$10,000.00  
150 donors X \$ 100.00 = \$15,000.00  
300 donors X \$ 50.00 = \$15,000.00  
**\$50,000.00**

Please consider today what you are able to give. Your monthly donations are especially appreciated.

Donations can be made through our office: 519-821-3603 or [dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org); on our website: [www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org); or through [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org). Monthly donations can be made directly through your bank account or through your credit card.

## Empowered to Serve in Unity

*Meditation*—Nancy Mostert

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, then you are also a leader. 1 Cor. 12:6-8 reminds us that to each a manifestation of the Spirit has been given for the common good. That gift is a form of leadership. As you share with others you grow them. As you serve others you lead them. The challenge is to take our leadership seriously enough to use the gifts we have been given, while making servant hood our way of life and attitude. Rick Warren summarizes this beautifully in his book *The Purpose Driven Life*.\* He notes even Christians would rather be servant-leaders, rather than just servants. True servants, says Warren, are followers. They make themselves available to serve; they pay attention to needs; they do their best with what they have; they do each task with equal dedication; they are faithful to their ministry; and they maintain a low pro-file. Their attitudes think more about others than themselves; they think like stewards, not owners; they think about their work, not what others are doing; they have their identity in Christ; and see ministry as an opportunity not an obligation. It is a way of life and attitude.

Dunamis Fellowship Canada brings a specific teaching about the person and work of the Holy Spirit and how believers cooperate with the Spirit to grow the Kingdom of God. Cooperation with the Spirit is not a matter of pride, but rather a position of deep humility and thankfulness that our Lord God should find us fit to use us to serve others. If you are a follower of Jesus, you may well be a leader, but you are first and foremost a servant.

\*(*The Purpose Driven Life*, Grand Rapids; Zondervan, 2002, pg 258-270).



## DFC Upcoming Events

### Ignite

Nov 2 & 3, 2012 Ignite 3—*The Power of Prayer*  
New Westminster CRC, Burnaby BC

**Guelph Dunamis Project 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry**  
Nov 28—Dec 2, 2012 - Guelph Bible Conference Centre, Ontario **Flyer enclosed**

Try our on-line self study courses@[Dunamisinstitute.org/academics](http://Dunamisinstitute.org/academics)  
EC1: *Foundation of the Christian Faith* OR EC1: *Intro: The work of the Holy Spirit*  
OR join our moderated on-line courses that present a classroom setting, October 2 we are offering Dunamis Course 2—*In the Spirit's Power*.

See [www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org) for more information on events.  
See [www.primi.org](http://www.primi.org) for information on USA events.



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