



Dunamis Fellowship Canada

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



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 anticipate 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 and 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 the sails of openness to the Holy Spirit, unfurling it with prayer, and moving forward in ministry empowered by the breath of the Holy Spirit blowing like the wind into sails. Together we also 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 in turn praying over them, and then praying over and anointing 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! From there 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 seek to discern God's calling to develop various facets of this ministry into 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 was 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 IN ONTARIO

IGNITE! - Ministry Team Training

Saturday, February 24, 2007, 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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Dunamis Video Course Facilitator Training

February 23, 2007, 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*.

Burlington Dunamis Conference V

Spiritual Warfare & Deliverance

Friday Evening & Saturday, March 30 & 31, 2007

Led by Brad Long and Cindy Strickler. Teaching and ministry times. Attendance at a minimum of one prior Dunamis Project or Conference is strongly recommended. If you have attended a previous Burlington Dunamis Conference you will automatically receive more information in January or February.

If you are interested, but have attended a different Dunamis Project or Conference event or track, please contact Pastor Kevin DeRaaf by email: deraaf@faithcrc.ca, chair of the planning team, to ensure that you receive registration information.

Prayer Conference

A conference on co-operating with God in prayer to advance the Kingdom

February 9 & 10, 2007

Brochure Enclosed

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

The third video course is soon to be launched



“The Power of Prayer”

For copies contact Dunamis Fellowship Canada

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NEWS FROM ALBERTA

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Ignite!

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ,CALGARY

Book your calendars for February 2-4, 2007 for Ignite, a conference exploring the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

The conference is hosted by First Church.
Look for more details soon.

Use the PDF form to send your registration automatically by email!

Website: www.gofirstchurch.com

IGNITE

Building Up The Church Of
Jesus Christ Through The Power
and Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

March 2 & 3 2007

At Bethel Community Church
14204 -25th Street, Edmonton,
Alberta

Telephone: 780-476-3762

www.bethelcrc.ca

IGNITE!

February 4 & 5, 2007

Hope Christian Reformed Church

Highway 16 at Sec. Highway 779, 2 miles N of Stony Plain, AB

Telephone: 780-963-6449 for more information