



Dunamis Fellowship Canada

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*Exalting Jesus Christ! Igniting the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit
Under the authority of Scripture as the Word of God
Through Prayer, Leadership Development, Congregational Renewal, Mission Outreach
So that the Church will be empowered to do all that Christ commands to the glory of God the Father*



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Testify of the good gifts of the Lord



At Dunamis Fellowship Canada several personal testimonies have been forwarded from participants of the DVD courses, *Ignites* and the Dunamis Projects. How encouraging to hear that the Lord is using the teachings from this small ministry to not only change individual lives but also transform larger communities. The testimonies in this newsletter tell of how the Holy Spirit transforms hearts, renews passion for ministry, sanctifies lives, empowers ordinary persons and brings communities together. To God be the glory!

There are many opportunities this spring to participate in DFC events and learn more about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Please feel free to call the DFC office for information on events nearest you. All DFC events are free of charge except for local registration costs and where necessary food and accommodations. We especially encourage those new to the Dunamis circles to attend the Dunamis Project in Ancaster, Ontario on "Gateways to Empowered Ministry" March 25 – 29, 2009. This introductory course will be followed by the other five Projects every six months.

May the testimonies shared from the hearts of others encourage you further in your discipleship of Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory!

Nancy Mostert—Chair of the DFC Board

Dunamis Video Course Testimonies



Gateways to Empowered Ministry became available as a DVD courses in 2002. In the Spirit's Power, and the Power of Prayer have become available on DVD since then. The fourth DVD, Evangelism, is expected to be made in 2009. These DVDs with their manuals present Reformed based, Biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God. The DVD courses, as developed by Brad Long of Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International are inviting and educational, making it possible for many churches to cooperate in the power of the Holy Spirit. The DVD courses have reached hundreds of churches, but there are thousands more to go!

Here are some of the responses from people who have taken the courses:

This experience has deepened my knowledge of God and how He desired to relate to us as His children. EC

I started Dunamis late as I was out of town. Very quickly I felt welcomed and started to look forward to "my" Tuesday nights. I could feel myself drawing closer to God and to His people. I love to see God work and be part of it.. I did and was! GK

I have found the solid biblical teaching from a reformed theological perspective on these "things of the Holy Spirit" to be excellent. TSD

Dunamis is: A non-invasive, safe study of the Holy Spirit. It is rich with God's truths. Very powerful. You will find that, like a bud, the flower opens and it is not you but the Holy Spirit's doing. LK

Despite my belief I had been walking in the desert and in my own power for quite some time. So I came to Dunamis and God met me in my dry place and showed me that life didn't have to be this way. Dunamis was a place where God poured out His Spirit on me and gave me a fresh, green, alive vision of how His gifts of prophecy, teaching, leading worship and mercy could be poured through me to His people and those who are tired and broken-hearted. GV

The Dunamis course for me in summary is "total surrender to God the father," and by so doing allowing the Holy Spirit to be the commander/director of my life – for God's glory and use. This course has also been a vehicle that God has used to confirm or affirm what He has already started doing in my personal life through His work of sanctification, to grow to become like Jesus. TA

I opened my heart to your Spirit and I felt your power - Oh what power! I look forward to how you will use that power through me to glorify your name and build your kingdom as prophet, priest and king. Anon

An Incredible Adventure has opened my eyes to just how much God loves us and that He wants to bless us so much that it is unimaginable. I always thought it (the power) was for a favored few but I have discovered it is for all. "Jesus wants us to do what He did" ME. He has empowered me. To have His love blow down through you to others and see His love in them is incredible. I want to keep passing it on. I "know" He is with me ALL the time. I can feel His presence everywhere. ST

It's a great course!. Even if you think you know it all, try it. It will be worth your time. DW

Expect an incredibly safe and caring experience where you learn sound Bible teaching about the Holy Spirit. It was a gift to be able to attend. GB

Les Ferrier—Facilitator Training Coordinator



Obedience to the Still Small Voice



After having attended a Dunamis Conference on The Power of Prayer, I was excited to put listening prayer into practice. I spent several weeks tuning my ear to the still small voice that would be something other than myself. One particular evening I was praying for my neighbour as I prepared to feed my three-month-old screaming twins. A clear thought suddenly interjected my thoughts: 'go right now and tell your neighbour you are praying for her.' I hesitated in accepting that this might be the Holy Spirit's prompting. It made no sense. My relationship with my neighbour was minimal and to leave right now would upset the hungry twins. However, the thought persisted and was distinctly not my own. I decided to take the risk. I prayed first, asking God to bring peace over the twins as I laid them down. They quietly nestled together in peaceful silence. There was no choice now but to knock on the neighbouring door.

My neighbour was clearly upset when she answered and quickly stated she had no time to talk. Before she retreated, I took hold of her hand and shared God's command to me. "God told me to come over and let you know that I am praying for you." She closed the door.

The twins began to cry the moment I stepped back into the safety of my own home. I felt like a fool. I should not have taken the risk. The small friendship that had been sparked was likely to be jeopardized. I had a restless night, but continued to pray for her. Early the next morning the neighbour knocked on my door, "Why did you do that last night?" she asked. I explained the small voice. Proceeding, she described the terrible argument she had with her spouse last night that threatened their marriage. She explained that seconds before I knocked on the door she looked up at heaven and called out to God. She demanded that if he really cared for her he would do something.

For the rest of that morning she heard the gospel of God's hope for her life. Her marriage was saved. Obeying the still small voice to take a risk went well beyond what I thought possible. To know and understand that God needs the participation of his saints to reach others is a great blessing.

Nancy Mostert—Chair of the DFC Board

A Different Sort of March Break... March 25-29... Come to the Dunamis Project!



Dunamis projects are no ordinary Christian conferences. Yes, there's wonderful worship; yes, there's solid Biblical teaching from a Reformed theological perspective. But there's also "lab time" and "debriefing" – opportunities to actually put into practice the principles for empowered ministry and then to talk through the experience - to question and wrestle with the ideas and how God uses ordinary folks to do some wonderful work.

Years ago we attended Dunamis Projects held in Guelph, and God invited us through those experiences into a whole new dimension of ministry to advance his Kingdom. Our adventure of serving God has never been the same. You may have been to an Ignite, or a Dunamis Conference – of which there have been a number in Ontario in the past 5 years. Those in many ways are Dunamis-"lite" by the sheer fact that the Dunamis teachings and ministry are squeezed into 1-1½ days.

In contrast, each of the six different **Dunamis Projects** is a four-day event (Wed. evening – Sunday noon) to equip spiritual leaders for Holy Spirit empowered ministry. A series of six Dunamis Projects in a given location make up a **Dunamis Track**.

We're excited that, for the first time since the mid-90's, a full Dunamis track is starting in southern Ontario. Project #1: Gateways to Empowered Ministry, about the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, is being offered in March in Ancaster at Canterbury Hills Retreat Centre. Dr. Brad Long, Executive Director of PRMI, and Rev. Cindy Strickler, Director of the Dunamis Fellowship, are to be the teachers at this event.

If you or other leaders in your Christian community recognize your need for the Holy Spirit's power to accomplish the impossible (in our own strength) task of fulfilling the Great Commission – then clear your calendar and come join us!

Barb Ferrier—PRMI Board Member

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ignites

February 20-21, 2009 Ignite 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry
Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, Brampton, Ontario
Contact: Annette McKay, Email: a.mckay@sympatico.ca

March 6-7, 2009 Ignite 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry
Blyth Christian Reformed Church, Blyth, Ontario



Dunamis Projects

March 25-29, 2009 Project 1—Gateways to Empowered Ministry—Canterbury Hills, Ancaster, Ontario
November 4-8, 2009 Project 2—In The Spirit's Power
Dunamis Fellowship Canada Office—dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org

April 15-18, 2009 Project 5—Spiritual Warfare & Kingdom Advancement
Holland, Michigan, US. For information contact: prmi@prmi.org

DFC Annual Conference for Equipping Leadership

Themes on Prayer and Cooperating with the Holy Spirit in your Life and Ministry

May 2, 2009 Kortright Presbyterian Church, 55 Devere Drive, Guelph, Ontario
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