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*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*



## In the Spirit's Power

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, graciously given to each Christian believer, are for the common good. This is what over 50 participants came to understand at *In the Spirit's Power*, the Dunamis Project held in Guelph, Ontario April 3 – 6.

God gives each person gifts of the Spirit. Some participants may have come to discover 'their' gifting, others to affirm and grow in 'their' gifting. However, participants learned that the gifts of the Spirit belong to God, are used by God for God's glory alone. In many respects it has very little to do with the individual believer, other than their obedience to Jesus Christ and a dedication to living out the Kingdom of God. Believers are equipped with spiritual gifts so that all people may come to know Jesus Christ as Lord. Some of those gifts are specific to one's call and purpose according to God's will. Other gifts are given for a moment. Our Father uses His people when and where necessary and will equip believers to speak words of encouragement or knowledge, bring healing, bring a Word, administer and more, as the need arises and as His people heed His voice.



Nancy Mostert  
Co-Track Director



Judy Cook  
Co-Track Director

At the conference we enjoyed great teaching, wonderful worship, intimate prayer times, sharing in small groups and laughter, friendship as well as experiencing being God's people together. Join us November 6 – 9 and experience the *Power of Prayer Dunamis Project*, in which we will learn not only how to share our requests with God, but especially how to pray the Father's will in any given situation. See our website for more information and to register or email the DFC office at [dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)

## Doug McMurry to be Lead Teacher

We're very pleased that Rev. Doug McMurry plans to join our teaching team for *The Power of Prayer* Dunamis Project, Nov. 6-9 in Guelph, ON. Doug is an original co-author with Brad Long of the Dunamis Project. You may recognize his name and voice if you've read *Collapse of the Brass Heavens*, or *Prayer that Shapes the Future*, both of which he co-authored with Brad.

Doug brings a wealth of not only scriptural understanding about prayer, but also a depth of experience in prayer of different types. He and his wife, Carla, a gifted musician who also plans to come, use a "harp and bowl" style prayer in their early morning devotions.



Rev. Doug McMurry

Doug and Carla lead a prayer retreat centre in central Virginia called 'The Clearing' where they teach on prayer, spiritual awakening and transformation, in seminars, essays and books.

## Dunamis Video Courses

Our church in Burlington, Ontario, recently tried out something new, which we called, "Discovery Classes" – eight weeks of education opportunities offered on Sunday nights. They included classes on parenting, an overview of the Biblical story, Financial Peace University and the Dunamis Gateways Video course. The response to all the classes was terrific. And we ended up with more than 40 people enrolled in Gateways, which I facilitated along with a fellow pastor here at our church.

It was so personally enriching to walk through this core Dunamis teaching again. Because of the size of the class and because I had taught much of it before in different settings, we ended up teaching it live, using Brad Long's introductory videos as a way of entering into the teaching. For many people, especially the young adults in the course, this was new material. To work through the distinction between the Spirit "within" and "upon", and to help people become aware that the same Spirit who enabled Jesus to do His ministry is also at work in us,

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## Dunamis Fellowship Canada's 2013 Annual Conference



DFC Board, Ministries Coordinator and Dunamis Track leaders receiving prayer and blessing by Brad Long

The fragrance of Christ seems to linger in places where the Holy Spirit's been thick with His presence. Kortright Presbyterian Church in Guelph, ON, basked in the glow from the Spirit's presence the day after the sanctuary held just under a hundred people who had been drawn to Dunamis Fellowship Canada's Annual Conference on March 23, focused on the topic of Empowered Prayer.

We were delighted to host such an enthusiastic crowd, about a quarter of whom were attending their first Dunamis event. They were hungry - not just for the pizza lunch and roast beef dinner provided - but more importantly for more of God's Kingdom to come, and for more of the Holy Spirit's anointing and power. Some came from churches where prayer ministry had been implemented years ago in an earlier move of the Spirit, but was now feeling a bit stale. Others came, recognizing that prayer undergirds all moves of the Kingdom, and they ache to see the Kingdom come more fully within their local congregational contexts. Some were stepping into new ministries, or standing at life's crossroads, seeking God's direction, equipping and empowerment for the new call ahead. Some were facing personal challenges, and received prayer ministry in half-hour time blocks with a pair of prayer ministers. Some were hoping to exercise prayer gifts that they feel they don't often get to exercise in their local contexts, and came to get further equipping

as strategic level intercessors, event intercessors, or ministers of healing prayer. Brad Long, executive director of PRMI, taught morning, afternoon and evening, on listening prayer, healing prayer and prayer that shapes the future. In his usual fashion, he was bold to lead us past simply listening, into engaging with one another and the Holy Spirit, in listening and in ministry.

After lunch Phil Reinders, pastor at Knox Presbyterian in Toronto, led us in *lectio divina*, after which people had personal time with Jesus in a prayer room, prepared with contemplative prayer stations.

There was a powerful sense of the Spirit's presence as we presented the vision of DFC, and presented initiatives that position us on the brink of some major advances in new regions of the country. The wave of the Holy Spirit that moved so powerfully through the *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference in Michigan, March 11-14, seems to be moving across the border and energizing our efforts in organizing two *Growing the Church* conferences in November - one in Ontario, and one breaking new ground in Edmonton, Alberta. We laid hands on a Presbyterian pastor who came all the way from Vancouver Island to call forth the advance of God Kingdom through DFC in that part of the country. An Ignite which subsequently happened in May at New Westminster Christian Reformed Church in the Vancouver area provided new momentum in that area to fan into flame a new work in the west.



Barb Ferrier  
Chair, DFC Board

Brad's call to participation and prayer was received with enthusiasm and we had 14 new intercessors sign up to hold up this ministry and our initiatives in prayer. We welcome you to join us in praying and then giving great praise to God as he brings about powerful new works across this mighty and vast land.

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Kevin DeRaaf, Lead Pastor,  
Faith Christian Reformed Church,  
Burlington, Ontario  
and DFC Board Member

was so rewarding. It was beautiful to witness people wrestle with and then embrace the significant and powerful concepts at the heart of this course. The Spirit expanded the worldview of many people!

We were also aware of the fact that there were several in the

course who were working through a great deal of personal pain. It was good to process the material in God's presence and in community. Every week there was opportunity to pray for one another. We also enjoyed several quiet but powerful times of ministry—inviting people to experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to offering the second course next year, "In the Spirit's Power."

## News from the West

*We're pleased to welcome Ann VanderHoek as a New DFC Board Member from the Edmonton area. (editor)*

As I begin serving on the DFC Board, I'm grateful that Joanne Rozendaal, who served for six years as a DFC Board Member, is still very involved with Dunamis and PRMI and is spearheading the different conferences we have planned for the Edmonton area. I am excited to be a part of this growing and dynamic organization, excited to see what God is going to do out here in the west as we forge ahead with a *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conference here in the November and Dunamis I, *Gateways to Empowered Ministry* in April of 2014.

It's been about 20 years now since Brad Long came here in the 1990's to lead shortened versions of the first four Dunamis Projects. At that time I was on the Dunamis planning committee and I must say that Brad's teaching on the Holy Spirit transformed my thinking and the Holy Spirit transformed my life. At the time I was just starting on a new journey, attending seminary, for which purpose I wasn't sure yet. During one of the teaching sessions someone asked Brad what he thought of women in office or women pastors. And I remember that Brad came up to me and put his hand on my shoulder and said "What if the Holy Spirit calls this woman to be a pastor? Are we going to say that's not allowed?" And just a few weeks ago, I was ordained as a Commissioned Pastor in mosaicHouse Church, a new CRC church plant in Edmonton. I am humbled and awed at what the LORD has done in my life and is continuing to do. I believe the time is ripe for a great move of the Holy Spirit in Western Canada, where hearts will be open to be "catching the Spirit's flame and setting the church on fire"!

Just a few notes about myself, I live with my wonderful husband, Laurence, on acreage just on the outskirts of Edmonton, where we have a huge garden which takes up a lot of our time in the summers. Laurence runs a construction contracting company, which keeps him very busy. We have three adult children; our son and one daughter live in Edmonton and the other daughter lives in Vancouver. All have degrees from The King's University College and have done graduate studies as well and they are working in the fields to which God has called them.



Anne Vander Hoek, MDiv

### Call to Intercede

Prayer is essential for all forms of Kingdom advancement. Ask God which of these he's asking you to make a prayer priority.

- \* Sheila Thomson, Ministries Coordinator, as she recovers from a stroke suffered July 3.
- \* DFC Board & provision for the ministry
- \* Dunamis Family Track development
- \* Dunamis Project III (Prayer) - Nov 6-9, Guelph, ON
- \* Growing the Church Conference - Nov 18-22 ON
- \* Growing the Church Conference - Nov 25-28 AB
- \* PRMI mission trips

Contact our office and we'll connect you with someone who will provide prayer updates.



### Upcoming Events

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

Nov 18-21, 2013 Guelph Ontario *See the enclosed brochure*  
Nov 25-28, 2013 Edmonton Alberta

#### Dunamis Projects

Nov 6-9, 2013 Project III—*The Power of Prayer*, Guelph, Ontario - *See brochure*  
Apr 23-26, 2014 Project I—*Gateways to Empowered Ministry*, Edmonton Alberta

See PRMI website for further information on USA Events—[www.prmi.org](http://www.prmi.org).

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## Dunamis Around the World—Nicaragua



Recently a team from PRMI headed down to Nicaragua to teach on prayer. The team led a daylong “Ignite” workshop in Jinotega, Nicaragua. About 40 people were present for the teaching and breakout sessions, where the participants had the opportunity to put the teaching into practice. A pastor who attended the event wrote:

*“Through your solid teaching, the Lord confirmed many things that I had experienced already in prayer. I believe the Lord brought me to you all to help me learn more about the Holy Spirit. I love the emotional and noisy side of our traditions, but I really loved your solid biblical and intellectual teaching. Plus, your methodical lab times and guiding us to pray one at a time is confirming some other things I’ve been learning. It was worth the quietness to listen and learn deeply! I loved your teaching last fall, and glad that you returned to share more, particularly from leaders who have had experience and can teach.”*

Following the “Ignite”, the team moved to the mountain city of Matagalpa to lead the third Dunamis project – The power of prayer. Previous teams had been in Matagalpa teaching the first two Dunamis projects. This time the team taught about 50 people from five local churches. The team heard testimony about the impact the Dunamis teaching was having upon the churches. The host pastor wrote:

*“I’ve come to understand deeply through the truth of the word, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. At times, our church has experienced a deep growth in desiring the Lord and a longing to walk with the Holy Spirit. God brought me to your conference to solidify me in the manifestation of the gifts, and that I can lead the church in not fearing the gifts of the Spirit. If I had to describe this conference to some one, I’d ask them: ‘Do you know the work of the Holy Spirit? Dunamis is not a superficial class, it is deep and real.’ You’ve given me much material to help me with further study. Since your first visit a few months ago, our church has been longing more for the work of the Spirit through prayer and fasting.”*

The conference, which began on Friday and ran

through Sunday focused on prayer and the dynamic prayer which draws us into cooperation with the Holy Spirit in doing the work of advancing God’s kingdom. One of the participants wrote:

*“You helped me to know about the ingredients of prayer. I had doubts that I was praying in a wrong manner, or if I even knew how to really pray. Your conference helped revive my desire to pray, as you taught and shared with me ways of prayer, particularly the work of intercession. Your teaching was clear and it was a great blessing for my life. This seminar helped answer my questions!”*

As the conference drew to a close some of the participants had the opportunity to put what they had been learning into practice as they formed prayer teams and prayed for people who responded to a ministry time in the Sunday service. These prayer teams were able to cooperate with what the Spirit was doing in people lives. They prayed with people and saw some reconciled to the Lord, others ask for prayers for healing and some came to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ.

God’s Spirit is continuing to move in the nation of Nicaragua and in many other places throughout Latin America. For more information on the work of the Holy Spirit around the world check [www.primi.org](http://www.primi.org)

Martin Boardman, PRMI Board Member, liaison to DFC

### Sustaining the Flame Canada

We believe that DFC stands at a pivotal juncture, poised to be used by God for a mighty move of His Holy Spirit this fall through *Growing the Church* conferences being held in Ontario and Alberta, geared for congregational leaders, and a *Power of Prayer* Dunamis Project to equip the saints.

Two things are essential for these events to yield the fullness of God’s desires—1) sustained and focused prayer and 2) finances for the practical matters of printing and postage costs, airfares, etc.

We thank God for each gift, large or small—one time gifts or monthly donations. Thank you for your faithfulness to listen to the Holy Spirit and give as He directs.