

# Dunamis Fellowship Canada

A Regional Expression of Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International (PRMI)  
*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*



## Hydrating with the Holy Spirit via Dunamis Projects

Even in the midst of a good, Canadian winter we can get thirsty. The air is dryer, and we can get parched before we know it. Dehydration actually contributes to hypothermia—and makes me wonder about the old joke in Reformed circles about being the frozen chosen!

How many of us are spiritually dehydrated? *“Jesus said in a loud voice, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not been glorified.”* John 7:37-39

To get rehydrated we need to come to Jesus, put the cup to our lips and actually drink. Jesus doesn’t come and put an IV in our arm. Are you thirsty? Come!

Come to the living water again this Spring, and drink deeply at one of the Dunamis Projects we’re offering. Whether you’ve attended a project before or will come for the first time—God shows up at each event in fresh ways to quench our thirst.

GUELPH—April 2-5 *The Healing Ministry of Jesus*

EDMONTON—April 23-26:  
*Gateways to Empowered Ministry*



Register online at DFC’s website.

## Holy Spirit present at Dunamis Fellowship Int’l Meeting

Since Dunamis Fellowship Int’l was founded in 2002, DFI members come from all over the world in late January to hear about the work accomplished through the Holy Spirit and Dunamis teaching, and to pray together so that the vision is transformed into reality.



Seven of us traveled from Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta to participate in person, and other Canadians joined in via the live-streaming offered over the Internet.

We worshipped, prayed and gained an appreciation that what God’s doing in Canada is part of a much bigger stream of the Holy Spirit’s work around the world. Stories of transformation, as Dunamis teaching and God’s Holy Spirit empowers Christians around the world, gave us a glimpse of the bigger picture of all God’s doing to bring his Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

The PRMI Board, including two Canadians (Dave McKenna from NS, and Martin Boardman, from AB) presented a God-sized invitation to advance our vision via three thrusts over the next three years. Board chair, Tom Willcox said, *“We can’t do this. We can’t. It’s impossible. It’s beyond us. ...and that’s ok. Because God can. And He can do some of it through us. And He needs us to be there for Him to work through.”* *continued on p. 4*

### DFC’s Annual Conference:

*Growing Your Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit*  
Saturday, March 22, 2014 in Guelph, ON

Join us for a day of encouragement and practical application as we consider how to apply scriptural Dunamis principles in our congregational contexts, featuring Rev. Brad Long, Executive Director of PRMI and President of the Dunamis Institute, and Rev. Cindy Strickler, Director of the Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI), and Dean of Faculty of the Dunamis Institute (DI).

When: Saturday, March 22, 2014; 9 AM until 8:30 PM

Where: Kortright Presbyterian Church, 55 Devere Drive, Guelph, ON

See enclosed brochure, or register online at [dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)



Rev. Brad Long



Rev. Cindy Strickler

## Dunamis Around the World—Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia

Allen and Debbie Kemp are Presbyterian ministers and Dunamis Institute faculty members. Recently they and Gary Wybenga travelled to Kyrgyzstan to teach the introductory Dunamis Project, Gateways to Empowered Ministry in two cities. Excerpts from Allen's prayer letters follow:



Allen & Debbie Kemp and Gary Wybenga

was a powerful time with many people expressing how a wonderful peace and warmth came over them.

Life is very hard here in this Russian culture and it seems like a huge need was for people to know God really loves them. The pastor of the church said that most attendees were from the baptist and charismatic churches in town and Dunamis was the balanced teaching he has longed for. Many of his church leaders were already operating in the gifts but expressed need for assurance and peace.



Monday was a great day. People were engaged, listening well and truly receiving from God. The attendance was good, around 30, including a good number of young adults. Prayer in small groups was powerful and God gave several people specific words and visions for how to pray for each other. Our last session I shared my testimony of how Father God has changed my life in the last two years



and I taught on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. People were greatly touched, many tears were shed and love flowed all over the room.

On Tuesday Debbie taught on the Infilling of the Holy Spirit, I taught on the nature and experience of being filled, and Gary on the four works of the Spirit and blockages to receiving Father's love. We taught first on how to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, then we come as children to receive any good gift Father has for us.

Our hosts are great and are treating us very well. It's beautiful here and the snow covered mountains are majestic.



Attendance increased by ten yesterday with more young adults and teens coming. Last evening was a powerful time of repentance and God's mercy and pleasure was poured all over the room.

The final morning I taught on receiving the Holy Spirit and potential manifestations. Debbie summarized and made clear how people who had never received the baptism of the Holy Spirit could come for prayer, then others wanting a fresh infilling could come forward. We then had the three of us with translators pray for the 35-40 people who came forward. That took the rest of the morning. It

When we debriefed the conference people mostly talked about how God touched them while we prayed for the infilling. They shared testimonies and we used the four points of discernment to evaluate each testimony. Debbie shared her testimony of what God has done in her life the last two years. She was led to use the symbol of being a child of God by draping borrowed scarves over people to rest in their sonship. People lined up then for special prayer ministry. God truly poured his love and power all over the group, healing a lot of wounds. There was a group of young men from an orphanage the church ministers to who were powerfully touched, and many of the women who had experienced abuse growing up in Muslim homes experienced release and hope.



### Supporting Missions

If you'd like to support in prayer the teams who venture out around the world to teach Dunamis, contact Martin Boardman at [intercession007@gmail.com](mailto:intercession007@gmail.com). Martin organizes off-site prayer for PRMI's Mission Outreach efforts.

If you are interested in supporting mission trips financially, or are inclined to join a mission team, contact Sheila in the DFC office.

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

Alex Fraser Tytler claims most great civilizations follow a 200 year pattern: from bondage to spiritual faith, from faith to freedom, from freedom to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency and from dependency back into bondage.

A similar dynamic can influence my life and church. Like the Israelites, there come moments when we realize that we have come to the end of our own human resources and we are desperate for God. In our culture, we constantly fight against spiritual complacency.

The church is struggling in this environment of abundance and self-sufficiency—which is why it was so rewarding to see the enthusiastic and heart-felt engagement of more than 100 pastors and church leaders at our recent *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conferences in Guelph, ON and Edmonton, AB last November. The heart of the conference was about learning to lean on God in a biblical and fresh way.



At the core of the conference was a basic question: what kind of leaders and churches do we need to be in order to thrive under the direction of the Holy Spirit? We explored the biblical dynamics that are at work in a church that is listening and responding to the voice of the Spirit. And we were reminded that we can only flourish as gospel-centered, mission-focused churches when we let Christ be at the centre of all we do.

The teaching material was excellent, the discussions were vibrant, and the times of prayer and ministry were powerful at both sites. There was a clear sense that God wants to revive His church in Canada and equip His people to effectively bring the Good News to a culture that is desperate for hope and meaning.

Several denominations were present, the majority



coming from Presbyterian and Christian Reformed churches. We were blessed to have a special partnership with Christian Reformed Home Missions, who provided financial aid and assisted with promotion. Paul Stokes from Plymouth, England, who co-wrote the book on which the conference is based, was the main speaker at both events, assisted by Mary Sterenberg and me in Guelph, and Martin Boardman, Dave Westra and Anne VanderHoek in Edmonton. Both conferences were blessed with strong intercessor teams, worship leaders and Small Group facilitators. God truly provided!

Coming out of the conference, our deep prayer is that the teaching and principles that we learned would take root in all the churches and church leaders that were present. In desperation, may our thirst lead us back again and again to Jesus, who is still the Head of His Church. It is our dependency on our Saviour that will lead to a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit blowing through our churches here in Canada. From what we experienced at both conferences, we firmly believe that God is up to something great!

We hope to see the same conference offered again in Western and Eastern Canada in the future. Please pray for wisdom in determining both the timing and location. We praise our faithful God!



Kevin DeRaaf  
Pastor, Faith CRC,  
Burlington, ON

### Dunamis Family Track

Jesus made it clear that children were welcome in the Kingdom, and we know that the Holy Spirit is given to all who become children of God. So, why shouldn't children learn about the empowering work of the Holy Spirit, as well?

The DFC Board is pleased that John VanStone has been given a vision and passion to adapt the Dunamis Project teachings in a way that makes them accessible to children. See his letter, enclosed with this newsletter, to learn more about him and the developing work.

## Dunamis Fellowship Int'l

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The Dunamis Fellowship's mission is to mobilize, equip and deploy Spirit empowered witness for Jesus Christ. DFC is comprised of those within Canada who have joined Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI).

Our focus at Dunamis Fellowship Canada is on equipping Christians to be more effective witnesses to Jesus, regardless of their circle of influence — be it local congregation, workplace, cross-cultural mission field, or within DFC itself as faculty or leader within the Dunamis Institute.

God has called us all into the adventure of advancing his Kingdom. May this be a year of growth in joy, obedience, following Jesus, and advancing his Kingdom!



Barb Ferrier  
DFC Board Chair

### Ways to Pray

- For Canadian young adults to be drawn to the Upward Challenge (high school) and With the Wind (post-high school) events in Michigan, Alaska or North Carolina next summer.
- For DFC Board and Staff—for health, strength, joy and God's empowerment for their roles.
- For those God's calling to join the DFC Board, to hear that call and step cheerfully into their roles.
- For leaders who attended *Growing The Church* events to step out with courage to do ministry differently—empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- For God to whet the appetites of those called to deeper equipping through the Dunamis Projects, to find time and resources to attend.
- For our denominations to be responsive to the Holy Spirit's leading, and for our witness in our congregations to be god-honouring and winsome.

## Sustaining the Flame Canada

We're grateful to God and each of you who has contributed to advance God's Kingdom through DFC's ministry. We owe our start to an anonymous \$100,000 donation received in 2005 as seed money to further the mission of PRMI in Canada. Over the years donations grew but we were short of meeting expenses. We praise God—from whom all blessings flow—that donations in 2013 exceeded expenses for the first time ever.

In 2013 we stepped out in faith and planned more events than ever before—with expenses which exceeded \$50,000. But your board of trustees forged ahead in prayer. We trusted that God would provide, and donations of all sizes increased markedly. The Lord knows the sacrifice you've made so that this work can go forward. Thank you!

The number of Sustaining the Flame, monthly donors and donations grew in both 2012 and 2013 so that we now have commitments for



\$1,605 per month, which is one third of our 2014 budget. Our goal is to increase monthly donations to \$2,500. That amount would allow DFC to expand the number and size of events across Canada.

We are committed to help people to seek the Holy Spirit and cooperate with Him to advance his Kingdom. To do that we need to encourage and train leaders and teachers for Ignites and Dunamis Projects. Your donations helped launch a new Dunamis track in Edmonton, starting with ***Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit*** last November and continuing in April with the first Dunamis Project.



### Upcoming Events

#### Dunamis Fellowship Canada's Annual Conference

March 22, 2014 *Growing Your Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit—Guelph*

#### Dunamis Projects

Apr 2—5, 2014 Project IV—*Healing Ministry of Jesus*, Guelph ON

Apr 23-26, 2014 Project I—*Gateways to Empowered Ministry*, Edmonton AB

Nov 5—8, 2014 Project V—*Spiritual Warfare*, Guelph ON

Nov 12-15, 2014 Project II—*In the Spirit's Power*, Edmonton AB

See DFC Website for more information

See PRMI website -[www.primi.org](http://www.primi.org)—for information on USA Events close to our border in Bellingham, WA, Alaska and Michigan.

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