

# 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*



## Prioritizing Prayer

The story of Joshua fighting in the valley while Moses interceded on the mountain top in Exodus 17:8-13 reveals how essential prayer is in advancing the Kingdom of God. DFC's vision statement (above) lists prayer as the first means by which our vision can be accomplished.



Barb Ferrier, Chair of  
DFC's Board of Trustees

In prayer we receive vision, encouragement and discernment as we seek direction and resources for our call to fulfill the Great Commission. Neither this ministry nor the broader work of the Kingdom of God can advance smoothly without prayer.

Recognizing this, your DFC Board has taken a huge

step of faith and hired a Prayer Mobilizer as our first ministry team member. Martin Boardman *has* stepped into that role on January 1 this year.

We distinguish administrative staff (Sheila Thomson who has served us faithfully in that role for 11 years now), from ministry team members, who are paid according to our principles of being a faith-based ministry. Therefore, the Prayer Mobilizer position will be funded as designated funds are provided. We're grateful to God for substantial donations already given, and are trusting God for continued provision. If the Lord is inviting you to support this work financially, you can do so through Dunamis Fellowship Canada by making your gift for "Prayer Mobilization."

DFC's ministry is growing across Canada and we're excited to see the ways that by mobilizing prayer doors will open and God's Kingdom will be advanced.

## Introducing our DFC Prayer Mobilizer—Martin Boardman

Martin's involvement with Dunamis Fellowship Canada actually pre-dates the very existence of DFC. Back in 2003 a series of condensed presentations of the Dunamis materials began (one event per year) at Faith Christian Reformed Church in Burlington, ON. Martin attended that congregation, even as he was in seminary at that time, studying to become ordained in the Christian Reformed Church. He quickly found a place to serve "on the wall" interceding during those events and developed his proficiency in intercessory prayer. In 2005 Martin was among those who stepped forward to serve on DFC's provisional board before our application as a Canadian Registered Charity was approved in 2006 and we became official.

After ordination he took a call to Brooks, Alberta, where he served as pastor until the end of 2016. He and his wife, Marlene, and teenaged sons continue to make Brooks their home as they embark on this new adventure with God and DFC as our Prayer Mobilizer.

Because DFC is part of the broader stream of the Holy Spirit with PRMI, we see Martin's role mobilizing prayer not only in Canada but also globally, through PRMI's world-wide network of contacts and open doors. The need of prayer is great and we are keen to see what God does through Martin in this position. (*See p. 3 for Martin's article on Riding the Wave of Prayer*)



Martin Boardman  
Prayer Mobilizer through  
DFC and the Dunamis  
Fellowship International

## God Heals Unexpectedly!

*Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”* Psalm 126:2

Toward the end of *In the Spirit's Power* Dunamis Project in Guelph participants were praying in small groups for empowerment to fulfill the great commission when the Holy Spirit broke forth. Holy laughter



was bringing refreshing in one corner. In another, a returning participant

was overcome with holy trembling. Those praying with her continued to pray in whatever God was doing.

When the manifestations subsided, she realized that the neuropathy she had suffered for years had been healed—and she hadn't even been praying for that! She was exuberant, not able to contain the sheer joy and amazement at the goodness of our God—who does more than we can ask or imagine!!

Ask to join  
**Dunamis Fellowship Canada's**  
Facebook page  
and stay up to date with news and  
prayer requests.



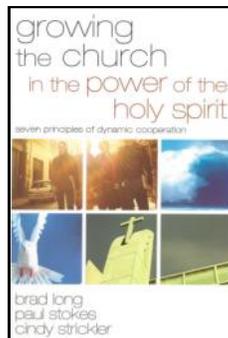
## Growing the Church returns to Canada

DFC is pleased to offer *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* conferences in Canada again.

The impetus in Edmonton is interest from the leaders of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC)'s Renewal Labs—a ministry initiative of Calvin Seminary. They recognize the value of our events to teach congregational leaders how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in building Jesus' church.

A Renewal Lab cohort is beginning in Alberta and so Edmonton was the obvious location for that event. Nick Krantz, who has been implementing these principles in his Seattle area congregation for 20+ years will be the lead teacher.

In Ontario the invitation comes from Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. DFC's Ray VanderKooij from Ontario will be the lead teacher.



### *Comments of previous attendees:*

*I will encourage colleagues and fellow presbyters to attend future conferences. This has been such a blessing; the leadership has been top notch. I would encourage anyone who has a hunger to be empowered and used by the Holy Spirit to avail themselves of future conferences.*

This conference is about teaching but more importantly allows the participants to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is truly blessed by God, grounded in scripture and led by godly, Spirit-filled followers by Jesus. Its impact on my Church will be immense. It is an approach that is real and brings the church back to its New Testament origins.

*If your spirit has even stirred a bit when you heard of their conference – Come. Receive. Go out. Grounded, biblical teaching on the work and power of the Holy Spirit. God-directed teaching & integration time. Driven by a desire to see everyone living fully in the power & work of the Holy Spirit. Not just talking & teaching, but practice (a safe place, gentle place – a thin place)*



**Teachers in Edmonton, AB: May 23-26**



**Peterborough, ON: Sept. 25-28**

## Riding the Waves as a Prayer Mobilizer

Reflections from Martin Boardman as he begins his new role.

History continues to demonstrate that prayer precedes a move of God. From the birth of the Church at Pentecost through the reformation and the various great revivals which have taken place, the common thread of intercessory prayer is seen as a significant contributing element in what God was doing. This importance of prayer is reflected in the first of the four vision initiatives of Dunamis Fellowship Canada's mission statement...

*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...*

For the last eight years, I have been involved as a Mission Outreach Intercessory Prayer Coordinator for PRMI, helping coordinate prayer during the many international mission trips which have taken place. But now God has called me to a new season of ministry with a greater focus on the work of prayer.

I have been called into the role of prayer mobilizer, working to equip intercessors for the work of Spirit-empowered prayer. Dunamis has a distinct focus upon the empowering work of the Holy Spirit. Spirit-empowered intercessors are those who can cooperate with the Holy Spirit in fulfilling the work Jesus is calling us to do. A wonderful picture of this can be seen in a windsurfer, riding the waves of the Holy Spirit by catching the wind of the Spirit with the sail. The Lord is raising up people of prayer who can cooper-

This year PRMI is launching an initiative to build an army of intercessors to fulfill the great commission.



Praying for Martin before he led the morning Bible teaching at the Dunamis Fellowship Int'l meeting.

ate with Him in the waves of the Spirit which are moving around the world, empowered to be driven by the Spirit in the work of advancing the kingdom of God.

This year PRMI is launching an initiative to build an army of intercessors to fulfill the great commission, through establishing small groups or cohorts of prayer, who, empowered by the Spirit can engage in the battle for the advancement of God's kingdom. This initiative builds upon the work pioneered through the Tower project which was begun in Canada by Bernie McGale.

As Prayer Mobilizer, I will be working for DFC with PRMI to engage in this task of intercession directly through the development of programming and resources for the intercessors and the cohorts as they are formed. Priority will also be given to the facilitation of networking and communication among these cohorts and other centers of intercession around the world. This challenge is huge and from a purely human perspective impossible, but with God all things are possible (Mark 10:27).

The goal for 2017 is to see between five and ten cohorts equipped and established around the world. These cohorts would cooperate with the Lord to defeat the demonic strongholds which the enemy is using to hinder the advancement of the gospel and pray for Lord's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

You can join in this work of prayer by praying for the work of prayer mobilization. If you would like to receive regular updates and prayer requests for this work you can contact Martin at [martinb@prmi.org](mailto:martinb@prmi.org). If the Lord is speaking to you about participating in one of these cohort intercessory prayer groups, email Martin for more information.

The Lord is moving through waves of the Holy Spirit around the world. Let's catch the wind of his Spirit and join him in riding these waves and seeing God glorified, Christ exalted and God's kingdom advanced.



Doing the work of prayer at recent Dunamis Fellowship International meeting

## Youth Cooperating with the Holy Spirit



Lydia Lockhart, 2016 Upward Challenge, NC

Encounters with the living God have a way of capturing the hearts of the youth who attend PRMI's Upward Challenge and With the Wind week-long summer camp events.

More than one young person has been signed up to attend by parents and later was the one determined to return for another week of growing in their relationship with the Holy Spirit.

With the Wind is geared for older youth (post-high school through their 20's) and focuses on what it means to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to do the work of Jesus Christ, in a way that focuses on real life application and participation within the context.

DFC prays that one day we will offer these events here in Canada. In the meantime, spread the word and encourage **Canadian youth to attend either the Alaskan or North Carolina events.**

Upward Challenge presents Duna-mis Project teaching in a format geared for high school youth (entering Gr. 9-12). Some returning youth serve as Student Leaders, who are mentored by adults as they learn leadership as led by the Holy Spirit.

### 2017 Events

Upward Challenge, Alaska: May 28-June 2  
 With the Wind, N. Carolina: July 18-22  
 Upward Challenge, N. Carolina: July 24-29  
 With the Wind, Alaska: Dates TBD

See [www.upwardchallenge.org](http://www.upwardchallenge.org) or [www.primi.org](http://www.primi.org) for details.

## Blowing the Shofar: Kingdom Advancing Prayer At DFC's 2017 Fellowship Meeting

Where two or three are gathered....

It's easier to sustain prayer as we pray together, listening to the Holy Spirit. Come for equipping and to hear what God is doing across Canada and join in Kingdom advancing prayer on April 1 (no fooling) in Guelph. See brochure enclosed with this newsletter, or on DFC's website.



DFC leaders at the recent DFI meeting. From left: Dave MacKenna (Nova Scotia), Martin Boardman (AB), Barb Ferrier (ON), Stephen Dunkin (ON), Les Ferrier (ON)



## Upcoming Events

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Apr. 1, 2017      | 2017 DFC Fellowship Meeting—Guelph, ON       |
| Apr. 7-8, 2017    | Ignite I— Destination Church, St. Thomas, ON |
| Apr. 24-27, 2017  | Project III—The Power of Prayer—Guelph, ON   |
| May 23-26, 2017   | Growing the Church—Edmonton, AB              |
| Sept. 25-28, 2017 | Growing the Church—Peterborough, ON          |
| Nov. 6-9, 2017    | Project IV - Healing —Guelph, ON             |

See DFC website for more information

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



## Contact Information

Sheila Thomson,  
 Ministry Coordinator  
 Dunamis Fellowship Canada  
 PO Box 25089  
 17-370 Stone Road W  
 Guelph, Ontario N1G 4T4

Email: [dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)

Telephone: 519-821-3603

Website: [www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)