

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*



Pioneer Work in Winnipeg Introducing the Dance of Cooperation with the Holy Spirit

On Easter Monday a team led by Martin Boardman headed out to Winnipeg to be a part of a *Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit* Conference.

This first DFC event in the Winnipeg area was the result of a lot of intercessory prayer by the prayer coordinators from the Christian Reformed Church's Classis Lake Superior. Some of these people



*Teachers Nancy Mostert,
Dave Westra & Gina Dick*

It was amazing to watch how the Holy Spirit drew people together in fellowship and tenderly met each individual, bringing encouragement, healing love and of course empowerment. Winnipeg is often referred to as the heart of Canada, since it is the city which is close to the centre of the country. The sense which built throughout the week was that the Lord was establishing Winnipeg as an outpost of his love, from which the Lord would continue to expand across the country.



*Classis and church prayer coordinators
Sonya Cahais & Linda Schreuders,
with Gina*

have been praying for close to 30 years for a move of the Holy Spirit in their region.

This was indeed a pioneer event, with the majority of people attending being new to Dunamis. It was even the first DFC event for some of the leadership team!

Pray for those who were part of this Growing the Church event as they share their experiences with their home congregations. Pray that they would have favour with those they share with and that an excitement would build which would lead to further Dunamis events and even a full Dunamis track.



*Martin & Gina demonstrating
the "dance of cooperation"*

Preparing to Bring Dunamis Teaching to Canadian Youth

God has begun to answer our prayers to bring Upward Challenge to Canada. We want to offer our youth the same sort of foundational teaching and practical experience with the Holy Spirit that adults have enjoyed through the Dunamis Project.

Under the leadership of Pat Allison, Dunamis Fellowship Canada is assembling a team of youth and leaders



Pat Allison

to attend the second Upward Challenge week in Black Mountain, N.C. at Presbyterian Reformed Ministries' Community of the Cross. The plan is that they will absorb the Upward Challenge DNA and help serve as leaders.

We continue to pray that in the summer of 2019 we will be able to offer this in Canada. Join us in praying in all the needed financial and human resources, as well as discerning together just who, when where and how this will happen!

Pray for Pat, Ashley, Brian, Sam, Jack and Catherine as

they embark on this adventure, and for the DFC Board as they join the youth leaders in discerning our next steps for Upward Challenge in Canada.

Summer 2018 Events

Family Gateways Dunamis, N.C.: July 11-14
With the Wind, N. Carolina: July 17-21
Upward Challenge, N. Carolina: July 23-28
Upward Challenge, N. Carolina: July 30 - Aug 4
www.upwardchallenge.org or www.primi.org

Edmonton Launches new Dunamis Track

“Double” became a theme at the prayer mountain before this event took place. And double indeed it seemed to be. Double the usual number of participants, double the number of prayer ministry appointments and double the proportion of young people (20-35 yr. old) among us. God’s presence was palpable in kairos moments as his majesty sent us to our knees, and his love went deep into hearts. Pray for those present as they step further into the adventure of cooperating with God in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Spiritual Warfare Dunamis Project in Guelph

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)

Our Dunamis Project events are intended as leadership development for Jesus’ Church—a context to not only learn about cooperating with the Holy Spirit, but also to experience His empowering work.

Indeed, it is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Many of the 60+ participants at the recent Guelph Dunamis Project discovered the truth of this scripture as they not only found freedom themselves, but also grew in

being equipped to help others be set free. Jesus stretched and grew all of us, as participants had opportunity to practice ministry that takes back for Jesus territory which the kingdom of darkness had claimed. Praise God!



Insights from Jerusalem by DFC Prayer Mobilizer, Martin Boardman

"Pray for Shalom in Jerusalem; may those who love you prosper." Psalm 122:6

Editor's Note: Last February Martin led a group of intercessors on Jerusalem Prayer Endeavor, on which he reports below. More recently Martin and Brad Long, PRMI's Executive Director, attended a conference in Jerusalem organized by Messianic Jewish leaders for selected Christian leaders.

The main task of the Jerusalem Prayer Endeavour was to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The nuance of this word "Shalom" in Hebrew involves more than simply peace, and also wholeness or completeness. As we prayed for the peace of Jerusalem there was far more to pray into than simply an end to violence—although that was in the forefront of our prayers following the military incidents. Many people in Israel believe that war is inevitable. At the same time investigations into the conduct of the Prime Minister and attempts to remove him from his position are cause for concern and for prayer. These were just surface issues which provide a springboard to go deeper in praying for God's Shalom to be effective within the land of Israel.

Challenges of living in the land

In each of the Jerusalem Prayer Endeavours, we have seen different themes emerge. This trip the theme was how challenging it is to live in the land. Life is not easy in Israel.

Taxes are twice what would be paid in North America and wages are about half what people would get over here. Jewish believers in Messiah are not looked upon with favour by the ultraorthodox segment of society, whose significant political presence has resulted in persecution. Jewish believers are often rejected in their applications for citizenship and just recently some dual citizens have had their Jewish passports confiscated in an effort to "encourage" them to leave Israel. The

country claims to be open and welcoming for everyone and it is quite possible for someone to immigrate to the country as a Buddhist Jew, a Hindu Jew, or just a secular Jew. Christians are welcome in the country, but Jewish believers in Messiah are not welcome. This creates many problems for Jewish believers.

A place of Intense Spiritual Warfare.

As one person who we talked to stated; "Everyone wants Jerusalem!" Jerusalem is a city continually being fought over. This fighting is not just physical, but it is also spiritual. Repeatedly, we heard testimony that ministry is difficult to do. Depression among believers and the leadership of ministries and congregations is common. As a result, a significant part of this trip was listening to leaders share their struggles as well as joys and moving into times of prayer for them. That prayer was always genuinely and deeply appreciated.

Pray

- for the peace of Jerusalem
- for the work of contextualizing Dunamis materials for a Messianic audience
- for the body of Messiah in the land
- for the leaders of ministries and congregations who are on the frontline of ministry
- continued growth of friendships with

Divine Appointments

As well as the scheduled visits and sights which were a part of our time in the land there were also the special divine appointments which the Lord set up for us. As the Lord is continuing to connect us in intercession with the Christ Church in Jerusalem the Lord opened up opportunities to connect with people within the organization. We even bumped into a fellow "dunamite" in the streets of Jerusalem, which was a wonderful surprise and blessing.

Workshops Martin Can Lead for your Church

Martin is available to help equip the local church to grow in prayer. He's led workshops on the following topics, and can work with your local leaders to tailor an event suited to your context.

- Intercession 101
- Discerning Vision through Prayer
- Developing a Praying Church
- Strongholds in Congregations
- Cohort Model for Tactical Intercession



If you'd like to receive Martin's Prayer Mobilizer newsletter, or have him lead a prayer equipping event for your church, contact him at martinb@dfcanada.org

Ministry Leadership Transition

As the ministry of Dunamis Fellowship Canada has grown across Canada, so have our leadership needs. After many years of serving the ministry in multiple leadership roles, (and having passed the usual retirement age), Barb Ferrier's told the Board of DFC that it's time to release that role of Executive Director to someone younger. She will remain as the Dunamis Institute Regional Dean for Canada, working with our DFI faculty in Canada.



Barb Ferrier

Thus the Board has been praying about taking the big step of moving from being led by a volunteer Executive Director to a part-time paid position. Of course we also need clarity and discernment to recognize just who God is raising up to that position.

Your prayers are vital at this critical juncture. Please pray for the Board, for discernment to identify whomever God has prepared for this call, for the needed finances to faithfully pay this person, for God's choice of person to welcome and embrace the call, as well as for Barb herself, as we embark on this new season of transition.



As a faith based ministry, we are acutely aware that every gift of people and donations comes from the Lord's provision and we give him thanks. As we face an increasing number of invitations for ministry, the ministry grows and we face the prospect of hiring an Executive Director, we rely on the Lord and the generosity of his people for those plans to go forward.

Monthly donations through *Sustaining the Flame Canada* have been a particular blessing to even out our income stream. If the Lord's nudging you to join those who support DFC with monthly donations, contact Sheila in our office. Each gift furthers this Kingdom work and allows us to expand this ministry across Canada.

Intercession & Prayer Ministry Equipping Events This Fall

If you've been to a DFC event, you may have received prayer ministry and noticed intercessors praying "on the wall". We're offering one-day equipping events on these topics; one in Guelph, ON and one in Edmonton, AB this fall—see dates below.

We plan to provide more training for those interested in praying in these ways—whether to serve as an intercessor or healing prayer minister at future DFC events, in their own church or other contexts. Prior attendance at a DFC event would be helpful, but is not required to attend these new events.

Upcoming Events

Fall, 2018 TBD	Equipping for Intercession & Prayer Ministry—Edmonton, AB
Oct. 20, 2018	Equipping for Intercession & Prayer Ministry—Guelph, ON
Nov. 5-8, 2018	Dunamis Project VI—Listening Evangelism—Guelph, ON
Nov. 14-17, 2018	Dunamis Project II—In the Spirit's Power—Edmonton, AB
Mar. 23, 2019	Annual Conference—Guelph, ON
Apr. 10-13, 2019	Dunamis Project III—The Power of Prayer—Edmonton, AB

See DFC website for more information

See prmi.org—for information on the Dunamis Institute and USA Events close to our border in Bellingham, WA, Alaska and Michigan

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