



Dunamis Fellowship Canada

Equipping Believers to Serve in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Finding Prayer's Place: Equipping for the Local Church

October 20 was a noteworthy day in Ontario as we held not just one, but *two* "Finding Prayer's Place" equipping events: one in Thunder Bay and one in Guelph.

In both locations believers from local congregations came to learn how to enhance the role of prayer in their churches.

The first main topic of teaching was Prayer Ministry. We focused our attention on the kind of prayer ministry that typically happens after a worship service on Sunday morning. The "lab" times were short but impactful, with real ministry and healing taking place.

The second topic of teaching was Intercessory Prayer. Participants learned the importance of spiritual authority and calling as they engage in this type of prayer.

Both topics are broad and involved, with much to learn, and yet participants left with solid Biblical grounding and some actionable steps to take back to their local congregations.



Spanish Mobile Dunamis Takes a Momentous Step Forward

In November, Chris Walker spent time with key strategic leaders gathered from throughout Latin America. "In Costa Rica this week we gave away 100 copies of the Spanish Mobile Dunamis for units #1 and #2 of the Dunamis Project. Leaders from these countries came and prayed over these jump drives, that God would use these jump drives to advance the Kingdom of God in these countries."

Seeing 100 of these jump drives distributed among the leaders of Latin America marks a momentous step forward in the Spanish Mobile Dunamis initiative.

These jump drives will exponentially increase our reach throughout Latin America; our ministry reach is no longer limited to the time and availability of our ministry teams. Just imagine the Kingdom impact that we'll see as hundreds and even *thousands* of believers throughout Latin America begin to learn—in *their own language*—how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit!

Many people from the Dunamis community around the world have been giving generously and praying faithfully for God's blessing on this initiative, and Dunamis Fellowship Canada has been one of the major contributors.

With great joy Chris Walker declares to all of us, "*I just want to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all that you do to help make this ministry possible!*"

Even now as you read this newsletter, leaders in Latin America are already using these materials to train their people to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in advancing the Kingdom of God. Our investment is making a *huge* Kingdom impact in the Spanish-speaking world. Praise God!



Spanish Mobile Dunamis jump drives being prayed over before distribution

DFC's Annual Fellowship Gathering

Fan Into Flame

Join us for the gathering of Dunamis Fellowship Canada. A day of prayer, encouragement, ministry, and equipping.

When: Saturday, March 23, 2019

Where: Guelph Bible Conference Centre, Guelph, ON

Register online at dfcanada.org

Fan into Flame

Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
2 Tim 1:6

Concluding Nine Years of Equipping in Guelph

During the week of November 5-8, 2018 people gathered in Guelph, Ontario, for “Listening Evangelism.” Chris Walker, Nancy Mostert, and Trevor Payton served as teachers. God moved powerfully among participants, growing in them a desire to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in evangelism and to connect in meaningful ways with spiritually-thirsty people.

Highlights of the week included powerful times of worship and, on the final day—as is always the case at Dunamis #6—an excursion into the community where small teams put into practice what they’d been learning all week. We rejoiced together afterward as we shared reports of how God had used us as his witnesses.

This event marked the conclusion of the third consecutive Dunamis Track—*nine years* of equipping!—to run at the Guelph Bible Conference Center. During that time, God has introduced hundreds of people to the wondrous dynamic of cooperating with the Holy Spirit in ministry.

Throughout this time, as at all Dunamis events, the Holy Spirit has done that special work of *koinonia*. He has built a safe and life-giving community among us as in countless ways we have risked being vulnerable and have then found acceptance and grace. For many of us, this community has become an oasis in the midst of life and ministry situations which sometimes resemble a desert.

Praise Jesus for the glorious ways that he has ministered to his beloved Bride in this place!



Our worship leaders: Robyn Ferrier and Sean O’Leary

But now God is doing a new thing! The Board of Trustees for DFC has discerned the Lord’s leading that our time in Guelph has accomplished its purpose, and that he wants to birth two new Dunamis Tracks out of this one: one in south-western Ontario, and one in eastern Ontario. We are currently laying the groundwork in prayer for these tracks. Please join us in this work.

The grief is palpable among participants as we close what has been a very fruitful and Spirit-led season of ministry and equipping in this place. And the excitement is tangible as we anticipate what God is going to do through these next two upcoming tracks. May his Kingdom come and his will be done!

Pouring Water on the Thirsty Land in Edmonton

In Edmonton, God was pouring “water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground” (Isaiah 44:3). He met us in power and revealed his heart to us, especially his love for our children. Many of God’s servants arrived feeling dry and cracked but returned home refreshed and rejuvenated.



Jane Graff (Track Director) and her army of teachers:
Trevor Payton, Judy Cook, MJ Quick, Anne VanderHoek

More than 80 people gathered in Edmonton for Dunamis Project #2, “In the Spirit’s Power” from November 14-17. Furthermore, more than a quarter of them were first-time attendees!

The teaching focused on the Kingdom of God and the tools (spiritual gifts) that God has given to the Church to use in the building and advancing of that Kingdom.

Anyone who is familiar with a Dunamis event schedule is familiar with the words, “*This schedule is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.*” That’s exactly what happened—several times—during this event. During one particularly powerful kairos moment, the Lord gave a prophetic word, which we then debriefed and used as the raw material for teaching on that topic shortly afterward.

The Holy Spirit is powerfully at work in Edmonton and the surrounding area. This is now the second Dunamis Track to run at this location, and it shows no signs of slowing down...if anything, it seems to be *gaining* momentum! Dunamis will return to the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton for “The Power of Prayer,” April 10-13, 2019.

In addition, Edmonton will be hosting a “Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit” conference this spring, running May 7-10. This will be the second such conference held in Edmonton, with the previous one being in November of 2013. We’re thankful for our partnership with the CRC denomination’s Renewal Lab, which strongly encourages its churches to attend these events.

Praise God for his blessing on the excellent leadership that has facilitated this move of the Spirit in the Edmonton area! Please pray that his Kingdom continues to advance in this region through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Catching the Wave to Grow Kingdom Congregations in Canada

Back in March of 2018 a group of 20 leaders with a passion to see Dunamis teachings infuse local congregations gathered at the Community of the Cross in Black Mountain to pray and discern God's heart and direction to see that come into reality. Rev. Dave Westra, a CRC pastor, originally from Ottawa, has stepped into leadership of what we now call the Kingdom Congregations initiative, for PRMI.

A prophetic word given during that meeting related to a huge wave of the Holy Spirit that is rising up to bring this teaching to congregations. What's exciting to us is that we sense the beginning of that wave here in Canada.

While the Dunamis Video Course has been available for over 10 years, it seems that now is the time that God is growing interest among those who've grown through their participation at Dunamis Projects to take this teaching to their congregations using this video course format.

We were thrilled as DFC leadership to find that over 20 people who had attended the most recent Dunamis Track in Guelph expressed an interest in being trained as Dunamis Course Facili-

tators. That training was then offered in two parts in December, and excitement has been mounting in these folks from 9 churches as they begin to pray into what this might look like in their local context.

Please pray for:

- God to grow a desire within these congregations and their leaders to know the Holy Spirit and cooperate with him to advance God's Kingdom.
- Congregational leadership to not only give permission, but also participate in the courses.
- Facilitators to gather the teams of God's choosing and to listen well to discern God's timing and all the other details related to implementing this course in their congregations.
- The fullness of God's plans to unfold as he strengthens and protects these facilitators and churches.

Dunamis Fellowship International: Coming to the Mountain

Our theme at the gathering of the Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI) this year was "Come to the Mountain: Connect with God and with One Another." All three of those things happened, in dozens of different ways.

We were privileged to share in powerful times of worship before our King. We learned from one another about what God is doing through this ministry all around the world and then join together in prayer for it. There was prayer ministry, relationship-building, and laughter. Lots of laughter!

God has been doing *great* things, and now in some areas he's doing *new* things. "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive

it?" (Isaiah 43:19) The gathering of the Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI) this year was full of new things.

First, we officially established and recognized a new regional expression of the DFI: Dunamis Fellowship North-West U.S. (DFNW). This group has been working closely with some people from British Columbia in recent years. As DFC we bless them in their work and anticipate many opportunities to partner with them as God opens up opportunities on the west coast.

Second, we officially launched and commissioned the Kingdom Congregations initiative which began last year (see the article above this one). Kingdom Congregations is a refocusing of the "Growing the Church" Vision Implementation Team. This

team's vision is to find new ways to help local congregations embody, proclaim and advance the Kingdom of God.

Additionally, we were encouraged that more than 25% of our attendees this year were younger than 50 years of age! God has been preparing a younger generation of Spirit-empowered leaders who are ready and eager to see the Church ignited in the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is so much more to report! We could look into how God is raising up new leaders in Haiti, bringing unity among the major Christian traditions in Eastern Europe, starting new initiatives among the Chinese, and much, much more.

Special recognition is due to the sound and tech team, who did a superb job providing live streaming and making sure that our technology was working properly. Everyone commented that this was the smoothest that things have ever gone in this aspect of the meeting.

Finally, we had an opportunity to visit the Community of the Cross to see first-hand how things are progressing with both the Prayer House and the Log House. We hope and plan to dedicate the Prayer House at the DFI meeting

next year.

Attending the annual DFI meeting is an eye-opening experience. We invite you to join us: January 22-26, 2020.



There was a veritable collage of stories at the annual DFI gathering.

Looking Toward the Future



Trevor Payton, DFC's Executive Director

If I had to use just one word to describe the current reality of those with whom I've interacted during all of the events last fall, it would have to be *hunger*. People are hungry: hungry for righteousness and growth in faith, hungry for a move of the Holy Spirit to reach their congregations and local communities, hungry for the sweetness of Jesus' presence.

And if I was allowed one *more* word, it would be *expectancy*. People are sensing that God is on the move in Canada. He's up to something. As the DFC Board we are thrilled to be receiving requests from all over the country, asking when Dunamis is going to come to this and that city. Praise God!

Hunger and expectancy: coincidence? *Je crois que non!* What does Jesus say? "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness [and, dare I say, *for a move of the Spirit?*], *for they will be filled*" (Matt 5:6). The One who places that hunger within us is also the One who will fill it, *with Himself*.

Many people with whom I've spoken have described experiences of walking through the wilderness: stories of discouragement, pain, and restlessness have come up again and again. And nothing fosters hunger like the wilderness! Jesus is using these experiences to deepen his work in us, which creates a deeper craving for him, and which then results in our greater readiness to take those stretching steps of obedience...and so on.

Others have been wowed by Jesus' gentleness and power in healing and restoration. When you're hungry and discover a source of unlimited Bread (John 6:35), it's hard to keep the news to yourself. "*I can't wait to see what God wants to do in _____!*"

In Edmonton, scores of people are being impacted and empowered to serve as Spirit-empowered witnesses.

In Winnipeg and Thunder Bay (and perhaps in your community too?) the yearning for God to move is so strong that it *aches*. In many of our churches we've been praying for years—even for *decades!*—that God would pour out his Spirit in grace and power.

In southern Ontario we are praying for God's guidance as we discern his will for possibly two new Dunamis tracks, in both eastern and western Ontario.

Do you want to see Dunamis come to *your* region? That's great, because we on the DFC Board do too! And at Dunamis, we place a premium priority on prayer. We don't just *start* a new Dunamis event—rather, we *pray* it into being. Dunamis is a dance



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 and the ministry grows, 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 is nudging you to join those who support DFC with monthly donations, contact Patti in our office. Each gift furthers this Kingdom work and allows us to expand this ministry across Canada.

of cooperation with the Holy Spirit from start to finish. We want to keep in step with the Spirit through it all, so that God will be glorified and so that we can be effective.

- Consider contacting our Prayer Mobilizer, Martin Boardman, who can help you to engage well in this process. Change happens in the spiritual realm before we see it in the physical realm. Intercessory prayer—fueled by hunger!—sets the stage for God to move in the world.
- Join with other believers and pray for a move of God's Spirit. Let us know that you're praying about this, and we'll alert our intercessors to support you too.
- Let us know when God says "It's [*kairos*] time!"

Upcoming Events

February 20-23	Dunamis Project #2—In the Spirit's Power—Allen Park, MI
March 23	Annual Fellowship Gathering—Guelph, ON
April 3-6	Dunamis Project #5—Spiritual Warfare—Bellingham, WA
April 3-7	Dunamis Project #2—In the Spirit's Power—Sutton, AK
April 10-13	Dunamis Project #3—The Power of Prayer—Edmonton, AB
May 7-10	Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit—Edmonton, AB

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