

### Centre Advisory Board Members

In addition to Andrew, Stuart, Brian and Anne, the following people assist with providing direction to the Centre's ministry:

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*The Centre's mission is to enable clergy and congregations to flourish within the Canadian context.*

## Update on the Ministry and Work of



the Centre for  
Clergy Care &  
Congregational  
Health

Fall 2010

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I can hardly believe that tomorrow is already the first of October. Fall is upon us and I look forward to seeing more of the changing colours as we transition (hopefully very slowly) into winter.

I'm not always a fan of transition times. The first day of school, the first snow, the first unbelievably humid summer day are usually a bit of a shock to the system. Even though we may have pulled out the next season's clothes and footwear, expected times of change can still throw us off kilter.

As people in ministry, we not only need to navigate the natural changes and seasons around us, but the seasons in the life of our congregations and ministries. Added to this are the changing seasons of our own lives—transitions into new ages and stages, family growth and losses, and contemplating how these impact our leadership.

We are challenged to continue to find and rely on God in all the seasons and colours of life and ministry. Our Centre programs have helped people to do just that by being reacquainted with the Source of Life. Why not join us? Happy fall!

Anne

### *Research News*

- **Stuart** continues his **one year sabbatical** (which began June 1st) during which he is dedicating time to continued work with Brian looking at the changing patterns of the church in Canada.
- There is perhaps no more defining moment for the Presbyterian and United Churches in Canada than **Union in 1925**. Our study continues to examine which churches joined Union and which stayed Presbyterian. We hope to find patterns and better understand what came after this transition.
- We continue to work towards making other completed research available which reflects the focus of the Centre.

### *Upcoming Centre Events Calendar*

**Making the Most of Retirement**      November 8th-10th, 2010  
at FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary, Alberta  
with Mary Helen Garvin and Dale Irving

\$380—single room    \$340—shared room    \$250—commuter

This is our second event offered in partnership with St. Stephen's College, Edmonton. It is open to those in ministry approaching retirement (within 10 yrs) or recently retired (within 5 yrs). Partners are also welcome! Registration is through St. Stephen's - 780-439-7311 or [kparson2ualberta.ca](mailto:kparson2ualberta.ca). A downloadable registration form is available at the Centre website. Registration deadline—October 11th, 2010.

Watch our website for the dates and locations for Starting Well 2011 and for Take Care 2011. Details coming soon!

*To learn more about the Centre and how you can support this ministry, to read more details about our events or to register please see the back of this brochure for our contact information.*

### *Happenings through the Centre*

#### **Work of Andrew, Centre Director**

*Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch!* was held from May 4th-6th at Star of the North retreat centre near Edmonton. This was our first event offered in partnership with St. Stephen's College at the University of Edmonton. We are excited to be offering some of our regular programs on the prairies!

#### **Charitable Status**

We are pursuing in earnest both Incorporation and Charitable Status as an organization. We look forward to this next step in the ministry of the Centre! We will keep you informed as this becomes a reality.