

Centre Advisory Board Members

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The Centre exists to support the well-being of clergy and congregations and to enhance the overall ministry of the church in Canada.

Update on the Ministry and Work of



the Centre for
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Health

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As I write this, we are in the midst of Advent. By the time you read this, Christmas will be past us (probably Epiphany too) and ministry leaders will be on the other side of the liturgical rush and possibly already beginning to look towards Lent.

As you celebrate the seasons of the Church Year in liturgy and events, I pray that you are able to deeply experience them yourself and to find the hope and promises God has for you. As you walk alongside people in the seasons of their lives, I hope that you are able to find the time to deeply experience your own and that you have companions on the journey who will support and uphold you. Take the time to celebrate, reflect, rejuvenate and taste and see God's presence and care.

Blessings to you in whatever season you may find yourself!
Anne

Happenings through the Centre

Work of Andrew, Centre Director

Andrew was the plenary speaker at the September Synod of the Atlantic (PCC) educational event at Camp Geddie. Together they explored "Shepherding the Shepherd".

Making the Most of Retirement

Participants from three denominations gathered at Crieff Hills Community with Mary Helen Garvin and Peter Scott to consider issues surrounding retirement. It was another great event! Plans are underway to offer next year's edition in Edmonton in the fall, with a goal of coming to the Maritimes soon after.

Take Care

We are coming to Edmonton in May, 2010! We are excited about working with St. Stephen's on this and other opportunities in the west.

Research News

- **Brian and Stuart** have been entrusted with membership statistics from a variety of denominations in order to continue their study of factors influencing growth and decline in the church post World War II. As well as being asked to share their reflections with the Christian Reformed Church, they have also submitted a proposal with their findings to a publisher.
- **With solid Canadian research being so vital** to our work, the Board is working towards making advanced theological degree theses and other research relevant to our mission available through our website to those looking for resources.

Upcoming Centre Events Calendar

Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch May 4th-6th, 2010
Star of the North Retreat Centre with Andrew Irvine
\$350 (after March 15th—\$400) commuter option available

This event in St. Albert, AB is offered in partnership with St. Stephen's College in Edmonton and is open to all clergy and diaconal and designated lay ministers in need of renewal.

Starting Well - Toronto June 14th-17th, 2010
with Carolyn McAvoy, Jim Cairney and Anne Simmonds

Starting Well - Vancouver July 19th-22nd, 2010
with Ed Searcy, Stephen Rowe and Jane Swatridge
4 night - \$720 3 night - \$635 commuter - \$435

Attend either location of this event for those ordained or commissioned within the last three years. NOTE: The content focus will be different at each location—see our website.

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.