

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

(bios available on our website under Small Church event pages)

Co-facilitators:

The Rev. Dr. Todd McDonald, United Church of Canada



Todd is a recent graduate from the Doctor of Ministry program. His thesis centered on a small rural church which was discerning its future mission together as a faith community. Todd has served in outport Newfoundland, rural and suburban Ontario. Currently he is a Conference Personnel Minister with Toronto Conference, United Church of Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Irvine, Presbyterian Church in Canada



Andrew has taught in the area of rural and small church at such seminaries as Acadia, Tyndale, Queen's and Knox College. He is currently the Director of the Centre for Clergy Care and Congregational Health and on the faculty of Knox College, Toronto.



Presents

A Way Forward for the Small Church

**An ecumenical program
to support and encourage faith communities
facing the particular challenges of rural ministry.**

Facilitated by

**The Rev. Dr. Todd McDonald
The Rev. Dr. Andrew Irvine**

**Springbrooke Retreat and Conference Centre
Langley, BC**

April 10th – 11th, 2013

The Centre is sponsored by Knox College, denominational offices of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada, and the Beatty Ryckman Trust

In the Canadian context, many congregations are experiencing the shift of the culture away from church attendance.

In this time when the church has been marginalized in their own communities, what is the congregation's future in this new reality? What is God's new future for them? In the life cycle of a congregation marked by fewer numbers and rising anxiety, what is God's new identity for a congregation which leads to a renewed sense of purpose?

This workshop seeks to teach congregational leaders a way of discerning its future identity and mission. We will talk about what has happened in recent times to the place of the small church in its community.

Next, the workshop will introduce ways of discerning a communal identity for the small church and how a new sense of identity leads to renewed purpose and mission.

Finally, we will work on how to take back learning to congregations and integrate into the local context.

Join us and build supportive relationships, experience a diverse learning community and be rejuvenated!

Much more information is available at www.caringforclergy.ca or by contacting us.

Springbrooke Retreat and Conference Centre

22778 72nd Avenue
Langley, B.C. V2Y 2K3

<http://www.springbrookeretreat.com>

Wed April 10th @ 9:30 am – Thurs April 11th @ 12 pm, 2013

LOCATION, DATES AND TIMES

COST

(A) 2 Night Shared (accommodation Tues-Wed nights;
all meals from Wed breakfast-Thurs lunch) \$375

(B) Commuter (lunch & supper Wed; lunch Thurs) \$250

All fees include \$50.00 non-refundable deposit.

Payment can be made by cheque, made out to The Centre for Clergy Care and Congregational Health, or by credit card (securely online, by phone or on the registration form).

Full payment is due by April 1st, 2013. This is also the last day for a full refund, less the deposit, should you have to cancel.

REGISTER OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mail: The Centre for Clergy Care and Congregational Health
59 St. George St. Toronto, ON M5S 2E6

E-mail: clergy.care@utoronto.ca

Phone: 416-978-7799

Online: www.caringforclergy.ca – click on Centre Events and Small Church

Registration Deadline: March 25th, 2013

Registration Form – A Way Forward for the Small Church

Name:	Gender: M F Other
Church Denomination:	
Street Address:	
City:	Province: Postal Code:
Phone: (daytime)	(other)
E-mail:	
Special needs/requests/restrictions (ie diet, health, accommodation):	
Emergency Contact's Name:	
Relationship to you:	Phone:
Fee and Accommodation Options (choose one):	
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