

Centre Advisory Board Members

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

Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, Principal of Knox College

Dr. Phyllis Airhart, Acting Principal of Emmanuel College

Rev. Dr. David Neelands, Dean of Divinity of Trinity College

Rev. Joe Ramsay, United Church of Canada representative

Rev. Susan Shaffer, Presbyterian Church in Canada representative

Rev. John Buttars, United Church of Canada clergy

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Rev. Dr. Jim Czegledi, Member at Large

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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



Fall 2008

Director:
Rev. Dr. Andrew Irvine

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Dr. Brian Clarke
Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald

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Anne Miller, MRE

Summer has sped by and the new fall term is upon us. Churches tend to consider this time the start of the 'new year' and with it comes the transition to fuller sanctuaries, program registrations, regular meetings and special autumn events.

The Centre is winding up for the new year as well. The Board will be considering a long range plan, with suggestions resulting from our participant survey from the spring. We are excited about new developments as well as the continuity we are able to offer with our annual programs and other activities.

As the colours change gloriously around us, may we all be reminded of the changeless love and care of God. Happy fall!

Happenings through the Centre

Centre Participant Survey

88 people from our database responded to the request to let us know about their connection with the Centre and where they feel our focus should be. Highlights are on our website.

Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch!

This successful event at Crieff Hills with Dr. Andrew Irvine in late May paved the way for the focus for Take Care 2009. We look forward to this 'safe space' opportunity in February!

Presbyterian Women in Ministry Conference, Montreal
Anne represented the Centre at this event at Presbyterian College in May for women in leadership, both clergy and laity. It was a great pilot event, hopefully to be repeated!

Starting Well 2008

Emmanuel College again hosted this important opportunity in June for beginning clergy. Thanks to the design team and our leaders for a terrific event!

We are thrilled to be in discussions with the Vancouver School of Theology towards offering Starting Well through the Chalmers Institute in 2009 as well as here in Toronto. Our hope is to make this worthwhile opportunity even more accessible.

Research News

- **First Five Years Study**— findings from this 80 participant survey will soon be available
- **"The Protestant Five"**— this article by Stuart and Brian is in process to being published and includes analysis of census data about denominational affiliation
- **Post-World War II** — Stuart and Brian shared their findings about the church in the 1950s and 1960s at a workshop at the 'More Franchises than Tim Horton's' United Church continuing education event held at Emmanuel College
- **Religion in Canada Institute**— Brian presented a paper on Protestant decline at this event in February and I missed this in our last newsletter— sorry Brian! Stuart also attended this

Upcoming Centre Events Calendar

Making the Most of Retirement November 12th-14th, 2008
Crieff Hills Community Mary Helen Garvin and Peter Scott
For clergy approaching retirement, or newly retired, along with their spouses if they wish.

Single—\$370 Shared—\$335 Commuter—\$250

Take Care: A Safe Space for Dialogue February 2nd-6th, 2009
Crieff Hills Community Centre Director Dr. Andrew Irvine
Join other clergy to discuss issues of self care and the family.
\$400 by February 9th \$450 after February 9th

Starting Well at Emmanuel College June 15th-18th, 2009
Leadership to be confirmed
Particularly for clergy in their first five years of ministry.
Commuter - \$435 3 Night Stay - \$635 4 Night Stay - \$700

Starting Well at VST—information will be on our website as it is available for this opportunity potentially in July 2009.

To register for an event or to learn about activities of the Centre please see the back of this brochure for our contact information.