

### 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 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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Congregational  
Health

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It is unbelievable to me that in a few week's time from writing we will be celebrating Convocations. It seems just yesterday that a new batch of students started their journey. The year has flown by with projects, church involvements and the stuff of life.

In the midst of all this busyness I have to force myself to slow down and to relax. More importantly, I need to stop just 'getting by' and running from commitment to commitment and start listening intently for God's direction. All of my busyness can not matter more than my relationship with God.

While I may have not always enjoyed setting aside the time, making arrangements, packing and meeting new people, I have never regretted a time of retreat, learning or refreshment with others. Make the commitment to value yourself and your time with God enough to unplug from regular life in some way. Attend one of our events or another continuing education opportunity, explore or revisit a spiritual practice, be still and know that God is God. May you find whatever it is you need to keep going wherever you have been called to serve.

Anne

### *Happenings through the Centre*

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

Andrew will once again be the facilitator of *Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch!* from May 4th-6th. This is our first event offered in partnership with St. Stephen's College at the University of Edmonton. We are excited to begin offering some of our regular programs on the prairies!

#### **We are Coming to You**

As well as offering programs in Vancouver and locations in Alberta, we are developing partnerships with the east coast. For those who have been waiting for us to come closer to you, we are in process of making this happen.

### *Research News*

- **Stuart** is beginning a **one year sabbatical** as of June 1st, the first part of which he will be 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**. A study is being undertaken to examine which churches joined Union and which stayed Presbyterian. We hope to find patterns and better understand what came after this transition.

### *Upcoming Centre Events Calendar*

**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.

**Making the Most of Retirement** November 8th-10th, 2010  
with Mary Helen Garvin and Dale Irving

More details about this second partnership event with St. Stephen's College, Edmonton will be available soon. Plan now to attend! This event always gets great feedback and we are thrilled to take it 'on the road'!

*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.*