

Centre Board of Directors

The following people comprise our current Board of Directors:

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Update on the Ministry and Work of



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

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As I write this, we are in the midst of Lent and Holy Week is looming. It seems just yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas and the beginning of 2011.

Cycles of church and other seasons can help to bring stability and rich meaning to our lives. Rituals can help to ground us in our faith. However, we need to ensure that we are not allowing ourselves to become complacent or so caught up with preparations that we miss the opportunity to be fed spiritually.

Cycles and patterns in our lives and ministry can have benefits and drawbacks. To what extent do we have healthy ways of relating and serving or unhealthy ways of fulfilling our calling?

Centre events are an avenue which can allow for reframing, for becoming more fully conscious of our own approaches and assumptions and of celebrating the ways in which we have been vessels of the Holy Spirit.

Don't forget to take some intentional time for reflection at whatever stage in ministry you find yourself. Let God do some spring cleaning and refreshing in you!

Anne

Happenings through the Centre

We are thrilled to be heading to the east coast for our first Centre event at the Atlantic School of Theology. Take Care is open to ministry professionals in the middle - the middle of their career or facing mid-life issues. See you in Halifax in May!

Board of Directors

As part of our incorporation process, we dissolved our Advisory Board and formed a Board of Directors. We are so grateful to those who continue to contribute their gifts to the Centre and who have stepped into this new role. We hope to receive charitable status by the summer. Stay tuned for updates!

Research News

- **Stuart's one year sabbatical** which began June 1st will come to an end in May. We look forward to welcoming him back from Scotland!
- Stuart and Brian's work with denominational statistics post-WWII has been compiled into research papers available at <http://individual.utoronto.ca/clarkemacdonald/clarkemacdonald/Welcome.html>. Visit this webpage to read their analysis of Anglican, Presbyterian and United Church data with the Christian Reformed Church to come.

Upcoming Centre Events Calendar

Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch May 16th-18th, 2011
at Atlantic School of Theology
with Andrew Irvine, Centre Director

Starting Well: First Years in Ministry June 20th-23rd, 2011
at Toronto School of Theology
OR Vancouver School of Theology

Making the Most of Retirement November 1st-3rd, 2011
at Crieff Hills Community near Guelph
with Mary Helen Garvin and Peter Scott

Centre events are open to clergy and other ministry professionals who are willing to create a respectful and safe learning space with others.

Visit our website at www.caringforclergy.ca to learn more about each of these events!

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