

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

Rev. Dr. Peter Wyatt, 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. Linda Ashfield, Presbyterian Church in Canada clergy

Rev. John Buttars, United Church of Canada clergy

Ms. Betsy Anderson, Emmanuel College representative

Ms. Virginia Leech, Beatty Ryckman Trust representative

Rev. Dr. Jim Czeglédi, 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



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Health

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With the promise of the beginning of a new year, we rejoice at newness within the Centre as well—new ideas, events, partners and ministry opportunities.

We welcome the partnership of Trinity Anglican College here on U of T's campus. Our Advisory Board continues to grow with the addition of Dr. David Neelands from Trinity and Dr. Don Posterski who offers a unique national perspective on the church.

We look forward to connecting with you and your ideas and concerns. May we all catch the renewed vision God sends us this year in our ministries and lives as we serve Him.

Happenings through the Centre

Making the Most of Retirement 2007

We are so grateful for the leadership of Mary Helen Garvin and Peter Scott and the hospitality of Crieff Hills Community. This was a great event of learning and reflection.

Discovering a Healthy Response to Difficult Behaviour in the Church with Dr. Arthur Boers

We are very excited to host this event for students as well as clergy on February 25th and 26th, 2008. Many will be familiar with Boers' book *Never Call them Jerks* but may not realize that he is a Canadian Mennonite hailing from Waterloo. We look forward to learning through his plenary times and the other leaders of our workshops. Space is still available!

Other Activities

Andrew continues to be asked to speak about issues relating to clergy wellness in a variety of settings. Our Red Deer project is nearing completion and the Board is working to clarify our focus and vision.

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

Current Research Projects

- **First Five Years Study**— Our survey has been sent to study participants and we look forward to analyzing the data with focus groups of new M.Div. graduates before spring
- **Census Research**— Stuart and Brian's article "Simply 'Christian': Canada's newest major religious denomination" will be published in the Toronto Journal of Theology early this year. An article about the five historically largest Protestant denominations has been submitted to another journal.
- **Post-World War II** — Stuart continues to think about the church in the 1950s and 1960s. Anne's indexing of the Presbyterian Record from these decades is a helpful tool for this analysis and similar work may be done with other denominational publications of this time period

Upcoming Centre Events Calendar

Discovering a Healthy Response to Difficult Behaviour in the Church
1:30-5:30pm February 25th & 9:00am-3:30pm February 26th, 2008
Trinity Presbyterian Church, York Mills Rev. Dr. Arthur Boers
\$75 by Feb. 15th \$90 after Feb. 15th \$35 student rate

Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch! May 26th— 30th, 2008
Crieff Hills Community Centre Director Dr. Andrew Irvine
For clergy in their 8th, 9th or 10th year of pastoral ministry.
\$400 by May 1st \$450 after May 1st

Starting Well at Emmanuel College June 9th—12th, 2008
Rev. Jim Cairney, Rev. Carolyn McAvoy & Dr. Anne Simmonds
Particularly for clergy in their first five years of ministry.
Commuter - \$435 3 Night Stay - \$635 4 Night Stay - \$700

The Starting Well and Making the Most of Retirement design team are considering regionalizing these events.

Our thanks to the Beatty Ryckman Trust for sponsoring Dr. Boers' event and Take Care 2008.