

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



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It is no accident that our newsletters appear at transitional points in the calendar— January with the new calendar year, spring with convocation, and fall with a new school and church season.

The Centre seeks to be a resource for clergy and congregations in the seasons of their lives. This is most clear through our events for ministers—Starting Well, Take Care and Making the Most of Retirement. We are thrilled that the availability of these appreciated programs is increasing, slowly but surely.

At press time, not only is our national church looking for answers but also our economy and government are in flux. This reinforces the important role of the Centre to speak to issues of faith in Canada, to work in partnership with different regions and denominations, and to help pave a way towards hope and understanding. May you feel God's shalom deeply in 2009!

Happenings through the Centre

Centre Participant Survey

With apologies, results actually are now on our website!

Facilitated Advisory Board Meeting

Work continues on clarifying our overall mission and best ways to exercise wise stewardship of our resources.

Making the Most of Retirement

This was once again a successful event at Crieff Hills with our returning team of Mary Helen Garvin and Peter Scott. Great feedback has been received and plans are in the works both for returning to Crieff in November 2009 and going to Edmonton in 2010. Stay tuned!

Starting Well at VST

We are thrilled to announce our partnership with VST to open up the possibility for more clergy to attend this worthwhile program. Both our Toronto and Vancouver locations will follow the same framework of topics and format with a unique leadership team at each.

Research News

- ***Christianity and Ethnicity in Canada***—congratulations to Stuart for his chapter, “Presbyterian and Reformed Christians and Ethnicity”, published in this diverse volume just launched by the University of Toronto Press (Paul Bramadat and David Seljak, editors)
- **Student researcher**— a graduate student has been hired to index the United Church Observer starting in the 1950s
- **Presbyterian Record index** — Anne has completed an index of major articles and editorials from the Presbyterian Record for the 1970s. This searchable database is found on our website with the indices for the 1950s and 1960s.

Upcoming Centre Events Calendar

Take Care: A Safe Space for Dialogue February 2nd-6th, 2009
Crieff Hills Community with 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—Toronto June 15th-18th, 2009
Emmanuel College with Rev. Carolyn McAvoy,
Rev. Dr. Anne Simmonds, and Rev. Jim Cairney
Commuter - \$435 3 Night Stay - \$635 4 Night Stay - \$700

Starting Well— Vancouver July 13th-17th, 2009
Vancouver School of Theology with Rev. Susan Shaffer,
Rev. Dr. Ed Searcy, and The Venerable Stephen Rowe
Commuter - \$435 4 Night Stay - \$720

Both Starting Well events are particularly for clergy in their first five years of ministry. Choose your location!

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