

Registration Information

Choose one of the following ways to register.

1. Online Registration

Go to www.diaconalministries.com
Follow the "Day of Encouragement" link to register. Payment can be made by Paypal or by mailing in your cheque.

2. Mail Registration Form

Complete the tear-off registration form (on reverse side) and mail with payment to:
Diaconal Ministries Canada
PO Box 5070, STN LCD 1
Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8

3. Group Registration

Church groups may register online (one payment). Go to www.diaconalministries.com, click on the "Day of Encouragement" link, and follow the instructions on the registration page. Payment can be made by Paypal or by mailing in a cheque accompanied by a list of the participants in your group.

Questions about registration?

Call: 905-336-0967 ext. 4278
E-mail: dayofencouragement@crcna.org

Registration Fees

(includes refreshments and lunch)

Early registration—on or before Oct. 9, 2013:
\$65 per person

After October 9, 2013:
\$75 per person

Sorry, no refunds after October 9, 2013.

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DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

This Day of Encouragement is co-hosted by Diaconal Ministries Canada and Christian Reformed Home Missions in collaboration with the agencies of the Christian Reformed Church. Together we want to provide an opportunity for encouragement, inspiration and skill development for ministry leaders and other members of the church—so we can join God in transforming our communities.



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"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Hamilton District Christian High School, Ancaster, ON

Hosted by
Diaconal Ministries Canada and
Christian Reformed Home Missions

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See you there...

Diaconal Ministries Canada and Christian Reformed Home Missions invite you to join us at the Day of Encouragement on October 19, 2013 in Ancaster. There will be great worship, wonderful fellowship and plenty of opportunities to be equipped!

Our theme for this year comes from 1 Cor. 12:7. "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." What an amazing blessing for the church! Your gifts are different from your neighbour's gifts, distributed by the Spirit "just as He determines." And that gifting is what the Day of Encouragement is all about. No matter what your gift, you can come and be encouraged, but also develop your gifts as you learn and interact with others. Did you catch why the Spirit gives us these gifts? It is "for the common good." We all have something to contribute as we are sent together, into our communities. One body. Many gifts. One mission.

Come and join 500 people who will gather together in Jesus' name to worship and celebrate the Giver of all good gifts! There will be plenty of conversations and workshops to inspire and equip you to serve confidently as God has gifted you for His mission.

We pray that the Day of Encouragement will bless you richly!!

Hans Kater
National Director
Diaconal Ministries Canada

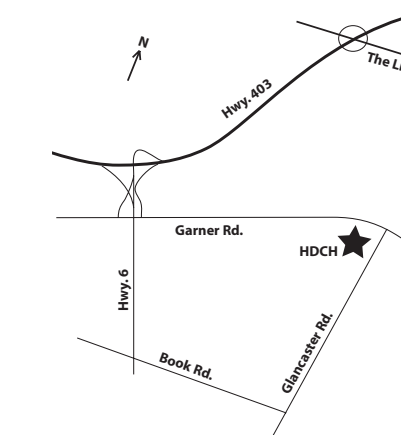
Adrian VanGiessen
Regional Leader for Eastern Canada
Christian Reformed Home Missions

Venue

Hamilton District
Christian High School
· 92 Glanaster Rd.,
Ancaster, Ont.
· www.hdch.org

Directions:

· From East (Toronto): Exit Hwy. 403 at Garner Rd. Turn left. At Glanaster, turn right.
· From West (Woodstock): Exit Hwy. 403 at Hwy. 6 (toward Hamilton Airport). Follow Hwy. 6 to Book Rd. and turn left. At Glanaster, turn left.



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Dr. Michael Goheen is
Professor of Missiology at
Calvin Theological Seminary,
and Pastor of Preaching at
New Westminster CRC in
Burnaby, BC. We welcome
Dr. Goheen to our Day of
Encouragement.

Schedule for the day

Registration	8:15 - 9:00
Opening	9:00 - 10:00
Morning Workshops	10:15 - 12:00
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00
*Annual General Meeting	12:00 - 1:30
Service Sites/Chatrooms/	1:00 - 1:45
Afternoon Workshops	2:00 - 3:30
Closing	3:30 - 4:00

*Annual General Meeting for Deacons
One deacon from each church should plan to grab a lunch and join Diaconal Ministries Canada's Annual General Meeting. Pertinent material for the meeting will be emailed to each diaconate in September.

Morning Workshops

10:15 - 12:00



A1. I'm a Deacon -- What do I do?
Ron DeSmit
Come to discover what being a deacon could be all about! God has called deacons to serve His church and their neighbours! Together we will answer "What do I do now?"

A2. I'm an Elder -- What do I do?
John Vanderstoep
What does it mean to "truly give spiritual leadership in the household of faith" today? What are my tasks? How do I grow? Explore answers to these and other questions you may have.

A3. Choosing a Good Bible Translation
Al Wolters
Which translation do you need? They are all reliable, but finding the best translation depends on who is reading it. An outreach-oriented church? A long-established church? A new believer? A Bible study group? Come receive advice from a biblical scholar to help you choose.

A4. Christians in the Workplace
Andrew Zantingh
We all work. It occupies our thoughts and demands our best energy. But do we actually think on the meaning of work and its importance in the kingdom mission of Jesus? Take a break. Let's talk about what really motivates the people of Jesus in their mission to the marketplace.

A5. Stewardship Talk
James VanderLaan
Is it all about the money? Maybe; our culture seems to think so. This workshop is for every person who desires to become a disciple of Christ in the area of financial stewardship. We will discuss the obstacles facing our congregations and families and unpack what the Bible teaches.

A6. Poverty, charity and Justice
Stephanie Baker Collins
Have we reduced love of neighbour to charity? Can there be justice in our charity? Explore ways we can build a bridge to justice in how we become informed about causes of poverty, treat those in need, provide services to poor persons, and connect our services to advocacy.

A7. Missional Communities: Together Making the Gospel Tangible
John Bouwers
Many talk about missional communities. Some wonder how this church model fits Scripture. Others are not sure where to start. This workshop will explore Christ's simple call to "follow me" as well as gospel rhythms that foster missional community in your neighbourhood.

A8. Nurturing Generous Spaciousness: A Response to Gay Christians in the Church
Wendy Gritter
How can we navigate diverse perspectives on homosexuality, extend hospitality, encourage discipleship and promote unity in our churches? We will reflect on the stories of gay Christians and encourage transformational dialogue.

A9. Fourth World: Part of Our Body Too?
Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo
Imagine that you earn less than \$2 a day and live under constant threat. „This is reality for poor migrants to urban areas in developing countries (the "Fourth World"). Listen to personal stories, then discover how World Renew and your church can address these challenges.

A10. Harvest Inspectors
Beth Fellingier
Most Christians want to share the gospel, but often feel awkward or simply don't know how to establish a connection. This causes frustration and discouragement. Come and look at ways to make connections and engage others with the good news of the gospel.

A11. Prayer Imagination
Diane Leferink
Sometimes we get caught in a rut and prayer becomes methodical and uninspiring. Prayer is a God-given gift through which we commune with God, and Him with us. In a very interactive workshop setting, come discover ways to make prayer more meaningful.

A12. Healing Jesus Style
Emily Vandank
Healing was a significant part of Jesus' ministry. Jesus said, "Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing." In this workshop, we'll look at Jesus' works, words, and ways of treating the sick and hurting. Come discover the believers' authority in the area of healing.

A13. Church Life Outside of the Friendship Group
Mark Stephenson & Heather DeBoer
Many churches have thriving Friendship groups, but little connection with friends outside of Friendship. In this workshop, we'll give ideas about how to enfold friends in the full life of the church and to make connections with the friends' family members and group home staff.

A14. Dave's Top Ten
David van der Woerd
Need a lawyer's degree to do ministry? Confusing and alarming legal quandaries can impair our ability to serve. Don't let legalities stagnate your ministry! Come discuss the top legal issues affecting Canadian charities and learn how to navigate them.

A15. Ministry with Young Adults
Martin Dam
Emerging Adulthood: "The time between leaving your family of origin and finding your family of choice." The church has unique challenges and opportunities for ministry with this demographic. Come and discuss what churches can do.

*Read a brief biography about your workshop leader at www.diaconalministries.com Follow the link to the Ancaster Day of Encouragement.

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Service Sites & Chatrooms

1:00 - 1:45

Service Sites: information sessions where resources for ministry are shared.

N1. Tour of Displays
Take this opportunity to learn about various ministries by viewing their displays and engaging in conversations. Displays are located in the cafeteria and in the gymnasium.

N2. Diaconal Ministries Annual General Meeting
One diaconal representative from each Christian Reformed Church should plan to attend. Background material for the meeting will be emailed to each diaconate in September. Meeting begins at 12:00 – grab a lunch and come!

N3. World Renew Disaster Response Update
Wayne DeJong
Learn how World Renew's donors, volunteers and staff are being used to show God's love to families affected by disasters. Hear about how World Renew collaborates with the CFGB and other partners to tackle their shared mission of ending hunger and eradicating poverty.

N4. Mish Adventures Camp: Adventures in Cross Cultural Relationship
Karen Ward & Rebecca Thomson
In 2007, the Chief of Mishkeegogamang First Nation invited our team to run summer programming. Now we can't stay away! Hear about our "Mish Adventures" in learning and cross-cultural relationship-building between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians.

N5. The World of Mental Health
Winnie Visser & June Zwier
One in five people experiences mental health problems. Does the body of Christ include and support these members and their families? Let's discuss what is working in our churches and explore how we can improve and become more caring communities of faith.

N6. Fundraising "Do's and Don'ts"
James VanderLaan
Many churches need to raise funds –whether for a building program or to send teams on a mission trip. This interactive session will provide "best practices" to achieve your fundraising goals.

N7. Hey, I'd like to do that too!
Ken Bosveld
ServiceLink, a volunteer program of the CRC, promotes mission opportunities with its agencies. Find out what's available for youth, young adults, families, church groups, and individuals. Hear about lives transformed through service at home and/or abroad.

N8. Financial Tools in your Toolbox
Elisa Rink
It is common for us to encounter sick people in financial need and not know how to help. Come and learn about programs that may help (Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plans, Ontario Drug Benefits and private foundations).

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N16. Short Term Missions Top 10
Steve Holtrup - CRWM
Nicaragua is a popular destination for short term missions teams. What should you know before committing to a missions experience in Latin America? Come hear the information that's critical to a meaningful missions experience from a missionary that receives and hosts teams.

Chatrooms: Gather with others who have similar interests and ministries for a time of conversation, sharing, and encouraging.

N17. Being LGBT in the CRC
Hosted by Wendy Gritter
Being a sexual or gender minority person in the CRC is not easy. How do the decisions of Synod 2013 affect this issue? Join us for a time of sharing stories, opportunities, concerns, resources, encouragement and prayers for the CRC to be a place of radical hospitality.

N18. Disability Advocacy in Church and Community
Hosted by Mark Stephenson
At this service site for disability advocates and anyone wanting to learn more about disability advocacy, we will discuss practical ideas for advocating with people who have disabilities in church and community, including aspects of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

N19. Networking with Outreach Teams
Hosted by Hilda VanderKlippe
Outreach ministries demand our best efforts! Whether your church needs fresh ideas or has a vibrant outreach ministry, this chat room is the place to share and network with others. Come for a time of hearing new ideas and sharing resources and stories with others.

N20. Ministry Coordinators Unite!
Hosted by Helen VanBeilen
The position of Church Ministry Coordinator covers a wide range of opportunities! Gather with others to share ideas, talk about positive experiences, and provide encouragement for each other. Whether you are paid staff or a volunteer, you are welcome to join!

N14. How to Grow a Missional Church
Peter Bulthuis
Engage your congregation in reaching out to those in need. World Renew has the tools: Sunday School projects, intergenerational mission trips, discovery tours, advocacy campaigns, the Free A Family* program, and educational speakers.

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Afternoon Workshops

2:00 - 3:30

P1. Deacons Can't Do It Alone
Crystle Numan
You can teach your congregation to respond to Christ's call to love your neighbours by guiding them into acts of mercy. Suitable for deacons, church members and community ministries, this workshop will help you learn to lead without burning out.

P2. Discippling and Enfolding New Christians
Hilda VanderKlippe
Is your church ready to disciple and enfold new Christians? Do new believers quickly become an integral part of your church family? Learn the basic principles of discipling and enfolding which will help you embrace the people God is sending to your church.

P3. Imaging the Word
Anita VanZeumeran
Listen and see how one church has made visual art an integral part of its church experience. Get inspired with lots of ideas of how a visual arts ministry can work. You don't need to be an artist, but you do need imagination and passion!

P4. Should we Love our Muslim Neighbours?
Gerald Hogeterp
Many Muslims have come to our neighbourhoods to start a new life in Canada. How should we respond to them? Many of us fear Islam; however, by beginning to better understand the Muslim faith, we can learn how to speak about Jesus to those who follow Islam.

P5. When Marriages Fall Apart: How Churches can Support Couples and Their Families
Susan Winter Fledderus
We will explore how we can minister to couples dealing with relationship troubles, creating space for them to seek help and support. We will discuss how we can journey with families who are experiencing separation or divorce, responding to the needs of each family member.

P6. Beyond Banquets and Pins
Carol Sybenga
In this workshop you will learn how the landscape of volunteerism is changing, its impact on those who volunteer and the ministries they serve, and what it takes to maintain the enthusiasm and motivation of your volunteers.

P7. Missional Communities as a Strategy for Discipleship and Mission
Martin Spoelstra
Missional communities can transform churches, creating a culture of discipleship that will drive the engine of mission. This session will take a big picture look at how existing churches can both gather (Sunday morning) and scatter (missionary initiative).

P8. Hearts Wide Open: Widening the Circle of our Communities
Race Relations Canada & Classis Toronto
Explore the importance of healthy race/ethnic relations as an expression of God's Kingdom, and catch a glimpse of God's joyful reality of a multicultural future. Discover how tools can dismantle racism, and promote reconciliation, understanding, and missional outreach.

P9. Making Space for University Students
Mark Wallace
How can we adjust our structures so that students can actively lead in the life of a local congregation while at university? What sort of mentoring helps young adults take the lead? How do we prepare students as they leave a home congregation and head off to university?

P10. Our Plates Don't Match – But They Serve Well Together
Beth Fellingier
Church cupboards have different plates - all made to serve! People are like that – many have the same gift, but use that gift differently. With "five-fold ministry" as a base for spiritual gifts, you will learn how to decrease burnout and help ministry flourish.

P11. Tending the Garden: The Congregation as a "Faith Formation Grace-Ecosystem"
Syd Hielema
A church needs tending, much like a garden. Come and explore the metaphor of an eco-system to help develop a more holistic, long-term approach to ministry: a view of preaching, worship, educational programs, and outreach as part of one "garden."

P12. "Boomers" in Bloom
Bernie De Jonge
Churches can motivate and challenge their senior members. Whether retired or in the workforce, they have tremendous resources to offer churches and missions. Discover what it takes to have a vital "Boomers" ministry, and be ready to share your own experiences.

P13. Show Me the Money
Trish DeJong
Discover how compliance with Canadian charitable giving regulations changes your church's funding of missionaries, short-term teams and missions activities overseas. Real life scenarios will be discussed and unpacked.

P14. Free to be Whom He created Me to Be!
Joy Locke and Carol Vanravenstein
If all the promises in the Bible are true, then why does life not reflect them more? Explore the things that keep us from walking in the good purposes and plans that God has for our lives, and learn about powerful tools that bring healing and freedom.

P15. Are You Living Eco-Justice?
Citizens for Public Justice
Come and explore our role as Christians in the face of climate change! Discuss questions about faith and the environment: How do we become closer to Christ through our relationship with creation? How do we move from dominion to creation justice? What is our advocacy role?

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P16. Family Connections
Karen DeBoer & Jolanda Howe
When it comes to nurturing faith, parents are the most significant influence on their children. For various reasons, though, it does not always happen. Come for practical tips on partnering with parents, discover ways to nurture faith during worship, and explore resources for families.

P17. Creating Peace
Father Norm Casey & Elder Leona Moses
We know that injustices have happened and that Canadian society has been unfair to our Aboriginal neighbours – now we need to respond with the love of Christ. Come and learn how restoration and reconciliation can take place individually and for the church as a whole.

P18. Art and Healing: Incorporating Creativity and Wellness.
Michelle DeBoer & Betty Brouwer
Come and explore the basic principles of art therapy. Experience how art-making gives expression to our own emotional and spiritual health, and, together with prayer, can also deepen our relationship with Christ.

P19. Beyond the Bulletin: Creating a Unified Communications Plan
Jerod Clark
Once upon a time, the printed weekly bulletin was enough. That's not the case anymore. We'll discuss a multi-media approach to communicating with the congregation and your surrounding community. Come and look at websites, social media, email (and more).

P20. Leading Well on Shifting Ground
Adrian Van Giessen
At the best of times, church leadership is tough. Familiar methods no longer work. This workshop will look at principles of "adaptive leadership" and will include opportunities to apply these principles as we explore some real life "case studies."

P21. Making a Visit
Ken Benjamins
Why do elders, pastoral care workers and others do pastoral visits? Does this ministry still have merit? What should you talk about? In this workshop, we will answer these questions and discuss how to make a visit, especially to those who are ill, mourning, or leaving the church.

P22. Your Church Can Change...and Probably Should
Erick Schuringa
These are interesting times to be in leadership in the church. Leaders need to name reality, cast vision, face fears, organize for effectiveness and plan for making disciples. Come learn what is involved in this kind of leadership.

Mark your first, second and third choice for the afternoon workshops on your registration form.

Registration Form

(See instructions on back of this page)

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Church: _____

City: _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Using the corresponding number, please indicate your first, second and third choices for morning and afternoon workshops and first and second choices for service sites/chatrooms.

	Morning Workshop: (10:15-12:00)	Service Site/ Chatroom:* (1:00-1:45)	Afternoon Workshop: (2:00-3:30)
1st choice	1. <u>A</u> _____	1. <u>N</u> _____	1. <u>P</u> _____
2nd choice	2. <u>A</u> _____	2. <u>N</u> _____	2. <u>P</u> _____
3rd choice	3. <u>A</u> _____		3. <u>P</u> _____

My current ministry involvement is... (please check one)

----- Deacon

----- Elder

----- Pastor

----- Pastoral care worker

----- Ministry leader

----- Small group leader

----- Youth leader

----- Outreach/Evangelism

----- Other (please specify)-----

