

MINISTRY NETWORKING DAY

Friday, May 23, 2008
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Burlington Christian Reformed Church
3422 New Street, Burlington

“Open the Window!”

(Scriptural contexts: Isaiah 58, Matthew 12 and James)

AGENDA

9:00 Arrival

- Setting up displays
- Coffee and light snack

9:30 Opening

Guest Speaker:

Pastor Ed Top
The Lantern Community Church, Calgary AB

Interactive discussion and learning

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Afternoon Workshops (see over for descriptions)
Choose One:

A. Exploring Strategies for Resource Development / Fundraising

Lisa Hoekstra – Director of Community Relations, Shifra Home, Burlington ON

B. What is a Christian ministry and How do I Know I Work in One?

Steven Rolfe: Director of Education and Community Development,
Homestead Christian Care, Hamilton ON

C. A Church with Mobile Feet

Pastor Ed Top: The Lantern Community Church, Calgary, AB

2:45 Break

3:00 Closing

3:30 Departure

Morning Keynote Address

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Business folks are astute at calculating the success of their enterprises. They either need to respond quickly to changing circumstances, or go broke. Many institutions have the luxury of not having to move that fast. That's a blessing. That's also a curse. Over time, all organizations must evaluate their visions and make a decision between closing their doors or opening their windows to take on fresh air.

We'll spend part of the morning discussing *the airflow of open windows*. During the second half of the morning we will discuss how to facilitate change when change hurts, and how we can facilitate change when institutions aren't necessarily structured for change.

Afternoon Workshop Options:

A. Exploring Strategies for Resource Development / Fundraising

Lisa Hoekstra – Director of Community Relations, Shifra Home, Burlington ON

Lisa is eager to share from her experience as the Director of Community Relations with Shifra Home, a new maternity residence that opened its doors in August 2006. Lisa brings more than 7 years of fundraising experience to this discussion.

B. What is a Christian ministry and How do I Know I Work in One?

Steven Rolfe: Director of Education and Community Development, Homestead Christian Care, Hamilton ON

We believe we are called to serve others through our faith. We seek to build healing relationships that are balanced between knowledge, skill and compassion. This workshop will engage questions of faith in action, and help us describe what our ministry and our faith practice can look like.

C. A Church with Mobile Feet

Pastor Ed Top: The Lantern Community Church, Calgary, AB

Every four or five weeks, Lanternites get out of their pews on a Sunday morning to invest in the community. They head out to “do church” because God mandated not only sincere worship and reflection, but also humble service. How were relationships built between the church and the organizations and people served? What would it take for “mobile feet” to happen in your community?