

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Afternoon Workshops:

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Method of Payment: _____

(Cheque, cash, group registration
through your church)

Return registration to:

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Where: Fellowship CRC, Brighton, On
204 Main St.
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Directions: From the 401
take exit 509 for Hwy 30.
If you are coming from Toronto, turn
right (south) at Hwy 30, if you are
coming from Belleville, turn left (south)
at Hwy 30
Slight left at Young St.
Turn right at Main St.
Fellowship will be on your right.

When: **Saturday, March 27, 2010**
Registration begins 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Who: Everyone who is interested in learning
more about their Christian faith and in
being encouraged as Christians

Cost: Still only \$25.00 for the entire day, if
registration is received before Friday,
March 12. which includes lunch and
refreshments

Please register early, as registration is
limited.

Registration:
Mon. Feb. 15– Fri. Mar. 12 **\$25.00**
Sat. Mar. 13—Fri. Mar. 19 **\$35.00**
Registrations received after Mar. 20 will
only be accepted if room is still avail
able and will not include lunch. **\$35.00**

FORMAT:

Morning: Keynote Speaker
Break Out Groups
Noon Lunch
Afternoon: Workshops



AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

- 1. ARE WE HELPING OR HURTING?** The material gap between the rich and poor is so great locally and globally. Let's explore biblical principles and real-life situations to consider the offer of grace-filled responses which results in a genuine love for our neighbour that mutually transforms **Katie Karsten** is Regional Diaconal Ministry Developer with Diaconal Ministries Canada. She considers it a privilege to equip deacons to lead churches so that God's people may become encouraged and motivated for "loving our neighbour".
- 2. COMMUNITIES OF GRACE, GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY:** Core values have a direct impact on how we walk with people; focus is on Grace Gratitude and Generosity as core Christian values and how they specifically undergird our ministry engagement with individuals and families living with poverty. **Rick Tobias** is the president and CEO of the Yonge St. Mission, which has been meeting the needs of people living in poverty in Toronto for 113 years. He speaks frequently on Canadian poverty and strategies for community-wide change.
- 3. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!:** In this interactive workshop, learn about using effective communication skills and building relationships to help you provide the gift of compassion to chronically or terminally ill persons and their families. **Ida Tichelaar** is a Registered Nurse and a Certified Hospice Palliative Care Nurse. She works as a Palliative Care Consultant/Educator in the hospitals, community and long term care homes of Elgin and Oxford Counties and is one of 6 authors of the current hospice palliative care education courses developed in Southwestern Ontario and now used throughout the province.
- 4. TANDEM LEADERSHIP:** What are the seven characteristics that define excellent Christian leaders? What are the five things that can undo them? In a presentation using illustrations from their book *In Tandem: a sea to sea cycling odyssey*, Peter and Marja Slofstra seek to answer these two vital leadership questions. **Peter & Marja Slofstra:** Peter is the pastor of Hope Fellowship Church in Courtice. He has been married to Marja for 39 years and they have 2 married daughters and 3 granddaughters.
- 5. TRADE WITH A CONSCIENCE:** Half of the world makes less than \$2.50 a day. Profit-focused conventional trade has devastating effects on people and communities worldwide. How can we address this global inequity? Fair trade is an alternative philosophy that provides vital, fair income to producers worldwide and allows them to afford food, housing, health care and education. **Angie Fazekas** is the manager at Ten Thousand Villages in Cobourg. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit, fair trade organization that provides vital, fair income to artisans worldwide by selling their products and telling their stories in North America.
- 6. UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT:** If the only constant is change and the world is chaotic, how do we do ministry? Are there radical questions we need to ask or perhaps a new paradigm (way of thinking) we need in this postmodern context? Come consider what might be in the future of the church. **Erick Schuringa** is a 43 year old pastor leading his second congregation, Immanuel CRC Brampton, married with three teenage children. Loves hockey, leadership, and chaos – planning to write a book on the last two, mostly the last one.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Rick Tobias is best known for his life-long advocacy on behalf of low-income and marginalized people. His early professional experience in his native Saint John, New Brunswick introduced him to poverty that spans generations and requires a broad-based approach to change.

Rick began refining his understanding through his undergraduate degree in Sociology (B.A.) from Acadia University. He pursued a focus on urban communities, graduating from the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education, in Chicago, and completing a Master of Divinity degree at Acadia Divinity College. In 2003 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity by McMaster University.


Prior to joining the staff of Yonge Street Mission in 1983, Rick primarily worked to develop programs and ministries to address the needs of low income and inner city residents in Atlantic Canada.

In 1983, he became coordinator of YSM's Evergreen Centre, which he refocused to address needs of street youth. His innovative work at Evergreen led to the invitation to become YSM's CEO, a position he has held since 1989.

Rick has spoken hundreds of times on Canadian poverty, urban ministry, youth-at-risk and strategies for community-wide change. He appears frequently on television and radio, and in print media, and is sought after as a consultant and coach. Since 1984 he has been a regular lecturer at Tyndale University College & Seminary, and has both taught and consulted abroad.

Rick lives in Toronto with his wife Charis, who owns a graphic design business. They have two adult sons, Jeremy and James. Apart from family and work, his key interests are motorcycling, music, and deepening his understanding of personal spirituality.

WORSHIP LEADER:

 began as a praise band at Hope Fellowship church and has had the opportunity to lead worship across Southern Ontario at a variety of conferences, youth events and churches. They feel strongly that their purpose in life is to glorify God in everything we do. God has given them the gift of music to communicate His love to everyone they come in contact with. Their prayer is that God will open the doors and opportunities to share the life-changing story of God's love and plan for salvation through Jesus Christ. StonesThrow has released two CD's, "Lay it Down" in 2004 and "Rocks Will Shout" in 2006. Both of these CD's highlight the style and flavour of their music, a mix of Praise and Worship and rhythmic Christian Rock.