

# DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)



**Saturday, October 15, 2011**  
Hamilton District Christian High School, Ancaster, Ontario

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 welcome you to join us at the Day of Encouragement on October 15, 2011 in Ancaster. There will be great worship, wonderful fellowship and plenty of opportunities to be equipped!

Our theme for this year comes from Romans 15:13. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." As Christians, we can and should encourage each other. But, more importantly, the Holy Spirit provides the gift of hope to us. This divine gift lifts us up and fills us with His power.

Come and join with hundreds of people who will gather together in Christ's name to worship and celebrate the gift of hope that comes from God. There are plenty of workshops to inspire and equip you to serve confidently where God has placed you. And, many conversations take place that will remain with you in the months to come.

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

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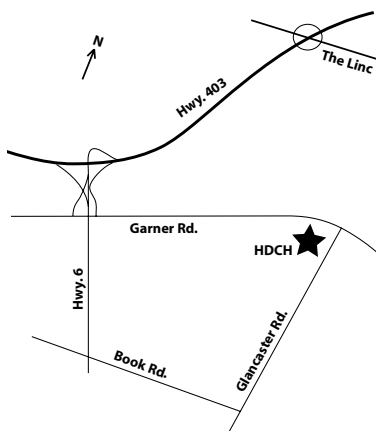


## Venue

Hamilton District  
Christian High School  
• 92 Glancaster Rd.,  
Ancaster, Ont.  
• [www.hdch.org](http://www.hdch.org)

### Directions:

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



## Schedule for the day

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

### \*Annual General Meeting

The Diaconal Ministries Canada Annual General Meeting is intended for deacons only. Each diaconate should send one representative. Background material for the meeting will be mailed to each diaconate in September.

### 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 serve our neighbours! Together we will answer many of the “What do I do now?” questions.

### 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 some answers to these questions and other questions you may have.

### A3. Toward Truth, Reconciliation, and Right Relationships

*Steve van de Hoef*

The Blanket Exercise is an interactive exploration of the relationships between Europeans and Aboriginal nations in Canada. Through it, we will learn about our shared history and the churches' role in reconciliation with our Aboriginal neighbours.

### A4. Supporting Families with Disabilities

*Mark Stephenson*

This panel will consist of people deeply affected by disabilities. The discussion will be designed to offer encouragement and ideas to all who attend including elders, deacons, pastoral caregivers and other families with various disabilities—sensory, mental, intellectual, and physical. Rev. Mark Stephenson, Director of Christian Reformed Disability Concerns, will moderate the panel discussion.

### A5. Leading People to Spiritual Freedom

*Joy Locke & Erick Schuringa*

Come learn about how to guide people out of brokenness caused by a distorted understanding of who they are and into a healthy acceptance of their true self as called and shaped by God. Spiritual counseling and prayer ministry are means of allowing God to heal inner wounds.

### A6. Journey of Addiction ... and the Church

*Marjukka Snip*

This workshop will look into the various aspects, faces, facades and facts as it pertains to addiction...and the church. Interactive discussion, perspective and scriptures will be used to cover components such as awareness, signs, traits, sin/disease, the afflicted and affected, co-dependency, help, hope, support, spirituality, recovery, reintegration and more.

### A7. Multigenerational Church

*Syd Hielema*

The Christian church faces pressures to be generationalized: divided by generations. Biblical descriptions of God's people challenge us to enhance our multi-generational character. What strengths in our faith and church might we call upon to respond to these pressures? What steps may help us to address them?

### A8. Dave's Top Five

*David A. van der Woerd*

Need a lawyer's degree to do ministry? The scary black hole called “the law” can frustratingly stagnate your zest for ministry by creating fear in your heart. Laws for the Canadian charitable sector change, and church leaders are frequently confronted with confusing and alarming legal quandaries that confound them and impair their ability to effectively carry out their duties. Come for a smorgasbord of the top legal issues affecting Canadian charities today and learn tips to navigate them. Shed that legal millstone from around your neck!

### A9. Café Missio

*Marian Lensink*

Café Missio: Women's ministry is relational. In today's changing culture, can we do Bible study, in the fellowship of women, with evangelism in mind? How do we mentor and encourage the next generation? Our culture has changed — discover shifts in how we can continue to reach women with the truth of the gospel.

### A10. Yikes! Community Youth!

*Ken Dryfhout*

Ministry to community youth can be terrifying. What if they corrupt our kids? What if they don't go by our rules of “church culture”? Effective work with community youth can require us to move beyond our culture and enter theirs. This session will attempt to offer advice and discussion on how to incarnate the Gospel in a way that offers dignity and respect to the youth we encounter and the youth culture of which they are a part.

### A11. Healthy Church

*Jack Tacoma & Henry Wildeboer*

After 3 years of development, the CRC has recently released *Healthy Church*. Included in *Healthy Church* is an extensive survey that measures your congregation's self-assessment in 11 areas of church health. Also included are tools that your church can use to take full advantage of the survey to nurture its spiritual vitality. Attend this workshop to learn how to grow your church's health.

### A12. The Community Opportunity Scan: The Fusion Tool between You and Your Community

*Mark Knetsch*

This workshop is designed to equip members of established churches who are seeking to bless the community in new and fresh ways. Discover with us how the information we gather about our communities shapes the ways we engage our neighbourhoods.

### A13. HELP! God is Blessing Us with New CHRISTIANS!

*Hilda Vander Klippe*

Is your church ready to disciple, mentor, and enfold new Christians? Do new believers quickly become an integral part of the church family? This workshop will present basic principles of discipling and enfolding, with concrete examples that you can use at home.

### A14. The Power of Team Ministry

*Ben Vandezande*

We will explore the power of working in teams as staff and / or volunteers. Learn about characteristics of a healthy team, working through obstacles to working on a team and the variety of roles / strengths members bring to a team's fruitfulness. Bring stories of your team.

### A15. Being a Leader of Irresistible Influence

*Kevin DeRaaf*

Leadership is influence. How do Christian leaders become people of “irresistible influence”, helping individuals and church communities discern God's purposes for them? Explore the dynamics of godly Christian leadership.

### A16. Getting a Go Team Going

*Trish De Jong*

Churches are increasingly developing and owning their missions calling by establishing a missions leadership team. We'll unpack what a Global Outreach (GO) Team looks like, qualities that make up an awesome team, how it can ignite a fire for missions, and steps to get started. Practical examples from other CRC's will be shared.



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

\*Read a brief biography about your workshop leader at [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com) Follow the link to the **Ancaster Day of Encouragement**.

A service site is an information session where resources for ministry are shared.

### N1. Tour of Displays

Take this opportunity to go on a self guided tour of over 30 Christian ministries.

### 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 mailed to each diaconate in September.

### N3. Blogs, Uploads & Tweets: Communicating Christ in a Digital World.

*Steven Koster*

Do you get tangled in the world of Web 2.0? Can't define Wiki? Still think Facebook is the name of your old college yearbook, and that a tweet is what wakes you up at dawn on a summer morning? Then this presentation is for you. We'll take a look at what is happening to the world of digital communication, and how Back to God Ministries International is using new media to communicate the historic gospel message!

### N4. Where Should We Go?

#### How to choose a short-term mission project.

*Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo*

Is your congregation exploring increasing requests/opportunities for short-term mission trips or projects? Is it difficult deciding which to support? Come to hear practical examples to discuss cost and benefits. Learn a process for discernment!

### N5. Dispelling Myths about Refugees

*Rose Dekker & Rebecca Walker*

Fact: There are more refugees around the world than spaces for resettlement. Fact: Canada's policies and legislation are inadequate and lack in compassion. In response to these facts, CRWRC seeks to represent and protect refugees. We will discuss Canadian legislation, CRWRC's response, the media, prevailing attitudes, as well as sponsorship and advocacy opportunities.

### N6. Leading A Short-Term Mission Team: Best Ideas + Best Practices = Best Outcome

*Carol Sybenga*

Short-term mission teams require effective leaders. Learn from the experiences of others and receive valuable advice for choosing team members, raising funds, holding devotions, interacting with the community, and much more. This session will be packed with ideas and information to help prepare you and your group to serve effectively, with maximum lasting impact for the community and the team.

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### N7. Church Missions Coaching

*Trish De Jong*

Do you want to see your church have a greater missions impact but don't know how or where to start? Join us to learn how a focused approach can help a stuck church bring their missions potential to life.

### N8. Beginnings Family Services

*Kerry Vandergriff*

How do couples navigate the medical options available by new Assisted Reproductive Technologies? Hear about our new Infertility Counselling for couples experiencing infertility and loss. Also, our Embryo Donation program offers a life-affirming opportunity for couples facing the dilemma of what to do with surplus embryos following successful IVF.

### N9. English Conversation Circles for Immigrants

*Irene Bakker*

How can you welcome "the foreigner at your gate?" Churches are discovering that English Conversation Circles do more than help newcomers to Canada practice their English, they also provide a way to grow friendships and build bridges between cultures. Learn how your church can provide this welcome to newcomers in your community.

### N10. The Mess: Finding 'Home' in Community.

*Gil Clelland*

What do our impoverished friends really need? Is it money, housing, education, or a good work ethic? OR is it something more? Something deeper? Something more human? In these 45 minutes, Gil Clelland from The Sanctuary in London, ON will discuss the roots of poverty in Canada. We will look at some common solutions and some fresh Biblical responses...and perhaps we will begin to see and admit our own poverty.

### N11. CRWRC Disaster Response Update

*Wayne deJong*

Learn how CRWRC and its partners are showing Christ's love in response to major disasters in challenging contexts such as Haiti, Pakistan, Indonesia, and throughout Africa. Listen to the inspiring stories of families whose lives have been rebuilt and whose hope has been restored!



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

### N12. For Youth Leaders

*Hosted by Marcel deRegt*

From meetings to reality:

Let's move from thinking about it to doing it! Join us for some round table discussion sharing best ideas on how to integrate youth into the life of the church. Together we will begin the process of a step by step strategic plan on how to implement those ideas into the life of your church.

### N13. Putting Words Into Action

*Hosted by Steve Kabetu & Steve van de Hoef*

Come to hear stories and discuss practical steps along the journey of reconciliation with our Aboriginal neighbours.

### N14. For Disability Advocates: Getting Practical

*Hosted by Mark Stephenson*

Whether you are a disability advocate, have a member in your church who is affected by disabilities, or just want to learn more, please join us. We'll share ideas and stories of great things happening in churches to engage people with disabilities in the life and ministry of the church.

### N15. Networking with Outreach Teams

*Hosted by Hilda Vander Klippe*

If you are involved with the outreach and evangelism efforts of your church, this is for you! Come for a time of sharing ideas and resources along with a healthy dose of encouragement.

### N16. Ministry Coordinators Conversation

*Hosted by Helen Van Beilen*

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 volunteer, you are welcome to join!

Mark your first and second choice for the service sites/chatrooms on your registration form.



### **P1. Deacons: Called to be Servant Leaders**

*Katie Karsten*

Deacons in local congregations are in a unique position to contribute to what God is able to do in and through His church. Discover together how deacons may be key catalysts for motivating the congregation for ministry. Building a culture of “loving our neighbour” requires more than deacons alone can accomplish!

### **P2. What Makes for a Good Sermon?**

*Al Wolters*

Part of the responsibility of office-bearers (especially elders) in the Reformed tradition is to supervise the preaching of the Word. Yet many office-bearers feel ill-equipped to exercise that responsibility, with the result that it is often neglected, or sermons are unfairly criticized on the basis of inappropriate criteria. This workshop will discuss some of the guidelines that may be used in evaluating a sermon.

### **P3. Can You Walk and Pray at the Same Time?**

*Jessie Cooper*

Prayer changes things! In New Jersey, a group began a prayer walk in a dangerous neighbourhood -- 4 years later, the crime rate dropped by 85%! Is prayer walking for you? Is it a viable ministry for your church? Hear how you can begin this ministry at a personal level, for a small group, or for your entire church or neighbourhood.

### **P4. Can These Bones Live?**

*Henry Wildeboer & Jack Tacoma*

Are we thriving or merely surviving? What will it take to energize or revitalize our churches? Some essential issues must be faced? What kind of leaders do we need? Lots of room for discussion and questions...

### **P5. MISSIONAL: Buzzword or More?**

*Adrian Van Giessen*

Join an interactive discussion about a word that is impacting the way we look at ministry in Canada. Why is the word “missional” creating such a buzz? What does it mean for the local church? What doesn't it mean? How does our understanding of “missional” impact local ministry and our personal image as followers of Jesus? This workshop will help shape a biblical understanding of ‘missional’ and how that affects the CRC across Canada.

### **P6. Too Many Voices**

*Beth Fellingner*

The church that sits and waits - hoping the world will notice it- is destined to disappear. There are simply too many voices, choices and options in our society. Many people in your church's neighbourhood haven't noticed you, even if they drive past your doors everyday. This workshop will give insight in how to build on-ramps to your community using tools like Alpha and H2O to connect and bring your community and church together.

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



### **P7. Beyond the Welcome: Churches Responding to the Immigrant Reality in Canada**

*Alison Witt*

Canadian churches are indeed welcoming recent immigrants. But how do we move beyond the welcome toward fully integrating new-to-Canada families into church life? We will introduce a new tool released by World Vision created to examine congregational life through the eyes of new immigrants. The toolkit includes an assessment, an action plan, and resources to help us move forward.

### **P8. Developing a Personal Vision Statement for Youth Ministry**

*Marcel deRegt*

As leaders we need clarity, creativity and calmness to lead our youth in discipleship. These three elements come from an understanding of personal vision for ministry and a closeness to Christ. We'll talk through the development of a personal and concrete vision statement that is doable, measurable, achievable and believable—equipping you to move forward with confidence.

### **P9. The Belhar Confession: Unity, Justice, & Reconciliation**

*Steve Kabetu*

Come and explore the three themes of the Belhar Confession: unity in the church, God's justice in the world, and reconciliation. We will examine some of the implications of these themes on our church's mission and ministry in Canada.

### **P10. Filled to Overflow? Hunger and the Millennium Development Goals**

*Steve van de Hoef*

With billions of dollars in foreign aid given each year, why are people still hungry? Come and learn about the root causes of hunger, how they are addressed by the Millennium Development Goals, and how we can ensure these Goals are met by 2015.

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### **P11. Spiritual Warfare**

*Ray VanderKooij*

Spiritual warfare is sometimes sensationalized and misunderstood. How do we understand the personal battle the Bible alerts us to and take a preventative and protective stance without being paranoid? When the enemy attacks or oppresses, how do we engage in spiritual battle? Come and explore the spiritual authority that we have in Jesus Christ, and how we can exercise it effectively.

### **P12. Depression: Walking Alongside Without Falling In**

*Jennifer Bowen*

Learn and discuss strategies to support loved ones who are struggling with depression. Gain insight into this disorder and how caregivers can position themselves in a helpful and hopeful stance, avoiding the pitfalls of helplessness, anger or despair.

### **P13. The Call to Insurgency**

*Ken Dryfhout*

Our desire for comfort and convenience has led to a reality of daily participation in the profits of oppression, poverty and slavery. Come to be challenged to live as we are called, as insurgents, committed to non-violent resistance against every oppressive form of dominant culture.

### **P14. The Web is Your Church's New Front Door**

*Jerod Clark*

When people are looking for a church to attend, most will go online to check out approximately 12 options online before ever walking through the physical door of a church. What does your church website say about you? Learn about web strategies: from planning and designing to content creation and updating. Make your website visitor friendly as well as useful for members.

### **P15. Through the Eyes of Courageous Women**

*Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo*

How do women in developing countries help change families or communities to overcome poverty and injustice? Hear the stories and learn practical tips from them. Explore the opportunities to support and join them.

# Registration Information

Choose one of the following ways to register.

## 1. Online Registration

Go to [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com)  
Follow the "Day of Encouragement" link to register. Payment can be made by Paypal or by mailing in your cheque.

## 2. Group Registration

You can register online as a group from your church (one payment).  
Begin at [www.diaconalministries.com](http://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.

## 3. Mail Registration Form

Complete the tear-off registration form and mail with payment to:

Diaconal Ministries Canada  
PO Box 5070, STN LCD 1  
Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8

## When Paying by Cheque

To reduce your wait time at registration, mail in your cheque prior to the event. Please make cheques payable to 'Diaconal Ministries Canada'.

### Questions about registration?

Telephone: 905-336-0967 ext. 278  
E-mail: [mdeboer@crcna.org](mailto:mdeboer@crcna.org)

## Payment (includes refreshments and lunch)

Early registration: **\$65** per person  
On or before: October 5, 2011

Registration: \$75 per person  
After: October 5, 2011

No refunds after October 5, 2011.

**REGISTER EARLY**  
Registration is on a first come,  
first served basis!

# Registration Form



(See instructions on back of this page)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate your first, second and third choices for morning and afternoon workshops and first and second choices for service sites/chatrooms using the corresponding number.)

	<b>Morning Workshop:</b> (10:15-12:00)	<b>Service Site/ Chatroom:*</b> (12:45-1:30)	<b>Afternoon Workshop:</b> (1:45-3:30)
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...  
(check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Deacon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Elder
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral care worker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Small group leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Youth leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach/evangelism
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 equipping to members of the church in Ontario.



## DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA

DMC's mission is to inspire, equip and encourage deacons, churches and their partners as they join in God's transforming work in communities.

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### For More information:

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