



TRUE TO GOD'S WORD - The Future of the PCC

Agenda

May 2017

Friday, May 12th

8AM -12PM: Registration - Main Foyer

8:00-9:00 AM: Coffee and Connecting – Agape Centre

9:00 AM Devotional – Welcome: Rev. Peter Han, Sr. Minister, Vaughan Community Church

Segment 1

10:00 AM: Panel Discussion – The experience of other denominations in the face of doctrinal change. Martin Kreplin, Minister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, Chair

Panelists:

- Carmen Fowler Laberge, President, Presbyterian and Editor, Presbyterian Laymen, PCUSA (via skype)
- Rev. Ed Skutshek, pastor and former lawyer, President, Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations
- Rt. Rev. Charlie Masters, Diocesan Bishop – Anglican Network in Canada

11:00 AM - Break

11:15 AM – Breakout discussion groups – Agape Centre

Segment 2

12:00 PM - Rev. Dr. Kevin Livingston: Reformed Models of Unity. Bethel Chapel

Dr. Livingston is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and has served congregations in Seattle, Scotland, Vancouver, Cambridge, and most recently, the historic Knox Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Passionate about the integration of pastoral ministry and theological education, he previously served as adjunct professor at McMaster Divinity College and Tyndale Seminary. His research interests are in the ministry of preaching and the renewal of the church. Dr. Livingston serves on the Board of Directors of the Latin America Mission and several committees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

12:45 PM Lunch: Agape Centre

1:30PM – 230PM: Panel Discussion: Possible Future Directions for the Church. Rev. James Statham. Chair

Panelists include:

- Rev Choel Sun Park, former moderator of the PCC, Minister, Vancouver Korean Church
- Rev. J T Hurd, Minister, Parkwood Presbyterian Church, Ottawa and 2017 Moderatorial Candidate
- Rev. Paul Johnson, Pastor, English Ministry, Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church, Ontario
- Rev. Sherif Garas, Pastor, Almanarah Presbyterian Church, Mississauga, Ontario
- Rev. Ian Shaw, former chair of the PCC Church Doctrine Committee and former minister, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Simcoe, Ontario
- Rev. Karla Wubbenhorst, Minister, Westminister-St. Paul's, Guelph;

2:30 PM - Break

Segment 3

3:00 PM – Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner – Christian Theology engaging LGBT sexuality in our culture.

Ephraim Radner is Professor of Historical Theology at Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto, as well as a priest in the Episcopal Church (Diocese of Colorado). Following ordination and work in Burundi (East Africa), he served congregations in Brooklyn, Cleveland, New Haven, Stamford, and Pueblo. He has taught at Yale University and Iliff Seminary, as well as at the Episcopal seminary in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. His latest books include, *A Time to Keep: Theology, Mortality, and the Shape of a Human Life* (2016), and *Time and the Word: The Figural Reading of Scripture* (2016).

4:00 PM - Group Exercise – Identifying current challenges to unity in the PCC.

5:15 PM - BREAK

5:30 PM – Plenary Speaker: Bruxy Cavey – Same-Sex Marriage: A “Third Way” Approach

Bruxy is the senior pastor at The Meeting House, a church for people who aren't into church. The Meeting House is a multisite Anabaptist congregation in Ontario, Canada where thousands of people connect to God and each other through Sunday services, online interaction, and a widespread house church network. (You can learn more about The Meeting House at themeetinghouse.com.) Bruxy is also author of the bestselling book, *The End of Religion* and his new book, *(re)union*, is an overview of “The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners.”

6:30 PM: Dinner – Agape Centre

7:30 PM: Worship – Bethel Chapel

Segment 4

8:00-9:00 PM: Preparing for General Assembly – Tactics and Prayer - Bethel Chapel

Saturday, May 13th

8AM -9:30 AM: Registration Foyer

8:00 AM: Continental Breakfast - Agape Centre

8:30 AM: Devotional – Bethel Chapel

Segment 5

**9:00 AM: Dr. Gene Haas - "Distinctiveness and Mechanics of Reformed Hermeneutics"
- Bethel Chapel**

Dr. Haas is Professor of Religion & Theology, Redeemer University, and teaches and conducts research in Calvin's ethics and hermeneutics, foundational assumptions and methods relating to ethics, and specific ethical issues.

Break: 10am

10:15 AM – Panel Discussion: Establishing a Reformed Hermeneutic. Bethel Chapel

Panelists include:

- Dr. Gene Haas, Professor of Religion & Theology Department Chair, Redeemer University
- Rev. Karla Wubbenhorst, Minister, Westminster-St. Paul's, Guelph;
- Grant Gunnink, Minister, Valley View Presbyterian Church, Calgary

12:00 PM Lunch – Agape Centre

Segment 6

12:45 PM Roundtables/Discussion groups

- 1. Establishing a Pastoral Response to the LGBT community, Presentation and Q and A –**
Rev. Glen Nyhaus, Journey Ministries, Bethel Chapel
- 2. Reformed Breakout Understanding the reports on Sexuality to General Assembly, Rev.**
Calvin Brown, Chair. – Choir Room

2:00 PM: Reporting Back – Bethel Chapel

2:45 PM: Wrap Up: and next steps, Martin Kreplin, Chair, Psalt

3:00 BREAK

**3:30 PM Closing Worship Bethel Chapel w. Pastor Rick Manafo, Pastor Cornerstone Church,
Kleinburg, Ontario**

Departure