



Press Release

Colloquium of Writers & Trainers of Training Resources for Ruling Elders

Experienced writers and teachers from the United Kingdom, United States, New Zealand, and Canada, actively engaged in the development of leadership resources for ruling elders in churches of the reformed tradition, will attend a special four-day event November 29, 2007 to December 2, 2007 at Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The event is organized by the Elders' Institute, St. Andrew's Hall, a college of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and supported by a grant from the Ewart Endowment for Theological Education.

Participants will identify emerging issues and patterns in the field of leadership training of ruling elders, assess the impact of recent budget cuts and financial constraints on the field, foster networks and collegiality among writers and trainers that will strengthen the vision of the reformed movement and the practice of ruling eldership.

Spirituality and adult religious education

Leona English, Professor of Adult Education at St. Francis Xavier University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, who has written extensively on spirituality, adult education and non-clergy leadership, will deliver the keynote address at a public lecture.

What ruling elders need to know about reformed worship

A presentation by Stephen Farris, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall and Professor of Homiletics at Vancouver School of Theology.

Designing learning opportunities for ruling elders: strategies and practical tools for meeting the needs and calling of ruling elders

Lynda Pinnington, Ph.D., was named "Woman of Distinction" for her contribution to continuous learning in the community by the Cambridge (Ont.) YWCA, and is a skilled specialist in the design and delivery of training programs.

The global elders handbook—an invitation to help create a new resource for Presbyterian and reformed ruling elders

"The Global Elders Handbook: Understanding Ruling Elders in Reformed and Presbyterian Churches" is a template handbook for senior church leaders to adapt to their own contexts, which will be a key working document for the consultation to critique. It is being developed and presented by John Roxborough, Coordinator of Parish Leadership Training at the Presbyterian School of Ministry, Knox College, Dunedin, New Zealand.

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