Measuring Our Work

A Message from the Principal

Measurement in the kingdom of God is not an easy thing. Jesus talked about a sower who was rather careless with the seed, throwing it everywhere. In our worldview, it seems like such a waste. But in the kingdom-view, it’s seen as “the right thing to do.” How do we measure our work? Peter Block, in his book, *The Answer to How is Yes*, writes that we often ask “How do we measure it?” but the more appropriate question is “What measurement would have meaning to us?”

At Presbyterian College, one of those measurements is the centrality of mission. While numerous books have been written on the missional church, Jesus summed it up in two basic commandments: to love God and to love your neighbour. There is a connection between the two. Loving God draws us into the heart of God and into a world of grace and mercy. Reshaped by that grace and mercy we are directed outward to the needs of our neighbour.

This year, we have had the privilege of welcoming our neighbour from Cameroon. Prudence Sirri Neba is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. She has begun her studies at Presbyterian College with a focus on interfaith dialogue, a much-desired ministry in Cameroon. Her story is featured in this edition of the newsletter.

In February 2017, we will start a new ministry which will be part of the mission of the College both to students at McGill and across Canada. Using a program called Dependable Strengths, our goal is to assist young adults in discerning their gifts and their vocation, whether in the church or in the world. We hope to partner with 12 congregations across Canada. More information is included in this newsletter.

Theological education is meant to be a servant of mission and not separated from it. We hope the small steps we are taking will encourage you to keep us in your prayers and to support the work of the College.

Yours in ministry,

Dale Woods
Dependable Strengths—A Life-changing Experience

The Rev. Tom Vais

In June of 2015, Dale Woods asked me and two other ministers to help with a workshop at the college called “You Were Made for This—Discovering Your Dependable Strengths.” It was a conference for young adults who were in their twenties. I found the experience both uplifting and exciting and I knew I wanted to find out more about Dependable Strengths. This past October, I traveled to the University of Washington in Seattle to attend the five day Facilitator’s training course at the Center for Dependable Strengths. The experience has been life-changing for me.

The week was divided into two parts. The first part took place beginning Monday morning at 8:30. It lasted for 2½ days and we experienced the entire Dependable Strengths Articulation workshop as participants. In the second part, we spent the next 2½ days learning how to plan for and teach a Dependable Strengths workshop for groups.

Over the week I learned that within each one of us there is a unique form of excellence. Each of us has a special combination of skills, abilities and qualities. These strengths emerge early in our life and are consistent throughout life. They motivate us and they emerge without prodding. The process of identifying dependable strengths begins with a simple assignment: list Good Experiences you’ve had in your life. In Dependable Strengths context, Good Experiences are special events that meet specific criteria.

A Good Experience is something that you:
1. Feel you did well (and)
2. Enjoyed doing (and)
3. Are proud of

A Good Experience must meet all three criteria, not just one or two. For example, one time I did very well on a math exam in grade six, but I did not enjoy it. A Good Experience can come from any part of your life. They may be found in your work, home life, leisure, hobbies, and other areas. They also come from any time in your life, from early childhood, through adolescence to the present.

As we searched for our own unique skills, talents and abilities we did a variety of activities in a 62-step process. The content was solid, clear and very practical. The facilitators were very patient and passionate about the Dependable Strengths program. The workshop required a lot of writing (and rewriting) and revising and recalling, but in the end the 2½ day process was like a journey. I was able to clearly identify my own unique pattern of dependable strengths and I was also able to reflect on the many ways that God blesses these strengths. After all, these strengths came from God in the first place.

They have adapted the Dependable Strengths program for students in public schools, high schools, colleges and the university age groups. They have also modified a version for congregations. The title of that particular manual is “Discover Your Call—Dependable Strengths for Congregations.” It is in working with congregations where I personally feel God is nudging me to use my facilitator training experience.

Imagine how much stronger we could be as a Church if we gave our people opportunities to reflect on the positive experiences from their lives, tell their stories and discern together what God is calling them to be. It would help people to see how God calls them to ministry in their homes, communities and workplaces, and within their own congregations.
Dependable Strengths—Developing Future Leaders

A New Initiative of the Presbyterian College, Montreal

Dale Woods

The twenties, in terms of age, are a time of transition, challenges and opportunities. It is a time when we make important decisions that impact the rest of our lives. It is also a time when we form the skills, understanding and faith that shape our contribution to the world around us. The contributions we make, are all part of leadership. While “leader” may not be a term many young people would use to describe themselves, when considered as the capacity to influence each other, leadership is something we all participate in one way or another.

The Presbyterian College is committed to helping young people develop their leadership potential in both the church and the world. To do so, it has developed a new initiative for people in their twenties centered on a program called Discovering Your Dependable Strengths.

We are best positioned to make a difference when we know what we are good at and enjoy doing. Discovering Your Dependable Strengths is a program that helps young people understand their gifts by exploring their life experiences. Through telling their own story, people discover those gifts that consistently rise to the top and form the basis for what they do best. At the end of the program, people are asked to consider how they can use their gifts in the workplace, the community, the church and their home.

It is important to note that while Presbyterian College is focusing on young adults (we are within a 15-minute walk of 100,000 university students), this program can also be used for adults of all ages, as well as high school students.

Training for Dependable Strengths

Our goal is to train a minimum of 12 people from across Canada to run the program for young adults in their own church/community. These can be either clergy or lay people. The training will take place at Presbyterian College and will last for four days. In the first two days, the trainees will go through the dependable strengths program for themselves. In the last two days, they will learn how to lead the program. The process will be led by trained facilitators from the Dependable Strengths Program in the United States, and members of the faculty of Presbyterian College. The cost of the training is $2,500, plus travel and accommodation. All materials are provided. The College will provide lunch each day, and we hope to begin our first training program in February, 2017.

This training can be done by congregations or presbyteries. A congregation could send one person for the training, or a presbytery could partner with several congregations and send one or two people.

If you are interested in becoming part of this program, please contact the Presbyterian College by contacting Victor Gavino at vgavino@pcmtl.ca or myself at dwoods@pcmtl.ca. If you would like to talk to someone who has just completed the full training, please feel free to contact the Rev. Tom Vais at 1-416-576-3465 or tvais@tpchurch.net.
Mentoring Program: Bursting at the Seams!

Director of the Leadership Centre, Dr. Victor Gavino, reports that more than fifty ministers from across Canada, both mentors and mentees, gathered in Montreal in June 2016 for the annual week-long mentoring conference held at the Presbyterian College. Many who came were first-timers, joining with those who have been part of the program for a number of years. The theme, church renewal, was received very well. The two comments cited below are representative of the several relayed to the college.

“Best conference thus far! Many varied and refreshing conversations that provoked courage to participate more faithfully in Christ’s equipping of his church for his mission.”

“I look forward to celebrating Communion in a renewed way with our Church. I return to my parish excited about sharing what I have experienced and can’t wait to slowly start implementing some of this knowledge.”

We also welcomed mentors attending for the first time: Jeremy Bellsmith, Herb Gale, David Moody and Christine O’Reilly. They joined with the pioneers of the program, Joan Ashley, Chuck Congram, Clyde Ervine and Dale Woods, and together led a week of theological reflection, discussions on congregational ministry, worship, prayer, precious camaraderie, and more.

Late in the week at free time, praise singing in the college courtyard was a joyous and sacred time of lively music-making, with Curtis Wilson and Christine O’Reilly on guitars. “The jam session in the courtyard will be remembered for decades! More singing please!” wrote one.

The next mentoring conference will be held on June 19-22, 2017. This program is open to all ministers of Word and Sacraments within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is obviously meeting a need among our ministers from coast to coast.

A New Future for the Pastors-to-Pastors Program

Ashland Seminary has discontinued its Pastors of Excellence Program so our plans to bring it to Canada will not work out. However, the College is working on the possibility of a two-pronged combination of the Mentoring Program with the Pastors-to-Pastors Program that we planned to create in memory of the Rev. Dr. Ian Victor. While this has resulted in a delay to the implementation of the memorial in Ian’s name, we believe it has great potential for the support and encouragement of our ministers in the PCC, which was Ian’s passion.

News from the Board

Residence

Generous gifts have enabled the renovation of six student rooms. More will be done as more gifts are received. Plans to start a mandatory meal plan for residents were cancelled when applications for rooms decreased substantially. Renovations to the basement kitchen have made it more suitable for the residents to prepare their own meals. After these changes, applications increased immediately and almost all of the rooms are occupied this term.

Finances

A Sustainability Planning Committee reported on its review of the College’s financial status. While current deficit levels are in line with expectations under the Strategic Plan, such deficits are not sustainable over the long term. Emphasis is being placed on (1) reducing expenses, especially in the areas of building costs, new program startup and capital campaign costs, and (2) on increasing revenue in the areas of new programs,

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Conversations on the Road:
Insights and comments from our graduates

Glen Davis

What a pleasure it has been for me over the past year to visit with many alumni of Presbyterian College in several parts of the country. Our conversations covered a broad range of subjects, including the challenges facing ministry today, the future of theological education in the PCC, and how our colleges can better prepare leaders for the church. Here is a sampling of their comments.

“One of the conversations was with the Rev. Ritchie Robinson, minister at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, North Sydney, N.S.

“When I graduated 45 years ago, we knew what was expected of us as ministers; we served well-established churches that were respected in the community. Our role in leading worship, preaching, pastoral visiting, and acting as “chaplain” to community organizations was clearly defined. But today’s graduates are sent out into a changed society and a situation of continuous flux that is anything but stable. They go to churches where they are expected to lead renewal and revitalization, and reverse the tide of decline, all without upsetting people by changing things! I don’t envy them.”

“The major challenge in my first few years of ministry has been to learn the practical things that were not covered in seminary. How do I deal with a session that is stuck in the past, or with a dominant elder who wants to go back to the way things were when we had 60 kids in the Sunday school? How do I deal with the pastoral care of a dysfunctional family that has just lost a loved one? How do I help a congregation move out of survival mode into missional mode? I’m not equipped to face these challenges.”

“Too many of our new graduates come to us with only a minor acquaintance with the laws and rules of the church. They don’t know much about the Book of Forms, and don’t know where to look to find answers to their questions about procedure. They need to learn the wisdom and practical helpfulness in that book and take it seriously.”

“I hesitate to support our college for a five-year period because I’m not sure that PC will even be here in five years. However, I’m impressed by the new things the college has hatched recently, so here is my one-time gift.”

“Our church structures are still designed for a Christendom model. They are ponderous, anachronistic and unsuited to a day in which we need to be nimble and creative in responding to the dramatic changes that face us. I see few signs that we are doing more than rearranging the chairs on the Titanic. We need leaders who are prepared to take risks, risks that could result in failure, but that is far better than not trying at all.”

“Whatever happened to ministers who regularly visit their people? How can ministers get to really know their people unless they create opportunities for visiting them at their homes or workplaces? And if they don’t know them, how can they proclaim a gospel that is relevant to their needs and context? The college needs to place emphasis on faithful pastoral visits.”

“With the increasing number of mostly rural congregations that are no longer able to afford even a halftime minister, we need a program in our college for committed lay people who will be trained in the basics of biblical theology, preaching and leading worship. Presbyteries need to be willing to appoint them, mentor them and oversee their work. This would infuse smaller congregations with new life and enable them to carry on an important witness and ministry in their communities. This is a viable alternative to shutting the doors and saying sad goodbyes. Is PC ready to help us in this task of training? Much of it could be done online and by visiting professors who would teach intensive courses.”

“These are a few of the things I have heard in my visits. Perhaps these comments will spur your thinking. We would love to get your comments and contributions to this ongoing conversation. Our college is here to serve the church, and we want to do that more than anything else.”
Taking a Leap of Faith—Campaign Update

Tahra De Lallo

Two years into our five-year Taking a Leap of Faith campaign, we have raised $1.1 million in gifts and pledges towards our goal of $1.75 million. We have been truly blessed by the generous and continued support of the College community, which includes our alumni, friends, family, and the community at large. No matter how big or how small the gift, we have been touched by the wonderful support we have received. Please accept our sincere gratitude.

Generosity inspired by others

Have you ever puzzled over what to give to someone who has shown incredible generosity to you? How do you honour and celebrate someone who has truly touched your life? And how do you honour a College which has given so much and so generously to the life and ministry of our church? Some of our friends are discovering a single answer to both of those questions.

They realize how much a loved one or friend appreciated the contribution that Presbyterian College made to his or her life and ministry. So they decide to honour both their family member and the College by making a generous gift to the Taking a Leap of Faith campaign, a gift to ensure that the College will be able to continue its crucial work of preparing leaders for the future of the church they love.

Tucked into this newsletter you will find a card called Generosity Inspired by Others which offers an opportunity to give a gift to honour or remember a friend, mentor or loved one. The individual or family, depending on which type of gift you are giving, is notified by Presbyterian College of your thoughtfulness, but the actual gift amount is not disclosed. (All gifts will be receipted to the donor for tax purposes.)

For those of you who have thought about giving but haven’t gotten around to it yet, or have not yet experienced the joy of investing in the future leadership of our church by giving to Presbyterian College, please visit our website at

generosityinspiredbyotherspresbyteriancollege.ca/donate

Your gift will make a difference, both to our students and to the future of our church as it continues to engage in God’s mission in the world.
Bequest from Dr. William Klempa—A Planned Gift

This gift will fund lectures on “the church and the issues of the day.” It is Dr. Klempa’s hope that the lectureship will feature a leading speaker who will deliver lectures at the College that will be open to many who will be invited from the community to share in the event.

Dr. Klempa’s generous bequest will be given in the form of an endowment fund, (The Lois Stewart Klempa Memorial Endowment), the principal of which will be invested in perpetuity, and the interest will be used to fund the lectureship costs for either an annual or biennial event, as seems possible.

Doctor Klempa was asked why he thought it was important to give in this way and he said, “Most people, like myself, feel an obligation to their children, and I feel that obligation too. But my children are doing well so, in addition to their inheritance, we mustn’t forget that theological colleges, universities and churches also need to be funded in order to continue their vital work for the public good.”

Perhaps you would consider Honouring a loved one by such a planned gift. If you would like to learn more, please contact Tahra De Lallo at the College address, or by e-mail at tdelallo@pcmtl.ca.

Join our “Honorarium Club”

You are invited to join a new PC club for alumni. It is called the Honorarium Club. As we work away at our Taking a Leap of Faith campaign with a goal of $1.75 million to support the great new programs at the College, we are meeting with as many grads as possible and inviting them to make a gift.

One of the things I hear all the time is, “I can only make a small gift, and I wish it could be more.” I fully understand that to write a cheque for $1,000 or $2,000 right away is difficult for most of our ministers, so here is a way to make it much easier. Most of us receive honoraria for special services such as a wedding, a funeral or supply preaching. If you commit to giving one honorarium per year for five years to the College, voila! You are giving a total gift of about $1,000 to PC for its new programs, all of which are designed to prepare exceptional leaders for the challenges they face in ministry in this changing time. If 100 of you join this club and give $200 per year for five years that would be $100,000 for the College. All you have to do is go to our website at presbyteriancollege.ca, click on DONATE and fill in the total amount you are pledging and check installments.

We already have ten graduates who have joined the club, so let’s get another 90. Make it a Christmas gift to the College. It will be an investment that bears interest well into the future. Also, here’s a bonus. Anyone who pledges $1,000 will receive a gift copy of our 150th Anniversary book, “Still Voices—Still Heard!” We hope to welcome you to the club soon.

Glen Davis
From Cameroon to Montreal

—a long journey in more than miles

The Rev. Dr. Lucille Marr, College Chaplain

The Rev. Prudence Sirri Neba, the first Presbyterian minister from Cameroon to receive the opportunity to come to Canada to study, sees this gift through Presbyterian College’s Faith to Faith—Face to Face program as nothing short of a miracle. “I just thank God,” she tells me as we chat at the College.

As the conversation unfolds, I learn that right from childhood Prudence’s potential for ministry was affirmed. This she attributes to her mother who taught her five children Christian principles. “I am who I am today because my mother played a strong spiritual role,” she affirms. “It was my mother who taught us to go on our knees before God, declaring that ‘prayer is the master key.’”

Despite the affirmation by family and church leadership, Prudence’s journey into ministry was a long one. Her parents worked for Presbyterian Church-run institutions, her mother as a nurse at Acha-Tugi hospital and her father as a teacher at the Acha-Tugi Public School. Prudence’s desire to follow her mother into medicine was aborted by financial pressures. In the attempt to take her father’s professional path, she soon learned that teaching was not her strength. Finally, while working as a waitress at the seaport of Douala, Cameroon’s economic capital, her call was re-affirmed through the worshiping community there. It was the pastor who helped rekindle God’s call and encouraged her to write the entrance exams for seminary.

She had no rest until she was able to pray through this decision. Prudence recalls how she covenanted with God that she would write the exam only once. If she was successful, the answer would be clear. The answer was certainly clear—“an overall first!” So, on August 28, 2004, Prudence entered the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Kumba, Kosalla.

Over her nine years as minister of Word and Sacrament, Prudence has served the Cameroon Presbyterian Church in five parishes. Most recently, she was called as associate pastor to the parish in Douala, responsible for four thousand people on a given Sunday. Besides the six congregations and two prayer cells this represents, her ministry has included appointments as Chaplain of Douala’s Presbyterian Secondary School, Regional Secretary for Youth Work and Treasurer for Mungo Presbytery. Travel is by bicycle and “it is difficult to do everything,” she confides. Furthermore, as a female pastor, “it’s not always easy” to bear the opposition from both women and men, especially in this large congregation “where people knew me as a youth who had been part of their community. By God’s grace I did my best,” she asserts quietly. “As St. Paul wrote, ‘God’s grace is sufficient.’”

When Prudence entered seminary, she had been married to Nforlem Pius Ngwa for a year. He was raised Roman Catholic. Her deep gratitude for his decision to follow her to the Presbyterian church, his understanding and support through the rigors of seminary training, the grief of her mother’s death mid-way through her studies, and the daily challenges in her ministry, is clearly evident.

Of course, she misses him and their eight year old son Nforlem Treasure Amba, as well as the nieces and nephews that they are responsible for, but her gratitude for this long-dreamed-of opportunity for further studies shines through. “Culturally and infra-structurally”
Montreal and Douala are “two different worlds,” she notes. Subdued Canadian worship is in stark contrast to the vibrancy of Cameroonian services. “At home, we spend more time in the presence of the Lord,” she says reflectively. And the academic structure provides challenges. With the variety of courses for students to choose from, it is harder to find peers to study with than it was in seminary in Cameroon. And the clothes one needs in a cold climate—“My family wouldn’t recognize me going to church in jean trousers!” she chuckles.

With this first opportunity to leave her country and explore the world, Prudence is embracing the opportunities for learning that she has been offered. “In one month my world view has changed... I just thank God. It’s an answered prayer.”

Letter from our new Alumni Association President

One of the greatest gifts of The Presbyterian Church in Canada is the promise that we are never called to undertake ministry by ourselves, for not only are we given the gift of the Spirit to guide us in our shared ministry, we have also been blessed with the many people that God’s Spirit brings into our life to support us, to challenge us, to pray for us and to pick us up when we stumble.

I got to experience this gift first hand this past spring when I felt the support of my brothers and sisters in ministry as the flames almost destroyed the city that I had called my home for the past eight years. I am currently serving at Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church in Windsor, but until June 15, I was the minister at Fort McMurray, which meant that I was part of that great evacuation. I had to deal with the fear and uncertainty of what might or might not be waiting for me when the fires burned out, while trying to minister to a congregation in exile spread out between two different cities.

It would be a lie to say that this tragedy was an easy time for me, but what got me through the fire and the month of waiting was the constant reminder that I was not alone. That, and all the polity lessons that were drilled into me during my time at PC! For, surprisingly, when you’re short on sleep and not sure of the next step to take during an emergency, it helps a lot to remember how our church operates. It not only reminds us of the truth that we are not alone, it also helps us to find the help and support we need when the storms of life come crashing down on us.

Within moments of contacting the national offices, my phone, e-mail, and Facebook were flooded with messages of support and prayers, along with offers of places to stay and even help with rebuilding what the flames might have destroyed. Many of those messages came from those within our Presbyterian College family, as people were willing to give all they could to support me during those hard times. I am grateful for every prayer and every message of support and encouragement. It meant the world to me to be reminded that I was not alone. That is why I agreed to serve as president of our Alumni Association so that I, in turn, could pay this blessing forward, and so that together we could strengthen our bonds of fellowship, find new ways to stay connected, support one another and share our ministry.

For none of us have been called to do this job alone, but to work together as a family of faith and, with God’s help, to create something new. To build up this fellowship, I have created a new Facebook page called the Presbyterian College alumni page, and I invite all of you to join. I pray that it will become a great tool for us to share our resources and ideas so that we can inspire each other, pray for one another, share our problems and joys and celebrate together as one family of faith. So, I hope that I will see you all online soon, and remember that you are never alone.

Blessings,
Lisa Aide

Lisa Aide replaces the Rev. Andrew Thompson, to whom we express our thanks for his past service as President.
Presbyterian College Retreat 2016: “Being and building prayerful Christian community”

THE REV. DR. LUCILLE MARR, COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

In early September, Presbyterian College students and faculty travelled to Lake MacDonald in the beautiful Laurentians for our annual retreat. Sharing our stories while participating in joyful and energetic worship, enjoying wonderful meals, praying together, hiking, watching and discussing a movie, all held the promise of the supportive community environment necessary for a successful year of study. As one student put it, “it was a welcome opportunity to be surrounded by peers and exchanging ideas and experiences with peers and experienced teachers/leaders.”

Highlights included time to reflect together on Scriptures that were particularly meaningful to each person, and talking about ministry and hospitality from the contemporary perspective of a movie. These were times when, as one student put it, “we could get to know people better, both individually and as a group.” Others were touched, “by the gift of experiencing worship with students and staff who are committed to worshipping and serving God.” A variety of worship styles reflected by the multiple backgrounds—age, ethnic origins, and denominations. Most would echo these words: “It’s wonderful that denominational barriers are broken down, as happens where we are totally Christ-focused.”

Perhaps the following says it best: “Excellent, bravo. Wonderful to have such a focus on Christ, on worship. Yes, there was holy ground.” As the words of members of this year’s student body here testify, “Presbyterian College’s Academic Year 2016-17 is off to a good start. What a gift for the future of the church!”

Nurturing Relationships in Taiwan

THE REV. DR. ROLAND J. DE VRIES, DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL STUDIES

The relationship between The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) has been a warm and close one for many decades. And one of the ways this relationship is nurtured is through exchanges between the theological seminaries of the two denominations. In May of 2016, representatives of the Presbyterian College shared in one such event—a combined theological conference of the two churches, held at Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary, on the East Coast of Taiwan.

Yu-Shan is a seminary dedicated to the training of aboriginal pastors for the more than 500 aboriginal Presbyterian congregations in Taiwan.

The theme of the conference was contextual theology, focusing on what it
means that the good news of Jesus Christ must always be expressed in a particular time, place, and culture. Our student participant was David Sturtevant, along with faculty members Dale Woods and Roland De Vries. In addition to presenting and responding to papers, our delegates were pleased to participate in celebrations of the 70th anniversary of Yu-Shan Seminary.

The trip also included some time visiting significant sites around Yu-Shan, with a visit to Chi-Oang Memorial Church (Pastor Kowsang) and to the impressive geological formations of Toroko National Park—there was even a moment to go knee-deep in the surf of the Pacific Ocean. (It wasn’t a clear day, so Vancouver Island couldn’t be seen!) The Presbyterian College looks forward to building on the relationships formed through this exchange, and also anticipates welcoming at least one student from Taiwan into the Master of Sacred Theology in 2017.

Roland De Vries (Director of Pastoral Studies) and David Sturtevant (Student) on the Pacific Ocean in Hualien, Taiwan.

Opportunity to Represent the College at CY2016

GLEN DAVIS

In July, PC arranged for and participated in a joint presentation by the three colleges of the PCC at the Canada Youth 2016 event at Brock University. Knox College was represented by Dr. John Vissers, St. Andrews Hall/VST by the Rev. Julie Lees, and Presbyterian College by Jillian Wood and Glen Davis. This was a unique opportunity for our colleges to work together to present the call of God to some of the key youth leaders of our church. The directors of CY2016 were pleased to have the colleges joining forces to focus on vocation rather than on promotion of one college over another. It was good to join with representatives of the other two colleges in a spirit of cooperation and common purpose. The welcome and positive response we received bodes well for the possibility of having this kind of event accepted as a regular item in the Canada Youth program.

PC’s Dependable Strengths program for young adults would make an ideal contribution to this excellent event where 500 Presbyterian Youth gather every two years to sing and pray, play and learn, and grow in their discipleship.
A conference for lay leaders, clergy, and outreach committees – to provide ideas and to spur your congregation on to creative and faithful ministry in food.

with RACHEL MARIE STONE
Rachel has edited and updated the classic More with Less cookbook, and is the author of Eat with Joy, an award-winning book on food and culture.

and NORMAN WIRZBA
Professor of Theology, Ecology, and Agrarian Studies, Duke Divinity School. Author of Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating and Making Peace with the Land.

PRACTITIONER WORSHOPS
Share in workshops with the creative team of Rebecca and Colleen at The Raw Carrot (Paris, Ontario), from the imaginative food ministry team at St. Columba Church in Montreal, and from an organization committed to helping churches care for God’s creation – A Rocha, Canada.

CONFERENCE FEES
Early Registration: $200
*Room and Meals: $265
*Total Cost: $465

* Only 36 rooms available at this rate. Meals only available at $100 for all meals.

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