



# Northern Lights

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#### Matthew 28

<sup>18</sup>Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: <sup>19</sup>Go out and train

everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." *(The Message)*

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### Our Vision

Hurts being healed, the lost being found, the hungry being fed, peace healing brokenness, hope replacing despair, lives transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

### Living Out Our Vision

Attuned to the Spirit, Equip, Empower each member of the congregations, consistories,



classis and Regional Synod, in Canada to be focused on Prayer and Ministry.

### Our New Logo!

Look for it on all correspondence, letterhead, envelopes and the web-site!



**Outcome** of 2-day Church leadership Retreat for the Executive Members of Classis BC, Canadian Prairies and Ontario as well as the members of the Regional Synod of Canada.

Each Classis will address:

1. How and by when will you mobilize and facilitate churches to align with the 10-year goal?
2. How and by when will you mobilize and facilitate church leaders in each church to adopt the revitalization process?
3. How and by when will you provide training for new church leaders and

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### Successful OUTREACH

projects conducted by the Reformed Churches in Canada as well as Special Outreach Ministries under care of Classes. Please submit articles with pictures when available to Barb Laidlaw.

## Outcome continued...

upgrading of existing church leaders?

4. How and by when and by whom will you involve your churches in the church planting process?
5. How and by when will you communicate this information to all your churches (classis members)?
6. What do you expect from the RSC in these areas?

### One in Mission - One in Prayer

Each Classis has been informed how to conduct **one in mission— one in prayer events**. Each church is invited to include prayer events during the introduction period of the RCA 10 year Goal. Resources are available, please contact Barb Laidlaw. Each church is requested to solicit two prayer warriors to pray for God's guidance in reaching the 10 Year Goal on a weekly basis. Please submit names to Barb Laidlaw and Fred Algera will organize a network or Prayer Warriors and supply them with resources and prayer requests from time to time.

### Coming Events

**Leadership Summit 2004**  
**August 12-14**  
**11 Canadian Cities via Satellite**  
**For more information:**  
[www.growingleadership.com](http://www.growingleadership.com)  
**1-800-804-0777**

**Elisha House**  
**Welland, Ontario**  
**Saturday, June 5th 2004**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Open House and Sidewalk sale**  
**For more information:**  
**905-735-9934**  
[www.ElishaHouse.on.ca](http://www.ElishaHouse.on.ca)

## 2004—2005 Synod Delegates



### 2004-2005

Vice President;  
Rev. Don Waterhouse,  
President; Rev. Les Clark,  
Executive Secretary;  
Fred Algera



### Outcome of Annual General Meeting of the Regional Synod of Canada

**Left to right - back row:** Corry Demeris, Chris Haines, Rev. Bart Keefer, Peter Dyksterhuis, Rev. Carson Culp **Left to right - second row:** Barb Laidlaw, Administration Manager, Rev. Don Waterhouse, Albert Nykamp; Treasurer, Rev. Les Clark **Left to right - front row:** Deborah Waterhouse, Fred Algera; Executive Secretary, Nina Clark, Rev. Siebrand Wilts; Stated Clerk

To Funnel resources to and provide training for local congregations via Classes to keep us connected and better equipped to serve.

*Thank you to Emmanuel Reformed Church, Whitby Ontario for hosting us so splendidly!!*

**It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Fred Algera as the new Executive Secretary of the Regional Synod of Canada.** The decision at the Regional Synod's Annual General Meeting in Whitby, Ontario (April 22-24) was both unanimous and unexpected. Fred Algera, from Elmwood Community Reformed Church, Winnipeg and a Past President of the Regional Synod has been serving as the part-time Interim Executive Secretary since May 2003. Neither he nor the Synod had considered Algera for the extended Executive Secretary position. This past year, his leadership has helped focus the Regional Synod on the Reformed Church in America's Ten Year Goal to revitalize congregations and plant new churches. In looking at its immediate future the Synod realized that initial planning and present sense of momentum were worth maintaining. After prayerful negotiation, a two year appointment agreed upon. The contract is an average fifteen days a month, (roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$ ). the balance of the funds set aside for the Executive Secretary position will be used for special Synod programming to move towards the Goal.

*Have you visited the Regional Synod Of Canada Website lately?*

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