

## program leadership

### Facilitators



Fraser Valley

**WILMA VAN DER LEEK**

*Pastor of Education, Classis BC SE/NW*

Wilma is convinced that theological education is a reflective, transforming spiritual practice belonging to the whole people of God for the sake of the world. She is available to the churches to lead prayer retreats or provide LDN-type teaching on topics of Biblical theology / Christian spirituality.

### BC Interior

**RON VANDEN BRINK**

*(pastor, The Well in Kelowna)*

**ANDREW VANDERLEEK**

*(pastor, East Hill Community Church, Vernon)*

### Governance

*The LDN board represents LDN to the two BC Classes:*

**ANDREW BEUNK**

*Pastor, New Westminster CRC*

**PERRY DACIUK, Chair**

*Langley Immanuel CRC*

**WILMA VAN DER LEEK**

*Fleetwood CRC*

**MARION VANDRIEL**

*Ladner CRC*

**MELISSA VAN DYK**

*Vancouver CRC*

## history / vision / mission

### History

The BC LDN belongs to the larger network of Leadership Development Networks in the CRC NA. The BC LDN was launched in the late 1990s under the umbrella of Home Missions to provide training for church planters. Gradually BC LDN broadened leadership training to develop all church leaders and LDN has recently been fully taken on as a ministry of classis BC NW and BC SE. Completion of LDN now provides a route to Ministry Associate<sup>1</sup> in the CRC.

### Vision

BC LDN exists to:

- discover leaders who aspire to ministry leadership in the CRC
- develop the content, competence and character of these leaders
- deploy these leaders into ministry in accordance with gifts and calling

### Mission

BC LDN will carry out its vision by:

- promoting leadership training to the Christian Reformed Churches in BC
- providing a three-year curriculum which integrates Biblical content, ministry skill competence and character development
- sending out trained leaders to engage with the mission of God

### CONTACTS

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### British Columbia

**Leadership Development Network**

*a training ministry of Classis BC NW and SE*

*“to be a great help to those who by grace have believed”*

Acts 18:27

### Do You Seek . . .

- greater maturity in your Christian faith and practice?
- in-depth, communal study of the Bible?
- a holistic approach to Christian theology and spirituality?
- a better knowledge of church history and the Reformed tradition?
- equipping in practical leadership and ministry skills?

*BC LDN offers Reformed theological training for the whole people of God, maturing disciples of Jesus Christ conversationally around the text of Scripture and the text of our lives.*

## program details

### Who is LDN For?

- current ministry leaders (elders, deacons, children's and youth pastors, worship leaders, small group leaders, etc.)
- potential leaders or leaders-in-training
- church planters and evangelists
- anyone seeking recognition as a Ministry Associate<sup>1</sup> in the CRC

### Tuition and Application

- \$1400 / year includes teachers, books & materials, lunch, retreat. Tuition is eligible for education tax receipt.
- Applications available at [www.bcldn.ca](http://www.bcldn.ca)  
Deadline: August 15, 2013

### Program

- nine full-day sessions/year, one Saturday/ month, from September to May
- three-year rotating curriculum with new participants welcome each September
- integration of Biblical content, ministry skill competence, and character formation
- monthly mentor meeting
- two day retreat each spring
- educational approach integrating worship, study, reflection, prayer, and discussion

### Meeting Locations

**FRASER VALLEY**  
Fleetwood CRC  
9165 160 St., Surrey BC V4N 2X7

**BC INTERIOR**  
East Hill Community Church  
3605 12th Street, Vernon BC V1T 3S7

1. a Ministry Associate is an office in the Christian Reformed Church for ordained local church ministry. A classical examination appropriate to the applicant's ministry role must be sustained.

## curriculum

### YEAR 1

**Old Testament** (the law and the prophets)

#### THEMES

Eat this Book (*Biblical Interpretation*)  
Old Testament Overview  
Who is God? Who are We? (*Torah*)  
People and Land (*Former Prophets*)  
Judgment and Hope (*Prophets*)  
Seven Times a Day Will I Praise You (*Psalms*)  
Where can Wisdom be Found? (*Wisdom Literature*)  
Why do the Righteous Suffer? (*Job*)  
Living Well in Exile (*Lamentations, Daniel, Esther, Ezra & Nehemiah*)

#### MINISTRY SKILLS

*Preparing and Giving a Message*  
*Living with Conflict*  
*Caring for the Earth*  
*Managing Finances*  
*Making a Pastoral Visit*  
*Praying with our Minds*

### YEAR 2

**New Testament** (this sums up the law and the prophets)

#### THEMES

New Testament Overview  
Written that You May Believe (*Gospels*)  
Making Disciples of all Nations (*Acts*)  
Apostle of a Crucified Lord (*letters of Paul*)  
The Mystery of Christ (*prison & pastoral epistles*)  
Living Well in a Hostile World (*general epistles*)  
The Supremacy of Christ (*Hebrews*)  
Here and Not Yet (*Revelation*)

#### MINISTRY SKILLS

*Leading a Meeting*  
*Making a Pastoral Visit*  
*Leading a Small Group*  
*Communicating in Culture*  
*Discipling Others*  
*Praying with our Hearts*

### YEAR 3

**Theological Reflection on the Biblical Story**

#### THEMES

Theology (*its sources, purpose, methods*)  
Water from A Deep Well (*overview of church history*)  
A Community of Love (*the Trinity*)  
The Image of the Invisible God (*Jesus*)  
Growing up in Christ (*the Holy Spirit*)  
Practicing the Language of Faith  
(*worship & sacraments*)  
By Grace, through Faith (*Reformed Spirituality*)  
What is My Only Comfort?  
(*Reformed Creeds & Confessions*)  
Christ Plays in 10 000 Places (*The Gospel & the Arts*)

#### MINISTRY SKILLS

*Personality Assessment*  
*Telling our Own Story*  
*Casting Vision*  
*Discerning the Spirits*  
*Planning & Leading a Service*  
*Shaping a Balanced Life*  
*Praying with our Bodies*

## program expectations

- attend one 2 hour orientation for new participants
- attend all monthly meetings (September-May)
- complete required reading and writing assigned each month (average 10 hours/ month between meetings)
- meet once a month with a mentor (a mature Christian of your choosing)