

program leadership

Facilitator



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Wilma remains convinced that prayerful theological reflection on the text of scripture is a transforming spiritual practice belonging to all God's people, and especially valuable for equipping leaders. In addition to facilitating the three year LDN program, Wilma is also available to the churches for a variety of one day teaching-retreat sessions called *Let's Talk About....*

A full list of L.T. A. topics is available at:

bcldn.ca/lta-session-topics/

Governance

LDN is governed by a standing committee of the two BC classes. The committee includes a pastor from each classis. Committee members, often LDN graduates themselves, exhibit a zeal for the LDN mandate to develop church leadership through the avenue of theological reflection.

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history / vision / mission

History

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 equip and develop all church leaders. In 2010 the LDN was taken on as a ministry of and for classis BC NW and BC SE. Completion of LDN provides a route to becoming a commissioned pastor 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
- providing a variety of one day Biblical training sessions for church councils (called *Let's Talk About...*)
- sending out trained leaders to engage with the mission of God in their local context



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*

*BC LDN offers Reformed
theological training for
leaders in our BC CRC
churches, equipping them
conversationally around
the text of Scripture and
the text of their 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
- those seeking ordination as commissioned pastors in the CRC
- those desiring greater maturity in their Christian faith and practice

Tuition and Application

- \$1400 / year includes books and materials, speakers, lunch, yearly retreat. Tuition is eligible for education tax receipt.
- Applications available at www.bcldn.ca
Deadline: August 30

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
- holistic approach integrating worship, study, reflection, prayer, and discussion

Meeting Location

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

* Commissioned Pastor 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

Tools for Interpretation
Leading a Bible Study
Living with Conflict
Caring for the Earth
Financial Stewardship
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
Recognizing the Kingdom
Leading a Small Group
Safe Church
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

Leadership Styles & Assessment
Telling our Own Story
Vision-Casting
Discernment
Planning & Leading a Service
Opening the Word
Praying with our Bodies

program expectations

- attend one 2 hour orientation (*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*)