



SUBJECT: SouthLand Church Round Table Discussion

Dear friends,

For the last number of years, the hope of the C&MA in Canada (and by extension the St. Lawrence District) has been the desire to see renewal spread across our country—impacting our churches, and inviting lost souls into a personal, vibrant, relationship with Jesus Christ.

A number of years ago, a small struggling church of less than 150 people in Steinbach, MB, began to experience what can only be described as renewal. Today, with an average attendance of over 4,000 people every Sunday (out of a community of only 16,000 people), Southland Church has become a beacon of hope for Canada. A few years ago, God led the leadership to develop a ministry aptly called Church Renewal. Through Church Renewal weekends, the pastor Ray Duerksen offers pastors and leaders from across Canada a glimpse into the renewal that they are living.

President David Hearn, as well as, a number of key District leaders and pastors, have already attended this Church Renewal weekend, and have seen first-hand what God is doing. As someone who has experienced a Church Renewal weekend for myself, I am not only convinced that this is a part of a fresh move of God's Spirit in Canada, but also that Southland's approach is both biblical, and something that could be a catalyst for renewal here in Quebec.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and the leadership of your church to a round table discussion with pastor Ray Duerksen on Friday, April 6 (see attached poster for more details). Pastor John Dellaforesta, and his staff from Laval Christian Fellowship, have graciously agreed to partner with the District to host this event.

Would 2018 be the year that renewal comes to the St. Lawrence District.

For the greater glory of God,

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Ensemble, nous sommes plus forts ! // We are stronger together!