



Resourcing pastors to build lives that thrive

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spring 2015

UPdate

Pastors Day 2015

In the middle of a very cold winter pastors and church leaders from several denominations gathered in a warm and welcoming environment for Thrive's 3rd annual Pastors Day.

Focus:

Our theme of 'Face to Face' was purposefully underscored and advanced throughout the whole day.

Substance:

Our key note speaker, Paul Johansen provided rich and nourishing food for thought about our Face to Face time with God.

Eager:

The church leaders who were present showed an eagerness to engage, to listen, and to learn how to experience more fully 'face to face' time with God and others.

Preparation:

The level of preparation and planning to ensure the day was meaningful for all who attended was evident.

Gratitude:

People who attended greatly appreciated the opportunity to step away from the often frantic pace of daily ministry to engage in lively discussions and dialogue with other church leaders.

Servanthood:

Thrive volunteers demonstrated a spirit of servanthood that conveyed a message of care and appreciation for those in attendance - service done with heart and excellence.

Here is what some of the attendees had to say.

- Attendee testimonials: 'Thank you so much for engaging us through video and drama...', 'Great fellowship. Great food. Great learning.', 'I left feeling encouraged in my relationship with God...'

Thrive Ministries is committed to serving each church leader that God brings across our path. Resourcing pastors and church leaders to build lives that thrive is what we are all about.



Cathy Gates (Thrive Ministry Director) Mary-Elsie Wolfe (Winner of YMCA three month membership)

# Unfinished Business Groups

Unfinished Business groups provide a safe place to process some of life's experiences and ministry challenges that have caused wounding in the lives of Christian leaders.

Each spring and fall a small group of Christian leaders spend fourteen evenings learning, praying together and experiencing God's healing touch in their lives. The group provides a Christ-centered journey that helps participants look at dysfunctional behaviors, emotional upheaval, and false beliefs and lovingly ease emotional and spiritual wounds. "Freedom" is the word most often used in describing the fruit that people experience in their lives after attending a series.

We are excited to announce that a monthly follow up group is now available for anyone who has attended an Unfinished Business group or has received on-on-one coaching. These groups are held the first Monday of each month.

*'I am truly amazed at the freedom that I experienced as I acknowledged my pain, let go of secrets and burdens that I was never meant to carry and was willing to give it all up to the Jesus.'*  
Unfinished Business Participant.

If you or someone you know is struggling with some life or ministry hurts, this may be a great step toward healing. Or - If you have the means to sponsor a church leader to attend an Unfinished Business series please contact us at [info@thriveministries.ca](mailto:info@thriveministries.ca)

For more information:

<http://thriveministries.ca/unfinished-business2015/>



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Bullying is a very real challenge in church leadership.**

Many church leadership teams don't feel equipped to deal with bullying behaviour. Resources are needed to help people navigate bullying situations and equip leaders to prevent the often divisive and destructive consequences of church bullying.

We are excited to announce that we will be launching a new website this summer that focuses specifically on the topic of Bullying in the Church. Our hope is that ministry leaders will find help and hope through the website. Thrive also has a series of seminars focussed on church bullying that we are happy to present to your ministerial group or in equipping your leadership team.

Contact us at [info@thriveministries.ca](mailto:info@thriveministries.ca)

or go to

<http://thriveministries.ca/church-bullying-mobbing-resources/>

for more information.

## Your Gift & Prayer = Thriving Pastors and Churches in Niagara

Your donations help:

- Provide burnout prevention coaching & education
- Resource small groups for pastors
- Equip church leaders to deal with bullying
- Support Annual Pastors Day

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## RESOURCES:

Thrive provided two books for church leaders at Pastors Day this year.

We highly recommend them as resources for dealing with difficult conversations.

**I Beg to Differ: Navigating Difficult Conversations with Truth and Love**  
by Tim Muehlhoff  
(2014)

**How to Have That Difficult Conversation You've Been Avoiding.**  
by Henry Cloud and John Townsend  
(2005)



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