

# Faith Community Summit on Pandemic Preparedness and Response

June 20 and 21, 2007

Canadian Mennonite University

Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Day One—June 20

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3:00-5:30 p.m. **Registration**

6:00-7:00 p.m. **Greetings and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Gerald Gerbrandt, President, Canadian Mennonite University

Terry Duguid, President & CEO, International Centre for Infectious Diseases and Event Chairperson

Greeting from the Province of Manitoba

Dinner provided by Bergmann's on Lombard

7:00-8:00 p.m. **Keynote Address -- Open to the Public**

Lt. Col. Irene Stickland, Executive Vice President and Deputy CEO of The Scarborough Grace Hospital during the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) epidemic

**Responding Faithfully: Spiritual Care in Times of Plague and Pandemic**

This presentation will provide practical insight into the role faith communities will likely play and the challenges they will face while providing care during a serious health crisis. It will be based on the presenters first-hand experience of epidemic

8:00-9:00 p.m. **Free-Time for Networking and Perusal of Display Material**

## Day Two—June 21

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7:30-8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30-8:50 a.m. **Opening Remarks, Announcements, Details for the Day**

Terry Duguid, President & CEO, International Centre for Infectious Diseases and Event Chairperson

Honourable Stephen Fletcher, Member of Parliament for Charleswood-St.James-Assiniboia and Parliamentary Secretary for Health

8:50-9:50 a.m. **Presentation**

**Pandemic Influenza 101: Debunking Myths and Answering your Questions**

This presentation will provide participants with a basic understanding of pandemic influenza, discuss historical patterns of pandemic occurrences, and discuss risk factors and risk reduction practices.

Mr. Larry Bredesen, Regional Coordinator Emergency Preparedness and Response, Public Health Agency of Canada, Manitoba and Saskatchewan Region

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9:50-10:50 a.m. **Panel 1**

## **Canada's Pandemic Influenza Plan**

This panel discussion will provide participants with insight into Canada's pandemic preparedness plan by discussing pertinent information and the assumptions used in the making of the plan. Federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal responsibilities and response strategies will be outlined.

Dr. David Hutton, Public Health Agency of Canada, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response

Dr. Tim Foggin, Family Physician and moderator of e-mail group Church Emergency Preparedness

Dr. Joel Kettner, Chief Medical Officer, Province of Manitoba and Chair of the Canadian Council of Chief Medical Officers

10:50-11:00 a.m. **Free-Time for Networking and Perusal of Display Material**

11:00-12:00 a.m. **Panel 2**

## **Including Faith Leaders in Pandemic Preparedness Planning**

This panel discussion will provide participants with examples of collaborative activities between health officials and faith organizations, will identify issues critical to the unique needs of the faith community, and will share the results of mock training events that have included faith communities. An overview of key ethical considerations related to pandemic will be included.

Reverend Douglas Graydon, Anglican Church of Canada and Representative of the Ontario Multifaith Council

Dr. Tracy Parnell, British Columbia Ministry of Health

John Webb, Nova Scotia Emergency Social Services

12:00-1:00 p.m. **Luncheon Presentation**

## **Band of Excellence: Preparing for a Pandemic**

- I. Introduction
- II. Band of Excellence
- III. Pastoral Thanatological Premise
- IV. Faith Community: World's Largest First Response Emergency Unit
- V. Learning From the Past
- VI. Closing Remarks

Rev. Therese Modesto

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1:00-2:00 p.m. **Panel 3**

## **Communicating Pandemic Preparedness to Congregations**

This panel discussion will provide participants with an overview of faith organizations' efforts to communicate pandemic awareness at the community level, will help with the assessment of the impact of pandemic on faith based practices, and provide guidance on how to prepare plans that are sensitive and practical.

Mr. Reiaz Somji, Focus Humanitarian Assistance Canada

Mr. Jim Ferguson, Territorial Emergency Disaster Services Director, The Salvation Army of Canada

2:00-2:30 p.m. **Free-Time for Networking and Perusal of Display Material**

2:30-4:15 p.m. **Discussion and Group Work**

## **Faith Responses on the Ground: Assessment and Planning**

Creating a step by step congregational pandemic preparedness plan that integrates faith based communities into local, regional, and national response strategies.

Dr. Tim Foggin, Family Physician and moderator of e-mail group Church Emergency Preparedness

Rev. M. Therese Modesto, PhD, CPT, Chief Thanatologist TEAR Center

4:15-4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Terry Duguid, President & CEO, International Centre for Infectious Diseases and Event Chairperson

Dr. Frank Plummer, Scientific Director General National Microbiology Laboratory, Public Health Agency of Canada