

# Classis Toronto Prayer Newsletter - June

The Prayer Newsletter is taking the place of the Prayer Calendar. In this monthly prayer newsletter we will share what is happening in our churches: what the churches are celebrating and what the churches are dreaming that God will do among them. We will also be letting you know of activities of Classis. We ask that you lift up these items in prayer with others from across Classis Toronto. Use it to guide your prayer times at church, in small groups, at the family table and individually.

## First CRC, Toronto

First Toronto is a congregation made up of people from many different walks of life who live around the GTA. They are celebrating Pastor Nick's move to the church neighborhood and are excited to see how this has given access to people's lives. The congregation is also celebrating their new music coordinator and the soon-to-be arrival of a grand piano. Music and their liturgical style of worship helps them to worship God with joy.

First is also experiencing the joy of welcoming new life into their community. When the children leave for Children's Worship the church seems to empty out! The church also celebrates with the youth as they have begun a Breakfast Group on Sunday mornings with the pastor. Pray that this time of faith formation will grow stronger and attendance will become more predictable.

Praise God with First as they incorporate arts and artists into their faith community and experiment with how this helps the congregation to grow in faith.

Pray with First as they are forced to find a new structure for their council as they have had difficulty in finding new elders and deacons. Pray that all the committees may find willing and able volunteers.

Pray with First as they look for ways to use technology for the growth of the congregation. Their website and possible new presentation technology are ways they are looking to improve communication and worship.

Praise God that this congregation has been a caring, loving and safe place, offering healing for many who have been hurt, in hurting relationships or struggled with diseases.

*The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.*  
-- Psalm 9:9-10

Next Classis Meeting: October 6, 2011  
at Community of Richmond Hill CRC

## Praises and Prayers from the May Classis Meeting

At each classis meeting six churches share an item of praise and an item for prayer. The classis then spends time in prayer for these churches.

### *CrossPoint:*

Praise God for the fruit of their focus on prayer in Lent. The Holy Spirit really is at work in their congregation. Pray for the church as they discern how to connect with the Spanish speaking congregation who meets in their building.

### *Immanuel:*

Praise God for their new sermon-based small groups. Pray for the forming of a Leadership Team who will be looking at where the church will go in the next 5 years.

### *Heritage Fellowship:*

Praise God for the ministry they have to people from many different denominational backgrounds. Pray for their search for another pastor.

### *Cochrane:*

Praise God for 60 years of being a church. Pray for the church as they seek to reach out to the growing community of Cochrane as more mines open.

### *Meadowvale:*

Praise God that they are blessed with a diversity of cultures, abilities, ethnicities in their congregation. Pray that their extra property will sell soon.

### *Georgetown:*

Praise God for their youth pastor and the youth ministry. Pray for the many families in their congregation who have experienced brokenness.

## Classis Toronto Activities:

June 16: Executive Meeting to discuss the growing budget  
June 19: David Locke's Ordination at ClearView  
June 21: Home Missions Committee Meeting  
June 22: Race Relations Committee Meeting  
June 23: Youth Committee Meeting  
August 23: Candidacy Committee Meeting