

# Classis Toronto March Prayer Newsletter

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 people from across Classis Toronto. Use it to guide your prayer times at church, in small groups, at the family table and individually.

## First CRC, Orillia

First CRC in Orillia is a church in transition. After letting go of their pastor a year or two ago they have been struggling to figure out their place. Since September, they have been working with Rev. Jack Westerhof, a transitional pastor, towards healing wounds and looking at moving on. In June the church will be going through a visioning process, seeking God's will for their congregation. After this Rev. Jack will be finishing his work with them and they hope to have a student pastor for about one year.

Pray that this congregation will begin to believe in the power of God working through broken people and broken churches. Pray that they will know that God can and does use bruised reeds. The church may be wounded but they are not bereft from the Spirit of God. Pray also that members of the congregation can be empowered to take on leadership roles in the new and developing church.

Praise God for First CRC in Orillia. Praise God for their presence in their community and how God has worked through them in the past and will work through them in the future.

*Ask for God's help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people.*

-- Ephesians 6:18b

## Classis Toronto Activities:

March 3: Classis Executive Meeting  
March 21: University of Toronto Campus Ministry Committee Meeting  
March 22: Candidacy Committee Meeting  
March 23: Race Relations Team Meeting  
March 25: Logos Campus Ministry Committee Meeting  
March 25-26: *Widening the Circle* Workshop at Hope Fellowship in Courtice, Ontario  
March 31: Classis Executive Meeting  
March 31: Home Missions Committee Meeting

## All Nations Christian Fellowship

All Nations Christian Fellowship is a small congregation that meets at The Lighthouse in Toronto. They rely on lay leadership and enjoy strong, faithful volunteers who are committed servants to their congregation and community. The congregation is learning about what it means to celebrate the risen Christ and growing in respect for each other. Within the congregation they have a wide range in cultures and abilities and they are learning to give people space to be who they are as they worship and serve God.

Pray for All Nations Christian Fellowship as they seek for ways to minister to people in need. They often feel limited in how to help people grow closer in relationship to God. Pray for them as they seek to reach out to the community through Saturday evening coffee times, biweekly prayer meetings, their children and youth ministries and the Alexandria Park ministry.

Pray for All Nations Christian Fellowship as they dream of growing to the point where The Lighthouse becomes too small and they need another facility for worship and ministry. Pray as they seek God's will about hiring a full-time or part-time minister.

Praise God of All Nations Christian Fellowship. Praise God for their presence at The Lighthouse and how God has been working through them to touch many lives.

In preparation for the May meeting of Classis, Classis Toronto's standing committees will be working on their narrative budgets for 2012 this month. Pray for them as they consider what ministries to highlight in 2012 and what funds they will need to accomplish these goals.

Deadline for items for the May 12, 2011 Classis Toronto meeting Agenda: MARCH 31, 2011.