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Envisioning and Equipping a House for All Nations

ReFocusing and Eagle's Flight

The apostle John claimed, "My Father's house has plenty of room; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? (John 14:2, TNIV). John was referring to God's Kingdom in heaven, a welcome place for all people, all nations.

Now imagine such a house with rooms in Vancouver, North Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, Surrey, Calgary, and Toronto – a house filled with people in cultural transition, intentionally reaching out in obedient witness and ministry. Many people fill the rooms of the house and they are making room for more...

This picture captures House for All Nations (HFAN), an international church reaching out to their modern-day Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth from campuses across Canada. Services are currently offered in English, Indonesian, Mandarin and Korean, making HFAN a welcome place to those thirsting for spiritual, cultural, and relational connection.

Earlier this year, House for All Nations (HFAN) pastors and leaders met together in B.C. for an intensive two-day ReFocusing* session and retreat to pray and explore ways to become more intentional in their ministries.

"Each campus has its own unique vision under the larger umbrella of HFAN," says Dave Jackson, team leader for ReFocusing through Church Health ministries. "All of them are passionate about seeking out the people that God has given them to love and minister to, working out their part within the larger mission of House for All Nations."

Dave is currently helping the church to further clarify its mission focus through the development of an "organizational liturgy", a methodology stemming from the early evangelistic teachings of George Whitfield and John Wesley.

"Basically, what these follow-up sessions will do is help the leaders discern how to live out their mission and vision together," says Jackson.

In conjunction with ReFocusing, Al Thiessen and Lloyd Reimer of Stewardship ministries have now facilitated Eagle's Flight leadership training seminars (The Leader's Triad) to approximately 100 HFAN leaders. Sessions are being held in conference rooms on Saturdays in various hotels throughout Burnaby, B.C. It is expected that another 75 leaders will participate in the new year.

Led by Sonny Mandagie, the HFAN groups, "have determined to foster a culture of equipping and training their leaders," explains Reimer.



The Leader's Triad is based on the principles of strength and integrity, extending these principles to the realm of leadership through the application of 3 foundational modules: The Power of Clarity (bringing clear focus to a goal), The Power of the Individual (people get the Lord's work done, not buildings and technology), and The Power of the Team (total engagement in one's well-defined role creates a safe team-building environment).

Reimer reports that "[The feedback] has been very affirming that this approach to leadership equipping is very worthwhile and brings to life some of the theoretical things that have been taught in the past."—TC

**ReFocusing is a two-phase revitalization process that guides local churches through a dynamic journey of personal and corporate renewal. ReFocusing operates within Church Health, one of the six active ministries of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. For more information about Church Health ministries visit www.mbconf.ca/church_health or call 1-888-669-6575 (toll-free).*

For information on Eagle's Flight leadership training opportunities please contact Al Thiessen at mbstewardship@bcmb.org. For a more detailed description visit of The Leaders Triad modules, visit www.mbconf.ca/home/ministries/eagles_flight/

