

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:5

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The Day of Encouragement is for anyone interested in the health and wellbeing of the church. It's a day designed to inspire, encourage, and equip God's people for ministry. It includes times for worship and fellowship as well as opportunities to learn from each other.

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Day of Encouragement



Grace
for the
Journey

November 6, 2004
Dordt College
Sioux Center, IA

Evening of Encouragement

Growing People through Small Groups

Bonus Opportunity

Friday, November 5, 2004
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Dordt College West Commons

On Friday evening there will be a special session for present and potential small group leaders, coordinators and others who are exploring small group ministries for their church.

Two Learning Opportunities:

Developing Principle-Based Groups for churches who want to learn more about why and how to begin a small group ministry and for leaders who have not attended a **Launch and Lead** training.

Creating Life-Transforming Groups for leaders who have already attended a **Launch and Lead** training.

Registration fee (payable to **Small Group Events**) includes: training, dessert, and a copy of the "hot-off-the press" book, *Growing People Through Small Groups*, by Betty Veldman Wieland and David Stark.

Breakouts * denotes breakouts that continue from Session A to Session B

More Than Telling a Story - Bob DeMoor

Help leaders of all age groups learn how to use a reformed interpretation of scripture to enliven it and make it more than story-telling.

Communities First - Rick Droog

Explore ways for the church to connect with hurting, needy people in the community.

Good Steward Ministry - Rick Droog

Explore ideas area congregations have successfully implemented to meet increasing financial needs. Look at unique ways to present a church budget.

Ministry Out of Weakness - Syd Hielema

Examine what it looks like to minister, lead and teach out of weakness as you work with children, teens, serve as elders, deacons or pastors, or minister in any way.

Creating Healthy Congregations - Using a Systems Approach

Jerry Holleman

Look at the tools to develop healthy relationships so your congregation and its ministry can thrive.

Servant-Hearted Leadership - Jim Hoogeveen

Through biblical characters and teachings, we will look at the principles, vision, and passion needed to become a servant-hearted leader.

Creating Caring Communities - Lois Hoogeveen

Churches need to create and cultivate caring communities which provide a place of belonging that helps transform people's lives.

The Compassionate Congregation* - Ginger Jurries and Karen Mulder

Learn how to show a correct and compassionate response to people in crisis.

Fishing on the Journey - Ruth Kelder

Fish don't jump into fishing boats. Non-Christians rarely jump into God's kingdom without people being involved in the process. We will "cast" a vision and give practical "techniques" for "luring" people to Christ.

For the Children's Sake - Ruth Kelder

Jesus placed a high value on children and so should the church. This breakout will take a closer look at today's children and the urgency of reaching them. Methods of presenting the Gospel will be discussed.

The Birth and Vision of ATLAS - Jerry Kelt

As you hear Jerry's personal faith story, the Biblical roots of ATLAS (Attaining Truth Love and Self-Control) and how it began, learn how you can establish this kind of ministry in your own community.

Finishing Well - Carl Klompien

We are in full time kingdom service no matter who we are or what we are doing if we are children of the King.

Practicing the Presence of God - Troy Kooima and Dawn Ryswyk

This session offers time to pause, reflect, and worship.

Maybe You're a Mentor! - Carol Kramer

Discover the power of mentoring in the lives of hurting people. Look at ways to recruit, train, and encourage mentors and hear first-hand experiences from a few ATLAS (Attaining Truth Love and Self-Control) mentors.

Smaller Churches: Strengths, Resources and Options for the Future*

Larry Meyer and Peter De Vries

Look at the trends, strengths and needs of smaller churches in today's world. Consecutive sessions will cover the life cycle of a church and what that means for ministry, funding a smaller church, pastoral leadership options, and resources and support available from CRC Home Missions.

Listening Hearts - Jeff Sajdak

Ministry leaders can find encouragement on the journey through relationships with one another. Learn how to form a spiritual direction group of pastors, leaders, or teachers to listen together to God's work in one another's lives.

Spiritual Formation for Leaders - Jeff Sajdak

We have this treasure in jars of clay. In order to pour yourself in ministry, you must first be full. Learn how to nurture your own spiritual life so that you can minister to others out of fullness.

Imaginary Worship - Dr. Thomas R. Wolthuis

Worship is to bring us into the presence and experience of God. This can be aided by focal images and metaphors in the worship service and in the preaching of the Word.

Best Practices for Church Secretaries - Ruth Zwart

An opportunity to share ideas and practices with other church secretaries.

Keynote

The keynote address "Grace for the Journey" will be presented by Bob DeMoor. He has served as a pastor at several Christian Reformed churches in the past 20 years and is the recently-appointed editor of *The Banner*. Bob is also the theological editor for Faith Alive Christian Resources.



Schedule

8:30 am	Registration, B.J. Haan Auditorium
9:00 am	Opening Devotions and Worship
9:25 am	Keynote Address
10:10 am	Break
10:30 am	Breakout Session A
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Breakout Session B
2:30 pm	Break
2:50 pm	Guided Discussion in Congregational Groups
3:40 pm	Closing Worship

Registration

Churches should send in one form for each person who registers and preferably send them all at once. Registration fees for the Evening & Day of Encouragement must be payable to designated accounts. Online registration available at www.dordt.edu/events/ and click on the Day of Encouragement link. **Registration deadline is November 1, 2004.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Home Church _____

Ministry Role _____

Breakout Sessions

List four choices in order of preference

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Day of Encouragement Fee - Saturday, November 6

Make checks payable to Dordt College

- \$50 per person
- \$40 per person with a church group of 5-9 persons
- \$30 per person with a church group of 10+ persons

Evening of Encouragement Fee - Friday, November 5

Bonus Opportunity for Small Group Leaders

Make checks payable to Small Group Events

- \$12.00 per person
- \$15.00 per couple

Check appropriate boxes:

- Management Team, Small Group Director/Coordinator
- Present Leader
- Potential Leader
- Have attended **Launch and Lead** Small Group Training
- Have not attended **Launch and Lead** Small Group Training

Send registration and payment(s) to:

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