

Bay of Quinte Conference

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"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature."

Anne Frank

Message from Settlement Committee:

Deadline for Applications for Settlement

- to Presbyteries by Feb. 1, 2012

- to Conference Settlement Committee by March 15, 2012

Deadline for Provisional Call Forms

- to Conference Settlement Committee by April 20, 2012.

Jackie Harper's work email address: please note the change to Jackie's email address - programs@bayofquinteconference.ca. If you have emailed Jackie at her "Sympatico" address and have not had a response, please resend the email to this new address! The "Sympatico" account has been frozen due to a virus. Jackie apologizes for any inconvenience and will respond to emails at this new address.

Remember to renew your video licencing for 2012! The form is available for download in the "Forms" section of our website, www.bayofquinteconference.ca.

Accessibility Standards - Compliance with Customer Service Standards by January 1st, 2012 A Word Document template for a policy is available on the conference website.

Upcoming Events and Workshops:

Do you long for a simpler lifestyle, a commitment to working for justice, daily spiritual practices, faithful use of resources such as our bodies, time and money, living with integrity in creation and a group to share this longing with? Come to an **exploratory meeting** on Wednesday, February 16, 2012 (rescheduled date) from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bay of Quinte Conference office. A simple supper will be served so please let Jackie Harper know if you plan to attend, by email: programs@bayofquinteconference.ca or by phone 613-968-7859!

Church School Workshop is being held March 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Westminster United Church in Whitby. There will be presentations on Curriculum, Classroom care and behavior, Nurturing Children's Spirituality, and opportunities to share best practices. Amy Crawford, General Council staff will lead the presentation on Nurturing Children's Spirituality. Other guest presenters will facilitate the other conversations. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Please register by calling the conference office at 613-398-1051 or emailing Nicola Lupton at reception@bayofquinteconference.ca.

We will be holding a **Ministry of Supervision Course** within our Conference. It will be two weeks in duration from May 7th - 11th and May 14th - 18th. There will also be a Ministry of Supervision Refresher Course offered over three days, May 15th -17th. Location TBA. These courses will cover on-site and off-site supervision along with working with the Learning Outcomes. If you are interested in participating in the course please let us know by emailing Victoria at stewardship.moa@bayofquinteconference.ca or Wendy at wbull@bell.net

Social Media and the Church Workshop - Thursday, March 29th, 2012 - Frankford United Church. This workshop will explore how to use facebook, twitter, blogs, etc., in ministry; how to host an online meeting, etc. Facilitators: Bob Fillier, Larry Doyle and Stephen Ambury. Cost is \$35.00 includes a hot lunch and resources. Please plan on bringing a laptop! Register through the Conference office at reception@bayofquinteconference.ca or 613-398-1051

"Foundations of Spiritual Companionship" 2012 - Education for Congregation Based Lay Pastoral Care that - **encourages** the growth of a team ministry within congregations - **equips** members of the congregation to visit shut-ins and those suffering as a result of illness and other difficulties - **empowers** members of the congregation with confidence to reach out and to care on behalf of the congregation - **enriches** Christian faith and spiritual growth. . .visit our website for more information! bayofquinteconference.ca/events