

TRAIN 2003 Training Session Schedule and Seminar Descriptions

November 7 & 8, 2003

TRACK	TRAINING SESSION "A" Friday, November 7 at 8:15 p.m. CHOOSE ONE SEMINAR FROM THE FOLLOWING:	TRAINING SESSION "B" Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. CHOOSE ONE SEMINAR FROM THE FOLLOWING:	TRAINING SESSION "C" Saturday, November 8 at 11:15 a.m. CHOOSE ONE SEMINAR FROM THE FOLLOWING:	TRAINING SESSION "D" Saturday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m. CHOOSE ONE SEMINAR FROM THE FOLLOWING:
Leadership Skills Development	A-1. Leading Through Change <i>Sheryl Grunwald</i> Change in church ministries can be difficult and stressful. Look at challenges in leading through change, and walk through a positive model of the change process with practical church ministry examples.	B-1. How to Recruit Volunteers: Finding the Right Fit <i>Wendy La Strange</i> Explore how to plan and implement the recruiting of volunteers, looking at the importance of screening volunteers and finding the right fit.	C-1. Vision Casting for Dummies <i>Laura Hahn</i> "Dreams, future...but I just want to survive this weekend!!" Our ministries need us to cast a clear vision passionately. Come for practical ideas on how to be a vision releaser.	D-1. Teacher Communicator <i>Les Stephenson</i> Learn how communication works, identifying both things that help and things that hinder.
	A-2. Sharpening Your People Skills <i>Val Tompkins</i> Understanding different motivational perspectives is key to successfully relating to and appreciating the diversity in the body of Christ. Increase your leadership effectiveness by understanding yourself and others.	B-2. Developing Team Ministry <i>Jim Postlewaite</i> Working in teams is important for effective ministry. Explore what teams are, what to consider when developing teams, and how to make teams work. Practical suggestions for team leaders.	C-2. Team Creativity <i>Jim Postlewaite</i> Each of us is naturally imaginative and curious. What happens when our world of play becomes the local church ministry? Explore the importance of creativity in teams and how to encourage it.	D-2. Burnout Avoidance* <i>Jeanne New</i> This seminar will look at what we can do avoid burnout while being so busy "doing".
Compassionate Ministries	A-3. Finding Meaning Beyond the Circle of Self* <i>Donna Carter</i> This seminar will look at how to motivate people to look beyond their own needs, wants and desires and get involved with a needy world.	B-3. Care-full Communication <i>Jenny Braaksma</i> You can make a difference in the lives of others by communicating with the eyes and ears of your heart.	C-3. Three Story Evangelism <i>Greg Hutchinson</i> This new, yet very old approach reflects both Scriptural evangelism and the needs of people in a post-modern world. The more stories and lives connect, the more powerful the gospels become.	D-3. Forbidden Grief: The Post-Abortion Journey <i>Jenny McDermid</i> Thousands of post-abortive women inside and outside of the church are incapacitated by their "forbidden grief". Learn about the healing process necessary for these women as they journey towards wholeness.
Creativity In Ministry	A-4. Basic Puppetry Manipulation <i>Jean-Yves & Gloria Marsolais</i> This interactive seminar covers entrance and exits, lip synchronization, believable action, positioning and rod arm movements.	B-4. Enriching Your Kids Choir Ministry* <i>Sharon Anderson</i> Go beyond teaching songs to enrich your kids' experience in choir. Incentives, teaching and fun tie the music to their lives.	C-4. Sports and Community Outreach* <i>Mitch Lee</i> Recreation and sports activities can provide awesome opportunities to build relationships with people in your community. Find out how the church can use this kind of ministry to change lives!	D-4. Light Flickers <i>Tim Willson</i> Discover how film can open up a new avenue of discussion and teaching among teens and adults. Find the best films and resources and discover real-world test cases.
	A-5. Gospel Ballooning <i>Les Stephenson</i> The application and use of balloon art to teach biblical principals. (Not a ballooning workshop — use of balloons to be taught, not "how to".)	B-5. Magic with a Message <i>Gary Edwards</i> Learn simple illusions that provide a big impact when presenting the Good News. Tricks with everyday objects (ropes, paper, coins, napkins) that include strong lessons suitable for any age or culture.	C-5. Juggle 'Til Ya Drop <i>Gary Edwards</i> Learn basic techniques to keep objects in the air for no apparent reason, and to use juggling as a successful tool to draw crowds, build relationships and share the gospel.	D-5. Creative Storytelling and Drama Games so they WON'T Sit Still! <i>Kandice Permann</i> Explore a variety of creative props, techniques and drama games that can be used in your classroom to get students involved. No drama experience required. Come share your ideas too.
Teens In Peer Ministry	A-6. Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing* <i>Randy Carter</i> We will examine God's purpose for the Church and look at how that applies to your youth group.	B-6. A Solid Foundation* <i>Randy Carter</i> The Bible says that love is the foundation of a healthy youth ministry. Together we will examine and evaluate the atmosphere in your group and look at strategies to get Christ's love flowing in your group.	C-6. Just A Bunch Of Shepherds* <i>Randy Carter</i> In the New Testament the word picture that is used to convey the role of leaders is a shepherd. How does this apply today? How can our groups improve in this area?	D-6. It's All About Relationships* <i>Randy Carter</i> It is in our relationship with Jesus that we receive the resources we need to be good leaders. This session will challenge leaders to go beyond "doing" devotions!
Preschool Ministry	A-7. Cradle Roll: Teaching Them When They are Young* <i>Julie Yurk</i> Start things off right in the nursery! This session will look at principles behind teaching babies through age two.	B-7. Bible Basics for Babies <i>Andrea McEvoy</i> Give little ones the feeling of being welcomed and loved, and help them take their first baby steps of faith. Participate in hands-on learning and gain valuable ideas for meaningful impact.	C-7. How Preschool Children Understand God <i>Sheryl Grunwald</i> Look at the world, God, Christ, the Bible, and prayer from a child's point of view and use that to shape the way we communicate with children and our expectations of them.	D-7. Tips for Teaching Your Wiggly Wonders* <i>Cheryl Guth</i> Young children learn best by doing. Look at a variety of activities that help preschoolers learn about the Lord using their whole bodies.
	A-8. Teaching Toddlers* <i>Sharon Anderson</i> Toddlers learn as they play. Use basic themes, activities, songs and conversation to shape attitudes toward God, Jesus and church in the little ones under three.	B-8. I Can't Compete with Nickelodeon! <i>Laura Hahn</i> "Media invest millions into preschool programming — why even try to compete?" Uncover cheap, fun and interactive ways to engage our preschoolers with creative Bible teaching and storytelling.	C-8. Preschool Worship <i>Jodi Graff</i> Come learn how to engage the preschool child in a meaningful worship experience. Practical ideas, examples, and resources will be shared.	D-8. Puppetry for Little Ones <i>Jean-Yves & Gloria Marsolais</i> Explore different ideas, old and new, in offering puppetry for preschoolers — all on a shoestring budget!
Children's Ministry	A-9. Involved, Excited and Learning* <i>Pat Dyck</i> Come and plan Sunday's lesson using an old scarf, milk cartons and other props that can bring your lesson to life.	B-9. Foundations for Life <i>Marlene Adrian</i> Memorizing God's Word is more than just saying the words. This seminar will help you to make memorization time meaningful for children.	C-9. Classroom Management <i>Marlene Adrian</i> Discover the source of discipline problems and learn how to avoid them to keep your class under control.	D-9. Party with a Purpose <i>Shar Warkentin</i> Plan purposeful events that celebrate children and reach out to the kids and introduce families to Jesus!
	A-10. Building on the Stages of Faith* <i>Debbie Palsky</i> This seminar will look at how to help children up to the teen years develop a closer, dynamic walk with Jesus.	B-10. Let's Be Creative I <i>Carley Toews</i> A whole lot of fun! Stuff for your children's ministry: games, crafts...ideas that really work. Beware, participation required!	C-10. Let's Be Creative II <i>Carley Toews</i> Part II of "Let's Be Creative" gives you creative Bible teaching ideas for guiding conversation.	D-10. How to Make Prayer Real for Kids <i>Andrea McEvoy</i> Look at why prayer is important for children and how children view prayer. Then have some fun as we actually experience seven R.E.A.L. prayer activities you can choose from for next Sunday.
	A-11. Help! I Want to Start a Mid-week Club but Haven't a Clue! <i>Carolynn Barkhouse</i> Starting a mid-week club is exciting, but can also seem to be a daunting task. Get some pointers to ease your implementation — key success factors, pitfalls to avoid, and insights from experience.	B-11. International Games for Missions <i>Marion-Jean Grant</i> Learn international games to be used in a missions event with children from Grades 1 to 6. Games for small or big groups, and when space is limited.	C-11. The Final Authority <i>Gary Wiens</i> Why evangelize children? This seminar looks at scripture as well as experience in determining that children are a ripe mission field needing evangelizing.	D-11. Speak Up — Speak Out <i>Gary Wiens</i> Help your saved children learn how to share their faith with others.
	A-12. Character Values — Tool Box <i>Sandi Toms</i> A variety of tools for teaching and helping children develop character values, virtues and spiritual growth.	B-12. Now in Conclusion... <i>Carolyn Mapplebeck</i> Exchange proven ideas for ending the lesson. Transfer the timeless truths of Scripture to everyday living today with simple tools.	C-12. Labels and Libels: What can you do? <i>Lucas VanBoeschoten</i> Elementary school students are placed in categories by others. Although some categorizations are positive, many are negative, inescapable, and persistent. This seminar will enable you to develop support strategies and advocating approaches.	D-12. Touching Children's Spirituality <i>Lucas VanBoeschoten</i> Children need spiritual instruction, but they also possess faith, prayer and spiritual readiness — resources waiting to be recognized and shared. Discover the latest developments in understanding your children's spiritual readiness.
	A-13. Make & Take: Carolyn Mapplebeck & Marion-Jean Grant Ideas for Bible Verses and Lessons Make a pocket chart in class and practice using it for memory verses and review as well as lesson ideas. There will be a nominal fee for materials.	B-13. Five Love Languages of Children I <i>Marilyn Parsons</i> Explore the difference between being loved and feeling loved. You will learn to understand and identify the five love languages, helping you to love children in ways they will find meaningful.	C-13. Five Love Languages of Children II <i>Marilyn Parsons</i> Continued from B-13	D-13. Five Love Languages of Children III <i>Marilyn Parsons</i> Continued from B-13 and C-13
Youth Ministry	A-14. Empowering Adolescent Girls <i>Lynette Stokhuyzen</i> With MuchMusic and Hollywood raising our teens today, what will become of our women of tomorrow? Gamma Girls is a program designed to empower girls to be all God created them to be.	B-14. Youthworker Sharpening Tools: Part I <i>Matt Wilks</i> How can you bring balance to your life in a spiritual, physical, relational, and emotional manner? Good for anyone who is involved in ministry and trying to balance it all.	C-14. Youthworker Sharpening Tools: Part II <i>Matt Wilks</i> A continuation of Part I. See B-14 for details.	D-14. Teenagers and their Families: People in Transition <i>Wendy La Strange</i> Learn how to bridge the generational gap. Explore adolescent development tasks, common areas of conflict, different patterns of parenting styles and how to improve communication.
	A-15. Reaching Teenagers That Can't Be Reached <i>Richard Mann</i> How to reach and disciple teenagers that have not grown up in the church.	B-15. Tweens and Post Modern Junior High Ministry <i>Robin Johnson</i> Having a hard time understanding junior highs? Disconnected and out of the loop? Walk away with a better understanding of their culture and how to direct them spiritually.	C-15. Becoming a Dynamic Youth Communicator* <i>Jim Grady</i> Communicating God's truth to young people is a challenging task for even the most seasoned youth worker. Familiarize yourself with some tools, methods and techniques that will make you more effective in your communication.	D-15. Xtreme Ministry <i>Jim Grady</i> God used the wilderness to forge powerful changes in people throughout the Bible. A media presentation, vision development and practical suggestions for using the outdoors in the context of ministry.
	A-16. Media Violence and its Effects <i>Tom Raisbeck</i> What is media violence? Does it really affect our students/kids? Let's take a serious look at research and what's happening in our society today.	B-16. Occultic Influences on Children and Pre-teens <i>Sara Jane Stewart</i> A workshop geared toward the occultic influences on children and pre-teens, specifically dealing with topics such as Harry Potter, Yu-gi-oh trading cards, and other media propaganda affecting this age group.	C-16. Occultic Influences on Youth <i>Sara Jane Stewart</i> A workshop geared toward the occultic influences on youth and young adults, specifically dealing with topics such as fantasy role-playing games, entertainment violence, psychic phenomena, and other satanic influences.	D-16. Spiritual Warfare and the Occult <i>Sara Jane Stewart</i> A "how to" seminar designed for those who wish to assist someone who's been involved in occultic activities, and the steps towards achieving spiritual freedom from satanic bondage.
Adult Ministry	A-17. I Have a Dream — Thinking Outside the Borders <i>Alison Springer</i> God is doing a new thing amongst Canadians. This session will inspire young adults and encourage them to go for their God-sized dreams.	B-17. Creative Ideas for Adult Bible Study <i>Cheryl Guth</i> Adults are no longer content to sit and listen to a teacher lecture to them. Experience several creative methods for involving adults in life-transforming Bible Study.	C-17. Mentoring Moms <i>Joanne Giesbrecht</i> It is God's plan for all moms to be mentored by a loving Christian community. Come learn how that works.	D-17. Sometimes Life is Like a Crazy Quilt <i>Ellen Hooge</i> Unexpected tragedy and disappointment is often unavoidable. God's plan to help us cope involves stitching his principles into the fabrics of our lives.
	A-18. Finding Your Place in Your Church <i>Matt Wilks</i> Do you want to serve but aren't sure what to do and how to go about doing it? Come discover where and how God wants to use you as a young adult as we explore personality styles, giftedness, passion and God-given skills.	B-18. The Freedom of Forgiveness <i>Ellen Hooge</i> If we only work at learning one relational skill, it should be the skill of forgiveness. Knowing how to forgive those that hurt us will bring us freedom and joy.	C-18. Knowing God's Peace in our Lives <i>Jeanne New</i> In order to be effective in ministry, we must be walking with God and experiencing His peace in our lives.	D-18. Struggling as a Christian Parent <i>Pat Dyck</i> So, you're a dedicated Christian but your kids are rejecting your faith. Bring your Kleenex, share your heartache and PRAY with others in the same boat. (Emphasis on prayer and promises.)

To get the most out of seminars outlined in [] it is recommended that you attend all of the seminars in that group.

*Seminars repeated from last year