

## Welcome to Canada East Mission 2008 Cluster Gatherings!

Last year we laid **Foundations for Healthy Congregations** through the skill of **Dialogue**.

This year we respond to the 2008 theme **Passionate for Peace** and the call of Section 163: *“Community of Christ,” your name, given as a divine blessing, is your identity and calling, if you will discern and embrace its full meaning, you will not only discover your future, you will become a blessing to the whole creation, do not be afraid to go where it beckons you to go.*”

There is still more work for us to do, more skills to build but the promise is one that beckons us into a faithful future.

**This year’s skill is the skill of Discernment**  
(come prepared to learn new methods & techniques to use in your congregation)

### Let us be about the business of **Building Bridges to a Faithful Future.**

At this year’s cluster gatherings we spend time exploring Section 163, our prophet’s efforts to *“articulate divine encounter”* and his challenge to us to *“listen for the Creator’s voice in the voices of the faith community.”* We are that faith community in whom he places his trust to help discern God’s will for us and for our time. Can we learn with and from each other to build those bridges that will take us into a future of peace and blessing to the whole creation?

*What does it mean to know our name as “identity and calling”? How shall we “discern and embrace its full meaning”? Where does it “beckon us to go”?*

Note there are fewer opportunities to come together in this cluster season.  
This is important stuff. Plan now! Choose the best time or location for you, for your congregation.  
Ensure your congregation is represented. Don’t miss this essential work!

February 23 GTA West (1261 North Sheridan Way, Mississauga) March 29 La Salle Road April 12 New Liskeard November 22 Port Elgin
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#### **Please pay attention to these dates as well:**

Registered Youth Worker Seminar March 1, Corinth  
Marriage Ministry Workshop, April 4-5, Scarborough  
Camp Staff Training, May 3, Stratford  
Camp & Reunion directors’ retreat November 7-9

For other important dates see CEM web-calendar: [www.communityofchrist.ca/east/calendareast.htm](http://www.communityofchrist.ca/east/calendareast.htm)