

February 2009

SALEM

Membership
2009

extensions of the heart

Salem Christian Mental Health Association seeks to encourage and support faith-based care and prevention for those who struggle with emotional difficulties.



Alice Vander Vennen

***We warmly invite you to join
Salem's membership.***

Please consider extending your heart to the people Salem works with, as part of the care you provide for people who are hurting and vulnerable. As a member, you agree to support Salem's vision and mission with your prayers and input.

**Joining Christ's
healing with the
emotionally
distressed**

don't miss a special membership meeting

Thursday, February 19, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Waterdown
616 Dundas Street, East, Waterdown, ON
(Corner of Highway 5 and Kerns Road,
approx. 2 km east of Waterdown)

Introducing:

- ▶ **A new name for Salem!**
(please see enclosed description)
- ▶ **The launch of FaithCARE - transforming conflict in faith communities through restorative practices**

refreshments provided

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In 2009, Salem is grateful for new opportunities to walk alongside of those who are hurting and vulnerable.

With the launch of a new name and the implementation of a new 3 year strategic plan, Salem is striving to join Christ's healing with the emotionally distressed and mentally ill. Here are a few programs that have been fully launched in 2009:

Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP): offers every member of a participating church the option of receiving high-quality local Christian counselling—anonously and at no cost to the parishioner. CAP is now available to any interested church.

WrapAround: a proven way of organizing and sustaining the God-given impulses within a church to care for those who are vulnerable—especially those struggling with mental illness. In addition to supporting churches who wish to use WrapAround in their congregations, Salem is using WrapAround with single mothers in downtown Hamilton, supported by a grant from World Vision. Salem also actively supports the Northumberland and Durham WrapAround programs.

Restorative Practices: with some of the leading restorative justice practitioners in Ontario, Salem is pioneering the use of restorative circles to respond to conflict in churches, and to help churches build cultures of reconciliation. Salem is also supporting schools to embrace restorative practices.

As part of our growing counselling work, Salem is offering **Healthy Attachment:** treatment supports for children who suffer from early attachment difficulties and their caregivers.

RE-create Outreach Art Studio: an open art studio offering creative time to street-involved youth in Hamilton, allowing them to express themselves through the arts.

*yes! i support salem's work to join christ's healing
with the emotionally distressed and mentally ill.*

I endorse Salem's Core Values. Please find enclosed my membership fee for:

\$5 (Individual)

\$10 (couple)

(Name)

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Salem's Core Values

We are committed to the person, values and character of Jesus, the Christ, as described in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

We are committed to healthy relationships as a first priority.

We are committed to the highest level of stewardship.

We are committed to the practice of care and prevention in the areas of emotional distress and mental illness, especially for those in communities who struggle and are vulnerable.

According to our bylaws, new members need to join Salem's membership 90 day prior to a membership meeting for voting privileges at that meeting. If you join Salem's membership now, you would have voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 8th, 2009. Please do not hesitate to ask for a copy of Salem's bylaws or for our 3-year strategic plan.