



*Building a Faith...
 ...and Building a Family.*

Latest News

Sunday Service April 9nd we will be at OISE for 10:30 am

Please remember that this week we are providing Food Baskets for Easter by our Family Groups.

Reminder of the **Women's Forum on May 20th**. It will be an exciting time. The cost is \$15. Please see Rita Udall for registration. Seating is limited.

Church Basketball - Tough year for the Men in black as we lost to the North in the semifinals. Thank you for your efforts.

Check out the articles under "Our Ministries"

Next Congregational Service will be April 16th. Our Easter service @ Convocation Hall

This Midweek we will be meeting @ OISE to study the book of Titus. 7:30 pm

Volunteers needed for the Good Shepherd Centre. Please see Nilton & Jamie

**Welcome to the
 DownTownRegion of the Toronto Church of Christ**

March 29, 2006. Dear brothers (Unity Proposal Group),

As many pray for unity today, we send you our greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! **This note is to communicate that our leadership team here in Toronto has read, reflected on, prayed about, and discussed at length the "Unity Proposal" being sent out for consideration by churches.** We want to acknowledge the hard work, time, and sacrifice that has gone into preparing this important initiative. The ambitious effort and undertaking to see churches around the world do their best to glorify God is commendable; we applaud you in what we see as a heartfelt desire for worldwide unity. **We wish to make you aware that the Toronto leadership has decided not to "sign on" to the proposal at the present time.** We believe strongly that to ratify, would do more to destabilize our local fellowship than to bring about unity, which we acknowledge, is not the intended goal of the "Unity Proposal." It is evident that at the heart of the proposal is the desire for peace and faithfulness in the Lord; something we do not feel will result from our joining in at this time. **We remain committed to worldwide unity as well as participation in global missions; we will continue our foreign support of the work in Russia, both ecclesiastically and financially.** We also feel very privileged to enjoy mature and growing relationships with a vast number of churches and leadership groups around the world. It has been most refreshing to also benefit from the encouragement and teaching provided by many outside leaders, including some of those who have helped to pen the proposal. It is our conviction, prayer and hope that this mature fellowship and loving involvement will remain and potentially grow in the future. **While the Toronto leadership is united in our conviction that the proposal is not what is best for our family at this time, we want to be clear that we support and celebrate with those who choose such a plan for their church.** We want to build and edify our brothers and sisters and therefore will only post this letter on our website (<http://www.torontocc.com/>) for the benefit of our local congregation following April 3, 2006; prayerfully giving other churches an opportunity to make their decision without being influenced or biased by our opinion. *Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace. For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus. (2 Cor.1: 12-14)* **As this scripture captures the heart of Paul in his relationship with the Corinthians, we hope this letter conveys to you, and to those who take part in this initiative, our hearts toward you as well.** We reaffirm to you our love, respect and deep appreciation for the effort being made to unify the brotherhood. We are also in principle support of the doctrinal convictions being held up in the proposal. We thank you for your love and respect for us as those called by God to lead and shepherd the flock in Toronto. Please know we stand ready as a maturing group of disciples to assist with building family through Christ centered love and fellowship.

In Christ, **Elders & Evangelists, Toronto Church of Christ**