



# Dunnville

## Canadian Reformed Church

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Life Renewal Board

Dear Brother and Sisters,

At our recent meeting of consistory with the deacons, the letter from the Board of Life Renewal was received and discussed. As officebearers, we continue to be thankful for the work of Life Renewal, and appreciate the continued efforts of the Board to increase the participation in Life Renewal.

Currently, several serving officebearers from this council have personally attended Life Renewal, and as such have benefited from going through the 27 week program. This has provided our council with a distinct knowledge and perspective of the Life Renewal program, which in turn has facilitated continued support and encouragement amongst the members of our congregation. As council, we are acutely aware of the need for this program, in light of the constant attacks on the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In light of this, our consistory with the deacons contemplated the request to appoint brothers to attend the 27 week program, and have decided to not do this at this time. As officebearers, the work of shepherding and caring for the congregation continues to be the primary focus of our task. Given the intense nature of the Life Renewal program, it would be too strenuous to ask a serving elder or deacon to enroll for 27 weeks.

Despite our reluctance to ask serving officebearers to attend, we have agreed as council that we would continue to encourage brothers who have served as an elder or deacon to consider attending the 27 week program during their time of retirement from office. In this way, the work of Life Renewal would continue to be supported with the experience of brothers who have served in office, and our congregation would continue to be beneficially served by officebearers who have graduated from Life Renewal.

May the Lord continue to provide all that you need as Board as you continue to serve the body of believers in this important task.

With Christian greetings,

For the consistory,

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J. VanWoudenberg

*Chairman*

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*Corresponding Clerk*