

Work and Witness in Post Christian Canada

Always in the Majority?

It is never easy to be a man of faith . . . We are living in 'interesting times', with the Church seeming ever a generation from extinction, but it is into these times that Jesus descends to guide the way ahead. Like a signal light for life.

And as we enter a time of radical change in the history of our denomination, it is for this purpose that Christ came . . . that we might have 'LIFE, and have it abundantly'. And even when the World tattoos that light with absurdity, the truth of 'The Way' ahead is still there, in front of us all. Our 2018 Rally Speaker is Rev Dr. Ross Lockhart from the Vancouver School of Theology, an entertaining and thought provoking teacher of the Gospel of Hope and personal engagement for the way ahead.

We have been integral to the formation and evolution of the United Church of Canada since its inception, and as the structure of the Church changes United Church Men from the Maritimes will continue to ensure that our foundation is rock solid as followers of Jesus. Let us pledge with vigour to work and witness for Him in our post Christian Canada.

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Ross is a graduate of universities in Winnipeg, Toronto and Chicago, and presently serves as the Presbyterian Director of Denominational Formation at VST and Adjunct Professor of Homiletics at St. Mark's College, UBC.

With a particular passion for shaping missionary disciples and "scholarly evangelists" for leadership in Christ's Church, he brings a contemporary and practical message to his listeners. The author of several books, numerous articles, and with friend Dr Rob Fennell (Atlantic School of Theology), the blog, "Creedal and Loving It: Good Theology for Regular People".

Ross has served congregations in the Reformed tradition; Halifax to Vancouver with Presbyterian sabbaticals in Ireland, as a weekly guest in local congregations and Minister in Association at St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in North Vancouver. He looks forward to speaking to us at our 2018 Maritime Men's Rally.

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By way of a brief history of our Men's events in the Maritimes, following the first 'Men's Festival of Faith' weekend at Mount Allison University (where over 350 men attended), similar celebrations were continued and repeated through the 1980's. These Men's Festivals were great times of fellowship, leading directly to the establishment of the Cape Breton Men's Conference at Mira Pines Camp and the Fredericton Men's Retreat, and each of these continue to this day.

Our Saturday Men's rallies began in 2002, and have been a feature every two years since, with a variety of keynote speakers including moderators, Peter Short (2004) and David Giuliano (2008).

Once again we come together, to encourage, to share, to worship and to celebrate our faith in Christ in today's world. We invite you to join us!

*To view Ross Lockhart check out this link
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1DUDUisX8*

**Vision Statement of Maritime
Conference United Church Men**



'To lead men to an understanding of the work and witness of the church, that through commitment to Christ, they may fulfill the ministry to which they are called, in the home, in daily work, in the community and in the world.'