

REGIONAL

FAITH COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

May 14/15, 2008

Rocky Mountain College

Calgary, AB

Dr. Danuta Skowronski – Key-note Speaker

BC Centre for Disease Control



Summit participants Don Muir, Ruth Anne Peters and Marg Pollon demonstrate the use of gowns and masks needed by hospital staff during a pandemic.

**SIMPLE AND CONCISE
DESCRIBES THE POTENTIAL
OF H5N1 (Avian Flu). LEARN
FROM THE EXPERTS HOW THE
FAITH COMMUNITY CAN STAND
IN THE 'GAP' IN THE EVENT OF
INFLUENZA PANDEMIC
OUT-BREAK.**

**BEING PREPARED =
PRIOR CONTINGENCY PLANS**

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PROGRAM

Regional Faith Community Summit on Pandemic Preparedness and Response May 14th – 15th, 2008 Rocky Mountain University College



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2008

Registration: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Punch & Fellowship: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Evening Banquet: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

- 6:00 PM Welcome: **Marg Pollon**
Andrew Nikiforuk – Master of Ceremonies: Author, "Pandemonium, Bird Flu, Mad Cow Disease, and other Biological Plaques of the 21st Century"
- 6:10 PM Song: "Unify" **Mike Schuster**
- 6:20 PM Grace: **Rev. Dr. John Lucas**
- 7:15 PM - 7:30 PM Welcoming Address: **Dr. Raj Sherman**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Wellness.
- 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM Key-note Address: **Dr. Danuta Skowronski** (BC Centre for Disease Control) "*Positive Prep for a Pandemic: Why it is Important, How it can be Achieved Together*"
- 8:45 PM – 9:00 PM Closing: **Jim Stevenson**, Ward 3 Alderman

Networking/Booths: 9:00 – 9:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 2008

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast:

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Plenary Session: "*Pandemic Preparedness in Alberta*" *What you need to know about Alberta's Plan*" - **Sue Kessler**, Senior Manager, Pandemic Preparedness – Alberta Health and Wellness with **Brad Andres**, Emergency Management Officer, Emergency Management Alberta

Health Break & Networking/Booths: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break-Out Sessions: 10:30 – Noon

1. "Care for the Care-Giver" – Lt. Col. **Irene Stickland**
2. "Why a Faith Response?" Understanding the tension as Christians grapple with the Pandemic issue – **Pastor David Collins**
3. "Moving Towards Relevancy" A Practical Strategy for Mobilizing Faith Communities"
Dr. Bill and Sharon Bieber
4. "Inter-organizational Collaboration and Networking for Pandemic Preparedness"
Steve Dalbey

Lunch: Partnering with the Calgary Evangelical Ministerial Association (CEMA)



- Grace – **Pastor Les Bon-Bernard**
- 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM **Andrew Nikiforuk**, Author/Journalist - "What to do about the flu: Preparing professionals or preparing the community?"

Break-Out Sessions: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

1. "Emotional and Spiritual Care" – **Major Roy Langer**
2. "Preparing the Mission Field for Pandemic" – **Dr. Wayne Whitbourne**
3. "A Pandemic Simulation - Table-top Exercise" – **Marg Pollon**
4. "Personal Preparedness for Emergencies" – **Tanya Platt**

Health Break, Networking/Booths: 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Panel Discussion: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

1. "Including congregations in Pandemic Preparedness Plans" – **John MacDonald**,
2. Communications during a Pandemic – **Dr. Rod Elford**
3. Ethical Considerations in Preparedness planning for Pandemic Preparedness
Dr. Rob Blackaby

Closing Thoughts - Lt. Col. Irene Stickland "The Red Blanket Story"

Thank you and Closing Prayer – Marg Pollon

** For more information please see speaker bios and topic summaries.