

## **PASTORS TEACHING CONFERENCE 2007**

**Teaching.** About 80 pastors and leaders gathered at Camp Shamineau on Oct. 8-9 for this year's Pastors Teaching Conference, *Money and the Minister*. Our speaker, Brian Kluth, spoke on a Biblical view of money and possessions, with a focus on issues of personal and church-wide generosity. Brian was well-received on several counts: he pushed us back to the Scriptures; he refreshed us in a healthy and invigorating view of Christian stewardship; he gave us a wealth of practical resources to implement in our churches; he personally modeled the very generosity he was teaching about; he helpfully illustrated his teaching with experiences from his own pastoral ministry. Of particular note were two resources he gave us. His booklet, *A 40 Day Journey to a More Generous Life*, is a digest of many Biblical passages and other resources to challenge God's people to honor God with their money and trust him to provide their needs. The *Christian Planning Guide for Getting Your House in Order* is a comprehensive booklet that walks an individual through specific issues that ought to be addressed before the day of one's death: faith issues, financial details, funeral plans, wealth sharing, medical wishes, children's guardians, life legacy, and so on. It's a needed resource not only for "second halfers" and aging baby boomers; it's a guide to be worked through by young adults as well. These and other resources are available for downloading or purchase at Brian's website: [www.kluth.org](http://www.kluth.org). CD's of the conference are also available for purchase from the district office. Contact Ardie at [ardie@ncdefca.org](mailto:ardie@ncdefca.org). If you were not able to attend, I encourage you to get the CD's and workshop notes. There's a lot to chew on and put into practice.

**Purity Workshop.** The conference also included an optional workshop in which participants were introduced to, and commented on, a district ministry initiative on sexual purity that is presently on the drawing board but soon to be launched. It consists largely of a confidential pathway to maintaining or recovering sexual purity and integrity. The district Council on Ministerial Standing is working on this initiative and will present the proposal to the district Board of Directors early in 2008. Further details will be communicated to district pastors in the weeks to come.

**Free and Happy Labor.** Free time at this year's conference included a couple of work projects for the camp. Pastors showed up in numbers and in work clothes to help with painting and chopping wood—a welcome break after sitting for awhile. And camp staffers were delighted with the progress made.

**2008 Conference.** Dates for the 2008 conference are not yet finalized. The theme will be sexual purity. We'll give you more info as plans are nailed down.