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Special Seminar on "Trusting God"

You are warmly invited to attend a special seminar sponsored by the Caring Network on the Subject "Trusting God". A flyer describing the details of the seminar is enclosed with this bulletin. The seminar will be held on Saturday November 15 at the Ossington Avenue ecclesia in Toronto, commencing with registration and refreshments at 9:15 am., and continuing to 3:00 PM. A light lunch will be served.

The ability to trust God is an essential ingredient in maintaining our spiritual and mental well-being. It is also essential in our efforts to care for others. To heal ourselves and to assist in healing others we must learn to trust God, and rely on His infinite love and wisdom. The seminar will have several components: exhortation, group exercises and discussion, a review of Caring Network activities, and informal fellowship. It promises to be a valuable day which combines spiritual insights with the practical aspects of caring for each other in every day life.

To assist the organizers plan for the day, you are asked to contact Bro. Scott Murray at We look forward to seeing you there!

CARING NETWORK WEB SITE

Have you been surfing the web lately? If so, don't miss the Caring Network's Web Site: <http://www.caringnetwork.on.ca> it has lots of useful information about the Network, about resources, about events and gatherings and it has several links to other related sites.

CARE LINE TRAINING

The Care Line is a confidential listening service which serves members of the Ontario Christadelphian community. Sometimes it is difficult to talk to a brother or sister in your ecclesia about a problem you or a family member is experiencing. If you call the Care Line number (519) 823-1039 and leave a message, a volunteer from the Care Line will call you back. Messages are checked daily. The volunteers are brothers and sisters who have had special training in empathic listening and related skills that assist in helping someone who is experiencing difficulty. They are not professional counsellors, but they can provide valuable assistance. As part of their training, Brother Jonathan Midgett has been conducting a series of special classes for the Care Line listeners. This type of training can benefit anyone who wants to develop their listening / caring skills. Brother Jonathan is leading a similar workshop at the Ossington Avenue ecclesia on Sunday November 23rd at 2:00 PM. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

As we enjoy beautiful Autumn weather, it's hard to believe that winter is just around the corner. For the young people, one of the highlights of the winter is the Ontario Winter Youth Weekend at "Medeba" in Haliburton. Last year's weekend featured very uplifting exhortations and spiritual discussion, as well as a large dose of healthy outdoor fun, and fellowship with like-minded people. Make sure to mark the weekend of February 14, 1998 in your calendar. Details will be sent to all young people in the next few months.

Other youth activities and programs are also to be developed. Any young people who would like to become involved in organizing youth activities sponsored by the Caring Network should call Bro. Scott Murray

FINANCES

The various Care Line activities cost money (telephone charges for the Care line, web site maintenance charges, seminar expenses, and publicity). We have been blessed with donations from individuals and ecclesias. The balance as at the last monthly meeting of the Caring Network support committee in September stands at \$3,088.96. These funds will be used to support the various activities that are planned for the year, as well as to cover the ongoing costs of the Care Line and related programs. If you wish to assist by making a donation, you can make a cheque payable to the Hamilton West Avenue Christadelphian ecclesia, earmarked for the Caring Network. If you wish further financial information, Bro. Dave Hill, the treasurer, would be pleased to assist.

THANKS

We want to acknowledge, with prayerful thanks, the blessing of our Heavenly Father, and his Son Jesus Christ, on the activities of the Network since the last Bulletin. We believe that it is ever more important in these difficult last days to support each other in a positive, caring way that encourages spiritual growth to the glory of God. In various ways, at the ecclesial level and through the Caring Network, we have seen evidence of the fruits of a more supportive environment that encourages solutions to the problems that face everyone from time to time. For that we are truly thankful. We also thank the brothers and sisters of our community for their continued support.