

Speaker Bio's

Dr. Anton Buekes- TOPIC- *Escatology & Understanding Genesis*

Anton Beukes grew up in South Africa, and after finishing seminary at the University of Pretoria, completed his Doctor of Divinity degree in Missiology at the same university. He has worked with Campus Crusade for Christ and Veritas College, before moving to Australia in 2005 as lecturer and Academic Registrar at Perth Bible College. In January 2009 Anton relocated to Red Deer, AB as Pastor of Outreach Missions at CrossRoads Church. Anton loves photography and traveling.

Dr. Clement Persuad- TOPIC- *Bio Ethics*

Clement Persaud was born in Guyana, South America. He holds a B.Sc. (Hons), University of Ottawa, an M.Sc., McGill University and a Ph.D., University of the West Indies.

He was a Professor of Medical Microbiology and Biotechnology at Canadore College in Northern Ontario for 23 years. He has lectured, worked and researched in Microbiology nationally and internationally. In semi-retirement since 1999, he has devoted much of his time to stem cell issues, and has spoken often on bioethical implications. In December 2002, he gave expert testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health in relation to Bill C13; in February 2004, he was a member of a Senate-appointed panel on embryo research in relation to Bill C-6. In 2005 - 2008, he was on a lecture tour of Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Costa Rica and Italy, speaking on bioethics, cloning and embryo research. He has lectured on Christian Worldview at YWAM, Switzerland. Clem is an Advisor to Medistem, an Arizona-based company that uses only ethical stem cells for therapy.

Currently he is preparing students for the world of biomedical technologies, and some emerging worldview issues.

Ellis Potter- TOPIC - *Systems of Beliefs & Apologetics*

Former Buddhist monk, now a minister, counselor and teacher. He worked for many years with Francis Schaeffer at L'Abri Fellowship, Switzerland and was the pastor of the Basel Christian Fellowship for 10 years. With his wife, Mary, he founded Eastern European Renewal (EER), an evangelical mission to Central and Eastern European countries.

Andrew Kooman- **TOPIC** - *Justice & Poverty*

Andrew Kooman lives in Red Deer, Alberta. He writes for the page, stage, and screen. Andrew has a BA in English and a certificate in Creative Multi Media. He has studied and worked with YWAM Israel and Malaysia, and now occasionally speaks in different YWAM schools about identity, creativity, and justice.

Allan McBryan- **TOPIC**- *Worldview*

Al is a bible scholar who teaches around the world. He brings a wealth of wisdom and will challenge you to understand more about God's character and nature. Al currently lives with his wife and children just outside of Edmonton.

Chris Keim- **TOPIC**- *Postmodernity & Identity*

Chris is married to Sharon, and together they have four children. Chris and Sharon are the directors of YWAM Blackfalds. Chris received his degree of Biblical Studies with The University of the Nations and regularly teaches in Maui, South Korea, and various other locations. He enjoys playing hockey, spending time with his kids and a good cup of coffee.

Stephen Brown- **TOPIC**- *Building Healthy Organizations*

Sharing with and helping others as they grow and learn in their journey with the LORD is a passion of Stephen Brown. He is one of the BHO Group team members who specializes in the area of educational program development, training, and coaching. Stephen is a lifelong learner who has earned his bachelor's in Biblical Studies and Intercultural Studies as well as a master's in Organizational Leadership. Today he continues to learn through a variety of other avenues. Stephen and his wife Vangie did their DTS in Australia, fifteen years ago. They now along with their four children make their home just outside of Wetaskiwin.