



## Canadian Evangelicalism: New Relationships and Structures

Centre for Research on Canadian Evangelicalism (CRCE)  
Request for Proposals

The Centre for Research on Canadian Evangelicalism (CRCE) seeks to:

- improve the accuracy of public and scholarly representations of Evangelicals in Canada;
- prompt new research on Canadian Evangelicalism;
- provide evangelical ministry leaders with information that will enhance the effectiveness of their work; and
- act as a storehouse and clearinghouse for research on Evangelicals in Canada.

The CRCE engages in high-quality research and research partnerships, and publishes some of the results in *Church & Faith Trends*, while encouraging dissemination via other media as well.

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Until the recent past, most research on Canadian evangelicalism was shaped by the influence and patronage of traditional evangelical denominations and their Christian higher education institutions<sup>1</sup>. Evangelicals, both within and outside of these traditional denominations and institutions, have largely carried on their work and mission within their respective spheres of influence.

As the strength of denominational influence has waned in recent years, newer transdenominational organizational structures, non-institutional networks and evangelical sub-movements have begun to be created between Evangelicals creating new opportunities for understanding and studying Evangelicalism in Canada.

The CRCE is interested in understanding the growth, development and mission of these new trans-denominational and extra-denominational relationships and structures especially where they have a national scope or application.

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<sup>1</sup> See John G. Stackhouse Jr., "Defining 'Evangelical'," *Church & Faith Trends* 1:1 (October 2007), and John G. Stackhouse Jr., *Canadian Evangelicalism in the Twentieth Century: An Introduction to Its Character*, (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993).

To this end the CRCE requests proposals for research from any social scientific perspective, including quantitative and qualitative methods, on Canadian Evangelicalism:

- that is found outside of the relationships and structures that are primarily influenced or directed by traditional evangelical denominations, or
- that examines some intersection of traditional and non-traditional evangelical relationships and structures, especially where there is some cooperative or collaborative undertaking of mission, or
- that describes the developing transdenominational organizational structures and networks that are reshaping the evangelical movement in Canada, or
- that describes the growth and development of Canadian evangelical sub-movements.

While focusing on new relationships, structures and sub-movements the CRCE is open to strong proposals on other aspects of Canadian Evangelicalism especially where the investigation is national in scope.

*The following research areas are examples:*

- City Church Networks
- Evangelicalism in Canadian Mainline Protestant Churches
- Evangelical – Catholic co-operation
- Evangelical use of internet social networking sites.

The deadline for proposal applications is **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**. Grants will be awarded for a minimum of \$3,000 up to a maximum of \$20,000. The CRCE will award grants only up to the unfunded portion of any research project. Thus proposals may be submitted for entire projects or for unfunded remainders of projects that have received financial assistance from elsewhere.

## Writing Proposals

Proposals should include the following elements:

1. An executive summary of the proposed research: In this summary you should describe how the proposed research addresses one or more of the CRCE's research concerns.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. The amount requested, including a disclosure of other grant money received or applied for from other institutions. Please note again that CRCE funds must be used only for projects, or for parts of projects, not otherwise funded.
  - b. The total budget for this proposal, with clear categories and figures for each kind of expenditure.
3. A description of the project:

- a. Proposed project details, including the main research question or questions in view, method and sources, significance, and relationship of this project to similar projects already completed here in Canada or elsewhere.
  - b. Proposed measurable outcomes. Please include a timeline and identify research milestones. Please ensure that the outcomes that you mention are “SMART”: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-defined.
  - c. A statement about how you intend to disseminate your findings via scholarly or popular media.
  - d. A description of how you would present your research in one or more articles for the CRCE’s online journal, *Church & Faith Trends*.
4. Contact information: Please include a mailing address, email address and/or website, and phone number.
  5. A *curriculum vitae* for each researcher.

## Directing Proposals

Research proposals should be sent to:

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Proposals must be received no later than **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern time)**. The CRCE will confirm by email receipt of all proposals that meet the requirements. If you have not received an email within a week of the application deadline, please contact Rick Hiemstra to make sure your proposal has been received. All applicants will receive notification of successful proposals by email once formal funding agreements have been signed between the EFC and the successful applicants.