

LIVING WATERS UNPLUGGED

❑ What is Living Waters?

Living Waters provides Christ-centred help for those struggling with a variety of sexual and relational problems. Our help is founded on the biblical foundation of compassion, integrity and dependence on God for all things. Our desire is to convey Jesus, the One who is “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14) to broken people.

❑ What kind of help does Living Waters provide?

Through a 25-week program of worship, teaching, prayer and small groups, Living Waters helps believers stand in Christ as their only source of transformation. We also lead them to find their place in the church, so that they can be a blessing to others.

❑ What’s the format of the Living Waters program?

Participants gather each week for a time of worship, teaching and small group prayer. Participants apply to enter the program, and commit to a covenant of confidentiality to ensure privacy.

❑ What kind of teaching is given during the Living Waters program?

Our ministry leaders teach a set curriculum of topics. These teachings include:

The Creation – seeing that we are made in His image

The Fall – discovering how it affects us

The Father – knowing and trusting Him as Jesus did

The Son – living in the good news of His truth

The Spirit – receiving comfort and empowerment

The Cross – naming sin, being forgiven and forgiving others

The Healing – knowing how to live in healing

The Church – learning to relate to others

The Hope – becoming more and more like Jesus

❑ Who can enrol in this 25-week program?

Anyone is welcome to apply. Christians from many backgrounds have benefited from Living Waters. These include those who lack a sense of being, live with low self-esteem, depend emotionally on others, fear people or commitment. As well, participants can struggle with same-sex issues, pornography, sexual fantasy, abuse and addictions.

❑ What role does the church play in Living Waters?

Our 25-week programs are church-based. Why? Because we believe the church is God’s chosen instrument on earth to carry out the ministry of reconciliation. Our main mission is to help the church provide healing to those who are hurting and struggling in life.

❑ What church sponsors Living Waters?

We are an inter-denominational movement. We receive support from churches of all backgrounds and sizes. These include believers from Baptist, Pentecostal, Vineyard, Anglican, Presbyterian, Reformed and Alliance churches.

❑ Is Living Waters just a North American ministry?

No. The ministry is active in more than 30 countries, including England, Finland, Venezuela, South Africa and New Zealand.

❑ How active is the ministry in Canada?

At the moment, we have programs in cities across Canada—from Prince Edward Island to Vancouver. Our desire is to expand the reach of Living Waters, and to offer other church-based programs such as “The River” (for youth), and “SALT” (for sexual addicts).

❑ How is Living Waters Canada organized?

The ministry has a board of directors that brings leadership to Living Waters Canada. The national office is located in Vancouver. Living Waters is a registered charity.

❑ Why Living Waters? Why now?

We are living in a confusing time. And we in the church are increasingly frustrated because we don’t know how to reach out to our fellow believers who struggle with personal problems. That’s why Living Waters is dedicated to speaking biblical truth with compassion, and helping the church be a safe place.

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