

# Metro-Vancouver ESL ministry Network Event

## March 18, 2023

**In-Person:** Douglas College 700 Royal Avenue, New Westminster V3M 5Z5

**Online:** Zoom link will be provided March 16

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### Program at a Glance

9:00 – 9:50/ 9:40	<b>In Person</b> Sign in. Beverages & Fruit <b>Online</b> Please connect to Zoom by 9:40
<sup>A</sup> 10:00 – 10:55	Carolyn Kristjanson <b>Understanding Trauma to Promote Wellness in the ESL Classroom</b>
<sup>B</sup> 11:00 – 11:55	Janice Campbell <b>Pronunciation 101</b>
12:00 – 1:20	An opportunity to connect with experienced program providers <b>Potluck Lunch</b>
<sup>C</sup> 1:30 – 2:10	Janice GT Penner <b>Materials for "On the Road: a journey through the Bible for Migrants"</b>
<sup>D</sup> 2:15 – 2:45	Gordon Moulden <b>Pointing forward: Survey study of Canadian Church-based ESL Ministries</b>
<sup>E</sup> 2:45 – 3:15	Gordon & Janice P <b>Discussion Going Forward</b>
3:15 – 4:30	<b>Free Books for your programs</b> Donated by Douglas College ELLA faculty, Del Herman, Janice GT Penner

**Cost:** In person: \$15 Online: \$7 (Sorry. No refunds for this event)

### Session A: Understanding Trauma to Promote Wellness in the ESL Classroom

In the wake of COVID-19, natural disasters, the terrors of war, violence, and myriad other conditions coupled with international migration, it is not uncommon to witness the effects of trauma in ESL classrooms in Canada. Trauma is often defined as a wound to body, mind, or spirit, or some combination of the three. An understanding of physiological, emotional, mental, spiritual, and social effects of trauma can enhance our awareness of how it shows up in our language classrooms and facilitate our ability to respond helpfully and compassionately, creating conditions and boundaries that promote wellness for learners and program providers. This session is designed to contribute to an understanding of trauma and its effects and offer guiding principles for a trauma-informed approach to church-based ESL for the purpose of strengthening our capacity to welcome, support, and demonstrate Christ's love to language learners

**Carolyn** was born in Canada and raised in Brazil, the daughter of missionaries. She married a pastor from Iceland and lived there for 11 years while they were involved in various forms of ministry. In Iceland she taught English at a small Bible college and a junior college. After returning to Canada with her family in 1994, she started teaching at TWU. Carolyn has degrees in Theology and Language Education and is a certified Executive Coach. She has served as a volunteer consultant to church-based ESL programs and has conducted two extensive research studies on church-sponsored ESL in BC.

## Session B: Pronunciation 101

At the heart of speaking, teachers often discover the desire for students to speak like a native English speaker. While speaking like a native is not necessary to communicate effectively with others, pronunciation skills are necessary to be able to understand when repetitive misunderstandings occur. Furthermore, learning to connect sounds with spelling is essential not only for writing, but also reading. Come and learn some tips to help with teaching pronunciation.

**Janice C** achieved her B.A. (Hons) from Brock University, MCS from Regent College and TESOL Diploma from VCC. She has been teaching ESL for 18 years and has taught ELSA/LINC levels 1 to 8 for the past 10 years at New Directions in Langley. She currently coordinates Assessment & Certification and the TESL Practicum placements at New Directions. Janice is also involved with community initiatives such as the Langley Literacy Network, the South Fraser Language Network, KPU's ELS Program Advisory Committee and the Poverty Reduction Task Group co-chair to name a few.

## Session C: Materials for "On the Road: a journey through the Bible for Migrants

"It's hard to leave your homeland and the people you love, and venture into the unknown." Therefore, the French Bible Society created a booklet with 33 migration stories from the Bible and more from contemporary migrants who explain their changed lives. Although this 2008 resource is excellent, the language isn't accessible to language learners. Janice will present the materials she has developed to support your learners and facilitators. This affordable publication is also available in Spanish, Farsi, French, Chinese and Arabic. The *Supplemental Materials* are available on her website.

**Janice P** was introduced to faith-based ESL programs in 1979 as a summer volunteer. Upon finishing her BRE and BEd, she began teaching Academic Preparation at the UofA, in Beijing and Taipei and at UBC. After completing her MEd, she began at Douglas College and "escaped" to Japan and Kazakhstan on educational leaves. She's led an *Alpha for ESOL* class and a church's *Daycare Mom's English Club*.

In 2006, she led a team to start this network for Metro Vancouver programs but has not facilitated it effectively. Her desire is to re-activate this local ministry and support the Canada-wide initiative for faith-based English Language Learning (ELL) programs.

## Session D: Pointing the way forward: Survey study of Canadian Church-based ESL Ministries

Findings from a survey-based research study on the current state of ESL ministry in Canadian churches following the reopening of churches after the COVID pandemic will be given. The study has been helpful both for revealing the impact of pandemic-based church closures on their ESL programs and for providing insights on how to strengthen the ministry moving forward.

**Gordon** has over thirty-years' experience teaching English in Japan and Metro Vancouver, in universities, after-school programs, and churches, among others. He currently serves in the ESL ministry with Willingdon church in Burnaby. Professionally, he works in the MA TESOL Program at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC, where he teaches courses in assessment, research methods, and leadership.

## Session E: Discussion Going Forward

Based on the survey results and your own experience, we'll discuss how the Metro-Vancouver network can continue. Think about how YOU can be involved.

## **Other Logistics:**

### **Online Zoom participants**

- Celeste will be our tech manager in this hybrid classroom.
- You will be sent a reminder email with the link two days before the event
- We hope you will connect at least 10 minutes before the sessions begin.

### **In-person participants**

- Coffee & Potluck Lunch: We have fridges, so please bring food that doesn't need reheating.
- To reduce waste, please BYO Mug. All other food related items will be supplied

### **Getting to Douglas College <https://www.douglascollege.ca/about-douglas/>**

- Douglas College is on the Skytrain line, but you'll need to walk up a short but fairly steep hill.
- Underground Parking is \$5.50 all day. (Pay near elevator entrance)
- Entrance is along Victoria Street.
- Come up the North elevator to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. You will find the Sign in table nearby.

### **Free Resource books for your program**

- Books have been donated by Douglas ELLA program & Del Herman & Janice Penner
- They are hoping the materials will support your program team instead of individuals.
- Please bring your own book bags.

**Thank you for your interest.**

**Please don't hesitate to share this with others in your network who are  
interested and/ or involved in English Language Ministries**

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