

# WELCOME

## Youth Pastor/Leader,

“Do this and the lights will turn on...” (Isaiah 58:8)

In a world that is increasingly directing its energy towards pushing our students to have more and focus more on self, the prophet Isaiah issues a challenge that is counter to our culture. Standing up for justice, feeding the hungry, providing shelter to the homeless, & clothes to the naked, are the center of the challenge. For if we can live out this unselfish and sacrificial life, a **SPARK** will occur – the light will come on! Then, God says through his servant, we will hear from heaven and see light rise in darkness.

We are inviting you to our first ever **SPARK** conference that is created and designed to help light the fire of action amongst this generation of youth and young adults. On **May 22-24**, we are calling students to 565 Kenmount Road in St. John’s to be challenged and prepped to carry out this mandate. Yes this weekend will be about hearing from the word of God and worshipping together, but we want to take it a step further. The Saturday afternoon of SPARK will be all about giving back and demonstrating love and mercy to our Capital city and surrounding area.

Bringing the challenge from the Word of God to the students and young adults gathered will be **Mark Miller**. Mark is no stranger to our city and to youth ministry. He is a dynamic speaker and will challenge our registrants to the core! We will have a house band from our youth ministry open up the general sessions, and Juno award winning artist, **Amanda Falk** will pick it up from there. Amanda has a growing love for Newfoundland and Labrador and is excited about leading us into the presence of God throughout this weekend.

We will have some local flavor leading the breakout sessions on Saturday morning and are presenting an incredible opportunity for the parents of teens/young adults to be involved as well. Pastor **Glen Newman** is preparing to do a seminar for parents on the Saturday morning surrounding the issue of drug use and abuse amongst our youth culture. This will serve as an invaluable tool for parents and we encourage you to spread the word about this. More information re: sign up and location for this session will be released soon.

Please download the poster, registration forms, and schedule, and make plans to join us on May 22-24. We will be posting video updates on the website ([www.shelteryouth.com/spark](http://www.shelteryouth.com/spark)) periodically.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to email me at [mjoy@elim.nf.ca](mailto:mjoy@elim.nf.ca) or call (709) 579 9678 x 223.

## Ignite a SPARK.

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