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## Thought-provoking poet, inspiring production sets the tone for Covenant Health's Annual Community Meeting

Edmonton, Canada

More than 270 community members attended Covenant Health's third Annual Community Meeting (ACM). It was an inspiring gathering, featuring the premiere of a local production honouring the Catholic Sisters and a key note address by internationally known poet David Whyte.

The Annual Community Meeting (ACM) is an opportunity for Covenant Health to share with its partners and stakeholders highlights from the last year and to showcase progress towards its vision "to positively influence the health of Albertans and be of greater service to those in need by working together with compassion, quality and innovation".

Based on the theme "Answering the Call: Leading with Courage and Compassion", this year's meeting followed a major provincial celebration on September 28 at the Alberta Legislature grounds, where Premier Ed Stelmach unveiled a monument honouring the Catholic Sisters who helped to build our province over the past 150 years.

The sculpture "Service through Christ" was part of the Catholic Sisters' Legacy Recognition Project led by Covenant Health in collaboration with the Catholic community. Read a [news release](#) about the legacy project and view photos from the event in [Covenant Health's Photo Gallery](#).

The project also included the production of a video "Legacy through Service" which was premiered at the Annual Community Meeting. The beautiful production, featuring words and images of the Sisters and those who support and carry on their work, will be posted on [covenanthealth.ca](http://covenanthealth.ca) by mid-October 2011.

Keynote speaker David Whyte, who was recently featured on [Oprah.com](http://Oprah.com), showed how the insights available to us through good poetry can provide a compelling vision, grant needed courage and stir the dormant imagination of individuals and organizations alike.

Using poetry and thoughtful commentary, David Whyte focused on how to foster qualities of courage and engagement; qualities needed if we are to respond to today's call for increased creativity and adaptability in the workplace.

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