***We Are More than Our Genes***

***A Workshop on Christian Faith and New Genetic Technologies***

***November 18, 2pm – 3.30pm; at CCC 70th Anniversary Assembly***

***Biotechnology Reference Group – The Canadian Council of Churches***

**Introduction**

This workshop is for people from all Christian traditions interested in exploring genetic technologies and how they intersect with faith perspectives on a day-to-day basis whether in health care, medical research, engineering future generations, or social justice, for example. This workshop is designed for people who have a curiosity about theology, ethics, and genetic technologies and want to be more aware of what is going on and watching how best to respond. We want to create space for thoughtful reflection and discernment.

**Working Agenda**

2.00 Opening Reflection and Warm-Up on Genetic Technologies and Faith
Promises and Perils

2.30 Five Conversations: A Dialogue Café

* Genetic Technologies, Faith and Human Dignity
* Genetic Technologies, Information and Personal Identity
* Genetic Technologies and Research on Human and Non-Human Subjects
* Genetic Technologies and the Engineering of Future Generations
* Genetic Technologies and Social Justice

3.15 A Ripple

* Planning to Widen the Conversation
* Closing Circle and Reflections

 3.30 Adjourn
*BRG members will now meet with representatives from Environment Canada on a Federal policy regarding Access and Benefit Sharing for genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources*