

Elisha House Update



Changes have taken place at Elisha House Pregnancy & Family Support Centre in Welland. Some of you may be supporters of this ministry and may not be aware of these changes which impact your donations and how they are directed. These changes were made as a result of impending federal legislation seeking to revoke charitable status of pro-life pregnancy centres. The ministry of Elisha House is unwilling to compromise on their pro-life position, and as a result took proactive steps to change the structure and operations of the ministry to protect the finances, resources and most importantly, the ability to offer Biblically based client care.

Elisha House is no longer an entity that is providing pregnancy options or counselling services.

The Elisha House website states:

“Elisha House has gone through some restructuring and is no longer offering biblical counselling. If you are looking for this type of counselling you are welcome to reach out to Insight Biblical Counselling”

“Elisha House is carrying out all pregnancy options services in partnership with Clarity Pregnancy Options. For support, please reach out to Clarity Pregnancy Options directly.”

The only page on their website directs viewers to both Clarity Pregnancy Options and to Insight Biblical Counselling, two new ministries. **Please note that as a result of these changes, neither Clarity nor Insight are registered charities, therefore tax receipts cannot be issued for donations.**

Clarity Pregnancy Options is online at <https://www.claritypregnancy.ca/>

It offers the following information:

“About us:

Clarity Pregnancy Options is a faith-based non-profit organization.

Our mission is to help women EXPLORE the facts about their options relating to unexpected pregnancies, to EMPOWER women to make confident & informed choices with follow up care, and to EQUIP families with the resources they need to thrive.

We officially launched on January 1st, 2022 in partnership with Elisha House Pregnancy & Family Support Center.

Clarity provides care for individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy. We explore all legal options, empowering you to make a confident & informed choice with your pregnancy.

Insight Biblical Counselling is online at <https://seekinsight.ca/>

It offers the following information:

“Insight Biblical Counselling offers a safe place for clients to explore their behaviours, uncover the motives that influence these responses and come to know the Lord who is active in changing and renewing their lives.

Our Purpose

We want to help believers to live out the gospel of hope through the resurrection power given to them by the Spirit. We also want to equip believers to love others well and to live out the truth presented in Scripture. This is vital for the Church of God making it a living, thriving, growing redemptive community.

We achieve this purpose through individual and group counselling sessions but also through educating others to mentor and disciple through internships, training courses and seminars.

A Little History

Insight was born out of Elisha House Pregnancy and Family Support Centre, which had its roots in the Niagara Life Centre, (St. Catharines).

In the summer of 2021, Insight registered as a not-for-profit corporation, and the first Board of Directors was formed. At the same time, plans were initiated to purchase the property at 263 Division St., Welland. Further plans for renovating the new office building were laid in the hopes that these offices would be available in January, 2022. In January, the first of the Insight staff were hired, and the work of the ministry commenced on January 10, 2022.

Our Mission

To provide biblical counselling and to equip people with practical biblical training.”
Insight also has advised us that “Similar to Clarity- with the conversion therapy bill that became law last year in Canada, Insight believed it would be best to also avoid future complications with the Canada Revenue Agency that we believe would likely come with having charitable status.

While Elisha House is still a register Charity (for now), they are asking that donors consider directing their support to either Clarity Pregnancy Options or Insight Biblical Counselling. Elisha House is in the process of winding down operations, and while this may take a few years, the important work of the ministry is being continued through Clarity and Insight and resources are most needed in these ministries. **Please note that as a result of these changes, neither Clarity nor Insight are registered charities, therefore tax receipts cannot be issued for donations.** Businesses and churches looking to support the ministries should reach out directly to the respective ministry to find out how they can give,

Blessings

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