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The In Common Editor will no longer be accepting advertisements
for the Christian Exchange.

Alterations by Jane DeVos:

No job too big or too small. Willing to do wedding dress alterations and zippers as well. Call Jane for more information at 604.746.5069.

House Cleaning Services:

Do you hate cleaning? Are you too busy to keep your house as clean as you'd like? Are you older or recovering from illness and just need a helping hand? My name is Wendy Stroomer and I would love to help you out. I am looking for any housecleaning jobs and am available any time during the day. If you or someone you know is looking for a house cleaner, please give me a call at 604.852.6252.

Health Care Assistant

My name is Brianna Kampman and I am a certified Health Care Assistant. I have been a Care aid in a long term setting for a while now and would love to start providing private home care for the elderly. My schedule is very flexible as of right now. If you or someone you know would be interested in this and would like some more information, please don't hesitate to call or text me at [306-262-4430](tel:306-262-4430).

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Please submit announcements relevant to the Christian Reformed Churches in Abbotsford to:

Tena Blink, phone 604.854.3932, e-mail: blinkmctj@gmail.com.

Church administrators will also forward information.

The deadline for the next issue: 12 noon, Wednesday, October 24.

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THE CHURCH FAMILY



BIRTH

☆ September 16: Sahara Njeri, daughter of David & Sandra Wahome Trinity

BIRTHDAYS 85+

☆ October 15: John Sturrus 99 years Gateway
☆ October 21: Ann Teyema 87 years Gateway
☆ October 27: Freda Brink 87 years Trinity

ANNIVERSARIES

☆ October 5: Jake & Anne Mulder 66 years Trinity
☆ October 8: Rich & Marian VanderWal 35 years Gateway
☆ October 11: John & Teresa Kampman 55 years Trinity
☆ October 14: Sid & Jeanette Kingma 51 years Living Hope
☆ October 18: Ralph & Gertie Maarhuis 55 years Trinity
☆ October 21: Peter & Betty Haagen 59 years Trinity
☆ October 22: Sid & Annie Jaarsma 60 years Gateway
☆ October 24: Jack & Dina VanderMeulen 60 years Trinity
☆ October 25: Pier & Anka Bommassar 50 years Trinity
☆ October 27: Bill & Ann Verhagen 59 years Gateway

IN MEMORIAM

☆ September 28: Bill Dykstra, at the age of 90 years Living Hope
☆ October 9: Aukje DeGoede, at the age of 86 Trinity

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

An exciting volunteer opportunity is coming again this winter, and we are looking for people to join us in this mission outreach project right here in Abbotsford. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and show his love in our own neighbourhood.

Gateway Community Christian Reformed Church on Gladys Ave in Abbotsford is once again hosting an Extreme Weather Shelter for the homeless this winter from **November 1st to March 31st**

We are looking for assistance in the following areas: bringing a meal in a crock pot, bringing three dozen buns with something on them, volunteering from 7:30 to midnight with two other people, or volunteering from midnight to 8:30 am with one or two other people. Ideally if we have enough volunteers this would be a commitment of once every week or once every two weeks when the shelter is open. The shelter is open if there is snow on the ground, and/or the temperature is 0 or below, or if there is a heavy painful warning. Last season the shelter was open over 80 nights.

We work together with BC Housing, the Salvation Army and Cyrus Center

Thank you for your consideration of this ministry

For more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or by email jvanderheide@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hearts of Hope is a Christian support group for women going through Infertility and Pregnancy Loss. October is National Awareness Month for Pregnancy Loss and Infant Loss. We will be participating with other organizations around the world with "Wave of Light", **lighting candles on October 15th** to remember our little ones born too soon. *Please message us for more info and if you would like us to remember your little one this way.* **Our Regular Meeting is on October 25th** at 7:00 PM. Please email us at info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca if you would like us to light a candle or to come to the meeting! Our website has more info - www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca.

SECRET KEEPER GIRL - Masterpiece World Tour-

October 19 @ 7pm at Gateway CRC

An all-new 2 1/2 hour event for Moms and their Daughters (age 7-12)

Discover the power of true beauty and modesty!

Tickets and information @ www.PRAISE1065.com

Don't Miss the Concert coming to Gateway this Saturday:

Singer-songwriter Jeremy Benjamin is bringing his "***I Am Not My Own Tour***" to Gateway Community CRC! Join us and invite your friends as Jeremy performs on **Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 pm**. The event will take place at Gateway Community Christian Reformed Church, 2884 Gladys Avenue, Abbotsford. Jeremy is touring around the Fraser Valley, commissioned by the CRC .

Proceeds will go to World Renew, The Stream, and Jeremy's worship ministry, so come prepared to give generously!

Find out more at iamnotmyown.org .

ANNUAL KIDS HARVEST PARTY - Wednesday | October 31 | 6-8:30pm

After having a brief hiatus last year, due to our renovation, we're happy to once again bring to life our annual kids harvest party at Living Hope CRC!! It's a free event for kids to enjoy an interactive evening on Halloween, indoors & safe. We have all sorts of carnival games, bouncy castles, candy & prizes!

34631 Old Clayburn Rd, Abbotsford, B.C.

Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Van Dop; adam@livinghopecrc.ca

(Upcoming Events...cont'd)

Telecare Crisis & Caring Line of Abbotsford is hosting *Listen Up! A Supportive Listening Workshop*, on **Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Northview Community Church, 32040 Downes Rd, Abbotsford. Cost is \$35. Coffee and snacks provided. Please bring a light lunch. Register at <http://www.telecarebc.com/listen-up-workshop.html>. Ideal for people leading people in ministry and care.

Gateway CRC Christmas Craft Fair:

The 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair is happening on **November 16 & 17** at Gateway CRC. If you would like to reserve a table for \$45, please head to Gateway's website at www.gatewaycrc.org to download the Vendor Application form with more information. **Apply early, space is limited!**

WORSHIP NIGHT - Sunday | November 18 | 6 – 7pm

Come join us at Living Hope CRC for a night of music and worship! This is an opportunity to invite your friends, family and neighbors...everyone is welcome! Child care will be provided for kids age 0-3; children are invited to participate in our service. 34631 Old Clayburn Rd, Abbotsford, B.C.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday, November 30 | 7 – 9pm

Saturday, December 1 | 10am – 2pm

Living Hope CRC Women's Connections will be hosting a Christmas market again this year! Interested in selling your arts, crafts or business products at our Christmas Market? Rent a table to sell your items! Registration forms can be found at Living Hope church or www.livinghopecrc.ca/events/. For more information, please contact Kristen Olthuis, Women's Connections Coordinator: phone: 604-768-7141 or email: wkolthuis@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Advokate Life & Education Services is searching for an experienced and passionate individual to manage our pregnancy care centre in Langley BC, under the supervision of an Executive Director. The role is instrumental in providing help and resources for individuals who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy. This is a full-time permanent position with a competitive salary. **Deadline for applying is October 31st.** Visit www.advokate.ca/get-involved/employment-opportunities for more information or email info@advokate.ca.



DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS



From CRC Communications

Help is Only a Call, Click, or Chat Away - We're making it easier for you and your church to access CRC resources. If you're involved in a church ministry and wonder if your denomination can help with something, just CALL (800-272-5125), CLICK (www.crcna.org/Resources), or CHAT (from any page on www.crcna.org). We're here to serve, and would love to connect you with people and resources to support your ministry.

From Back to God Ministries International

- ❖ **CAIN AND ABEL** - This story of two brothers is the Bible's first story of jealousy and murder. Why does the author of Genesis include such a gruesome story? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 4 to find out what the story of Cain and Abel communicates about our human emotions, worship, righteousness, and faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- ❖ **FAMILY FIRE** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.
- ❖ **FOR THE LOVE OF LIZ** - Liz really wants to be elected to student council, and he's got a secret weapon to win. Will his plan work? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC's new Mezuzah craft at www.kidscorner.net.

From Resonate Global Mission

- ❖ **Agricultural Development in the Middle East** - Come be part of Resonate Global Mission's work in the Middle East! The Cohort is a year-long opportunity for an integrated group of young adults from North America and the Middle East to volunteer in various ministries alongside Resonate Global Mission workers. This position is a one-year volunteer commitment working in agriculture development and sustainable farming. For more information, visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/agriculture or contact Lisa Sochacki at Isochacki@crcna.org.
- ❖ **Journey Through Egypt** - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.
- ❖ **Walk the Paths of the Exodus** - Step back into ancient times and walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel in Resonate's Exodus Vision Tour. You will see historical Biblical sites, learn the history of some of the oldest churches in the world, and gain understanding of how to live under persecution living as a minority faith. The Exodus Vision Tour is scheduled for March 15 - April 1, 2020. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus

From Other

- ❖ **CARDUS EVENT** - British Columbia's independent schools – including Christian schools – are a vital part of the province's education system. That's why research organization Cardus is bringing unique data on graduates of B.C.'s independent schools to a special event at Surrey's Pacific Academy on October 17th where education expert Dr. Beth Green will unpack the results of the Cardus Education Survey exploring graduates' post-secondary academic achievement, spiritual formation, and public engagement as citizens. For information, please, email: events@cardus.ca
- ❖ **JOB OPPORTUNITY** - Do you have a passion for working with people from other cultures? Have a passion for seeing international ministry done well? If so, come join the EduDeo Ministries team! We are passionate about impacting children, teachers and communities around the world through Christ-centred education. We are looking for a new International Partnerships Director: someone to lead, guide and grow our relationships with our international partners. Visit edudeo.com/jobs for the official posting - applications due October 29.

- ❖ Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For information go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or peter.tuininga@gmail.com. Register by December 15, 2018.

From World Renew

- ❖ Career Opening - World Renew, Donor Relations and Advancement Manager - Are you passionate about Donor Relations? Do you have experience leading a team? If so, we have an opportunity for you! World Renew has a full time opening for a Donor Relations and Advancement Manager within our Constituency Relations (CORE) team, base in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This position will cultivate and maintain relationships with donors to secure necessary funds, provide analysis and financial reporting of major and mid-level donor development, provide leadership and supervision to the team in the USA, and manage donor administrative systems in the USA. To apply and for details, please visit: candidates.perrettlaver.com/vacancies/1032/appointment_of_us_donor_relations_and_advancement_manager/ quoting reference number 3567. The deadline to apply is November 2, 2018.
- ❖ Career Opportunity - Direct Marketing Program Manager - Are you passionate about marketing and using your skills to help people living in poverty? If so, World Renew, an agency of the CRCNA, has an opportunity for you! World Renew has a full-time opening for a Program Manager, Direct Marketing within our Constituency Relations (CORE) team; this position will be based in the Burlington, Ontario, office. Put your direct marketing skills to work developing, implementing, evaluating, and improving cross channel direct marketing campaigns for World Renew's general donor fundraising strategy. In this way you'll help grow the loyal and recurring donor base, welcome and engage new donors, and reacquire lapsed donors for increased financial support and lives changed for the better worldwide. For more information, or to apply, please visit www.worldrenew.net/careers!
- ❖ Hurricane Michael Response - World Renew Disaster Response Services is organizing to help U.S. Gulf Coast residents affected by Hurricane Michael. DRS regional managers are working with local officials and other organizations to begin planning for early assessments and clean up after the storm. You can support Michael survivors who don't have the resources to recover from the storm on their own. Please give to the Hurricane Michael response in your church offering, at worldrenew.net/michael, call 800-730-3490, or mail your cheque made out to World Renew, with Hurricane Michael in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.
- ❖ World Renew Marketing Communications Job Opportunity - Would you love to use your gifts of writing to build the kingdom of God around the world? Do you have a heart for missions and international development? World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, is recruiting for a Parental Leave cover for a Marketing Communications Writer. This position supports the vision and mission of World Renew and the Constituency Relations (CORE) team by researching, writing, editing, and coordinating the production of communications projects that inspire, educate, and motivate new audiences and World Renew's existing constituents to ever increasing levels of engagement. For more information on this opportunity, or to apply, please see our website: <https://worldrenew.net/careers>.