

From Resonate Global Mission

- ❖ 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



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Must Write Their Ad(s) And Forward It/Them To The Church Administrator
Along With Their Toonie.***

**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.

Condo For Sale:

Condo in a very desirable location. Across from Mill Lake, close to Seven Oaks and West Oaks Shopping Centres. One bedroom plus den, large kitchen and patio. Complex has an indoor pool and underground parking. Approx. 1,140 sf. Call 778-808-0902 if interested.

"In Common" is published twice each month, but not necessarily every other week.

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, November 7.

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THE CHURCH FAMILY



BIRTHDAYS 85+

☆ October 21:	Jenny Huizinga	87 years	Living Hope
☆ October 30:	Dina VanVeen	88 years	Trinity

ANNIVERSARIES

☆ October 22:	John & Nel Snel	53 years	Living Hope
☆ November 4:	Ken & Sylvia Ingwersen	52 years	Gateway
☆ November 6:	Jim & Shirley Jansen	50 years	Gateway

IN MEMORIAM

☆ October 20:	Case Wiersma, at the age of 83	Gateway
☆ October 24:	Hermina Schoonewelle, at the age of 91	Trinity

SOMETIMES LIFE CAN HURT:

Having someone to talk to can make it easier to deal with. We are a Christian based ministry with trained and caring listeners. 1-888-852-9099 tollfree throughout BC/604-852-9099 Abbotsford/Mission
Telecare Crisis & Caring Line www.telecarebc.com

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER

An exciting volunteer opportunity to join us in this mission outreach project right here in Abbotsford. Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus in our own neighbourhood. Gateway CRC in Abbotsford will host an Extreme Weather Shelter for the homeless this winter from November 1st to March 31st

Assistance is needed in the following areas: crock pot meals, prepared buns, volunteering from 7:30 to midnight with two other people, or volunteering from midnight to 8:30 am with one or two other people. 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

LIVING HOPE'S ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

In celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness, Living Hope CRC is putting together a special booklet to commemorate this occasion. The Living Hope 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to send in your anecdotes & pictures to be shared in the 50th anniversary booklet! Send anecdotes (maximum 500 words) to Al Wisselink: alwisselink@gmail.com

Send pictures to office@livinghopecrc.ca If you don't have access to a scanner, please bring them to the church office. All submissions are due no later than **December 15th**.

FROM THE SEAFARERS MINISTRY:

We are preparing for **the Christmas at Sea** season for seafarers again this year, and your donations are much appreciated. You can still send to 401 E. Waterfront Rd, Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. However, this year we are having problems depositing cheques made out to "Ministry to Seafarers." Therefore, please make cheques payable to "Classis BCNW" and designate them to "Ministry to Seafarers, Christmas at Sea" on the memo line. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Save the date! Living Hope CRC will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on **the weekend of March 1-3, 2019**. More information regarding the celebration dinner, community carnival and Sunday worship service will be coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Evening of Sung Prayers:

Sunday, October 28, 2018 (today!) 7:30pm St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, 3025 264 St. Aldergrove, BC
You are invited to an hour of Sung Prayer, Poetry, Scripture, and Stillness featuring music from Taize, Iona, and Cathy AJ Hardy. Our theme will be "All Soul's...Remembering Those We Love." There will be a Coffee House following the service. For more information, please contact Cathy at cathyajhardy@shaw.ca.

Fall Coffee Concert at Calvin Presbyterian Church and Valley CrossWay Church. 33911 Hazelwood Av. Abbotsford.
Wednesday October 31. Coffee served from 10:00am -11:00am. Concert @ 11:00am.

Piano: Scott Meek

Violin: Oleg Pokhanovsk

Cello: Minna Rose Chung

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

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.

The ACS Auction and Garage Sale is coming soon! Mark **November 3** on your calendar and come down to Exhibition Park for a great day of food, fun and fellowship! More details at www.abbotsfordchristian.com or watch for the flyer in your mailbox! Call Denise de Jonge at 778.878.0440 to volunteer or donate!

(Upcoming Evenets...cont'd)

An Evening with Brian Doerksen is being held at Central Heights Church at 7pm on November 3rd – Brian will be performing with a full band and featuring songs from his newest album, and favourites from the past. You are invited to join us in an evening of inspirational music and worship in support of our Association's Family Support program. Invite your friends, family and church congregates and members to enjoy this special event. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/grateful-an-evening-with-brian-doerksen-tickets-44863697527> and in person at our Head Office in Abbotsford – 105-2975 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on **Friday, November 9, at 10 AM** in the Fireside Room at Living Hope CRC on Old Clayburn Road. We recognize that many families are affected by dementia. If you are the caregiver (or a supportive person to a caregiver) of a loved one with dementia, you are invited to join us. We are a Christian faith-based support group where we can share feelings or experiences and gain insight and knowledge from others on a similar journey in a confidential and safe environment. For more information please contact Living Hope church office at 604-853-6151 or office@livinghopecrc.ca to connect with a support group facilitator.

Christmas Craft Fair & Sale:

Friday November 16, 6-9 pm & Saturday, November 17, 9:30 am – 3 pm.

In the lobby at Gateway Community CRC, 2884 Gladys Avenue.

Come check out a variety of unique & handcrafted gifts, baked goods, light lunch available. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

For info please contact Christine Gross at tistine@gmail.com or 778-344-5612. Limited tables still available, vendors please head to Gateway's website at www.gatewaycrc.org to download the Vendor Application form with more information.

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.

Save the date: "Education Together" event and 50th Anniversary Celebration: Join us for an evening of commemorating 50 years of "seeking justice and speaking hope" in the way of Christ through the CRC's Centre for Public Dialogue. The highlight of this evening will be an opportunity to learn more about the current "Education Together" campaign, which encourages Canadian Christians to advocate with Indigenous people for equitable, culturally-appropriate Indigenous education. We hope to see you on **Friday, November 23 at 7:30 pm at Willoughby Church in Langley**. Check out the links to learn more, or contact Dena Nicolai at dena.nicolai@gmail.com.

God Alone Evening of Praise:

Join us for our fifth Evening of Praise as we celebrate the beautiful truths of the Gospel as outlined for us in the five solae – by Scripture Alone, through Faith Alone, by Grace Alone, through Christ Alone to the Glory of God Alone! This evening is scheduled for **Saturday, November 24** at the Chilliwack Free Reformed Church (45471 Yale Rd.) beginning at 7:30pm. Hosted by young people from various Reformed Churches it will be a wonderful evening of congregational singing, solos and instrumental pieces, with refreshments to be served afterwards. These evenings are usually over by 9pm, so you are especially encouraged to bring your kids as they love the music and all the different instruments! For more information visit chilliwackfrc.com. We hope to see you all there

(Upcoming Events...cont'd)

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

Songs Strings and Steps presents *An Irish Christmas* at Gateway Church in Abbotsford, **December 14th and 15th**. Producer Calvin Dyck is pulling together a delightful show including Irish dancers, "The Alumni Project" (an outstanding chamber choir from Abbotsford), the award winning Abbotsford Youth Orchestra and some surprises for the audience including an "Uilleann Piper" from Ireland. Tickets are available at House of James, King's Music or at <https://sssirishchristmas.eventbrite.ca>

Trinity Western University is hosting the following events. Come and check them out!

Ø **The Game of Love and Chance**

The School of the Arts, Media + Culture (SAMC) at Trinity Western University presents The Game of Love and Chance, a witty comedy that proves romance blossoms where you least expect it. This classic tale of secret identities and an arranged marriage takes a fun turn when the betrothed decide to take matters into their own hands!

Show runs: October 23rd to November 3rd

Tickets: 604.513.2188, or online at twu.ca/theatre.

Freedom Hall, Robert N. Thompson Building, Trinity Western University, 7600 Glover Road, Langley

Ø **A Remarkable Stillness**

TWU's Chamber Singers perform a concert of British repertoire, encompassing a wide variety of styles from the 14th to 21st Centuries, and featuring organist Edward Norman.

November 16th, 7:30pm, Emmanuel Free Reformed Church, 3366 Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford

Tickets: \$10 general admission, students pay-what-you-can. Details at twu.ca/samc.

Ø **Christmas at the Chan--Tickets on Sale!**

TWU's beloved holiday tradition, Christmas at the Chan, is coming soon! Award-winning conductor Dr. Joel Tranquilla, Director of Choral Activities at TWU, brings together four choirs and full orchestra in one exquisite Christmas program. This enchanting afternoon of musical performances is sure to usher in the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Tickets go on sale Friday, October 19 at 12pm through tickets.ubc.ca.

Concert takes place **Sunday, December 2 at 2:30pm** at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts



DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS



From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - Faith5 is a simple five-step family faith formation practice that your family can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Faith5 is great for kids of all ages! Check out Faith5.org for more. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From Back to God Ministries International

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **LIZ MISERABLE** - Liz is having a very bad, horrible week when he loses Grandpa's antique coin, fails a surprise test, and gets a cold. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC's new Mezuzah craft at www.kidscorner.net.
- ❖ **THE TOWER OF BABEL** - What is the purpose of this curious story? Study Genesis 11:1-9 with Groundwork to learn what God's intervention in a human effort to build a tower to the heavens teaches us about our human motivation and human efforts, our need for God, and God's ultimate plan for all nations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Calvin Theological Seminary: Calvin Seminary Preview Days - Interested in learning more about theology or biblical studies? Feeling called to a ministry role, but don't know where to start? Calvin Seminary invites you to join us for an upcoming Preview Day. Our Preview Day program is designed to give you the fullest seminary experience in order for you to experience for yourself how Calvin Seminary is preparing men and women for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word. Check out upcoming dates at www.calvinseminary.edu/previewday.

From Other: 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.

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? World Renew has a full time opening for a Donor Relations and Advancement Manager within our Constituency Relations (CORE) team, based in Grand Rapids, Mich. 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.
- ❖ **Next week is World Hunger Sunday** - In communities where poverty is prevalent, men, women, and children often struggle to grow enough food, lack access to clean water, fight to rebuild after a disaster, and experience injustice. Through your Peter Fish contributions, you are helping those in need gain new skills and knowledge to improve their lives. This week, please continue to read about God's work achieving Uzima in communities around the world. Then bring your Peter Fish banks to church next week as we celebrate World Hunger Sunday.
- ❖ **World Renew Job Opening in Cambodia** - Have you always wanted to serve in Cambodia? World Renew, an agency of the CRCNA, is seeking a Country Consultant who will be responsible for the overall operation of World Renew in Cambodia. The purpose of the position is to provide leadership in the development of World Renew's strategy and programs in Cambodia; promote the work, values, and vision of World Renew. Candidates with a bachelor's degree, a minimum of 5 years of community development consultation work experience, and a minimum of 5 years of cross-cultural experience are invited to apply. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate a fluency in oral and written Khmer language skills; or willingness to learn to speak Khmer. For more information on this position, please visit our website: worldrenew.net/careers.