

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip - It's easy for kids to think of Bible people like Moses as David as mythical characters rather than real, flesh and blood, flawed people. When you read Bible stories where the main character does something wrong (and there are many!), emphasize that God works through imperfect people, even when they make mistakes. And share stories with your kids of how God is at work in your own imperfect life. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

- World Renew Career Opportunity - 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, an agency of the CRCNA, has a full-time opening for a Donor Relations and Advancement Manager within our Constituency Relations (CORE) team, based in Burlington, ON. This position will cultivate and maintain relationships with donors; provide analysis and financial reporting of donor development; provide leadership and supervision to the team in Canada and manage donor administrative systems in Canada. Please visit our website at worldrenew.net/careers for more information, or to apply.
- World Renew Career Opportunity - Project Manager - Do you have a heart for responding to disasters around the world? Do you have a passion and gift in project management and administration? World Renew is looking to hire a Project Manager to join our International Disaster Response Team. Primary responsibilities include designing and submitting of proposals; managing, tracking and monitoring project implementation (including budgets and personnel) and contributing to efficient processes and systems. More information about this position, and the link to apply online, can be found on our website at worldrenew.net/careers.



***Anyone Requesting Placement Of An Advertisement In Christian Exchange
Must Write Their Ad(s) And Forward It/Them To The Church Administrator
Along With Their Toonie.***

PRICE REDUCED: EVOLUTION TRILLIUM WALKER with adjustable brakes on back wheels. Height from floor to top of seat is 22 inches. Handle height is adjustable. 350-pound weight capacity. Soft folding basket attached. Folds easily. Light weight and easy to place into back of vehicle. Used for 4 months. If you are in need of a good quality walker in excellent condition please contact Ann Oenema at 604-853-3688. Purchased new for \$535, will sell for \$250 OBO.

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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, January 23.

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THE CHURCH FAMILY



BIRTHDAYS 85+

☆ January 9:	Anneke Kampman	85 years	Trinity
☆ January 12:	John Riebot	87 years	Living Hope
☆ January 12:	Anita Hystek	87 years	Trinity
☆ January 19:	Mina VanEe	95 years	Trinity

EXTREME WEATHER SHELTER: An exciting volunteer opportunity to join us in this mission outreach project right here in Abbotsford. Gateway Community Church is hosting an Extreme Weather Shelter for the homeless this winter **from now 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. For more information contact Jenny Vanderheide at 604 854 5215 or by email jvanderheide@shaw.ca

THANK YOU: A sincere thanks to all who signed the In Common Christmas Card in December. We have not received the total from all the churches yet, but so far we were able to bless Telecare with \$385. THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FACING PEER PRESSURE AND DIGITAL BOUNDARIES

Parents of Tweens and Teens – MOTTS & Doing Family right invites you to join us for an evening with Dave Currie as he talks about Facing Peer Pressure and Digital Boundaries. It will be held on **Wednesday, January 16 from 6:30-9** at Cascade Community Church – 35190 Delair Rd. Cost is \$10/person or \$12/couple. You can buy tickets at the door or email bookings@sacascade.ca

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS

For those interested in a more in-depth view of what ministry to seafarers is all about, do consider attending the seminar at Missions Fest being led by Rev. Gary Roosma, our port chaplain. It is entitled "Out of Sight, but in God's Mind," and will take place on **Saturday, January 19**, in room 14 on level 2 of the Vancouver Trade & Convention Center, beginning at 12:30 pm
(Upcoming Events....cont'd)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019, January 21-25

The gathering of God's People in prayer for hope and unity.

Everyone is encouraged to join us for these services.

Mon., Jan. 21, – St. Ann's Catholic Church, 33333 Mayfair Ave.

“Let justice roll down like water.”

Tues., Jan. 22, – Peace Lutheran Church, 2029 Ware Str.

“Let your word be “Yes, Yes, or No,No”

Wed., Jan. 23, – Mount Lehman United Church, 4-6256 Mt. Lehman Road

“The Lord is gracious and merciful to all.”

Thurs., Jan. 24, – St. Matthew Anglican Church, 2010 Guilford Drive

“Be content with what you have.”

Friday, Jan. 25, – Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 3471 Clearbrook Road

“To bring good news to the poor.”

All services begin at 12:15 and are followed by lunch. Offerings will go to the Abbotsford Food Bank & MCC Indonesian Disaster Relief.

TELECARE TRAINING COMING UP

Telecare Crisis & Caring Line training for new crisis line responders begins on **Thursday, January 24, 7pm** at New Life Christian Reformed Church, 35270 Delair Road, Abbotsford. Comprehensive training will follow on a wide variety of topics to enable potential volunteers to respond to callers. Please call 604-852-4058, training@telecarebc.com, www.telecarebc.com

HEARTS OF HOPE

It's the new year, 2019. Hearts of Hope is a Christian Infertility and Pregnancy Loss support group. On **January 25th at 7 pm** we are having a winter social. Our socials happen twice a year. Spouses are welcome to attend. It's a comfortable event to be able to get together. If you interested in attending email us at info@heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca or check out our website, www.heartsofhopesupportgroup.ca

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Come and join us as we celebrate Pastor Ken's years of ministry as a pastor at Living Hope on **Saturday, January 26 at 7pm**. There will be songs, stories and some goodies to follow.

LIFE RECOVERY GALA

L.I.F.E. Recovery invites you to their 12th Annual Fundraising GALA taking place on **Friday, February 1st** at the Quality Inn, Abbotsford. Enjoy a full-filled evening with dinner, live entertainment, client stories and auctions. For tickets, sponsors &/or donations, contact Rebecca Noort: 604-226-6734 or events@liferecovery.ca

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Living Hope CRC will be celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness March 1-3, 2019. For more information, visit www.livinghopecrc.ca/50th-anniversary/

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Administrative Assistant Position

Langley Immanuel Christian Reformed Church has an opening for an Administrative Assistant position. This will be for 10 hours per week divided over two days plus additional annual vacation coverage. Primary duties include reception in the church office and facilitating communication between the congregation and various committees and ministries of the church by creating and distributing the weekly bulletin and midweek memo. Secondary responsibilities include coordination of the usage of the church facility and providing vacation coverage for the Church Administrator.

Interested applicants please contact the personnel committee at personnelcommittee@licrc.ca

Closing date is Feb. 15, 2019. Please note that only those short-listed for an interview will be contacted.



DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS



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.
- GROUNDWORK: PLEASING GOD NOT PEOPLE. - Should we really trust all pastors equally? What qualifies a person to share the gospel message? Join Groundwork as we examine 1 Thessalonians 2 to discover Paul's teaching on authority and the importance of our discernment, motivation, and responsibility for the gospel message. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- WALK IT. TALK IT. - Liz and Spike want to figure out how to buy fancy shoes so they can be cool. When their plans to raise money flop, they joke about stealing the shoes. But it isn't long before their joke causes big problems. Listen now at kidcorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Collection of Memories Kit 2019 for a family activity today.

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.
- Pray for Inspire 2019 - Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for those involved in the planning - that they will be encouraged in their ongoing work and that many will be blessed through the event.