



DENOMINATIONAL NEWS for March 24, 2019

NEW CLIMATE CONVERSATION: BANGLADESH - Looking for new faith-based materials to talk about creation care and climate change? The Climate Witness Project, a joint World Renew and CRC Office of Social Justice campaign, just launched The Bangladesh Bible Study Series. This three-week study is designed to help Christians engage faithfully with the issue of climate change as stewards of creation and advocates for people who are poor and vulnerable. Get it at worldrenew.net/creationcare!

From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK GIDEON AND GOD'S UNCONVENTIONAL WAYS - When God chooses Gideon as Israel's next deliverer, he upends human logic and expectation. Study Judges 6-7 with Groundwork to see why Gideon's story reminds us that God is in control and he can win mighty victories in unconventional ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THREE ON RESPONSIBILITY - The show must go on as Liz and his friends put on three one-act plays – "It's Not My Fault", "It's Not My Job", and "It's Not My Talent". Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Easter puzzle and game giveaway The Bible Challenge Activity Book 5.

From CRC Communications

INSPIRE 2019 - Have you registered yet? The early bird deadline for Inspire 2019 is coming up! Register before April 1 to receive the early bird rate of \$80. Inspire 2019 is an event designed specifically for ministry volunteers and leaders from Christian Reformed and Reformed churches across North America. Join us August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., for an exciting and uplifting three days. Find out more at crcna.org/Inspire

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 safety at Inspire 2019, and for the health of all involved, freeing people to focus on God's leading at the event, rather than on pain or fear.

From World Renew

APRIL 7, 2019 IS REFUGEE SUNDAY! - This upcoming Refugee Sunday takes place during the 40th anniversary of World Renew's Refugee Program in Canada! Join us as we "Celebrate God's Faithfulness" and the over 7000 refugees whose lives have been changed through sponsorship. World Renew is full of gratitude for the many churches that have responded in love to those fleeing conflict and persecution. Please join us on Sunday, April 7 for Refugee Sunday, an opportunity to support refugees and reflect on how God is faithfully working through refugee sponsorship. To access the Refugee Sunday video, resources and worship materials, go to worldrenew.net/refugee-sunday-2019

Will Clinic Hosted By Christian Stewardship Services - World Renew invites you to learn how to plan or update your will, give to causes you care about with both current and future gifts, minimize taxes, and protect your family. Refreshments will be served. There will be a chance to win one of two will certificates valued at \$400 or \$600. Join others at Trinity Christian Reformed Church; 13427 57 St, NW, Edmonton on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 PM. Reserve your seat with Annetta: annetta@csservices.ca or 1 800 267 8890 Ext 217

From Other

EDUDEO MINISTRIES IS HIRING - Are you an inspiring leader who loves challenging a team to be its creative best? We are looking for a visionary **MARKETING DIRECTOR** to lead our Marketing Team, telling the story of EduDeo Ministries and its partners to our passionate and growing support community – showing them they are making a difference. For more information about this position, or to apply, go to edudeo.com/jobs/post/marketing-director/

A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT: Time is running out to register for *The Joshua Effect* youth leadership training event. From Friday April 26th at 8:00 pm through Sunday afternoon April 28th Lesli van Milligen from Faith Formation Ministries of the CRC will lead Grade 9-11 students and their mentors in leadership training. This event offers biblical, hands-on leadership equipping tasks along with time for theological reflection on God's call into various leadership roles. Cost is \$170 per person to attend which includes five meals and all activities. It is highly encouraged that students and their mentors/youth leaders attend this training event together. The training will take place at Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk, AB. Make plans to attend soon. Registration is limited to a total of 45 students and leaders. Contact Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis, Classis Alberta North Youth Consultant, at newiebill@gmail.com or call 403-783-0756.

CONFERENCE: THE PRODIGAL LOVE OF GOD - Join us April 4-6, 2019, at Dordt College for The Prodigal Love of God Conference: Reencountering Dort at 400 and Beyond. Through invited plenaries and panel discussions, this conference will feature conversations about the historical legacy and the future of Protestantism as well as the opportunities facing the global church in the decades ahead. Confirmed speakers include Marilynne Robinson, Richard Mouw, James K.A. Smith, Timothy George, Paul Lim, Suzanne McDonald, Jemar Tisby, and Tish Harrison Warren. For info go to www.dordt.edu/plg. Register at prodigalloveofgodregistration.eventbrite.com/

ITEMS OF INTEREST for March 24, 2019

INSIGHTS TO IMPACT GATHERING from February to April, Christian church, ministry, and charity leaders are invited to attend gatherings in the most populated cities in Canada to consider how we can work more effectively in our cities. We would love for every church and Christian ministry in Edmonton to be represented at our Insights to Impact gathering this week to discuss how Christian ministries can better understand and respond to the needs of our city. We are meeting this Thursday March 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Beulah Alliance Church. **Click here** to reserve a seat for you or someone from your team or you can visit citymovement.org/tour for more details and our extensive list of partner ministries. Feel free to share this invitation with the ministry leaders in your network. We want to invite every ministry leader and want to make sure no ministry is missed.

MEAT, MUSIC AND MINGLE Education for Life Society Canada (educationforlife.net/canada) is hosting an evening of Meat, Music and Mingling in support of Tumaini Timbwani School in Mombasa, Kenya. Come for an enjoyable evening on Saturday April 13 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Calvary Community Church (8704 Millwoods Rd N). Ticket are \$30 each or 2 for \$50. Contact Marianne Buerger at canada@educationforlife.net or 780-299-0572 for information or tickets or purchase tickets online at <https://53997.thankyou4caring.org/education-for-life-society-canada-meat-tumaini>.

PROACTIVE PARENTING: A GODLY APPROACH TO TODAY'S CHALLENGES Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeanne Williams. 5 Breakout sessions by: Dr. Jeanne Williams, Chelsea Ohlmann, Dr. Troy Janzen & Dr. David Williams. \$25/person at Greenfield Community Church on Saturday April 6, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Childcare & Brunch included. For more information and to register, go to: www.greenfieldchurch.ca. Registration deadline is April 2.

SILENCE, SPIRIT, SCRIPTURE, SOUL: INTERMISSION SILENT RETREAT It's a wonderful place and time to rest and reconnect with the God who keeps inviting us to a deeper and richer life. InterMission happens at King's Fold Retreat Centre in the foothills west of Calgary, May 31-June 2/19. Two nights accommodation, five meals, spiritual direction, group gatherings for prayer and all the amenities of the retreat centre. \$425. To register contact rev.klok@gmail.com. Deadline: May 11/19.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? The Studion School for Spiritual Direction is hosting an online information session for those who want to learn more about our two-year program. The one-hour online session is Wednesday, March 27 at 8:00 p.m. To register, please email thestudionschool@gmail.com. To learn more about The Studion visit thestudionschool.com. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ron Klok rev.klok@gmail.com or Julianne Gilchrist juliannegilchrist2@gmail.com