



Denominational News for May 19, 2019

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: CHRIST THROUGHOUT HISTORY - Why is Jesus Christ's life the most important life ever lived? Why do people believe different things about him and where is the evidence in scripture? Join the conversation on passages like Colossians 1:15-20 and more, as Han-luen Kantzer Komline joins us again to continue our study of Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

LOAVES & FISHES - What are the best ways to show Jesus's love? Liz decides to do a great thing for God, while Lucille soon discovers an unexpected place for a mission trip. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Image Bearer Picture Frame Kit for a family activity today.

FROM CRC COMMUNICATIONS

CANADIAN NATIONAL GATHERING 2019 - Members of CRC churches from across Canada will be gathering in Edmonton at King's University next weekend (May 24 - 26) to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the CRC. Through intense prayer, discussion, and celebrative worship, your fellow CRC members will try to discern where the Spirit may be leading the church in an increasingly secular age where actions speak louder than words. Please bathe Gathering 2019 with your prayers.

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 worship team leaders Gail DeYoung and Jeremy Simpson. Pray for them as they make decisions about worship sessions at Inspire 2019 and as they plan and prepare. Pray that worship will be powerful and positive for all involved.

FROM FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - This week, dream with kids about what life in God's "new heaven and new earth" (Rev. 21) might be like. What would a life without sin, sorrow, pain, and fear look like? What might be different? What might be the same? Talk about how each of you can use the gifts God has given you to bring healing in God's world even now. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

FROM WORLD RENEW

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT WORLD RENEW - World Renew is currently recruiting for the following positions: Director of Donor Relations, USA, based in Grand Rapids, MI; Chief Advancement Officer based in Grand Rapids, MI; Monitoring and Evaluations Intern based in Grand Rapids, MI and Director of Donor Relations, Canada based in Burlington, ON. If you are passionate about seeing transformation as people are empowered to live healthy, fruitful lives, please see our website for more information on these positions, and for the links to apply: worldrenew.net/careers.

OTHER CRC NEWS

THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES, representing each of our 48 CRC classes, met on May 2-3, 2019, in Grimsby, Ontario. Highlights of the decisions made by the COD are posted on the bulletin board. Extra copies are available at the Welcome Centre.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 28 – 5 to 9:30 p.m. at **The King's University**

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY 40TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate 40 years of faithfulness with an evening of dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Enjoy fellowship with faculty, staff, alumni, supporters, and friends of The King's University as we reflect on God's goodness over the past 40 years and imagine His plans for a promising future. Please contact the Development Office at 780.465.8314 or watch kingsu.ca/banquet for more information.

CONSIDERING THE MINISTRY? Classis Alberta North's Student Support Committee invites those considering full-time ordained or non-ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church to apply for a forgivable loan to support their graduate studies. Further information and application forms can be found at the Classis Alberta North website: <http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca/student-support-team.html>. The application deadline is June 1, 2019. Questions and completed forms can be forwarded to Student Support Committee chair Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning (jonathan.nicolai-dekoning@kingsu.ca).

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH, OUR CHURCHES, AND THE WORLD: Bethel Community Church is hosting its second annual week of prayer starting June 2 and ending Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Lord willing, there will be someone in the building every hour of that week, 24/7. You are invited to come and pray for your church, the churches of our classis, and for the world. What might God do if his people unite in prayer? To sign up for an hour or more, visit the Bethel Community Church homepage and locate the 24/7 Prayer event, or visit: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/emailredirect/0b94ce08688c6389ce7b68c52ce3f8c7/>

THE COUNCIL OF FAITH COMMUNITY CRC, Wyoming, Michigan, calls all delegates to Synod 2019, elected by their respective classes, to meet in the Covenant Fine Arts Center on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Friday, June 14, at 8:30 a.m.

All area CRC members are invited to join the delegates in worship at the synodical Service of Prayer and Praise on Sunday evening, June 16, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the College Chapel, Calvin College, 1835 Knollcrest Circle SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Rev. Roger B. Groenboom, pastor at Faith Community CRC, will deliver the message.

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LAWN BOWLING FUNDRAISER: You are invited to Cornerstone Counselling Centre's 3rd Annual Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction! This year, there's a bit of a twist! We're inviting you to dress up in 1920s clothing or traditional lawn bowling outfits (e.g. white from head to toe) and join us for a fun day of celebrating affordable mental health care! This full-day event will consist of two games of lawn bowling (including lessons), a tea/snack break, and a dinner/silent auction.

Date: June 1, 2019 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club (11420-139 Street NW)
Regular ticket: \$75/person
Dinner & Silent Auction Only (begins at 5 p.m.): \$30/person
Purchase tickets : <https://www.cornerstonecounselling.com/events/lawn-bowl/>

You can register as a team of four, a triad, a pair, or as a single player (we'll be sure to find a spot for you!). **First time lawn bowlers are welcome.** Tickets can be purchased online or in-person at Cornerstone (#302 10140-117 Street NW) via credit card, cash, or cheque. Proceeds from this event will go towards Cornerstone's Compassion Fund which allows us to provide counselling fee subsidies to no to low income individuals, making mental wellness accessible to all. Costume inspiration can be found at <https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/what-to-wear-roaring-twenties/>.

COME BE A DIFFERENCE-MAKER and help build a classroom at either El Shaddai Christian School in Nicaragua or Presbyterian Day School in Belize. EduDeo Ministries is sending two Alberta-wide HANDS Teams from February 17-27, 2020 to Nicaragua and Belize – and we want you to join one of them! For more information or to sign up, contact Bernie Kolkman (403-357-6853, kolkman@telus.net) or John (289-527-0003, jhuizinga@edudeo.com).