



DENOMINATIONAL NEWS for March 17, 2019

EAST AFRICA CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT TRIP! - Are you passionate about climate justice? Do you want to be at ground-zero with people on the front lines of climate justice? This trip is for you! Since the Climate Witness Project is a joint effort between World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice, we have the opportunity to bring a group of nine participants on a trip through Kenya and Uganda. Climate Change affects us all, but people who live in long-term poverty are experiencing it first and most. This ten-day journey will stretch you and your fellow travelers to learn, grow, and act on behalf of those experiencing climate change now. Learn more and sign up for the trip at bit.ly/EastAfricaCWP

From Back to God Ministries International

GROUNDWORK: DEBORAH AND GOD'S UNLIKELY HEROES - Women did not commonly hold leadership positions in the Old Testament, yet here in Judges, we find Deborah. Explore Judges 4-5 with Groundwork to discover why her leadership was God's answer to Israel's cry for help and see how God continually makes heroes out of unlikely people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

JUST TEASING - Is teasing harmless? Things go from bad to worse as Liz, Spike, Morrie, and Scooter all start teasing everyone and end up needing medical attention! Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Lent 2019 devotionals to lead your family's Bible study as you prepare for Easter.

From CRC Communications

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 keynote speaker Ed Stetzer. Pray that God will inspire him as he plans his message and prepares for Inspire 2019, and for conversations he will be part of at the event.

From Faith Formation Ministries

LENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP - Lent is a time of self-examination. In your family time, ask some of these questions: Did I love people today like Jesus would love them? Did I do things I wish I hadn't done, or were there things I should have done that I didn't? Pray together about those things. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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.

KING'S UNIVERSITY BOOK SALE – 80% OFF ALL REGULAR BOOKS AND BIBLES We are making room for our new Academic Enrichment Centre. All Bibles and books are 80% off (excluding current textbooks). Cards and stationary are 60% off. We are open Monday thru Friday, 9 – 3, at 9125 – 50 Street in Edmonton. Parking is free. Sale ends March 28. (After we are done some fixtures will also be on sale. Contact cathy.jol@kingsu.ca for more information.)

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 17, 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.

CANADIANS, CHURCH, AND CURRENT REALITIES: A FRESH PERSPECTIVE Join us for the 2019 Wahl Lectures. Come and gain a fresh perspective on the Canadian Church by turning to current empirical data and analysis and stirring timely theological and practical considerations regarding religious and cultural realities inside and outside of Canadian congregations. This one-day event will be held this Friday March 15 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the EP Wahl Centre @ Taylor Seminary. It is led by Joel Thiessen, Ph.D., of Ambrose University, is ideal for church and denominational leaders as well as church members. For more details go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wahl-lectures-2019-tickets-53875221237>.

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