

Reframe Ministries

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, inlaws, 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.

Advent: God's Joy - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We know the words to the song well, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come..." But what exactly is the joy of Christmas all about? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Devotions for a Blue Christmas - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

Groundwork: Mary: The Angel Gabriel Foretells Jesus' Birth - Our understanding of the virgin birth begins with the story of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 1:1-4, 26-56 to learn from Mary's strong example of faith, wholly trusting God and submitting to his will in our lives as we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Advent, we light the candle of Joy. Joy is not a fleeting happiness, but an attitude of the heart that springs from gratitude. What brings you joy? How might you spread joy to others? Wonder and talk about that this week. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

Other

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 6 – March 17, 2023. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877 8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Community-Flourishing Online Cohort - Is your congregation interested in helping your neighbourhood and community thrive? A new online cohort is starting January 2023! "Community-Flourishing: Becoming a Strengths-based, Community-driven Congregation" hopes to meet the third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM Eastern (6:30 CT, 5:30 MT, 4:30 PT, 8:30 AT). Diaconal Ministries Canada and World Renew are teaming up to inspire and mobilize your congregation to love, listen to, and engage with your neighbours, neighbourhoods, and local organizations as you seek to cultivate a place of flourishing. Find out more by contacting Rachel Vroege, Regional Ministry Developer for Diaconal Ministries, at rvroege@crcna.org or visit www.crcna.org/thrive/thriving-practices **Community Flourishing Cohort** - Is your congregation interested in helping your neighborhood and community thrive? This year-long cohort held in partnership between World Renew US and Diaconal Ministries Canada will inspire and mobilize your congregation to love, listen to, and engage with your neighbours, neighbourhoods, and local organizations as you seek to cultivate a place of flourishing. Learn and practice the basic principles of strengths based community driven engagement and take steps to live them out in the congregation's neighbourhood. Starts the evening of January 19 and then monthly on every third Thursday. For more information contact rvroege@crcna.org or apply for the cohort at worldrenew.net/events.

Online Stewardship Course - Does your church need resources and guidance in the area of stewardship? HELP IS ON THE WAY! Diaconal Ministries Canada is excited to share that a brand new, online, self-guided Stewardship Course will go live on the CRCNA's learning portal in January 2023! The online course includes an introductory module on the definition and basics of biblical stewardship as well as modules for each of the four T's of Stewardship (Time, Talents, Treasures & Trees/Creation Care). Resources and ideas for individuals and teams are included as well. Find out more on our website: https://diaconalministries.com/stewardship/#stewardship-resources.

CRC Communications

Canadian National Gathering 2023 - Every three years, representatives of Christian Reformed churches and classes across Canada gather to discuss, pray, listen, and plan next steps for ministry at a congregational, regional, and national level. The next Canadian National Gathering will be held May 25-28, 2023 in Ottawa, Ontario, on the campus of Algonquin College and will focus on Indigenous justice and reconciliation. Representatives from every classis across Canada are invited to participate. If you are interested in attending to represent your area, please talk to someone who is attending the next meeting of your classis. For information, go to www.crcna.org/canadiannational-gathering

Resonate Global Mission

CRCNA Position Openings - Resonate Global Mission of the CRCNA has a full-time position opening for a Campus Ministry Coordinator anywhere in the United States or Canada. The purpose of this position is to provide leadership through capacity-building, connecting, innovation, learning, and resourcing in the area of Campus Ministry within the Resonate system and across the denomination. For details visit www.crcna.org/jobs. Deadline is January 5, 2023.