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Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the book *Unsettling Truths*, theologian and professor Soong-Chan Rah writes: "Repentance is not just sorrow and confession, it is the turning around of wrong behavior towards right and just action. Repentance from sinful corporate behavior therefore requires systemic change." Write down how you are going to pair your acts of repentance from "sinful corporate behaviors," like racism, with acts of systemic change this week. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: School -- Do It With All Your Might - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "School -- Do It With All Your Might" at www.kidscorner.net. A new school year can feel exciting and a little scary, and that's okay! Whatever you do—learning, helping, or being kind—do your best like you're doing it for God, and he'll help you along the way. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.

Calvin University

Hymn Text Contest - Calvin University will host an Anniversary Worship Celebration in honor of its 150th year on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Calvin University Covenant Fine Arts Center for community worship. You can help us celebrate by participating in our 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest! The planning committee invites hymnwriters to submit a hymn text to be sung at the worship service; submissions must be sent via email by November 1, 2025. The winner of this contest will receive a \$1,500 award.

World Renew

Hope Beyond the Headlines - Media outlets often move on quickly after covering the initial impacts of conflict, natural disasters, and other devastating events—leaving behind stories of loss, displacement, and communities struggling with hunger, poverty, and hopelessness. Yet God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that He has plans for a hope and a future. World Renew, together with our Christian partners and as a member of the Integral Alliance, continues to walk alongside communities long after the cameras are gone—helping restore hope and rebuild lives. Now participating in the third Neglected Crises campaign, World Renew is calling for collective action to support people affected by long-term, complex, and overlooked crises—in Madagascar, Sudan, Haiti, and beyond. Your gift can help extend God's hope to places where suffering persists long after public attention fades. Learn more or give today at: worldrenew.ca/globalfoodcrisis

CRC Communications, Thrive

Prayer for Our Immigrant Neighbors - Over the past few months, many Christian Reformed Church leaders and members have been deeply impacted by the increased immigration enforcement activities taking place across the United States. We are asking every CRC congregation to set aside a special time of prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters during worship on Sunday, Sept. 7. All congregations and members are also invited to join a virtual prayer vigil on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST at youtube.com/crcna