



## September 7, 2025 Denominational News

### Indigenous Ministry

**Hearts Exchanged** - It's back to school -- regardless of what age you are, what do you want to learn this year? If you answered 'more about reconciliation' consider joining a Hearts Exchanged cohort to walk alongside others interested in reconciliation. Learn more at: [crcna.org/hearts-exchanged](http://crcna.org/hearts-exchanged)

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Our Enemies** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Praying for Our Enemies" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Matthew 5, Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount. He wanted people to know how to treat one another and show love the way he loves. He even wants us to show love and kindness to those we think of as our enemies because God cares about and provides for everyone. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

**Groundwork: Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now** - We've learned that Jesus brought God's kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it's within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God's kingdom here and now, even when we can't fully see it. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### 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. Find details at [calvin.edu/150/hymn-contest](http://calvin.edu/150/hymn-contest)

CRC Heritage Fund

**Happy Grandparents Day!** - Today we celebrate grandparents! On this special day, consider how you might extend your legacy—whether by setting up a trust or including

a charitable gift in your will. If you haven't taken that step yet, the CRC offers resources to guide you. Learn more about planned giving at [crcna.org/foundation](http://crcna.org/foundation).

## Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - A new school season has begun. The rhythms and activities of a new school year can make it challenging to include space for God in your everyday family life. One way you can do that is by reviewing the "highs and lows" of your day, giving thanks for God's many blessings and asking for God's presence in the midst of hard situations. See Everyday Family Faith ([FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org)) for more ways to make time for God with your family. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

## World Renew

**Help Families Affected by the Afghanistan Earthquake** - On August 31, a magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck Afghanistan, killing more than 1,400 people and injuring more than 3,000 people. World Renew is planning a response to bring emergency assistance to vulnerable families affected by this disaster. Please join us in prayer for Afghanistan and give generously to help earthquake survivors at [worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake](http://worldrenew.ca/afghanistan-earthquake), by calling 1-888-975-3769, or by mailing a cheque made out to World Renew, with "Afghanistan Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.