



## March 8, 2026 Denominational News

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions: Lent: Washing Stinky Feet** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Lent: Washing Stinky Feet" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In John 13, Jesus washed his disciples' feet—a humble act of service that surprised everyone. He demonstrated that love isn't just about words; it's about doing for others, even in unexpected ways. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Groundwork: Jesus: Judged, Beaten, and Crowned with Thorns** - At the fifth Station of the Cross, we reflect on Jesus before Pilate, and at the sixth, we witness Jesus endure mocking and beating from Roman soldiers as they placed a crown of thorns on his head. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 15:1-15 and John 19:1-3 for a Lenten reflection on Jesus' suffering and persecution, and what it means for his followers. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Annual Day of Prayer (March 11)** - On the night of his arrest, Jesus asked his disciples to stay with him, watch, and pray. Prayer is a discipline that requires the dedication of our precious time and attention. It is also a practice through which Jesus invites all disciples to experience sweet communion with him. Today is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. This week set aside intentional time to pray for your local church, our denomination, and the worldwide communion of saints. In your prayer ask Jesus to draw you and all believers to himself, that we may be one (John 17:20-23). Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Support Thrive Sunday - March 15** - Our church is encouraged to take a special collection for Thrive next week. Thrive is the congregational support ministry of the CRC denomination. It serves churches in areas like renewal, leadership development, faith formation, worship, and growing in diversity. Please consider giving to Thrive's ministry next week. Sample their resources and discover the many ways they equip churches at: [crcna.org/Thrive/resources](http://crcna.org/Thrive/resources)

**Hiring! Director of Thrive** - The Thrive Director will provide overall direction and leadership for Thrive, ensuring that strategic planning, fiscal management, programming, resource development, staff care and development, achievement of goals, and administrative functions are effectively carried out. The Director will ensure the overall implementation, assessment, and success of Thrive's mandate serving churches in both Canada and the United States. This is a full-time, hybrid position based in Burlington, Ont., or Grand Rapids, Mich. Apply at [crcna.pinpointhq.com](http://crcna.pinpointhq.com) by March 23, 2026.

## The Banner

**Thank You for Giving to 'The Banner'** - Last week, our church took up a special offering for The Banner -- the official magazine of the CRC. It has been keeping congregations connected and informed about what is happening in the denomination for over 160 years. Thank you for giving! If you missed the opportunity, you can still give directly to support this unique journalistic ministry online at [thebanner.org/give](http://thebanner.org/give)

## World Renew

**Help Vulnerable Families in the Middle East** - As conflict escalates in the Middle East, multiple people have been killed or injured, and many families are facing urgent need after fleeing from their homes. World Renew is preparing to respond in Lebanon through a trusted Christian partner while we continue to monitor the situation across the region. Join us in praying for lasting peace, and please give to support vulnerable families at [worldrenew.ca/middle-east-conflict](http://worldrenew.ca/middle-east-conflict), by calling 1-888-975-3769, or by mailing a cheque made out to World Renew, with "Middle East Conflict 2026" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8.

## Calvin University

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation** - (Oct 9-19, 2026) Visit ancient sites connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)