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# Bethany Bugle

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## Nominations for Elder & Deacon

Council is asking Bethany members to bring forward for consideration names for nominations of elders and deacons. We will be accepting names until April 25, 2016. Please send names to the clerk: clerk@bethanycrc.ca

### Report on Council Meeting – Monday April 11, 2016

Chairperson George deRoo opened the meeting by reading from Romans 12. We acknowledge that we are all part of one Body that is comprised of many parts and gifts. Each of us is encouraged to use our gifts and abilities to collectively bring glory and honour to God.

The Minutes of our March 14, 2016 Council Meeting were reviewed and carried. A number of Ministry Team reports were reviewed and Council recognizes that the work of God continues to be accomplished through the commitment and contributions of our membership. The Vision Team has been hard at work examining different processes for Bethany church to use in the congregation's work of discerning our next steps in ministry. The Team recommended a process entitled, "Road Map - Journey of Renewed Vision" which was presented at their meeting by Mr. Jack Tacoma, CRC Home Missions Ministry Specialist. Council moved and carried this recommendation. This process will involve our leaders and congregation together with Jack Tacoma as our coach/facilitator as we strive to hear together the Lord's renewing call into our next years of ministry work here at Bethany. The Vision Team has been asked to provide a report at the Spring Congregational Meeting. Council was also apprised of the preparations and planning for Bethany's Summer Day Camp and is grateful for all the interest and participation to date. This has proven to be a wonderful community outreach opportunity and again, we encourage all to bathe this endeavour in prayer and consider participating/volunteering where possible.

Council reviewed and voted in favour of the following recommendation, and rationale, from the Youth Ministry Team:

"That all doors, closets in the downstairs have locks placed on the doors with one generic lock for all doors. This would also include storage cupboards and storage rooms upstairs in the fellowship hall." Council recognizes that our church facilities are used for a variety of ministries and concurred that this course of action will serve to enhance the safety of both leaders and participants.

Council also received notice from Nicole Van Huizen advising that she has discerned not to return to the position of Worship / Life Group Co-ordinator. Council is truly grateful to Nicole for giving of herself and her many talents and wishes her God's richest blessings in her future endeavours.

Council will be meeting again on April 25 to assemble a slate of names for the offices of Elder and Deacon. The congregation is encouraged to prayerfully consider God's leadership at Bethany and is asked to forward the names of men that are gifted in the calling of Elder or Deacon.

Please note, congregational meeting has been set for May 11, 2016.

Deacon George Gritter closed the meeting in prayer.

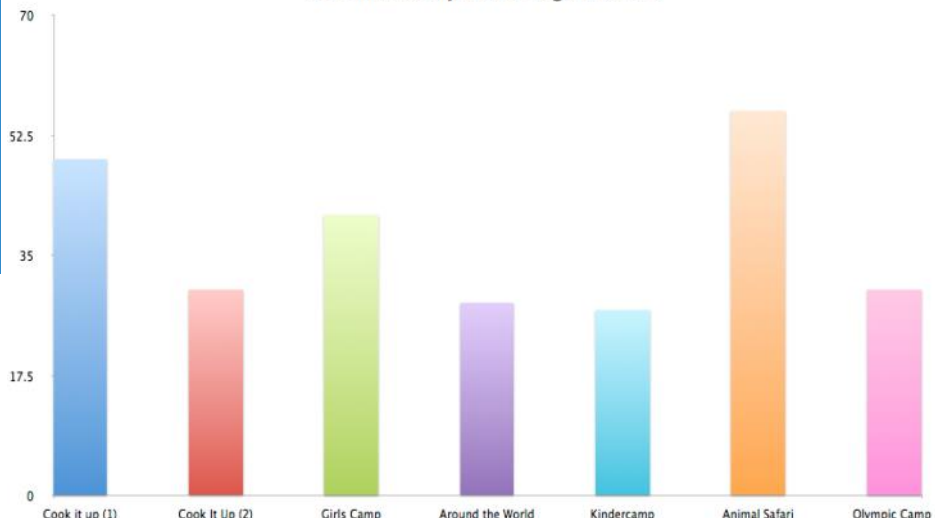


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Summer Camp 2016 Registrations



## School News NACE

Christian Education Week at Niagara Association for Christian Education (NACE) Covenant Christian School (6470 Reg. Rd. 14, Smithville) celebrates Christian Education Week April 17 - 22nd with the following events:

- We are welcoming our pastors on Wednesday, April 20th, starting at 9:15 a.m.
- Our Grandparents/Seniors Day is Friday, April 22nd. We will be presenting our program "Stone Soup" at 9:30 a.m. for you to enjoy. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served after you visit with your grandchildren, around noon. There will be a free will offering to defer the costs of production and for the NACE Bursary.
- Our Open House is Friday, April 22nd, in the afternoon (from 2:15 to 3:15) for parents, friends and others who are interested in seeing our school in action.
- Covenant will be presenting its Spring Program "Stone Soup" in the Covenant Christian School gym, on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. This fun event will feature all our students acting and singing as they communicate a message about sharing, community, and hospitality. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome! There will be a free will offering to defer the costs of production and for the NACE Bursary.

Questions? Call Mrs. Wendy Colyn at Covenant Christian at 905-957-7796.

**Ready, Set, Read Program:** Both John Knox Christian School, Stoney Creek and Covenant Christian School, Smithville are now accepting applications for their Ready Set Read program for ages 4 and 5. This program runs the first 4 Thursday in April (7, 14, 21, 28) from 8:45 – 11:15 am. If you need another registration form please let either office know (JKCS – [jks@nace.ca](mailto:jks@nace.ca) or CCS – [ccs@nace.ca](mailto:ccs@nace.ca)).

### **New Executive Director** – Niagara Association for Christian Education

After reviewing our administrative model and engaging in a thorough search process, The Niagara Association for Christian Education is pleased to announce that our new Executive Director effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 will be Mr. Kevin Huinink. Kevin is currently serving as the Principal at Covenant Christian School in Smithville and will be transitioning into his new position at the conclusion of the current school year. We are very appreciative of the work accomplished by our E.D. Search Committee led by Dr. Heather Roelfsema and guided by Mr. Brian VerHeul and we hope you will take any opportunity you have to encourage and welcome Mr. Huinink to his new role! Isaac Van Geest Jr., NACE Board Chair

**Niagara Association Christian Education Fundraising Dinner Results:** A week ago ... Saturday evening's Board fund-raising dinner was a positive reminder of the importance of community. The dinner was cooked by a group of women who have supported Christian schools for many years, and served by enthusiastic Board members. In addition to table sponsors, those in attendance made significant donations towards NACE. Conversations around the tables were engaging, and there was a great deal of laughter when the comedian started his presentation. Of particular interest was the song sung by Tony & Timmy; who knew that Mr. Kamphuis had so many hidden talents? We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who played a role in ensuring that all those in attendance had a great time! Over \$18,500 was raised to further the cause of Christian education in this small corner of the world. God is good! Thank you for your support.

## SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE:** Want to see today's teenagers in action? Want to know what's happening in high school these days? Want to see our beautiful renovation? Come to Smithville Christian High School's Grandparents' and Friends' Day, Thursday, April 21, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Valet parking available. For more info, see [www.smithvillechristian.ca](http://www.smithvillechristian.ca) GP&F Day – it's not just for seniors anymore!

**Our Spring Membership Meeting** is on Monday, April 18 at Smithville Christian High School. There will be a time for coffee and interaction with fellow members from 7:45 – 8:00. Meeting highlights include next year's budget, staff milestones, and Strategic Planning. Make sure you come out to hear how God is blessing our school and society.

## Smithville Christian High School's Annual Main Stage Production

### I'm a Stranger Here Myself

Casey O'Hara, a cool and laid back high school senior, thinks he knows what life is all about. Then Casey's world begins to change when family problems arise, he hangs out with his troubled pal, Mark, and he meets a girl named Lori. Suddenly, he is not so sure of the direction he's going and he begins to wonder if Mark's world is really what he wants for himself. Maybe life is about a little bit more than living for yourself. Maybe life is about bigger things...

**May 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday)**

**May 12, 13, and 14 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)**

**Tickets: \$12.50 in advance, \$15.00 at the door**

**All performances: 8 p.m.**

**For tickets:**

- **In Person: Office of Smithville Christian High School**
- **Phone: 905-957-3255**

**Email: [office@smithvillechristian.ca](mailto:office@smithvillechristian.ca)**

## REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

This summer, Redeemer is offering two one-week intensive programs for church leaders, teachers and others interested in ministry: **"Teaching Scripture and the Christian Faith"** (July 4-8, taught by Dr. Syd Hielema), and **"Leadership in Ministry,"** (July 11-15, instructor to be announced). For more information, visit [www.redeemer.ca/ministry-intensives](http://www.redeemer.ca/ministry-intensives).

Looking to complete an AQ course? Redeemer is offering **Special Education Part I** and **Special Education Part II** this spring in a blended online and in-class format. For more information or to register, visit [www.redeemer.ca/continuing-teacher-education](http://www.redeemer.ca/continuing-teacher-education).

**Redeemer is accepting applications** for two positions: Director of Co-operative Education and Senior Development Officer. Visit [www.redeemer.ca/careers](http://www.redeemer.ca/careers) for more information. meeting with an Admissions Counsellor, having lunch on us, attending a class and meeting with professors. For more information, please go to [www.redeemer.ca/visit](http://www.redeemer.ca/visit).



**Dear Supporters, Elisha House is offering the following Healing Groups:**

### **26<sup>th</sup> and ending June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information about this group go to <http://www.elishahouse.on.ca/biblicalhealing.html> or review the PDF outline below.

**Overview:** Racing thoughts, wired bodies, uncertainty about the future. At some point in our lives we experience anxiety and fear. We all have our little things that we are nervous about. And we want peace. Peace from the thoughts, the nagging worries, the physical symptoms of anxiety. In this group we will be seeking to view our anxieties as opportunities to get to know God better and finding that He is the God of Peace. In the midst of this we will be taking some practical steps in addressing our fears and drilling down into three common fear themes: fear of man, money, and death. We will be working through the workbook *When I Am Afraid* by Ed Welch, as well as other related articles.

To sign up or for more info call 905-735-9934 or email [info@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:info@elishahouse.on.ca). If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible for planning purposes.

### **Elisha House is offering the Shelter from the Storm (Sexual Abuse) Biblical Healing Group on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm, starting April 27<sup>th</sup> for 16 weeks.**

For more information about this group go to <http://www.elishahouse.on.ca/biblicalhealing.html> or review the PDF outline below.

**Overview:** "Sexual abuse is one of the few crimes that bring more shame to the victim than to the offender (Dan Allender, 1992)." The wounds and struggles that follow are often as difficult to deal with as the original abuse. Many people who have experienced violation feel alone, confused, depressed, and sometimes as if they are going crazy. Shelter from the Storm provides a supportive environment that acknowledges your suffering, provides concrete ways to express your painful experience to God, and encourages the healing process through small steps of faith. This group follows a 16 week biblically-based curriculum exploring how the gospel redefines our stories and addresses issues like suffering, shame, self-protection, anger and forgiveness.

To sign up or for more info call 905-735-9934 or email [counsellors@elishahouse.on.ca](mailto:counsellors@elishahouse.on.ca). For planning purposes, please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in being part of this group.

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** We are nearing the end of our Coffee Break season. Tuesday morning we will meet here at Grace CRC for our Bible study. Coffee and refreshments will be ready.

**SNACKS:** Mary D., Debbie O., Nancy G., Kitchen Clean-Up: April L., Christine S., Anna B., Continuing our study of Acts Gail and Irene are on Lesson 15, question #9, Jean and Henny's group are on lesson #15 #4 and Jane's group is on lesson 15 #5. Wow we caught up See everyone on Tuesday morning. Our last lessons for the year will Apr. 26. On May 3rd, we hope to meet in Chippewa Park on First Ave., in Welland for a picnic. Please bring food and drinks for you self and your children if you bring them along. Any ideas for a fun morning are welcome. Rain will mean we will meet here. here at the church.

## INFORMATION EVENING ON ABORTION CRISIS

Everyone over 14 yrs. of age are encouraged to attend an information evening to hear Jonathan VanMaren from Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) to speak on the abortion crisis. Meeting will be held Wed. April 27, 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Reformed Congregation in Jordan (4171 15th Street, Jordan, Ontario).

**DUTCH SERVICE:** Another Dutch service is being scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 3,00 PM in the afternoon, in the Ancaster CRC. 70 Garner Rd. just East of Fiddlers Green Rd. Rev. Ralph Koops will be leading the service. We are hoping for a good time of worship and praise in the old Dutch language, singing the old familiar Dutch songs of praise and worship with Harm Dykstra at the organ. Also having a good time of fellowship with a cup of coffee in the fellowship hall after the service. Please spread this message around for we are hoping for a good attendance.

**JOB OPPORTUNITES ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE BACK STARIS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK IT OUT IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A JOB!**



We're on the web!  
[www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

## Concerts

### AWAKE CHOIR

This season, the Awake to Praise Choir has over 130 voices, celebrating in song, the Resurrection of our Saviour, and we would love for you to join us at our Easter concerts on Friday, April 22 at 7:30pm, or on Saturday, April 23 at 5:30 or 8:00pm at the Vineland Free Reformed Church! There will be a free will offering and all net proceeds will go to Niagara Right to Life.

### "OUR PIPE DREAM"

A benefit concert to support the professional cleaning of the Casavant Pipe Organ. Sunday May 1, 2016 at 2:00pm at Central United Church, 30 Delhi Street, Port Colborne. Freewill offering (Tax receipts issued for donations of \$10.00 or more). Refreshments to follow. Featuring Jim Brown, organist, Alexander Arth, Vocalist, Sheila Brown, Vocalist, Cynthia Vermeer, Flautist, Dr. David Salanki, Organist, David Iannandrea, Vocalist, Jennifer Penrose, Vocalist, Bluetones, Port Colborne High School Instrumentalists, Central United Church Youth, Teen and Senior Choirs.

## CRC News

An E-book for Earth Day - "God's Green Earth: Creation Care and Earth Day." In time for Earth Day, a special Think Christian collection explores an intriguing array of environment-related topics from some of our best contributors. The e-book is yours when you subscribe to TC at [thinkchristian.net/earthday](http://thinkchristian.net/earthday).

Agenda for Synod 2016 - The Agenda for Synod 2016 is now available on the Synod Resources page of the Christian Reformed Church in North America website. Hard copies of the Agenda will be mailed to churches later this month. To access the online Agenda and sign up for Synod-related news, visit [www.crcna.org/Synod](http://www.crcna.org/Synod).

ATTENTION CADETS, JR. COUNSELORS AND COUNSELORS! - ALL ONTARIO CAMPOREE – August 1-6, 2016 at Algonquin Park - The All Ontario Camporee registration is now open! Check out [www.allontariocamporee.com](http://www.allontariocamporee.com) for information, requirements and to register online. Early bird registration fees of \$235 have to be postmarked by May 15; after that date the fee is \$275. If you have any other questions please talk to your Cadet Counselors!

CAMPOREE PATCH CONTEST-Every cadet who has registered for the 2016 All Ontario Camporee is eligible to enter the Camporee Patch Contest. You must submit your drawing before April 30, 2016. If your design is selected, your camp registration fee will be reimbursed to you. Check the website for pictures of the patches from previous years.

Land Claims in the Haldimand Tract - April 20 - Phil Monture has invested forty years of his life in research, education, and deliberations around land claims settlement issues in the historic Haldimand Tract. His expertise has taken him numerous times to the United Nations. Here is a rich opportunity to learn and share your questions with a true master. For more information phone 519-445-2424 or contact [nations.uniting@gmail.com](mailto:nations.uniting@gmail.com).

Praying for the 2016 Canadian National Gathering - The 2016 Canadian National Gathering is drawing closer (May 6-8) and we want to make sure that this event is covered in prayer. There will be people praying at the event itself but we are looking to establish an intercessory team who would be praying prior to the event and offsite during the event. If you are interested in being part of this prayer work, please contact Martin Boardman ([rev.martinboardman@gmail.com](mailto:rev.martinboardman@gmail.com)) who will be coordinating the offsite intercession. For more information on the 2016 National Gathering go to [www.crcna.org/canada](http://www.crcna.org/canada).

The Blanket Exercise - The Blanket Exercise was developed in 1998 with Indigenous and KAIROS leadership. It is living history and a most helpful step on the path of reconciliation - history that has been hidden and history with power to heal. If you are interested in participating in a learning and exploration day on May 5, 2016, we would like to hear from you. Grand Erie KAIROS Community is exploring the possibility of a morning educational session, lunch, and an afternoon experience of walking through this unique personal exploration of our shared history. More information will be provided as details are confirmed. Copies of The Blanket Exercise can be purchased at [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org)

DO YOU EVER WONDER - what life is like for children with disabilities in other countries, and want to make things better for them? Volunteer with Tesoros de Dios (God's Treasures) in Nicaragua and serve the needs of these precious children and their families. Details for various volunteer positions can be found at [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org) or contact [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION TRIP - The Christian Reformed Church is passionate about working towards reconciliation with our First Nations brothers and sisters and is providing an opportunity this summer for CRC young adults (17 - 30) to respond to the call of justice while spending the week of July 14 - 21 on the Kithenuhymaykoosib Inninuwig reserve in Northern Ontario. You will be joined by 20 other young people from across Canada who've been invited by the youth of the KI community to live in their homes, experience life as they do and share the hope they have for their future. Sound exciting? Want more information? Contact Carol Sybenga at [csybenga@crcna.org](mailto:csybenga@crcna.org) or 800-730-3490. Application deadline is April 22.

LOVE TEACHING AND WRITING? - Come support World Renew's Cambodia staff by helping them learn better English and to creatively share stories of transformation. This exciting volunteer opportunity includes visits to ministry sites within Cambodia to meet WR partners. More information available at [www.worldrenew.net/gvp](http://www.worldrenew.net/gvp) or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org).

Bloggers Wanted - Would you like to share your ministry experience with others in a blog? The Network is looking for bloggers on topics such as church administration, being an elder or a deacon, church planting, inter-generational ministry, leadership development, and more. If blogging isn't your thing, we're also looking for people who can ask good questions about ministry, and facilitate online discussions. To get started, visit [crcna.org/network](http://crcna.org/network) or send questions to [network@crcna.org](mailto:network@crcna.org)

Are you looking for a unique, exciting short-term missions experience? - Are you seeking guidance and direction about God's specific purpose for your life? Serve With A Purpose-Uganda is a 4-week opportunity to explore, learn, grow and serve within with a community of teens and young adults who think like you do. For more information, check out [worldrenew.net/swap-uganda](http://worldrenew.net/swap-uganda).