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# Bethany Bugle

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### Report on Council Meeting – Monday February 08, 2016

Chairperson George deRoo opened the meeting by meditating on God’s majesty through the words of Psalm 93, followed by a prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession. We had opportunity to share our joys of ministry and the spiritual growth of Bethany with Church Visitors, Pastor John Heidenga and Elder Philip Dekker.

The Minutes of our January 11, 2016 Council Meeting were reviewed and carried. Council continues to endeavour to seek God’s will in its leadership and has determined that the formation of a Vision Team will serve to discern God’s will for Bethany for the future. Council has also determined that the formation of a Human Resources Team will serve to bolster our current Staffing Model by providing constructive evaluation and feedback, and assistance as needed. In addition to local ministry opportunities, Bethany has also agreed to partner with other local churches (facilitated by the Fonthill United Church) in the Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. Bethany has also committed to partnering with Hands at Work and members of Council were encouraged to meet with George Synam, Founder, on Saturday February 13, 2016.

The upcoming Classis Meeting / Retreat scheduled for February 26-27 in New York State was discussed; Bethany’s delegates are Pastor Colin VanderPloeg and Elder Hans Dam.

A number of Bethany Committee Reports were provided for information and reviewed where necessary. The Deacons were asked to review Bethany’s use of the Congregational Assistance Program (CAP) and to consider if/how the services of Elisha House could be utilized in conjunction with CAP. Current Financial Reports were reviewed; Council elected to commit the current surplus to the cost of the new sign and unpaid Denominational Shares.

As a means to continue to provide God honouring and meaningful Worship, a Motion to hire Karina Wierenga on a temporary basis, at a rate of four hours per week to support and facilitate Worship Ministry duties, until the return of our Worship Ministry Coordinator at the end of her year away, was carried.

John Enzlin closed the meeting in prayer.

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Why does God allow suffering and tragedy?

Does science disprove Christianity?

Is Jesus really the only way?

Why are Christians so hypocritical?

Christians throughout the ages have wrestled with questions like these, and chances are, so do you. Having faith isn't always easy. But it's critical that you don't run from these types of questions.

Grade 12 students & young adults are welcome to join this 7 week series focussing on these difficult questions. This small group will meet every other Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., starting February 16, 2016 at the home of Ralph & Brittney Terpstra (766 Church St., Fenwick). Please contact Brittney Terpstra (905-380-0391) or Andrea Veldhuizen (905-975-8484) if you have any questions or concerns.



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### Meal Program

Becky Van Lochem has agreed to be our new meal coordinator. One of our big issues has been how do we find out who wants ( needs) a meal, so we are asking you to call Becky if you or someone you know needs a meal. Please see this as giving our church an opportunity to show love and compassion, not as a negative thing of asking for help. If you need or know someone who needs a meal please let Becky know.

## Summer Camp—Job Opportunities

Bethany Summer Camp is looking for fun, energetic, outgoing leaders and volunteers for our summer camp program.



### Summer Camp Co-ordinator

-18 years or older with some experience

-preparing the daily activities of summer camp, planning, organizing, registering the campers, leading the daily activities, stories and crafts, working with a budget and learning how to run a summer camp are some of the qualities we are looking for in a co-ordinator.

### Leaders

-must be in their 16th year, or older or going into Grade 11 in the Fall.

-Fun, energetic and love to work with children

-you must be willing to share the love of Christ with these children daily.

-leading a group of children in songs, crafts, sports activities, Bible lessons, games and so much more are part of the everyday life at camp.

-leaders who will lead by example and who are willing to give of themselves each day and to make camp a fun and safe place to be.

### Volunteers

-all ages

-fun, energetic and love to work with children

-willing to work alongside the leaders at camp

### Is this Job for YOU?

We would love to have you be part of our Summer Day Camp Program.

Please fill out the forms that are on the back table by the mailboxes or find forms online: [bethanycrc.ca](http://bethanycrc.ca) go under MINISTRIES and then under DAYCAMP. There are forms for co-ordinator, for leaders and for volunteers.

The deadline to return these forms is February 29, 2016.

Please return them to the office at Bethany or in Kathleen VanHoffen's mailbox or email them to: [summerdaycamp@bethanycrc.ca](mailto:summerdaycamp@bethanycrc.ca)



**True Women Conference:** On September 22-24, 2016 (Thursday-Saturday) there will be a women's conference at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. Speakers include Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Mary Kassian. Keith and Kristyn Getty will be the worship leaders.

"There are 20 seats still available on the bus; they are going quickly. Cost for the bus is \$90CND return. Please make your cheque out to Bethany CRC and give to Lorraine Wierenga to reserve your seat. Registration for the conference is \$109US/person until May 2. A few H2H leaders will take care of registration in groups of 10 to obtain the lowest price. We plan to do this sometime between now and May 2, hoping the dollar will get a little better!! Hotel reservations are available as Feb 2 and can be booked personally online once they're available. You can cancel your room up to 24 before the conference if you need to. All this info is on the website. Go to [www.truewoman16.com](http://www.truewoman16.com) If you have any questions, talk to Wilma Vahrmeyer, Andrea Veldhuizen, or Lorraine Wierenga. We are so excited to take a bus load of Canadian women to this conference. Join us!! Your heart will be encouraged and challenged!!"

## Child & Youth

### Leader Appreciation Night

To those involved in Bethany's youth and children ministries, you are invited to join us on *Thursday, February 18* for a stand up reception in honour of all you do.

As a Youth Ministry Team, we appreciate all the time, commitment and leadership that you provide for our children and youth at Bethany and we want to **THANK YOU!**

**The Party starts at 7pm at the church!!**

**Can't wait to see you there!!**

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** Ladies we are looking forward to seeing you all here at Grace CRC on Tuesday morning. Gail's group is continuing lesson #12 question 7, Janes group will start lesson #11, and Jean and Henny's group will start Lesson #13. "Conflict in the Church" Read Acts 15. Unity is something God requires of us. Believers should be able to talk, pray and work through conflict just the way it was worked through by the church in Jerusalem. What are you like when you are in strong disagreement with others? Studying the book of Acts has made us really look at ourselves and our relationship to God and our neighbours. Hope to see you all Tuesday. Snacks: We have enough goodies from our pancake supper so I think we will not need our volunteers this week...

**PANCAKE SUPPER:** Our annual pancake supper is behind us again. We thank all of you for joining us for our delicious supper. Also the wonderful volunteers who cooked, baked, mixed, served and cleaned up to help make it a success. Again our ladies proved they are an awesome group of wonderful ladies. Thanks to everyone effort we were able to raise \$352.00. Many thanks to all you. Without all of your support we would not have been able to do it.

**ORGAN CONCERT:** Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you to join them for an Organ Concert featuring Christopher Dawes. The concert will take place on Saturday March 5th, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the evening will benefit The Brain Wave Café, hosted by Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers in conjunction with the Alzheimer Society. Concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets: \$15 each, or \$35 per family (w/children 15 & under.) Available at The Dutch Shop in Grimsby, or at the door on the evening of the concert.

### 7th Annual HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – March 26, 2016, DV

#### Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir

Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert at Hamilton Place on Saturday, March 26 at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at \$17 & \$27. To obtain your tickets, contact a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or email her at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com) or online at <http://www.hosanna-choir.org/>

**CTI MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Join us on Sunday February 28th at 5 pm as CTI Team 14:21 leads us in an amazing service of Praise & Worship! CTI is a community of young people who combine their common passion for music with their mutual desire to share the love of Christ. It is also a vehicle through which these young people are trained, equipped and mobilized into ministry opportunities where they can use their gifting to impact their generation. CTI will be performing live at Mountainview Church, 290 Main Street East in Grimsby. For more information about CTI go to [ctimusic.org](http://ctimusic.org).

## Shalom Manor Volunteer Requests

**Bowling Helper** – setting pins, cheering, score keeping and portering residents alongside the recreation staff. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 11-12. Enthusiasm and mobility are the only requirements!

**Bingo Assistant** – helping residents attend and participate in Bingo from 10:30-11:30 on Thursdays or Fridays. You will sit at a table with residents to help them review their cards as the numbers are called by the staff.

**Friendly Visitors** – male and female visitors are needed to visit those who need extra friendship or engagement. Flexible schedule, training provided; we will match you with one or two residents. A friendly and personable demeanour is essential.

**Worship Service Usher** – individuals needed to serve on one Sunday per 6-8 weeks. Qualifications: physical ability to push wheelchairs, friendly personality.

If you have some time and are able to partner with us, I'd love to hear from you! Please contact Laurie at 905-945-9631 ext. 1115 or [volunteercoord@shalommanor.ca](mailto:volunteercoord@shalommanor.ca).

## School News

### NACE (Niagara Association for Christian Education) is Seeking an Executive Director

The Niagara Association for Christian Education is an inter-denominational Christian school system comprised of two sites which are located in Smithville and Stoney Creek. The schools provide a safe, positive atmosphere in which students can explore God's amazing world and develop their gifts and abilities. The Executive Director is the Board's sole official connection to the operation through which it seeks to fulfill its vision to develop a vibrant community that understands the value of excellent Christ-centered education, which is available to an economically, ethnically and denominationally diverse membership. More information can be found at <http://www.nace.ca/executivedirectorsearch>

# CRC News

## From Back to God Ministries International

**AT YOUR SERVICE** - Ye Lords and Ladies! At a Medieval fair, Liz and the gang hope to be knights and kings and queens, but servanthood awaits them instead. Learn how Liz, Lucille and Julia fare as they serve King Arthur and the Black Knight and try to win seat of honor! Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Find more great resources for kids and parents at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net). This month's offer includes 4 Kids Corner Valentine cards.

**FAMILY FIRE** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**THE SERVANT OF THE LORD** - The late chapters in Isaiah introduce us to "the servant of the Lord." Join Groundwork in studying the first servant song in Isaiah 42 to discover a clear link between the Testaments as well as the link between God's chosen people and his mission. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## From Calvin College

**2016 FESTIVAL OF FAITH & WRITING** - Registration is now open for the 2016 Festival of Faith & Writing: April 14-16, 2016 at Calvin College. Visit [calvin.festival.edu](http://calvin.festival.edu) for more information and registration, or call 616-526-6770. Featured speakers include Nadia Bolz-Webber, Christian Wiman, Makoto Fujimura, Tobias Wolff, Zadie Smith, and many more!

## From Christian Reformed World Missions

**Mexi-Connection Young Adult Team** - Dave and Blanca Gifford, missionaries in Mexico City, are hosting a team of young adults to experience the culture, sights, and community of college-age students in Mexico from July 9-18, 2016. If you are interested in this short-term cultural immersion experience, visit [crwm.org/Mexi-connection](http://crwm.org/Mexi-connection) to learn more or apply.

## From CRC Communications

**FREE WEBINAR** - Join us Feb. 16 for "Sending Young Disciples Into the World and Loving the Ones Already There". Presenters Ron deVries and Helena Allan will explore how congregations can minister to high school students preparing for graduation and offer tips on caring for students once they are in college. Details and registration for this free, one-hour event at [crna.org/webinars](http://crna.org/webinars)

## From Diaconal Ministries Canada

**DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA** - is seeking applicants for the full-time position of NATIONAL DIRECTOR. Located in Burlington, the National Director will be responsible for ensuring that Diaconal Ministries Canada fulfills its mandate of partnering with diaconates, churches and parachurch organizations across Canada to demonstrate God's love in the community. For more information please visit our website at [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com).

## From Disability Concerns

**Hope & Compassion to Help with Mental Illness.** - This conference on April 9 will feature keynote speaker Amy Simpson, author of *Troubled Minds*. Breakout sessions include a family panel, Early Intervention, Suicide Prevention, and the role of faith communities in caring. Location: Best Western, 930 Burnham Street, Cobourg, Ontario. For more information or to register, visit [hopeconference.ca](http://hopeconference.ca). Early registration rate is \$75.

## From Other

**LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR** - under the direction of Martin Mans and accompanied by Andre Knevel, will present a Spring concert on April 9, 7:30 p.m. at Rehoboth Canadian Reformed Church, 1225 Dundas Street, Burlington, Ont. L7R 3X4. Tickets online at [libertasvoices.com](http://libertasvoices.com), or at the door. Adult \$20, Youth (14 and under) \$10. Children under 10, free. For more information, email [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com) or call 905-522-0001.

**RETREAT** - Wishing you could get away with God for a while? Come join us in the Kawarthas for a weekend of guided, silent reflection that will feed your soul on April 1-3, 2016 at Kingfisher Bay Retreat House ([www.kingfisherbay.ca](http://www.kingfisherbay.ca)). Cost: \$325.00 - includes private accommodations, all linens, 5 meals, 3 sessions with a certified Spiritual Director and use of the facilities in a stunningly beautiful setting. Contact: Tracey-Ann Van Brenk at [guidepostsministries@gmail.com](mailto:guidepostsministries@gmail.com) or 705-927-1154  
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