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# Bethany Bugle

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## Universal Design for Community: a Disability Ministry Training Event

You and your church, ministry, or agency are cordially invited to a fantastic training day on September 22 at the Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids, MI! Please consider attending with your staff and/or fellow church members. Please pass along this invitation to anyone whom you believe may benefit from learning to create communities of belonging.



Church, Belonging, and Community: People who use wheelchairs aren't the only ones who benefit from curb cuts. So do parents with strollers, young children, bicyclists, and delivery workers. Curb cuts are one example of "universal design"—a way of designing buildings, environments, programs, and events to benefit as many people as possible. When churches utilize universal design principles in planning—whether for discipleship, worship, community engagement, leadership development, or facilities—they create ministries where everyone can belong and participate. Register today.

Training leader Cara Milne will give practical information and support so that faith communities can learn to implement a universal design for creating a generous community of welcome and supporting an atmosphere of belonging. Our afternoon panel will continue to explore issues of belonging and community, this time from a personal perspective. How does a church community appreciate people with disabilities as whole individuals with longings, desires, and personality? These parents and others seeking to deepen connections between people with disabilities and the church will talk about helping congregations move from mere inclusion in church pews to creating communities where each person knows that she is known, noticed, and missed when not present.

This training will include:

- What are the words? A look at the power of language and attitudes.
- How do we decrease stereotypes?
- What does it really mean to belong?
- What does inclusive practice really look like?
- Where exactly is the community?
- How do we make sure that volunteers and supports are not getting in the way of possible social connections?
- How can we build up contribution and responsibility?
- Where can we begin?

Register today! Early bird registration rate lasts until September 1.

**Open Arms Mission** is looking for quilt donations for their September 23 CampusFest event at the Open Arms Ministry Campus on Forks Road. The quilts will be sold at this fun event for the whole family and the proceeds will benefit Open Arms Mission. Donated quilts can be brought to the church or dropped off at the Mission Centre at 22 Fifth Street in Welland.

## Elisha House Fundraising Banquet

Save the date for our annual Fall Fundraising Banquet, Friday September 22nd at John Michael's Banquet and Conference Centre. This year we will be celebrating "Two Ministries...One Mission". Our two ministries of Pregnancy Options and Biblical Counselling will be showcased during this great evening. Our one mission of giving hope and peace through the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues each and every day through all of our ministry programs. There is no charge to attend, but seating is limited so email or call 905-735-9934 to reserve your spot.



# shalem

Mental Health Network

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
www.shalemnetwork.org  
Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

# Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Phone: 905-735-9934  
Aft Hrs: 289-823-2424  
(call or txt)  
www.elishahouse.on.ca  
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Elisha House Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

Please join us for our annual  
Fall Fundraising Banquet

Friday, September 22, 2017

5:30 Punch & Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30 Dinner  
John Michael's Banquet & Conference Centre, Thorold ON

**TWO MINISTRIES...  
ONE MISSION**

Come share the evening with us as we celebrate God at work through ministry updates.

Includes door prizes, giveaways and a 4 course meal  
No tickets or coat to attend  
free will offering will be taken

RSVP to info@elishahouse.on.ca or call 905-735-9934

## CRC News

**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.

**OBEYING GOD'S CALL** - How do we faithfully obey God's call in the face of divine silence, obstacles, or other frustrations? Join Groundwork as we discuss passages like Acts 26 and Hebrews 5 to find strength and confidence to obey and remain faithful to God's call in our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**PICK AND ROLL** - Michael James, basketball's living legend, is coming to town. At a skills contest, will Liz and Spike's friendship be destroyed when the competition gets fierce? Who's better at shooting, at dribbling, and at setting up a Pick and Roll? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). At [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

**Pray for Inspire 2017** - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 3-5 in Detroit, Mich., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for accessibility, and for people of all levels of ability to be included, involved, comfortable, and blessed. Pray that Inspire 2017 will be a true family reunion, reflecting the church in all its diversity and beauty.

**Reordering Curriculum** - Fall is quickly approaching, and there is still time to order resources for the upcoming ministry year, including Bible studies and children's ministry curriculum. All CRC churches currently qualify for an automatic 15 percent discount on nearly everything in the Faith Alive catalog, including DWELL curriculum, which helps children in preschool through middle school grow in their faith. Chat your questions, download free samples, and learn more at [FaithAliveResources.org/Order](http://FaithAliveResources.org/Order) or call 800-333-8300 for help with ordering.

**Breaking Barriers Summer Edition** - The summer edition of Breaking Barriers features stories by clergy with disabilities who reflect on the interplay of disability and ministry. Read it at [www.crcna.org/breakingbarriers](http://www.crcna.org/breakingbarriers). Subscribe at [www.crcna.org/disability](http://www.crcna.org/disability).

**Pray in South Africa!** - From January 31-February 12, go and pray with God's people in South Africa. Last year, one man said, "Wow, this is unlike any other short-term team we have ever had come and see us. The team blessed us with prayers and encouragement in a very deep way." Visit [crwm.org/safari](http://crwm.org/safari) for more information or to apply.

**Teach or Tutor Overseas** - Do you want to serve international students in a classroom? Opportunities to serve with many partner Christian schools are still available for the fall semester or next winter. Visit [crwm.org/teaching](http://crwm.org/teaching) to learn more or to apply.

**Position Opening in Honduras** - Are you a bilingual (English and Spanish) skilled leader with a gift for developing cross-cultural ministry strategies and policies? Do you have experience in providing oversight and direction to staff and partners on community development projects? World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full-time opening for a Country Consultant based in Honduras. For more information, or to apply, please visit our website at [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers) or [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org). Application deadline is September 3, 2017.

**Wildfire Crisis in British Columbia** - Join World Renew in praying for the wildfire crisis in British Columbia where a state of emergency has been issued. There are over 230 active fires and more than 14,000 people have been forced to leave their homes. World Renew is assessing the situation to determine our response and more details will be available as the fire response progresses.

Dear Bethany CRC, We are thankful for your church's partnership with World Renew to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation for communities around the world. Please include the following announcement in your bulletin to extend our appreciation to your congregation.

To the congregation of Bethany CRC, Fenwick: We are grateful for your donations of \$5,211.00 for World Renew programs received from April to June 2017. Your gifts are making a difference through our Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects and program fund (where needed most). Every day, World Renew witnesses God's power at work among people who live in adversity, as their stories are rewritten with the hope and courage that only He can give. Thank you for joining us in this journey, as we strive to seek justice and defend the oppressed (Isaiah 1:17) while looking to Jesus, the greatest Story Changer of all. To learn more about how you can continue to partner with World Renew to change the story, visit [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net).

