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WORSHIP COORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Our Worship & LiFE Group Coordinator Nicole VanHuizen (who was on a one year leave to teach in Dunnville Christian School), has given Council notice that she will not be returning to the Worship Coordinator position. We give thanks to the Lord for the service Nicole has offered over the past years.

Council is now presenting a modified position of Worship Coordinator only to any interested applicants. This is a 16hr/wk position being offered initially as a one year contract. Being or becoming a professing member of Bethany is prerequisite to a successful application. The job description is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and is available upon request from the office. To apply, please submit a letter of interest along with resume to the church office. Deadline for applying is June 20th.



Mornings can be tough.

Sometimes, a hearty breakfast and strong cup of coffee just aren't enough.

Offering far more than a rush of caffeine, best-selling author Paul David Tripp aims to energize Christian readers with the most potent encouragement imaginable: the gospel.

365 devotional readings lead off with a compelling, gospel-centered thought, followed by an extended meditation for the day. Focused less on behavior modification and more on helping people encounter the living God, this resource equips readers with the good news that they need to trust in God's goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory—day in and day out. Copies are available for purchase at \$22.00 each. If you would like one, please see Lorraine Wierenga.

Report of Classis Niagara Meeting, May 18, 2016

Classis Niagara is a group of 12 Christian Reformed Churches (CRC) and 2 emerging churches located in the Niagara Region. Pastor, elder, and deacon delegates from these churches gather as a Classis three times per year to deliberate church, ministry, and administrative matters that we hold together in common.

This session of Classis Niagara celebrated its 100th meeting and revolved around the themes of Covenant Relationships/Authentic Community.

Opening devotions involved Classis being led in the **Blanket Exercise** by Bernadette Arthur and Dan Galenkamp of CRC Race Relations. The exercise was developed by Kairos following the landmark report of the "Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples" and is a tool to help participants walk through the history of relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Canada. Its purpose is to help participants understand why reconciliation is needed and how to take steps toward reconciliation and new relationships.

Dr. Darren Roorda, Canadian Ministries Director, spoke about how the pilot project for Classis Niagara is being enfolded into the Connections Project for regional resourcing of local congregations. The goal and purpose of this project is to serve local churches more effectively both from a human side of helping churches finding the right resources and an electronic side that will provide easy access to resources. On the human side Servicelink is providing churches one-on-one consultation for various needs and Extreme Technology is developing the electronic component that will allow churches to input content that will personalize it for their own local setting. The present launch date is set for the fall of 2016.

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Mr. Derek Atkins, Connections Project Coordinator, spoke about the Connections Project that is being developed as a result of the CRC receiving a 1 million dollar grant from the Lily Foundation. The grant focuses on regional resourcing for the purpose of helping local congregations flourish. Each region will consist of three to four classes working together. Classis Niagara will be part of the Southern Ontario region consisting of Classis Toronto, Hamilton, and Huron. The project will give congregations access to resource ministry tools as well as provide ministry catalysis and coaches to help in tailoring these tools to their particular context. Congregations will also be encouraged to connect with other congregations in sharing information and similar ministry concerns so as to discover best ministry practices.

Classis tabled **The Youth Ministry Task Force Report** that recommended appointing/hiring a full-time Classis youth champion and will take up the issue at a later meeting.

Classis approved **the Safe Church** recommendations to expand its mandate and to reduce the number of members to seven.

Amber Vanderhout and Erica Howard addressed Classis regarding the inspiring **Special Needs SERVE project** that the Fruitland CRC is undertaking.

Classis approved **Mike Collins** resignation from the Village Church and his subsequent call to serve as Commissioned Pastor for Providence CRC as Community/Developer/Missionary.

Classis received a report of thanksgiving from **Riverside CRC** regarding Rev. Wes Collins returning to work on a part-time basis. He is preaching twice a month along with some pastoral visiting. Classis rejoices in God's faithfulness to the Riverside congregation and Rev. Collins.

Classis received a report from **Rev. Peter Janssens**, the new Chaplain of Shalom Manor and Gardens, and rejoices in his work of ministering to the elderly.

Our next regular meeting is planned for October 19, 2016 at a place yet to be determined.

For further information about any of the above, please contact your pastor and/or elder or deacon delegate to this meeting of Classis Niagara, or e-mail to statedclerk@classisniagara.ca

Other News

GRACE CRC BAZAAR- Saturday, June 4th

Grace Christian Reformed Church in Welland is hosting a Bazaar and Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 4th from 9:30am-3:30pm. Bazaar includes; baked goods, crafts, penny sale, garage sale, car show and also Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Ollie Bollen for sale. Proceeds from our sales will be going to support Conception Presbyterian School in Belize- a school we partner with through EduDeo Ministries. If you have any questions or would like to include your classic car or have items to donate for garage or penny sale please contact Jake & Gail Krikke at jakegailkrikke@gmail.com or 905-892-3536. We look forward to seeing you!

ROSE CITY KIDS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Poverty in Welland is a real thing that our children and youth at Rose City Kids are dealing with! Not only are they dealing with the symptoms of poverty-housing, food, clothing, but they are more importantly dealing with the message it is sending "Give up. Nobody cares about you! Nothing will ever change. You are nothing and always will be". We can all call to our minds a child or teenager who has that "look" in their eyes. The one that breaks your heart-it's defeated. You know that the child has been receiving messages like the one above and now lives to believe them. That child who truly believes that they are nothing, and that they will always be nothing.

But what an opportunity we have been given at Rose City Kids! By loving these kids and breathing encouragement and hope into their fragile beings; it can change! We have this incredible opportunity to not only speak self worth into these children, but also play a role in their spiritual development and eternity. You can help! Rose City Kids has so many opportunities for individuals like you!! You can serve at our Saturday programs or the tutoring program. We also have so much behind the scenes opportunities. If you can help us by wrapping gifts monthly, or running with our Christmas shoe box campaign, taking a large role in our fundraising events, or even just stopping to pray for every one of our children, you would be blessing to this ministry! Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of our team this fall! Talk about it as a family, as a life group or even as an entire church family! We would love to have your help!

As Wess Stafford says it " All of us, with no training, are qualified to do it. No one can say, "Well, children are just no my thing- I don't get them. I don't know how to handle them, act around them, or relate to them." The truth is, you deserve an honorary doctorate in "childhood". If you're an adult you have done 18 years of "field research" in this complex subject. Having been a child yourself, you've experienced firsthand all there is to know about childhood--you may know what it feels like done right, or sadly, what it feels like done horribly wrong. You are who you are and act the way you do because of those years spent as a child. Please take the time to stop and consider how you can help change the life of a child! Thanks in advance! Sonya (sonya@rosecitykids.com) www.rosecitykids.com

Niagara Serve is back!!!

And we need your help to make it a success. July 23-30 there are 60 youth and leaders coming to the Niagara region and staying at Beacon Christian school to do service work throughout the region.

We are asking that you pray for the preparations for the week and for the youth and leaders that are coming that all that is done is for God's glory. To make the week a success we need you...volunteers to help throughout the week in the kitchen and cleaning. We are also looking for prayer partners to hold up each person in prayer. There will also be a list of donations put out in the next couple of weeks, so please look for that. If you have any questions or would like to commit to helping out during Serve please contact Ann-Elise Hoogendam, host team coordinator, annelise.hoogendam@gmail.com or 289-407-4767

School News

FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE: After faithfully serving the N.A.C.E. (Niagara Association for Christian Education) community for the past 14 years, Mr. Tony Kamphuis is moving on to serve God in a different capacity. We appreciate his dedication to Christian education, and his vibrant and outgoing personality. Please join us at an Open House on Thursday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. as we recognize his years of service. We will gather at the Mountain Ridge Community Centre (105 Mountain Rd., Grimsby L3M 4E7). All are invited to join us: young, old, parents, grandparents, former and current students and colleagues. Let's send him off in style!

Bus Drivers Needed: Are you a stay at home parent, retiree, or have a flexible home-based business? If you enjoy working with children, this could be the perfect, part-time job for you! To learn more about becoming a School Bus Driver, for John Knox Christian School, Stoney Creek or Covenant Christian School, Smithville, contact Deb Moraal (phone: 905-309-4138 or email: debmoraal@yahoo.ca).

REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Come experience Redeemer's campus this spring and summer! Redeemer is hosting Friday Visit events on Friday, May 13, Friday, June 10 and Friday, July 8. Visiting our campus in person is the best way to figure out if Redeemer is the right fit for you. Each event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the option of meeting with an admissions counsellor, having lunch on us and meeting with professors. For more information, please go to www.redeemer.ca/visit.

Summer RAYS is Redeemer's weekly multi-sports and activities camp for kids ages 5 to 13. Each of the 8 camp weeks in July and August emphasize participation, cooperation, skill development and most of all fun! To learn more and to register, please visit redeemerroyals.ca/rays.

This summer, Redeemer is offering two one-week intensive courses 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, taught by Prof. Ken Herfst). For more information, visit www.redeemer.ca/ministry-intensives. The registration deadline is June 15.

Looking to complete an AQ course? Redeemer is offering Math Part I and Teaching Students with Intellectual Needs – Giftedness this summer in a blended online and in-class format. For more information or to register, visit www.redeemer.ca/aq-courses. The registration deadline is June 15.

Redeemer is accepting applications for three positions: Chaplain, Director of Co-operative Education and Senior Development Officer. Visit www.redeemer.ca/careers for more information.

Concerts

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR—With guest, the Urker Mans Formatie (UMF), under the direction of Martin Mans accompanied by Mark Brandwijk & Hendrik Van Veen present a concert near you: UMF with Libertas at Free Reformed Church of Vineland, 3685 King St., Vineland. June 17th at 7:00pm UMF with Libertas & special guests, Momentum Choir directed by Mendelt Hoekstra at Redeemer University College, 777 Garner Rd., Ancaster. June 18th at 7:30pm at Metropolitan Church, 56 Queen St. E., Toronto. Tickets online at libertasvoices.com or at the door. Adult \$20.00 Youth (14 & under) \$10.00 and under 10 are free. For information, email info@libertasvoices.com or call 905-522-0001

The Robert Wood Singers under the direction of Deanna Schaus will present a selection of favorites tunes in one concert with Darlene Oord as accompanist. The Concert is scheduled for Sunday June 5th starting 2:30 PM at Central United Church in Welland.

Tickets are available from Frank Dam or Andy Van Driel, \$ 12 for Adults and \$ 8 for Children. See the poster in the Fellowship Hall for more details or visit the web at www.robertwoodsingers.com

CRC NEWS From Back to God Ministries International

CHUCK T DAWG - Liz talks his mom into getting a dog. But Liz finds that it costs a lot of time and money to take care of a dog. So he tries to raise some cash by joining Cole's poker game. Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at kidscorner.net including KC's Life of Jesus coloring book which focuses on Jesus' work of helping others and sharing His story.

GOD REMEMBERS OUR WORK - Work can be frustrating, unsatisfying, and it can leave us longing for more. Join the Groundwork conversation this week as we study Ecclesiastes 2 and 3 and Psalm 90 to discover hope and a new perspective for our daily work. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Diaconal Ministries Canada

Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC) - is seeking to fill a full-time position for an Administrative Coordinator in the Burlington office. This position will be responsible to provide administrative and technical support to the staff, board and committees of DMC. A full job description is available at www.diaconalministries.com/aboutus/careers. For consideration, submit a resume and letter of interest to mrobins@crcna.org by June 6th.

From Other

Early Bird Rate! - If you're looking for a fun family event for a great cause, sign up to run the Road2Hope in support of EduDeo Ministries, the weekend of November 5, 2016. Sign up at edudeo.com/r2h before May 31 to save up to 25% on registration.

Summer Courses 2016 at ICS - Study one or all of the three courses offered this summer at the Institute for Christian Studies: "Political Theology and the Secular State" with Dr. Jonathan Chaplin, running mornings from June 20-30; "Coming to Our Senses: Art, Faith and Embodiment" with Dr. Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin, running afternoons from June 20-13; and "Reading Romans in the Shadow of Empire" with Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, running full days from July 11-15. Credit tuition is \$990, while audit fee is \$600. For more information, go to courses.icscanada.edu. Register by May 31, 2016.

From ServiceLink

Assistant Youth Leader in Romania - Join with the Philothea Klub staff for their in-school and after-school programs with kids to connect with them about faith, life, relationships, alcohol, drugs, etc. You will work with staff during the school year and assist with summer camp programs as well. More information is available at www.crw.org or volunteer@crcna.org regarding this 2 year World Missions volunteer cohort position.

Familiar with Google and its databases? - Join World Renew from your home office or in our Cambodia office to review our field reporting database and assist to improve our understanding and use of our Google Site and Google Drive. Your volunteer contribution will help us to develop more efficient reporting on the field. More information available at www.worldrenew.net/gvp or volunteer@crcna.org.

MOST JOB OPPORTUNITIES 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!

