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# Bethany Bugle

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## Fundraisers

**KIDS DAY AT BETHANY** On December 5, we are having KIDS DAY at Bethany. This will run from 9 AM to 5PM and your child is welcome to come for an hour, a half day, or all day! We will have singing, praise and worship, games, movie, snacks, crafts and more. If you would like your child(ren) to attend, they need to register before the day. This day is open to others as well, not just members at Bethany, so invite your friends. Please contact: [kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com) to register. Spaces are limited, so sign up today.

Free-will donation (tax-receipts available) for our Hands at Work team Zambia  
Your child will need to bring a nut-free lunch and a blanket and/or pillow for movie watching. We will provide snacks throughout the day. We look forward to having a great day together!

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**BAKED GOODS FOR SALE!**  
MERGE will be selling baked goods at the congregational meeting on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Come enjoy a treat with your coffee before the meeting and buy some goodies to take home!  
All proceeds go to SERVE and All Ontario Youth Convention.



Merge is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. A 6" pot for \$8.00 & and an 8" pot for \$20.00. Contact a student in our church or Andrea to order.  
[andrea@bethanycrc.ca](mailto:andrea@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 a number of women who plan to attend so we are looking into hiring a coach bus. This is early but we need to confirm the bus in January because these buses are used for "Fall Colour" tours. If you are interested in attending this conference and going by coach bus, please let Lorraine Wierenga know asap. Seating is limited to 56 people. If enough show interested another bus may be hired. Payment will hold your seat. The bus will be approximately \$90 return. For more information about the conference go to: <http://www.truewoman16.com/>



**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)

## CROQUETTE ORDERS!

next week will be the last chance to order Croquettes and Bitterballen through our Cadets.  
Orders may be placed by contacting any of our Cadets, Counselors or Bert Nauta.



## 2015 Bethany Reflection Video

We are busy putting together a video to celebrate the past year at Bethany. We have many photos already but would love more shots from within the groups of our busy congregation! If you have any pictures from this year's activities at Bethany (Gems, Cadets, Konnect20, Bible Studies, group trips, etc) please send to [kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleenvanhoffen@hotmail.com).

If you are unable to email the photos please connect with the Bethany office so they can be included.

Deadline for photos is December 6th. Thanks!

## School News NACE

Does the job of parenting seem like a never ending battle? Do you feel at odds with your kids? Are you quickly defensive in your conversations with them? Are they quickly defensive? Are you tired of thinking up 'consequences', or feel like punishment is just not working?

On Monday, December 7 @ 7:30pm, NACE is hosting the first of two evening focussing on restorative practices in the home and at school. Owen Webb, an educator from Hamilton currently doing doctoral work in the area of Restorative practice will speak with us about

"Working WITH our kids: Parenting through restorative relations".

This evening will take place at John Knox Christian School in Stoney Creek, and is directed at parents, teachers, and anyone who works with children. This evening is a gift we are offering to our communities, so you are encouraged to invite a friend, a neighbour, or family member to come out and learn together with us. Parenting is a wonderful and challenging journey that we don't need to walk alone!

## Other News

**Coffee Break:** Hello all of you wonderful ladies who attend our Coffee Break Bible study every week. It is good to see you all every Tuesday morning. ready for a another time of Sharing, caring, singing, praying and studying God's Word. We meet here at

Grace CRC every Tuesday morning. By now we know that the coffee and snacks will be ready. (tea too :) for 9:15. and we will hear the bell at 9:30. Sorry ladies I like the bell ha ha. See you all Tuesday. Also this morning we will also have Jess from Open Arms Missopn speak for a few minutes. Remember to bring you Baby needs for the mission. Gail and Irene's group is on Lesson 7 question 8, Jane's group is Lesson 6 question 6, Jean and Henny's grup is lesson 7 question 10. Snacks: Debbie O., Hilda V. L., Sylvie B.

Reminder: Dec 1st is the morning, we will be meeting at Rose City Kids for our enjoyable Christmas wrapping session. Lots of hands needed and lots of laughter and fun too. So mark this date on your Calender.

**Generous Space Conversation**-Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 26th at 7:30pm at Jubilee Fellowship, 13 Wilholme Dr. St. Catharines, for a "Generous Space Conversation." Generous space is a new approach to being a healthy community of diversity centered around Jesus. Developed in the context of navigating diversity on LGBTQ+ matters, this posture applies to any issue over which Christians agree to disagree. This conversation will be facilitated by Wendy VanderWal-Gritter, author of "Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church." Time will be given for dialogue and question & response. There is no cost for the evening, but an offering will be taken. [www.newdirection.ca](http://www.newdirection.ca)

### Shalom Manor & Gardens – November Sale – Saturday, November 28th

On Saturday, November 28th, you are invited to join us for our Annual November Sale! From 10:00am-2:00pm, you are invited to Shalom Manor & Gardens (12 Bartlett Avenue in Grimsby) for some food, fun and fellowship. Come on out to purchase some croquettes, plants and flowers, farm-fresh items and more. While you're here, be sure to take part in our lucky draw, vendor marketplace, boerenkool lunch, pictures with Sinterklaas and our Honour Tree. Mark it on your calendar – a day for both traditional and new enjoyment! (Please be advised that additional parking at Mountainview CRC with shuttle bus service will be provided.)

### November 27: Voice of the Martyrs - Persecution in the World Today -

Mark Friday November 27 on your calendar to come join us as Floyd Brobbel (Vice-President of International/ Operations) speaks to us about the persecuted Church and all the work VOM does around the world where Christians are suffering because of their faith. The evening will start at 7.30 pm with refreshments to follow. Please feel free to bring a neighbour or friend!

Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick, ON L0S 1C0

## Concerts

**The Messiah by G.F. Handel** will be presented by ARCADY directed by Ronald Beckett on Sat. December 12, 7:30 pm at the Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, 211 Stonehenge Drive in Ancaster.

Tickets are \$25 and are now available by calling 1-877-700-3130. A Christmas favourite not to be missed. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to two local food banks. For info call 905-648-3170

### LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG CONCERTS

Join us to celebrate the Christmas season as we together sing songs of hope, peace and love! We welcome our director, Martin Mans, Martin Zonnenberg accompanist, Jan Scheper guest soloist all from The Netherlands. Wed. Dec. 2, 2015 @7:30pm, Alexandra Presbyterian 410 Colborne St. Brantford N3S 3N6 Thurs. Dec.3, 2015 @ 7:30pm, Smithville Canadian Reformed Church, 330 Church, 142 Ontario St., Stratford N5A 3H2. To order tickets online: [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) or contact: Tjitske Van Teenen 905-522-0001 or 905-520-0207. Adults \$20. Youth 10. Children under 10 Free. New members are always welcome, please visit our website for more information.

### Advent and Christmas Concert.

You are invited to attend the annual Advent and Christmas concert at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 342 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. Participating choirs are the St. Andrew's Church Choir, the Cantata Singers under the direction of Dr. Gerzinus E. Hoekstra and the To the King Male Chorus under the direction of Mendelt D. Hoekstra. The evening includes Advent and Christmas anthems, spirituals as well as congregational carol singing, accompanied by organ and brass ensemble. A meaningful beginning to the Advent and Christmas season. There is a freewill offering in lieu of admission and refreshments will be served after the concert.

**The Lighthouse** presents a Christmas Benefit Concert featuring London District Christian School Concert Choir, Crescendo, Men of Note and Men of Praise at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock on November 28, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music with us. There will be a free will offering to support the refugee work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-535-6262 or [rob@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:rob@lighthousecentre.ca).

**Getty Christmas Concert: EduDeo Ministries** is proud to present Keith & Kristyn Getty – composers of well-known songs like In Christ Alone – at Roy Thomson Hall this Monday (November 23). Tickets can be ordered online at [RoyThomson.com](http://RoyThomson.com) or by phone at 416.872.4255. Join us as we begin the Christmas season with this festive and memorable event!

**To the King Male Chorus**, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff presents, "A Christmas Celebration" with special guests, Toronto-based string ensemble, Quintessence on Friday, December 4, 2015 and welcoming back Smithville Christian High School Choir, directed by Dawne Warkentin on Saturday, December 5th. Join us in old world acoustics for either or both of two intimate concerts at St. Thomas' Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm. \$15/person (13 years and older). Children 12 years old and under are free (tickets must be presented for children). Seating is limited, so these tickets will be only available online or in advance from a choir member. Visit [www.totheking.ca](http://www.totheking.ca) for more details or email [tickets@totheking.ca](mailto:tickets@totheking.ca).

**Christmas Concert:** on Saturday December 12th at 7:30 p.m. Performing Arts @ Mountainview invites you the join us for our Annual Christmas Concert. Featuring the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, Soprano Suzanne Schaafsma, Organist Ryan VanderBerg, Pianist Joyce Postmus and Panflutist Liselotte Rokyta. The concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. East in Grimsby. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$35.00 per family (w/children 15 & under). Tickets will be available at the Dutch Store, in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. This concert will benefit the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.

## CRC News

### From Back to God Ministries International

**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.

**RECOGNIZE AND IMITATE GOOD** - The church is full of hypocrites; it's true. The best Christians are still sinful humans. So join Groundwork as we turn to Scripture and study the letter of 3 John for help discerning which Christian leaders are worth following and which are not. Never miss an episode; subscribe for free weekly email notifications and listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

**Special Advent Devotional Series** - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? Let us help! This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special e-mail series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, it's designed to help you and your family experience the wonder of Christmas. Sign up at [ReFrameMedia.com/Advent](http://ReFrameMedia.com/Advent).

**TALL LIZARD TALE** - Liz desperately wants to be Student of the Week and since rescuing an unknown stranger from drowning, Liz has become so famous that his story will be on the national news. But why is Liz acting so strangely, and why is he avoiding Lucille; the one lizard who knows him the best? Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Be sure to download this special song, "Leap of Faith," at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net).

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BTGMI** - From BTGMI Spanish ministry leader Rev. Guillermo Serano: "Thank you for your support of Back to God Ministries Spanish outreach. Without your support it would be impossible to do this ministry." Thanks to your partnership, our Spanish programs are broadcast on nearly 600 radio stations and more than 200 TV stations. We also produce a devotional that reaches 7,000 homes each month, and a children's website that draws youth into relationship with Jesus.

### From Chaplaincy and Care Ministries

**Chaplaincy and Care Ministry** - Please join us in honoring our chaplains on Chaplain Sunday, Nov. 22. The CRCNA chaplains are specially trained men and women who serve in hospitals, hospices, counseling agencies, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, community service agencies, Veterans Affairs centers, the military, and the workplace. They touch hundreds of lives every day with the presence and the love of Christ. Our network of chaplains stretches literally from the prison to the Pentagon. Whether in a nursing home or on a battlefield, our chaplains have served with courage and distinction over the course of the last century.

### From Christian Reformed World Missions

**Open missionary position in Asia** - The Spirit is moving in Asia and you have the opportunity to be a part of that exciting church growth. CRWM is looking for a long-term person or couple to work with the local church and other Christian ministries to disciple local Christian leaders in biblical knowledge and other ministry skills. If interested, contact Nalini Van Den Bosh at [nvandenbosch@crcna.org](mailto:nvandenbosch@crcna.org).

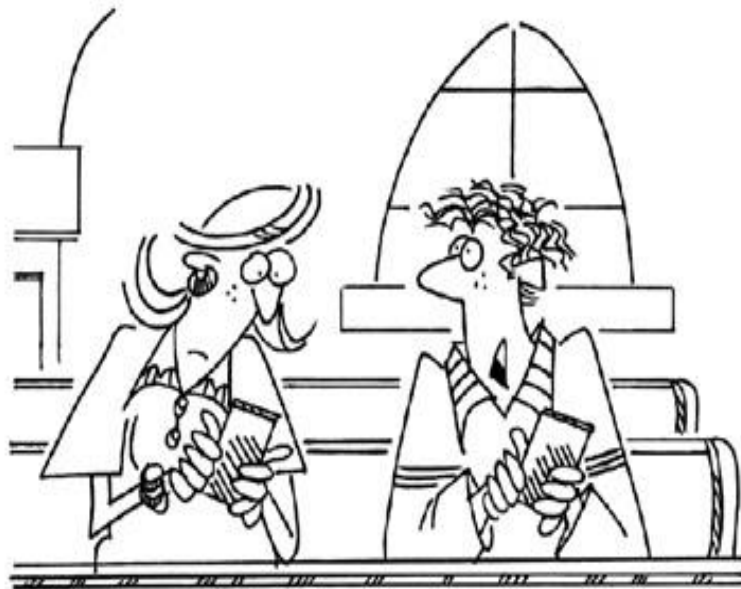


## From Diaconal Ministries Canada

Job Opportunity: DOE - Ancaster Coordinator - Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC) is looking for an event planner for the Day of Encouragement (DOE) in Ancaster. This person's primary responsibility is to plan and coordinate the event, held on the 3rd Saturday of every October. This is a contract position involving approximately 400 hours of time during February – November. Interested applicants are invited to call the DMC office at 1-800-730-3490, or email [mrobins@crcna.org](mailto:mrobins@crcna.org) for a copy of the job description and/or to submit an application. Closing date: November 30, 2015.

## From Office of Social Justice

"What Being Pro-Life Means to Me" Blog Series - Have you been following the Office of Social Justice's "What Being Pro-Life Means to Me" series on the Do Justice blog? Over the past couple months, the series has covered topics such as refugees, abortion, Palestinian farmers, missing and murdered indigenous women, physician-assisted suicide, and the death penalty. Read more about what it means to hold the label "pro-life" with integrity by visiting [DoJustice.crcna.org](http://DoJustice.crcna.org).



"The Pastor keeps referring to  
'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

### OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF SPONSORING SYRIAN REFUGEES

The Pelham Clergy Fellowship (leaders of Pelham's churches) with the support of the Mayor of the Town of Pelham is hosting an information night on Thursday, November 26 at 7PM in Fenwick United Church (1-50 Church Street Fenwick). Pastor Colin will be leading the meeting as we hear what we as the people, churches, or other organizations of Pelham are able to do through the shared support program:

***The Blended Visa Office Referred (VOR) initiative is a program designed to resettle refugees identified by the United***

***Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and submitted to Canadian visa offices abroad. It is referred to as a "blended" program because it is a cost-sharing arrangement whereby Citizenship and Immigration Canada and Sponsorship Agreement Holders (World Renew is one such holder) both contribute to financially supporting the refugees. Refugees under this program have already met eligibility and admissibility criteria, making them travel-ready.***

***However, they must be matched with a sponsor before they can travel to Canada.***

That's where we come in. These refugee families and individuals need sponsors to be able to escape the dire situation they are in in war torn Syria and the refugee camps that they have fled to. **So come out on Nov. 26, 7pm and hear more and see what the Lord moves you to do.**



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