

November 30, 2014

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Ministry Funding Report

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: report up to October 31, 2014

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$323,663.20	\$304,611.05
Bethany Expenses	\$323,663.20	\$334,282.13
Collected for Classis	\$11,072.30	\$9,965.07
Collected for CRC	\$48,692.10	\$43,953.68
2 nd Offering last two weeks (Nov.9 th & 16 th)		
Deacons.....		\$25.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$335.00
World Hunger-Peter Fish Campaign.....		\$35.00
Back to God Ministries.....		\$609.00



Missing from Library

A movie called "7 Deadly Words" was recently purchased but is currently missing. If you have borrowed this item, could you please return promptly. Thank You!

Upcoming Concerts

COME AND ENJOY A CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT --- Crescendo, Men of Note and Men of Praise are performing together and hosting a Christmas Concert at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock on December 6, 2014 at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas music with us. There will be a free will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob Datema at 416-535-6262 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca.

A Christmas favorite, The Messiah by G.F. Handel, will be presented on Sat. Dec. 13 by musicians and ensemble of ARCADY (arcady.ca) under the direction of Ronald Beckett at the Ancaster Christian Reformed Church, 70 Garner Rd East in Ancaster. Concert time is 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 (plus service fee) and can be ordered now by calling 1-877-700-3130 or online at www.ticketwindow.ca. Tickets are also available in person at the Redeemer University College Box Office. For more info call John/Anne VanderLaan at 905-648-3170.

To the King Male Chorus, directed by Mendelt Hoekstra and accompanied by pianist Julie Hoff presents, "A Christmas Celebration" with special guests, Smithville Christian High School Choir, directed by Dawne Warken-

tin. Join us in old world acoustics for either of two intimate concerts on Friday, December 12 or Saturday, December 13 at St. Thomas' Church, 99 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. The concert begins 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 for more details or email tickets@totheking.ca.

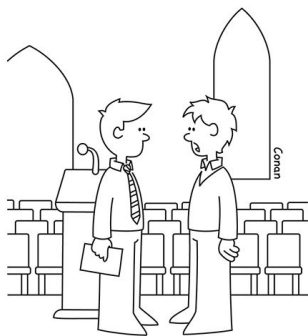
Christmas Concert with the 120 voices of the Hosanna Choir, a 30 voice girls choir as well as Musical presentations by students of Calvin Christian School in Hamilton will take place this year at Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Rd E. in Ancaster on Monday December 1 at 7:45pm. Admission is Free! A freewill offering will take place for the CCS - Music Program. A great evening to bring your friends and neighbours. for info call John at 905-648-3170

You are invited to be part of "All These Things Are Christmas" a musical performance by The Robert Wood Singers & The Wood Kids under the direction of Andrew Carruthers. The choir will present seasonal & sacred Christmas music at two events. Friday, Dec 5th at Grantham

United Church in St.Catharines starting 7:30 PM and Sunday, Dec 7th at Central United Church in Welland starting 2:30 PM. Tickets available from Frank Dam or Andy Van Driel and at the door. Tickets are \$15 for Adults & \$ 8 for Children 12 & under. Please visit the website for details at www.robertwoodsingers.com

Annual Christmas Concert: On Saturday, December 13th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., Mountainview Christian Reformed Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby, ON will be hosting a Concert that will feature the Hosanna Choir with Herman DenHollander directing, Organist André Knevel, Soloist Suzanna Schaafsma, Organist Ryan VanderBerg, and Pianist Joyce Postmus. Tickets for this concert are \$10.00 each or \$25.00 per family and will be available at the Dutch Store and at the door on the evening of the concert. This concert will benefit the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Arcady (arcady.ca) directed by Ronald Beckett presents Handel's Messiah on Saturday December 13 at the Ancaster CRC, 70 Garner Rd East in Ancaster beginning at 7:30pm Tickets are \$25 (plus service fee) available at www.ticketwindow.ca or call 1-877-700-3130. For info call 905-648-3170



"The more often you face your fears, the less afraid you will be. Unfortunately, that's how I got over my fear of failure."

From the Niagara Falls Church Plant

Freda and I want to thank everyone who came out to the installation service this past week. It was very well attended and we felt surrounded by our peers and supporters making this a ministry to plant a new church in Niagara Falls a co-mission within the whole of our Classis. We are extremely blessed to be part of what God is doing in the Niagara region. We covet your prayers. Allen and Freda Kleine Deters



MERGE

Our next Bible Study is TONIGHT!! We're looking forward to seeing you all there!!
238 Church St, Fenwick @ 7 – 9:30 pm

PS: Parents of our youth, I would like to get your email addresses to contact you with upcoming events and information, etc. Please email me, Janelle Agnew – janelle_roorda@hotmail.com, so I'll have your information. Thank you!

General Information

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www.bethanycrc.ca

School News

Covenant Christian School's Grandparents' & Senior Friends Day takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 10th. The coffee will be ready at 9:00am. Then at 9:30am we will be presenting our Christmas program: **The Very Important Christmas Pageant**. This will be followed by refreshments, classroom visits, and a delicious lunch! We invite our grandparents and senior friends to join us! Questions? Call Wendy Colyn at Covenant Christian at 905 957 7796.

Other News

Coffee Break. All right ladies, get ready, get set, GO!! Where are we going? To Rose City Kids. Why? To wrap gifts. Small change of plans. We are going to be filling Christmas stocking bags. We need as many of the ladies as possible to help out. You will be working hard, laughing and have fun all at the same time. What more could you want? Oh! coffee and snacks? We didn't forget those either. See we have it covered. So come on out for one of the best mornings we could have. If you are planning to car pool from the church remember you need to be there before 9:05 so we can leave by 9:10. If you are going directly to RCK it is in the cafe beside the theatre. So remember Tuesday morning Rose City Kids, see you there. SNACKS: Hilda G., Marika V.D., and Tildy S.

WE will also be collecting personal care items ie toothbrushes, toothpaste deodorants etc for Open Arms as our Christmas project. These will be gathered on our Dec. 16 Christmas morning.

***ARE YOU SENSING GOD'S CALLING?** Perhaps you have been sensing God nudging you in the direction of ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. If so, we strongly encourage you to explore this direction further by finding out more at www.crcna.org/pages/candidacy, and/or contacting Pastor Chris de Winter - pastorchris@trinitycristcatharines.org (Trinity CRC) or Pastor Jim Dekker - jcdekker48@gmail.com. As part of the Niagara Classis Ministerial Leadership Team (CMLT), we desire to be of assistance to you by answering your questions, encouraging you, and praying with you. Please note that if you want to begin studies in the Fall of 2015, the deadline to apply for financial aid is December 31, 2014."

Harvest Kitchen

On Thursday, Nov. 20th at the Hope Center, we had approx. 45 people for dinner. Thank you to our volunteers from Bethany Youth! We had a great group of guys and gals; not only did they serve, but they also provided all the Lasagna's and Desserts for our evening. Julia Glasbergen, Morgan Glasbergen, Mackenzie Kremer, Sierra Kiers, Shannon TeBrake, Gabi VanSoelen, Tawnya VanHoorn, Emma Wubs, Damian TeBrake, Noah VanSoelen, Bailey DenBak and their leaders; Diana DeVries and Janelle Agnew. I would like to thank Ann and Alfred Kiers for their support and dedication to this mission, as well as Ann for organizing this month with the Youth Group! Thank you for giving so generously of your time. It's wonderful to see how God uses each of us to be involved and to bring a smile to the faces of the less fortunate and to each other.....Thank you!! Also thank you to Dianna DeVries for taking time to mingle and talk with the guests and for being so energetic and fun and to Janelle for organizing the crew of kids and keeping everything moving along so nicely!! Please remember that we can always use your help for next month, especially with Christmas around the corner many are busy...the date will be December 18th. Please give me a call if you can provide food (Shepherd's Pie and/or Dessert) or your service (time) for Harvest Kitchen..... 892-8018 or email me at my3sons@cogeco.ca. Angela Oussoren

CRC Announcements

GROUNDWORK - Idolatry and the Golden Calf: Is idolatry as obvious as bowing down to a statue or can it be a slight shift in how we think and talk about and even worship God? In Exodus the people of Israel worship a golden calf. It seems like the very idolatry God tells them not to do. Or is there something else going on? Join the Groundwork conversation each week: subscribe for free weekly emails at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen now.

KIDS CORNER - The Call: Are Scooter and the gang too young to help when a big storm does some major damage to Terrene? Grandpa Anole becomes the center of the storm as the KC crew faces their futures! Follow the Kids Corner 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.

FREE WEBINAR - Join us Dec. 3 for "Everybody Serves: The Picture Needs Each Piece" presented by Mark Stephenson and Shellie Power. This webinar will teach ways to recognize that every individual, including persons with disabilities, has been created with gifts that are needed by the body of Christ. Visit crcna.org/webinars for details and registration.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AND CALENDAR - Celebrating Christmas isn't a day, it's a season. Welcome the true Spirit of Christmas with daily Advent devotions and Advent calendar from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice. Receive an email a day from now until Christmas that will help you slow down, reflect, and discover God's reconciling work in us. The

Advent calendar is a simple, fun way for the family to participate in preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth. To sign up, just go to crcna.org/adventdevos.

POSITION OPENING - Independent Contract Opportunity - IRM Evaluation: World Renew seeks to engage an independent consultant who will evaluate World Renew's International Relief Manager (IRM) Program. The evaluation will assess the IRM Program in its current state, as well as assess where changes or enhancements need to be made. Please submit a letter of interest that includes the stipulations outlined in the Consultancy Requirements at www.worldrenew.net/careers, your current CV/resume, as well as a fee structure outlining your costs on or before Dec. 1, 2014 to World Renew attention: sshaheen@worldrenew.net.

POSITION OPENING - Independent Contract Opportunity - Haiti Evaluation: World Renew seeks to engage an independent consultant who will evaluate World Renew's housing program in Léogâne, Haiti, in response to the January 2010 earthquake. Please submit a letter of interest that includes the stipulations outlined in the Consultancy Requirements at www.worldrenew.net/careers, your current CV/resume, as well as a fee structure outlining your costs on or before Dec. 1, to World Renew attention: sshaheen@worldrenew.net.

POSITION OPENING - World Renew seeks an International Standards Advisor who will work with the International Disaster Response team. The position will be full-time, and is based in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. The incumbent will develop the process to certify World Renew internationally and/or in selected countries. This position will support World Renew's alignment and compliance with existing, as well as new domestic and international standards, and legislation per-

taining to disaster response and development. Please see the job description at www.worldrenew.net or www.crcna.org/jobs. If you possess the requisite qualifications, please submit a cover letter, as well as your current CV/resume to World Renew attention: sshaheen@worldrenew.net on or before December 8.

ENGAGE/EXPLORE/BECOME - ENGAGE in a year of ministry alongside indigenous leaders at a grassroots level. EXPLORE the Cohort of Missioners in one of four Latin American countries with CRWM. BECOME equipped for future ministry. More information available at: www.crwmm.org/cohort or volunteer@crcna.org.

ESL IN BANGLADESH - Facilitate individual and group 'English as a Second Language' learning, including conversational and written English for World Renew staff and partners. And learn some Bangla language yourself as you engage in ministry alongside them. More information on this 2-3 month volunteer opportunity is available at www.worldrenew.net or volunteer@crcna.org.

Nicaragua ONTARIO Youth Team - World Renew is sending a 2015 March Break team of youth to help alleviate hunger in Nicaragua. Team members will work alongside Nicaraguan community leaders building relationships, bridging culture, helping with different projects, and growing in their faith and leadership skills. Does this sound like the challenge you're looking for? If so, please contact ibusiman@worldrenew.net for additional details.