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Confidential congregation-
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REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE—Mountainview CRC in Grimsby

Join with all of Classis Niagara as we commemorate together the Reformation. On Sunday, October 30th at 5pm we will gather to worship our God by looking back and looking forward. The theme for the event is "Comforting Gospel / Uncomfortable Faith" and will be led by different leaders from around the region. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow.

Report of Classis Niagara Meeting, October 19, 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.

Opening devotions were led by Rev. Couperus who introduced the theme of "Leadership Development," one of the five core values Classis Niagara has adopted as part of its mission statement. In his opening remarks, Rev Couperus emphasized how "leaders are learners, and learners are leaders." Classis then watched a video from the Willowcreek Leadership Summit with Senior Pastor Bill Hybels presenting "the Four Lens of Leadership." The session closed with a time of prayer.

Rev. David Tigchelaar provided a Regional Pastor's report celebrating answers to prayer with regards to the healing Rev. Wes and Stephanie Colins have experienced since their car accident. Praise to the Lord was also given for the wonderful support provided by the Riverside CRC to Pastor Wes and Stephanie during this very trying time.

Classis approved **the retirement of Rev. John Heidinga** from ministry on February 28, 2017. Classis celebrated the many years of service Rev. John and Kay Heidinga provided the church, and offered a prayer of thanksgiving on their behalf.

The 2017 budget was approved.

Ms. Carol Sybenga and Ms. Marion Lensink presented on behalf of **Canadian Ministries Director**, Dr. Darren Roorda. Areas highlighted were our identity: who we are in Christ as Reformed believers; collaboration: how all the parts work together for maximum impact; church and community: how we engage the people around us; discipleship: growing as believers; and leadership: strengthening leaders in the church.

Classis took up **The Youth Ministry Task Force Report** that was tabled at the last meeting. The motion to hire a Classis youth champion was defeated.

Classis approved **the Implementation Team report** to restructure Classis Niagara following its five core values into five ministry teams: Prayer Ministry Team, Community Team, Missions Development Team, Leadership Team, and Covenant Responsibilities Team. These ministry teams will send one voting member to form the Classis Ministry Council that will take the place of the Executive Classical Interim Committee.

Classis approved the **Shalom Manor Chaplaincy Committee proposal**: (1) that both Classes approved the transfer of governance of the Chaplaincy program to the Board of Shalom Manor; (2) that, upon approval, a transition team will oversee the formation of a steering committee reporting to the Shalom Manor Board to supervise the work of the Chaplain; (3) that funding continue to be provided by the two Classes for a period of 5 years to enable the development of a new funding model; and (4) that the Classes be provided a Final report in time for the February 2017 meetings of Classes.

Classis approved a motion to appoint a **task force of four or five people** invested in the Chaplaincy ministry to re-evaluate and set direction for the Chaplaincy ministry in the years to come.

Our next regular meeting is planned for February 15, 2017 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 stat-edclerk@classisniagara.ca

School News

Attention Badminton Players: John van den Boogaard is hosting a badminton tournament on Saturday, October 29 at Smithville Christian High School. Proceeds are in support of the school's ongoing relationship with Theocentric Christian School in South Africa. Details: doubles tournament with divisions A, B, and C (competitive to less-competitive), guaranteed 6 matches, cost is \$30/player (\$20 for students). Contact John by email jvandenboogaard@smithvillechristian.ca or text 905-380-7347.

Attention Grade 8 Students: Making the move to high school can seem like a big step, but at Smithville Christian High School we are committed to making that transition, and the four years that follow it, truly successful for every student – including you! You are invited to Grade 8 Day on Nov. 2, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, where you will get to experience the friendly, caring atmosphere of the school and see the amazing extra-curricular options. Smithville Christian is a place where students truly Belong, Believe and Succeed. But don't take our word for it: here's what one Grade 9 student had to say. "When I was in Grade 8, I was really scared about going to high school – it seemed so big and different. But when I came here I loved it! I love the people here, they are really awesome. The teachers give you a lot of help and everything is great!" Register at (905) 957-3255 or office@smithvillechristian.ca

NACE Family Fun Fest! (Bazaar)

When: November 12, 2016 Where: Smithville Christian High School, 6488 Smithville Road, Smithville Time: 7:30 am – 10:00 pm

Breakfast: 7:30 – 9:30 Lunch 11:30 – 1:30 Snack Shak 6:00 – 9:00

Rooms open from 9:00 – 2:00 Market Place, (Produce, Dutch, Baked goods and Breads) Christmas, Home Décor, Plants, Café, Penny Sale, Kids Zone, Laser Tag, Live Auction and much more.

As in the past the committee is in need of your help. We will be asking for food donations, or if it is easier for you to give us a cash donation, we will go and purchase the food for the day! Easy Peasy and a win win for everyone. We can't make this day a success without your help. Please consider which donation you would be willing to help out with? The Family Fun Fest representatives will be contacting you by October 30 to have the donations in by November the 6th. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help make the Family Fun Fest a success for our schools.

If you have donations or questions please contact Elaine Van Hoorn 905-562-8299 or email at elaine@vanhoorns.ca.

Other News

Coffee Break: It was nice to see so many ladies back this morning. After a time of singing, sharing and prayer. we could go to our separate rooms to continue our study of Acts, Gail and Irene's group will start question #4 of Lesson 18. Jean's group and Jane's group starts lesson 19. "Saying Goodbye", based on chapter 20. We also had ladies sign up to babysit little ones so their moms can enjoy the Bible study. If you signed up to bring supplies for our Rose City family, please remember to bring them this Tuesday morning too. Our babysitters for this coming Tuesday are Anita and Tildy, Kitchen: Wendy L., Lorraine K., Mary V.M. Snacks Hilda V.L., Tildy S., Coby B., Devotion: Marike V.D.,

Your Invitation to

the HUB

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
CELEBRATION

'The Bridge Missional Community' invites you on Friday, November 4th at 7PM for our Grand Opening/Open House of 'the Hub' on 4333 Queen St in Niagara Falls. We are thankful to God for providing this space. The Hub is a multipurpose venue in the Queen Street Community right across from City Hall. An art and showcase gallery, skills development centre, counselling space, tutoring, private and business receptions and more!!



Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!! www.thebridgenf.ca.

Address Changes

AS OF NOVEMBER 4th

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Concerts

"Festival of Remembrance Concert "

on Sunday November 6, 6:30 PM at First Baptist Church Welland, 165 Sydney Place,

Corner of Fitch St. & Prince Charles Dr. in Welland, ON L3C 2A7. You are invited to join the "Ambassadors Christian Male Choir" under the direction of Harold de Haan and Laura Pin accompanist, who are the guests of THE HMCS STAR BAND of the Royal Canadian Navy under the baton of Petty Officer Second Class Tim Zekveld. The First and the Second World Wars were turning points in our nation and Europe's history. Together we will give tribute to hundreds of thousands of Canadians and others who bravely served and sacrificed on our behalf in the air, on land and at sea and to those who continue to participate in the ongoing battle against the tyranny of evil for the defence of freedom.

Heart-to-Heart Update - October 2017: Heart-to-Heart began a new season on Friday, Sept 9th. We meet each Friday from 9:30am until 11. This year just over fifty women are working their way through the book, "Calm My Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow. Women worry....a lot! It is a theme we hear about often. We want to be content and trust God with our worries but its a struggle to let go and be free from the burden of anxiety. It is our prayer that being pointed to Jesus, scripture and the cross will teach us how to turn to the One who says, "Fear Not!" The ladies attending are all ages and in all stages of life. We are not limited to 'just moms' and welcome women of all ages!

We have eight women leading four small groups. Lorraine Wierenga, Andrea Veldhuizen, Rosie Enzlin, Laura Klapwyk, Christine Wierenga, Karen Schilstra, Erica Hopman, and Wilma Vahrmeyer are ordinary, struggling people who continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. The leaders meet monthly as a small group to spend time in the Word, prayer and encouraging one another and at the end of October will be attending an over-night "Retreat of Encouragement."

Downstairs, in the care of our care-givers and under the super-organized eye of Nellie Scholman, there are rooms full of babies and toddlers. This is a big part of our ministry as the moms are able to spend time in prayer, fellowship and study without distraction for an hour-and-a-half. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping us out in are Children's Care ministry as we will be somewhat short-staffed after Christmas. Please ask Nellie Scholman how you can help.

Please pray for this ministry - that leaders would stay grounded in Scripture; that we would have enough help for the children's ministry; for the upcoming Leaders Retreat and that the Holy Spirit would infuse all those who come with a quiet and contented spirit. If you feel a tug on your heart to join, please come on Friday morning or talk to one of the leaders. Each week, throughout the year, we continue to welcome new women. You can be one of them! If you would like to pick up the book we are studying, we have a few extra copies. Lorraine W. can help you get a copy. WV



Promise Keepers Men's Conference is November 18-19, 2016 at the Church on the Queensway, 1536 The Queensway in Toronto. Jesus has invited each of us to join Him on the ultimate adventure. But so often our day-to-day routine feels like more like wandering, than a journey with a destination. It is time to check our loca-

tion, stock up and head out again.

Join thousands of other men from across Canada as we continue on a quest greater than ourselves. The Quest Men's Conferences will equip and encourage; helping you make a Godly impact that lasts. Register soon at <http://www.promisekeepers.ca/events/event/245> and/or talk to Ed Roorda 905-328-4255.

CRC News

BRAND NEW EPISODE! LIGHTS CAMERA REACTIONS - The greatest movie ever made! That's Liz's goal. Looks like it will be another disaster unless Lucille comes to the rescue. Check out this episode for the best action-adventure-romance-sci-fi-western ever made! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out KC's new Mezuzah craft at www.kidscorner.net.

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN - God's salvation plan for maintaining his covenant relationship with us is unfathomable by human standards. Join Groundwork in studying Genesis 3, Genesis 12 and Matthew 1 to discover how Jesus' humility and weakness accomplish God's ultimate redemption of humanity. Never miss an episode; subscribe for free weekly email notifications and listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

The Power of Forgiveness - We've all been hurt by someone. Thankfully there is healing in forgiveness. "The Power of Forgiveness: A Guide to Healing," an e-book from Family Fire, provides you with tools to develop the skill of forgiveness. It's free when you subscribe at familyfire.com/forgiveness.

From Christian Reformed World Missions

Prayer is Powerful! Join the Prayer Safari - Join North American missionaries and East African ministry leaders on the Global Prayer Safari in Uganda, February 2-13, 2017. See how God is working in Uganda and make an impact through prayer. Visit cwm.org/Safari for more information or to apply.

From CRC Communications

Volunteers Needed Close to Home - Preparing mailings, packing boxes of the Banner or Today, sending out bulletin covers and study materials makes the Christian Reformed Church office and warehouse a busy place. Over the next month, we are also looking for volunteers to help with packing, and taking down shelving for our temporary warehouse relocation. If you're interested in joining the CRCNA team in Burlington as an occasional warehouse volunteer, please contact us at volunteer@crcna.org or call 905-336-2920.

From Disability Concerns

Worship at Life to the Full - You are welcome to the concluding worship of the Life to the Full gathering on October 30 at 9:30 AM. No registration needed for this worship service in the ballroom of the Marriott on the Falls, 6755 Fallsview Blvd, Niagara Falls, ON. We will hear a message by Rev. Garth Leno of the Gathering Church, Windsor, and we will celebrate our unity in Christ with communion, led by Rev. Bernie De Jonge.

From Faith Formation Ministries

New Faith Storytelling Resources - NEW from Faith Formation Ministries: Sharing faith stories is one of the most powerful ways to grow together as a church. That's why we're so excited to announce the launch of our new Faith Storytelling toolkit! This online resource is filled with creative ideas for sharing faith stories in worship, church education, youth groups, intergenerational groups, families, and more. Check it out at crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits/

From Office of Social Justice

Remembering the persecuted church - Will your church be marking the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 6 or 13? The CRC Office of Social Justice is pleased to offer a litany and a powerpoint to help your church to remember the persecuted church this year. Visit bit.ly/idopresources for worship resources.

From Other

Heritage Service and Hymn Sing - As we begin the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation, 1517-2017, we invite you to come and celebrate in a Heritage Service and Hymn Sing. Dr. Robert Bernhardt will be our speaker. Join us Sunday, October 30, 2016, at 3 pm, at Central Presbyterian Church, 165 Charlton Ave. W. (at Caroline), Hamilton. Free will offering. Reception following in church hall. Come one and all!

TOGETHER - Friendship Ministries is pleased to announce the launch of our TOGETHER Bible study! TOGETHER is an innovative approach to Bible study that is designed to help congregations develop a sense of true belonging among people of all levels of ability. Through the use of interactive videos, Bible presentations, discussion prompts, and more, people with and without disabilities can grow in faith TOGETHER. Learn more and purchase the study at togethersmallgroups.org.

From World Renew

Help Haiti after Hurricane Matthew - World Renew is providing urgently needed food, water, and shelter tarps to Hurricane Matthew survivors in southwest Haiti. Churches, staff, and communities in Haiti are planning for longer-term rebuilding. Please support this work with your generous donation to World Renew, "Hurricane Matthew Haiti" at worldrenew.net/donate or by calling 1-800-730-3490. You can also mail your cheque to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, P.O. Box 5070, STN LCD 1, Burlington, Ont. L7R 3Y8. To learn more about World Renew's Hurricane Matthew response in Haiti, go to worldrenew.net/hurricanematthew.



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