



# BETHANY BUGLE



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## Bugle Council Report

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

Meeting: Thursday, 19 September 2013

Attendees: Elders: Rudy Boverhof, Kevin DeBoer, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Tim VanHoffen, Ray VanHuizen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Rob Bouwers, Peter Bulk, Louis Dam, Ken Langendoen

Staff Liaison: Ed Roorda

Absent with Notice: Nate Anjema, George Gritter

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from 2 Chronicles 6 where Solomon leads God's people in prayer. An example and model for us to pray over our districts as we would our own families. Another example of how to pray provided in the Philippians study - partnering in prayer. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.

- Minutes from Council meetings held 21 August 2013 and 25 August 2013 received. 2nd, Carried.

- Matters arising from the minutes.

1. Report on "Hemorrhaging Faith", the analytical study of youth in our churches was discussed with a look towards adding a part-time, paid staff position to our youth ministries. Motion: "In response to the Hemorrhaging Faith study and the analysis of the transition process, council will propose to the congregation the creation of Director of Youth Ministries" 2nd. Discussion: Details of the position, job description, requirements, and other items relating to this new position to be presented at the next council meeting. The matter will be a discussion item at the fall congregational meeting and included in the proposed 2014 operating budget accordingly. Motion carried.

2. Council proceeded with a lengthy discussion on the pastor search process, particularly on possible next steps with Pastor Jim Poelman. It was determined that the all the stakeholders have valued the time spent in thoroughly exploring potential candidates and involving the congregation in whatever way possible. Last week's meeting between Pastor Poelman and his wife with full council as well as the congregational town hall meeting was another effective method of getting to know Pastor Jim and his wife better. Council is appreciative of the work the search team has and continues to do in this area and is understanding of some of the difficulties and challenges associated with this important task. Council spent time analyzing and discussing the strengths and weaknesses of Pastor Jim's ministry and how that may or may not fit with Bethany's vision and ministry. Mindful that effective ministry happens because God uses flawed people to accomplish his will, council reiterated the importance of patiently seeking God's leading in this area. An incorrect match between a pastor and congregation inevitably leads to frustration for both the congregation and the pastor. With the process bathed in prayer and a healthy, honest discussion among council members, and with input from members of the congregation, council has determined not to proceed with extending a call to Pastor Jim Poelman.

- Safe Church Report received for information. Police clearance forms continue to be a costly, time consuming struggle. The safety of our children and others who may be vulnerable is a multi-faceted approach that includes background checks, education and awareness, as well as safe practices and policies. Council appeals to all involved to do their part in making our church and ministries safe.

- Deacon's Report received for information. The deacons are promoting the upcoming one day training seminar "Day of Encouragement" to be held in Hamilton on Saturday, 19 October 2013. Many valuable workshops available for all office-bearers as well as anyone in the congregation. Faith Giving will once again be an integral part of how we give back to the Lord what is his. Presentation and follow-up to happen following the fall congregational meeting. Continued support for Shalom Manor and what that may look like at the local church level is something the Deacons continue to work on - more at a future meeting. A Deacon will be appointed as a council liaison with the Buildings and Grounds committee.

- Finance Committee Report received for information. A draft 2014 ministry budget was presented. Some particular line items and budgets require further discussion and clarification with ratification expected at next council meeting. The finance team is finalizing the new long term finance arrangement with the CRC extension fund. Details on the terms were provided.

- Buildings and Ground committee report received for information: Work has begun on the improvements downstairs.
- Correspondence Report received for information with appropriate action taken with incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- Membership. Request to lapse membership: Elmers, Albert and Kathy. Attending Harvest Bible Chapel, Niagara. Council wishes God's richest blessings as they worship in their new church home.
- Transition Process Follow-up. #3 Mutual Care - tabled until future meeting.
- Miscellaneous. Meeting Classis Niagara to be held at Providence CRC on 16, October 2013 @ 9:30. Credentials were filled out and elder delegates are Alfred Kiers and Pete Wierenga.
- Next Meetings: Elders' Meeting 3 October 2013, Council Meeting 16 October 2013, Classis Niagara 16 October 2013
- Adjournment 10:20
- Closing prayer: Elder Mark Vahrmeyer

## Concerts

**Mountainview CRC** is extending an invitation to all the churches in

Classis Niagara to worship together on **Sunday, September 29 at 5:00pm** at Mountainview for praise & worship service led by **"The Psalm Project"**. They are a team of professional Dutch musicians on tour in Canada. They are accomplished musicians singing the Genevan Psalms with English texts reworked in fresh, contemporary arrangements.

### Christian Festival Concert Roy Thomson Hall

Mezzanine tickets and coach transportation from Niagara. Join Ingrid Raakman from Brinkman Travel on Friday October 25, 2013 Departure at 5 pm from Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, 301 Scott Street, St. Catharines Extra stop at 5:15 pm at Tim Horton's in Beamsville (QEW & Ontario Street). Cost

per person \$85 (same as last year). First come, first served! Contact Ingrid at 905-988-9100 ext 2 or email at [ingrid@brinkmantravel.com](mailto:ingrid@brinkmantravel.com)

### Upcoming concerts Music @ Mountainview

is pleased to present a concert by the Jubilant Choir from Melbourne Australia together with the Cantata Singers from St. Catharines. The Concert will take place at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E. Grimsby, Ontario on Thursday September 26 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15/person \$30/family (children under 13) and will be available at the door the night of the concert and The Dutch Shop Grimsby prior to .

**FREEDOM SINGERS** If you missed hearing this performance last year, no doubt you have heard how wonderful it was. Music @ Mountainview will again be hosting the Freedom Singers

at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church 290 Main St. E. on Saturday October 12 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15/person \$30/family (children under 13) and will be available the night of the concerts as well as The Dutch Shop Grimsby prior to. Check out there web at [www.freedomsinger.com](http://www.freedomsinger.com).

**Concert of "Praise & Thanksgiving"** On Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Orthodox Reformed Church, 2900 Fourth Avenue, Jordan will be hosting an excellent Concert that will feature organist André Knevel and the panflutist, Liselotte Lokyta. Also present will be harpist Leah Theune, cellist Rebecca Reitsma, and pianist Tristan Jans. Tickets for this concert are \$10.00 each or \$25.00 per family will be available at the door on the evening of the concert.

"Be strong and courageous" Joshua 1:9

November 15th & 16th at Church on the Queensway, Toronto



"There's a place in every man's heart that longs to be courageous, to be bold and gutsy and etch a masculine mark of bravery on the human landscape. In our hearts, we know that a part of the core of true manhood is courage." Dennis Rainey

Life gets busy; new responsibilities, work, family, bills- the everyday stuff can feel like a treadmill. Storms come. We emerge; sometimes better and sometimes broken. Where is

the strength we need for the everyday and the storms?

Our strength is not in ourselves. Our strength is in Jesus. He longs to walk with us, bless us, use us to impact those we love, and make us stronger. He is our strength.

Learn what it means to live in Christ's strength. Join men from across Canada for Stronger - PK Canada's National Men's Conferences. Be the hero God calls you to be. Be Stronger.

Speakers include: Bill Farrel (author), Pete Wilson (pastor), Mark Buchanan (Pastor, Author), Ken Bevel (Actor from movie Courageous), along with Worship Leader, Andrew Thompson

## School News

### REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Chinese workers' rights advocate Han Dongfang will be at Redeemer University College as part of a cross-country speaking tour sponsored by CLAC. Mr. Dongfang will give a public address followed by a Q & A session, on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm. The next day at 11:00 am, he will share his personal faith story at Redeemer's weekly chapel service. Both events, which are free and open to the public, will take place in Redeemer's

Auditorium.

This year's Zylstra Symposium on Politics and Culture at Redeemer University College will focus on Christians and the Politics of Social Justice. The Symposium, which runs October 1 and 2, features a series of public lectures and panel discussions. All events are free but there is limited seating. Please visit [www.redeemer.ca/zylstra](http://www.redeemer.ca/zylstra) for a complete schedule and information on how to reserve a seat for any or all sessions of the Symposium.

Come home to Redeemer University College on Saturday, October 5! Parents, alumni, and friends are invited to join us for Homecoming as we celebrate

our extended Redeemer community. The day includes varsity soccer, workshops for adults and children, dinner, faculty concert and more. Visit [www.redeemer.ca/homecoming](http://www.redeemer.ca/homecoming) for details.

New Horizons – A Day at Redeemer for the Young at Heart: On Tuesday, October 22, come hear Dr. Syd Hielema present Through the Open Door: an overview of the book of Revelation. Later, enjoy a hot lunch, music presented by Redeemer students and an afternoon reception. Registration deadline is October 11. Register on-line at [www.redeemer.ca/newhorizons](http://www.redeemer.ca/newhorizons) or contact Annetta Skelly (905.648.2139 x4246).

**APPLE PIES!!** – The annual NACE Apple Pie Fundraiser will take place Friday, October 11, 2013. We are looking forward to a great day of community building activity and need all kinds of help, both to \*get\* orders, and to \*fill\* the orders. This event has become a major fundraiser for our schools, but we can only make it happen if we have a lot of committed volunteers who are willing to put a little time in. Please watch for order/volunteer forms in your church mailboxes, or call the school, 905-643-2460, to order pies or volunteer. If you are available to come and help by making pie crust (Wednesday, October 9, starting at 6:00 p.m.), or peeling apples and/or assembling pies, or cleaning up (Friday, October 11), please call Irene Huinink @ 905-945-6788 or John Knox Christian school office, 905-643-2460. We also accept donated baked goods (nut-free items) and/or soup, or funds for buns and cold cuts for "pie day" volunteers! The apple pie coordinators need \*your\* help. Last year we raised over \$5,000 for our schools – in ONE day! We had a lot of fun working together - let's do it again!

Inform your **NEIGHBOURS** and **FRIENDS**: This is a wonderful fundraiser to tell neighbours and co-workers about – one family has been doing this for the last couple of years and now has many neighbours and paper route customers asking when they can order. Other families take orders at work (some for over 50 pies), which they bring in as soon as possible for co-workers! This is a great way both to raise awareness for our schools and to find fundraising opportunities outside of our immediate school community. Many hands make light work!!

**THANK YOU:** This past August a number of volunteers (of which some of you were one) gathered in the John Knox Christian School's gym to help make a difference for Niagara Association for Christian Education. These volunteers peeled peaches, served lunch to peach peelers, helped clean up, set up chairs, tables, etc. Last week we received a cheque from the Winona Men's Club for \$3,705.00 for our efforts in the peach peeling department. Well done! Thank you! The money will be put to good use to benefit students at our schools.



### Coffee Break Small Groups

**Coffee Break:** What a wonderful group of ladies we have for our Coffee Break this season. It was great to see all of you after our busy summer break. We look forward to getting to know one another better while continuing our study of Romans. Our next lesson will be Lesson 11, "Glorious Conquerors" based Romans 8:18-39. We look forward to seeing you all Tuesday morning. Refreshments are ready by 9:15 and we start PROMPTLY!!! at 9:15. See you all there.



### SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES HAVE ARRIVED!

Her is a great way to help children in other parts of the world where they have little and a way to spread the gospel to them at the same time. Please feel free to take some boxes home with you. If we run out of boxes you may fill a shoe box that you have home. Make sure to take a brochure. They will explain all about the boxes. There is a list of thing not to put in the boxes like soft candy, liquid soap, anything breakable.

## Other News

### JOB NOTICE

Shalom Manor and Gardens is recruiting an executive assistant to the CEO. The position is a one year, three days per week contract which may be extended. A full position description is available on the Shalom Manor website. Applications outlining how you meet the required qualifications and core competencies may be submitted to [jobs@shalommanor.ca](mailto:jobs@shalommanor.ca) until 4 pm on Monday September 30. Only applicants being considered for the position will be contacted.



# CRC Denomination

**WORLD MISSIONS** - Called to be a Missionary? Christian Reformed World Missions has five open career missionary positions: Transformational Network Developer (Mexico City), Media Developer (West Africa), Educational Consultant (West Africa), Educational Care Specialist (Nigeria), and Transformational Network Coordinator (Nigeria). Visit [www.crcwm.org/serve](http://www.crcwm.org/serve) for more information.

**GROUNDWORK** - God, Jesus, and the Devil: C.S. Lewis once wrote that when it comes to the devil, there are two equal but opposite mistakes that people make: they either think about the devil far too little or they think about him far too much. The Apostle Peter brings up some very meaningful words about the devil in the closing words of his first letter. Find out more on the Groundwork conversation on based on 1 Peter 5:6-11. Find a local station or listen online at [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com).

**KIDS CORNER** - Scooter's Secret: Scooter is tired of getting no respect from his friends, so he decides to win a go-kart competition—no matter what it takes. On this week's Kids Corner you will discover whether or not he succeeds. Contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8 or email [kids@kidscorner.net](mailto:kids@kidscorner.net) for your very own Bible study.

**FREE WEBINAR** - Join us at 12:00 p.m. EDT on October 2 for a free, one-hour

webinar "New Elders: Key Understanding and Practices" presented by Rev. Neil de Koning. He'll introduce the basics of how to discern vision and organizational identity, when the church becomes dysfunctional and how to grow our capacity as leaders and nurture spiritual life. Space is limited so register today. For more details visit: [crcna.org/webinars](http://crcna.org/webinars).

**POSITION OPENING** - The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) is seeking a full-time (40 hrs/wk) or part-time (20 hrs/wk) Ministry Coordinator for Home Missions Korean Ministry. A detailed job description is available at [www.crcna.org/jobs](http://www.crcna.org/jobs). For consideration, complete an on-line application with resume and a cover letter by September 30, 2013.

**INTERNATIONAL NEEDS CANADA** - Support a Christian School in Zambia! Join us for our second annual Ride for Refuge on October 5th, a family-friendly cycling event. Along the route, riders will encounter rest stops, support vehicles and route marshals. After the event a delicious lunch will be served. Join one of our Teams, Create your own or sponsor someone. Check our website for more information [www.internationalneeds.ca](http://www.internationalneeds.ca) or contact Corrie Mulder at [corrie@internationalneeds.ca](mailto:corrie@internationalneeds.ca) or 905-637-9411.

**MCMASTER CAMPUS MINISTRY** - Do you have a heart for university & college students? Our CRC Campus Ministry will be witnessing to the love and Lordship of Jesus Christ on both the McMaster & Mohawk campuses this coming

year. Our corner stone programs are our Mac & Mohawk Dinner fellowships. It is during these dinners that our vision of the Kingdom of God is shared as life long friendships are made. If you or your small group would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact. Dr. Michael D. Fallon [fallonm@mcmaster.ca](mailto:fallonm@mcmaster.ca) or 905-525-9140 x24123.

**DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT** - OCT. 19 - Is the Day of Encouragement for you? Yes! "One Body, Many Gifts, One Mission" says it clearly - whatever your gift or calling is, there will be a workshop for you to become better equipped and encouraged! Come to HDCH in Ancaster on Oct.19 for a day of worship and learning. For more information, ask your secretary of deacons, go online to [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com), or email [jadema@crcna.org](mailto:jadema@crcna.org). Registrations are on a first come-first served basis! And remember, if you are "Under 30, you are in for \$30!" Register before Oct. 9 for an early bird discount!

**PARTNER IN MISSIONS** - with CRCNA agencies this fall and winter! Help transform lives and communities through your participation with work teams to Japan or taking on a role as an Adolescent Program Assistant in Senegal, both with World Renew. You can also join a small group of people on a Kenyan Prayer Safari in February or assist CRWM missionaries in the Dominican Republic with their Service & Learning team program. Do any of these tug at your heart? For further details on these or other volunteer opportunities, contact [ServiceLinkvolunteer@crcna.org](mailto:ServiceLinkvolunteer@crcna.org)

**WORLD RENEW** - World Renew DRS Responds to Colorado Floods: Severe flooding in Colorado is affecting thousands of residents this week, including those in Christian Reformed and Reformed churches. Many homes have been damaged or destroyed. You can help Colorado families recover and rebuild with your financial gift to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Designate your donation "Colorado Floods 2013" at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate), call 800-7303490, or send your tax-deductible check to World Renew, 3475 Mainway STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8. Thank you.

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