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# Bethany Bugle

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## 2017 Budget Requests

All ministry teams, groups etc., it is that time of year again where we need to plan for our 2017 church year financially. Please submit your budget requests to Denise Glasbergen at info@bethanycrc.ca by September 30th.

### Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: August 2016

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$ 301,650.56	\$ 252,691.68
Bethany Expenses	\$ 301,650.56	\$ 291,526.06
Collected for Classis	\$ 11,387.68	\$ 11,387.68
Collected for CRC	\$ 44,903.52	\$ 46,095.52
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering (August 7,14,21,28)		
Shalom Manor.....		\$100.00
Pelham Cares.....		\$50.00
Summer Camp.....		\$100.00
Deacons.....		\$501.00
Home Missions.....		\$352.00
NACE.....		\$100.00
Family Outreach.....		\$100.00
Open Arms Mission.....		\$731.00
The Bible League.....		\$422.00



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 location, 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.



## shalem

Mental Health Network

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-528-0353 or  
Toll-free 1-866-347-0041  
[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)  
Confidential congregation-  
ally supported counselling.

## Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 905-735-9934  
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[www.elishahouse.on.ca](http://www.elishahouse.on.ca)  
info@elishahouse.on.ca



## Volume 5 – A Man and His Marriage (6 Sessions)

This volume equips men with the insights and skills they need to relate to women. Men will learn how to better understand and meet a woman's deepest needs, how to resolve conflicts, and how to be a servant leader in a way that will re-energize and bring life into his marriage. This Men's Bible study will be starting shortly. If you have any questions about it, contact Ed Roorda.

VOLUME 5  
A MAN AND HIS MARRIAGE

"**Worship Ministry Team** is looking for a few persons interested in being the alternates for preparing the Lord's Supper elements. Full training is provided in how to do this and it would involve you doing this a few times a year (you would plan that with Tracy & Clare VanSoelen who normally do this). If you are interested please contact Pastor Colin."

"**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Friday evening & Saturday, **November 25-26** ... Congregational Discovery Weekend (our vision planning days). Watch for info."

## Other News

### BETHANY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We will begin again Wednesday October 19th at 7 o'clock, continuing "Living Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. Cynthia Vermeer has graciously offered to open her home to us again. Quote from Crazy Love: " In an age of spiritual apathy, and disheartening books suggesting that God is a delusion, Crazy Love shines like a glorious beacon of hope and light. Francis Chan effuses love for Jesus Christ and demonstrates practical ways to embrace full-on passionate love for God. " Our first meeting we will recap the first five chapters to refresh our memories, and also if you would like to join us for the first time you will be up to speed for the next five chapters, it's never too late! Joyce DeRoo and Mary Bokma

### Konnect 20

is looking for a new mentoring couple!! If you have a heart for the young adults of our church, would be willing to walk beside them, fellowship together and dig into God's word once a month please consider this opportunity!! If this is something that is of interest, you feel God calling you or would like more information, please call Pete Glasbergen!

### Bibles for Missions (Beamsville) Enterprise Society

The Beamsville store is very thankful for the increasing support in the local community for donations but the store finds itself needing additional volunteers to effectively process all of these.

BFM Thrift Stores convert donated used goods into cash so that BFM Foundation (Canada) may, in a Ministry Partnership with Bible League Canada transform people through the Living Word of God. The purpose of this worldwide ministry is to connect all non-believers with the Gospel. If you share this passion please consider volunteering in our store. The local community is also served with the availability of good used items at a low cost. BFM Thrift stores keep as much as possible out of the landfill by recycling.

There are a variety of jobs available, some of which are: Sorting and recycling of clothes and household goods, tagging, display set-up, delivery and pickup, checking/ repair furniture, customer assistance, receiving donations etc. Students looking for opportunities to obtain their necessary community hours are also encouraged to inquire. For further information please call Mary Alkema 289-235-8281 or maryalkema445@gmail.com

### 2017 Niagara Church Directory

Christian Courier is beginning work on the Church Directory which is given out to 2200 homes and businesses in the Niagara area. The pages are in full colour.

If you own a business, belong to an organization, or know of one that you think would benefit from advertising in the directory, send an email to [ncd@christiancourier.ca](mailto:ncd@christiancourier.ca) or phone Anita at 905-9373314.

**Samaritan's Purse:** It is that time of the year again to think of those less fortunate than us. We again have the Samaritan's Purse Shoe boxes, please take some home and fill and return to the church. Date to have them returned will be the first weeks of November. Please read the brochures

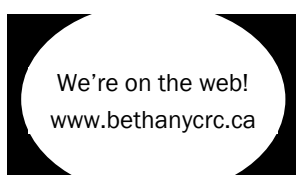
through carefully this year candies are not allowed and no liquids. Be sure to label boxes boy or girl and the age group. If you like you can use your own shoe boxes, but wrap the boxes so the lid can be opened. Enjoy filling your boxes and get the children involved. Any questions email me.

Email address in church book. Thanks Ann

**DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 IN ANCASTER – REGISTER NOW!** Are you ready for a new season of church ministry? The Day of Encouragement offers worship, workshops and learning experiences especially geared to equip and encourage leaders and learners of all types. Register at our website, [dayofencouragement.ca](http://dayofencouragement.ca). Stay connected by following us on facebook: [facebook.com/Ancasterdayofencouragement](https://www.facebook.com/Ancasterdayofencouragement). Questions? Email [doecoordinator@crcna.org](mailto:doecoordinator@crcna.org)

## School News

**APPLE-PIE-MAKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please join our NACE schools with our annual Apple Pie Making on Friday, September 30, at the JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL in Stoney Creek, starting at 8:45 am. It's a day of fun, fellowship, making pies, peeling apples while raising funds for NACE. Young and old are invited to join in the fun - even if you have only 1 hour to spare! Bring your favourite paring knife, a bowl and a friend. Lunch will be provided for all those who help. Nursery is also provided for those with young kids. Last year was a huge success, please come and help make this year even better! To volunteer or if you have questions, please call Irene Huinink (905.945.6788), Deb Moraal (905.309.4138), Sheri Nywening (905.563.9209), or Barb Vanderkolk (905.309.4474). To order pies see the order sheet that was inserted into your church mail slots or call the John Knox Christian School office – 905-643-2460. Order forms may be handed to or inserted into your church rep's mailslot - Denise Glasbergen



**MOST JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN BETWEEN THE WASH-ROOMS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK IT OUT IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A JOB!**

## **Council Bugle Report**

### **Meeting: Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Hilbert Bokma, Rob Bouwers, Hans Dam, George DeRoo, Peter Glasbergen, Harry Hielema, Albert Janssen, Ed Slappendel, Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg, Richard VanLochem, Peter Veldhuizen.

Deacons: Leo Devries, John Enzlin, Bert Nauta, Don Terpstra, Frank Vraets

Absent: Jim Slappendel,

Chairman George DeRoo opened and welcome with greetings. This was followed with Scripture reading and a prayer of blessing, intercession and thanksgiving.

Minutes from council meeting held July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 received and approved

Matters arising from the council meeting minutes.

None

Youth Ministry Team presented to council a proposal for consideration. Council has tabled the proposal until October 3, 2016 allowing time for assessment.

A proposal on an alternate method of election of office bearers was presented and tabled until October 3, 2016 allowing time for consideration.

New Business.

Hans Dam as a 2<sup>nd</sup> year council member will take charge of the annual council barbecue.

Elders that are on duty for Lord Suppers are to be greeters at the door. Congregation member greeters to be informed that they are off duty that day.

George Gritter is stepping down as treasurer for the church. Finance Team to recommend names to council.

Day of Encouragement is planned for October 15, 2016 in Ancaster. Council would encourage anyone in a leadership position to attend. See announcement in the Bugle.

Deacons Report – No report

Caregiver Team – No report

Finance Team – No Report

Fellowship Team – No report

Buildings and Grounds Team

Reported that there are issues with the sewage pump that is being looked into.

They are in the process of fencing in the air conditioner equipment area.

Parking lot repairs are going to take place.

Looking at an alternate for senior named parking signs.

The team need to address Minute item #4 items

Safe Church Team

New members Judy VanderStelt, Kelly and Matt Dam have been approved.

A mandate was presented for council's approval. Tabled to October 3, 2016.

A report was submitted and taken for information.

A number of recommendations made to council were discussed and are to be passed back to the Team

Discipleship Team – No report

Youth Ministry Team.

Cadet and Gem leaders are in place

Merge – need one leader

Konnnect 20 – still looking for leader

Faith Formation – leaders are in place

Library – No report.

Correspondence - Received for information

Next Council meeting is slated for October 3<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Zach Beldman closed in Prayer.



**EDUCATION + GOSPEL = TRANSFORMATION**

ROAD2HOPE 2014: Run/Walk to give children the Gospel + Education. Join EduDeo Ministries for a fun, family friendly event in Hamilton's beautiful Confederation park. Register by September 30 at [edudeo.com/r2h](http://edudeo.com/r2h) to receive a reduced rate and EduDeo race shirt.

**BRAND NEW EPISODE! LIGHTS OUT** - Terrene's power has gone out. No television, no X-monsters gaming and no community fundraising dinner. When the kids complain that there's nothing to do, Granny sends them on an adventure to Falcon's Wood. What's Scooter worried about? And Liz better watch where he's going! Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Check out KC's new Bible verse bookmarks at [www.kidscorner.net](http://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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**JUSTICE, HEROES AND JESUS** - The pervasive nature of injustice can make our efforts to seek justice feel insignificant. Join Groundwork in studying Isaiah 1, Hebrews 7, Matthew 5, and Ephesians 1 to discover how recognizing Christ as prophet, priest, and king encourages us in our pursuit of justice. Never miss an episode; subscribe for free weekly email notifications and listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

## From Christian Reformed World Missions

**Muslim Ministry Panel Discussion - Ministry to our Muslims Neighbours:** Join us on September 27 for a panel discussion on effective ministry to our Muslim neighbours. Christian Reformed World Missions and Redeemer University College are working together to bring this relevant discussion to our community. The panel will be made up of experienced missionaries and the questions will be focused on ways to connect with our Muslim neighbours. There will be opportunity for the audience to submit questions as well. The panel will be moderated by Professor Ken Herfst. Please join us in the Redeemer auditorium from 7-9:30pm for an engaging evening. For more information please contact Greg Sinclair at 1-800-730-3490 ext 4231.

## From Disability Concerns

**Life to the Full** - Whether you are a person with exceptional needs, a family member, a church leader or volunteer, or simply interested in the intersection of disability and faith, we hope that you will join us October 28-30 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, for "Life to the Full. Ability. Belonging. Community." (website: [www.lifetothefull2016.org](http://www.lifetothefull2016.org)) Scholarships are available for Christian Reformed Church members who have disabilities. For more information about scholarships, contact Heather at [hdeboer@crcna.org](mailto:hdeboer@crcna.org) or call 1-800-730-3490.

## From Other

**Dutch Christian Male Choir and At Once trio Friendship Tour of Ontario** - The Dutch Christian Male Choir and trio At Once will do a friendship tour in Ontario beginning October 1 and running through October 12. Locations include Faith Fellowship CRC in Niagara Falls (Oct.3), Redeemer University College (Oct.4), Holland Christian Homes (Oct.5), First CRC in Kingston (Oct.7), Cephas CRC in Peterborough (Oct.11), and Durham Christian Homes (Oct.12). See Events Calendar (<https://www.crcna.org/events/list>) for complete list of locations, dates, and times.

**FACING A TASK UNFINISHED - Keith & Kristyn Getty Concert** - Join us October 2, 2016 at 7pm at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock, Ontario. Tickets are \$35, and space is limited to 880 seats. For more information and to reserve tickets, please call 519-539-5301 or email [gettyconcertwoodstock@hotmail.com](mailto:gettyconcertwoodstock@hotmail.com). For those living locally, tickets are available at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock.

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## From Race Relations

**October 2: All Nations Heritage Sunday** - Every year churches across the CRC celebrate the multicultural church of Christ on All Nations Heritage Sunday. Join us in the celebration! This year, special resources to celebrate the contributions of immigrants to our societies and congregations are also included. <http://bit.ly/all-nations>

## From Safe Church Ministry

**Safe Church Ministry Conference November 4-5** - CRC Safe Church Ministry invites you to our bi-annual conference on Nov. 4-5 in Grand Rapids. Safe Church equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. If you are serving in children's ministries or abuse prevention efforts at church and desire new or ongoing training in this area, please visit our conference website at: [safechurchconference.eventbrite.com](http://safechurchconference.eventbrite.com) or email us at: [safechurchministry@crcna.org](mailto:safechurchministry@crcna.org)

**Safe Church Ministry Special Events** - The 2016 CRC Safe Church Ministry Conference will include two plenary events that are open to the general public. On Friday, Nov. 4, from 7-9 pm Eastern we will host a conversation on "A Church Response to Interpersonal Violence" with guest speakers/authors Ruth Everhart and Ruth Tucker. On Saturday, Nov. 5 from 8:30-10:30 am Eastern, we will host Linda Crockett from Samaritan SafeChurch on "Building a Social Movement to End Child Sexual Abuse: The Role of Faith Communities". Both events will be held at the Calvin College Chapel and are available for live streaming. For more information, visit [safechurchconference.eventbrite.com](http://safechurchconference.eventbrite.com) or contact us at [safechurchministry@crcna.org](mailto:safechurchministry@crcna.org) to request promotional flyers.