

#### February 9, 2025 Denominational News

#### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner: God Created Us** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We are created in God's image. What does that mean? How can we think and act like God? How does this change how we look at other people? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Valentine Cards.

**Kids in Action Video** - Kids in Action host Maya meets Hudson and Cole performing incredible stunts, balancing acts, and juggling...lots of juggling. Check out more YouTube Kids in Action videos at kidscorner.net/kids-in-action. Kids in Action, a web series by Kids Corner, tells stories of amazing kids who are doing God's work right now.

**Groundwork: A Beautiful Celebration of Love and Intimacy** - We do not often hear sermons on Song of Songs. But this biblical book of love poetry helps us understand God's perspective on love and intimacy. Join Groundwork as we explore Song of Songs 1-2 to discover God's design for our relationships and a celebration of intimacy, sexuality, and our physical bodies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

#### World Renew

Help Share Christ's Hope with Families in Food Crisis - For most of us in Canada, hunger is a momentary discomfort, but for 783 million people around the world, hunger is a constant companion for days, weeks, and even months. February 23 is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday; join World Renew to learn how through your gifts you can help share Christ's hope with our global neighbours in food crisis. Your gifts will be matched up to 4X by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information go to: worldrenew.ca/food

Cultivating Shalom: Faithful Responses to Food and Climate Series - Join a 5 week Virtual Series on Wednesday evenings February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 at 7:30 PM Eastern (6:30 PM Central, 5:30 PM Mountain, 4:30 PM Pacific). Hosted by World Renew in collaboration with Thrive, Climate Witness Project, and Center for Public Dialogue, guest leaders will share their expertise and perspectives about the intersection of our faith to our relationship with creation, the impacts of that relationship to food and climate, and ways to faithfully respond. Register here (https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tgslZOeHTVWysZfPcdk8zg) to receive access to ALL weeks of the series. The hope is that this series will motivate people of faith and faith communities to cultivate a faith-filled and shalom-seeking relationship with creation. If you have questions, please contact Jodi Koeman, jkoeman@worldrenew.net

**2025 Guatemala Christian Leaders Tour** - Are you a current or emerging leader in your church? Join World Renew in Guatemala from May 3-11, 2025 for a transformative experience exploring poverty, justice, and faith in action. Visit impactful community programs focused on education, agriculture, livelihoods, and more. Gain powerful insights into anti-racism from Indigenous women and discover how to apply those lessons to ministry in Canada. Step into this unique opportunity to deepen your leadership, broaden your global perspective, and be inspired for ministry. Learn more: https://bit.ly/guatemala2025info

## Thrive

Justice: An Everyday Spiritual Journey - Thrive, in partnership with the CRC Centre for Public Dialogue, World Renew, and Diaconal Ministries Canada, is excited to present its latest workshop—offered online and in person— to help you to explore how the Bible talks about peace, justice, and faithful action. This workshop is designed for people who are new to biblical justice conversations, and also for those who have spent years putting it into practice—there's something for everyone to learn! crcna.org/SocialJustice/workshops/justice-everyday-spiritual-journey

## **CRC** Communications

Thank You for Your Support of Ministry in the CRC! - Ever since several congregations joined in 1857 and decided that they could do more together than they could on their own, ministry shares have been a crucial part of the denomination we call the Christian Reformed Church in North America. In this video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDkR26Ek05I), the ministries of CRCNA take a moment to say thank you to you and your congregation for the role you play in this important program. Check it out!

### Other

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference - The 2025 annual inter-classis safe church conference is scheduled for March 1, 2025, from 9:00 am-3:30 pm at the Waterloo (Ontario) CRC. Sheila Wray Gregoire will be the plenary speaker. Dr. Amanda Benckhuysen and Julia Rathbun, both Safe Church Consultants with the CRCNA, will be leading workshops. The conference is hosted by the Classis Huron Safe Church Team. To register please go to crcna.regfox.com/safe-church-conference-2025. Please register by February 27. Questions can be directed to Carel Geleynse, Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator, at carelgeleynse20@gmail.com

# **Calvin University**

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** - October 13-24, 2025: Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

### **Christian Stewardship Services**

Christian Stewardship Services is hosting the Winter Conversations Series throughout the winter and you can register for the third session On February 11, hosted by Bill Murray. You'll learn about CSS's new Capstone Stewardship Extension Fund! If you have funds you would like to earn a consistent return on and have them used to lend out to Christian Ministries as mortgages, join us to learn more. CSS has been doing this for more than 40 years and with our new CSEF they can accept both registered and non registered funds.

#### REGISTER TODAY!

Visit their website to register or contact a CSS consultant for more information <u>https://csservices.ca/winter-conversations-2025</u>