



## Denominational News for December 23, 2018

### RESOURCES FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

**FAMILY FIRE** - 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.

**CHRISTMAS REMIXED** - Did you know the book of Revelation tells the Christmas story? It's true. Complete with dragons and intense drama. Study Revelation 12 with Groundwork see the cosmic perspective on Christ's birth and purpose revealed through the Apostle John's vision. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**MARY'S MIRACLE** - The birth of Christ is the incarnation of God in human history. Kids Corner presents this dramatic presentation of the miracle of Jesus as seen through the eyes of Mary! Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 4!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Christmas puzzles? [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**ADVENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP** - On this fourth Sunday in Advent, retell the events leading up to Jesus' birth using the figures in your nativity creche. Don't have one? Use Lego or Playmobil people and blocks to make your own. Choose a narrator to read Luke 2:1-20 as the rest of you re-enact the story. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### FROM WORLD RENEW

**"HELPING WITHOUT HARMING" WORKSHOP** - Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" workshop to learn how to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Collaborate with others and discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. 11520 Ellerslie Road SW, Edmonton, Alberta, January 12, 2019 from 10:00am - 2:30pm. Registration is free, seating is limited; register today at [www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop](http://www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop). For more information please contact Malissa Huillery at [malissa.huillery@gmail.com](mailto:malissa.huillery@gmail.com) or 587-987-1596. We look forward to seeing you there!

**GIVE THANKS FOR ABUNDANT LIFE** - In John 10:10, Jesus says He came to bring us "fullness of life." Share His abundance through the World Renew Gift Catalogue, and give others an opportunity to experience Uzima. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. Give at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-730-3490 to order.

### FROM CALVIN COLLEGE

**2019 JANUARY SERIES** - the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites, while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

### FROM OTHER

**2018 CBC Sing-In** - Recorded in mid-December at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montréal, the 39th annual CBC Sing-In will be broadcast on Christmas Day, December 25, on CBC Radio One at 12:00 (noon), again at 4 pm on CBC Music, as well as Dec. 25 at 2 pm on ICI Musique classique, Radio-Canada's classical web radio service. The program is hosted by Julie Nesrallah, produced by Robert Rowat and led by Conductor Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée, Organist and Director of Music, Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm, the Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and the CBC brass and percussion ensemble. It is available anytime on-line: [CBCMusic.ca/SingIn](http://CBCMusic.ca/SingIn) Enjoy the program!