



DENOMINATIONAL NEWS FOR April 7th, 2019

KEEP THE BANNER GOING - The annual appeal for The Banner, the monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church, is coming to your mailbox this month. Although The Banner is delivered free of charge to every household in the CRC in print and online, our annual donation appeal makes this possible. To keep the conversation going look for the annual appeal in your mailbox or give online now at www.thebanner.org/donate

From Back to God Ministries International

BIBLE NEWS: THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER - It's time for Clubhouse Theater as Liz and his friends present a play about Paul, Silas, and the Philippian jailer. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner Easter puzzle and game giveaway The Bible Challenge Activity Book 5.

GROUNDWORK: A GRIM REALITY AND A REASON TO HOPE - The book of Judges contains some pretty gruesome stories. Why are they included in the Bible? Join Groundwork as we examine Judges 3:20-23 and Judges 21 to discover the purpose of Judges and learn important lessons about sin, leadership, and hope. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From CRC Communications

Pray for Inspire 2019 - Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. As we plan and prepare for this event, happening August 1-3 in Windsor, Ont., please join us in praying for the event and all who will attend. This week, please pray for the atmosphere created by visuals and decor at Inspire 2019, and for those planning this often-overlooked but important part of an event. Pray that presentations visuals, direction signs, and decor help to create an environment where people can listen, converse, worship, and be inspired.

From World Renew

TODAY IS REFUGEE SUNDAY! - Thank you for celebrating 40 years of World Renew's Refugee Program in Canada and for demonstrating the compassion of God by supporting refugees! Your prayers and generous gifts will enable the Refugee Program to continue to assist churches as they respond to the many refugees in urgent need of compassion and protection. To find out more about refugee sponsorship, 40th anniversary events, and additional opportunities, go to worldrenew.net/40yearsofwelcome or contact Rebecca Walker at 905-336-2920.

WORLD RENEW'S CYCLONE IDAI REPSONSE - Over 2.6 million people in southern Africa are facing devastation in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai, one of the deadliest storms ever to hit the region. World Renew is helping families in need by providing baskets of food, blankets, temporary shelter, and seeds to replant destroyed crops. ALL donations by individuals will be matched by the Canadian Government until April 14, up to \$2 million. AND donations will be matched up to 4x through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. For more information and to donate, please visit: worldrenew.net/cycloneidai

From Other

OVER 18 A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY OVER 18 is a documentary about pornography. It has been screened in over 300 communities in Canada. The documentary tackles an issue that many people would rather ignore; the effects of pornography on children and youth. It follows the true story of a boy who became addicted to pornography at the age of nine while playing on his computer in his family's living room. The film has several interviews with experts as well as people who are still active in the porn industry today. Matt Cline who is from [Restored Ministries](http://RestoredMinistries.com) will also be on site that evening. To find out more visit <http://over18doc.com/>. To attend join us on Saturday April 13 @ Knox Evangelical-Free Church. For further information contact info@knoxefc.ca.

CONNECTING STREAMS ORIENTATION & INFO EVENING Connecting Streams is hosting their next CS101 Orientation and Information evening on Tuesday April 16 @ 7 to 9 PM at Calvary Community Church. If you are a new volunteer to CS, or maybe you are interested in exploring the opportunity to volunteer with CS, this evening is a great opportunity for anyone to come check us out, find out who we are and what we do. Our staff will be present to answer questions after the presentation. For information contact Margaret @ margaret.johnston@connectingstreams.com. Please register by noon on April 12 @

<https://www.connectingstreams.com/event/cs101-new-volunteer-orientation-2019-04/>.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERFAITH WORKS PROJECT Calling on 600 Faith Community Volunteers! It's that time of year again! Time to strap on your hard-hat and pitch in to build homes for hard-working Albertans who can benefit from "a hand-up, not a hand-out" through Habitat for Humanity. The HfH Interfaith Works Project calls on all faith-based groups to join in from now to June. We can help on the construction site, in a Re-Store donation centre, or by providing a lunch for workers.

SHARING AND MINISTERING IN THE CURRENT CULTURAL CONTEXT May 3 to 5 Cornerstone United Reformed Church of Edmonton is hosting a conference featuring Dr. Alan Strange from the Mid-America Reformed Seminary. He will be speaking on the theme: *Sharing And Ministering In The Current Cultural Context*. The conference is free. For the full schedule, go to <http://cornerstoneurcedmonton.com/Conferences.html> . For more information call: 780-487-7189. Cornerstone URC is located at 11610 - 95A Street.