



Denominational News for May 12th, 2019

FROM BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

God of Wonders - While Grandpa and Chamy talk about creation, Liz and Morrie stumble across the unexpected in the woods. So why is God sometimes called the God of Wonders? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Image Bearer Picture Frame Kit for a family activity today.

Groundwork: HOW JESUS CHANGED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD - From where in scripture does the belief that Jesus is God come? Or the belief that God is three persons yet one God? Join us as we study John 1:1-5 and 14:15-26 with Han-luen Kantzer Komline to discover the source, history, and implication of these beliefs. 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 breakout speakers in sessions about racism and reconciliation. Pray that speakers will present in ways that engage and build understanding, and that participants will be open to learn, hear new perspectives, and embrace brothers and sisters "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9).

The Great Canadian Pray & Sing - From May 24 to 26, nearly 200 Canadians, representing over half of the CRC churches in Canada, will gather in Edmonton, Alberta to listen to the Spirit together and discern where the Spirit is leading us as a Christian Reformed Church. Will you pray for them? Will you join in unity with us by singing "I Am Not My Own" with CRC churches across the nation? Find out more in this Network post: network.crcna.org/ministry-canada/great-canadian-pray-sing

FROM CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Israel & Jordan Study Tour - October 10-22, 2019 - Travel to New Testament sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Jeff Weima at wemje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110

FROM FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Family Faith Formation Tip - It's important for your kids to know that adults need God's help too. In age-appropriate ways, share your concerns with your kids. Are you nervous about that presentation at work? Ask your kids to pray for you. Then tell them later how God answered those prayers. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

FROM RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

Step Back into Biblical Times - Walk the paths of the Exodus from Egypt to Israel. Follow in Jesus' footsteps from Nazareth to Jerusalem. See scripture on the walls of ancient temples and tombs. Resonate Global Mission is gathering a team for the Exodus Vision Tour for Spring 2020. Learn more and apply at www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus.

FROM WORLD RENEW

World Renew Careers - Do you love to see transformation as people are empowered to live healthy, fruitful lives? Do you desire to promote this transformation? World Renew is currently hiring for these three positions: Director of Donor Relations, USA, based in Grand Rapids, MI; Chief Advancement Officer based in Grand Rapids, MI; and Director of Donor Relations, Canada based in Burlington, ON. For more information on these positions, and for the links to apply, please visit our website at: worldrenew.net/careers.

OTHER CRC NEWS

Dear CRC congregations: The *Agenda for Synod 2019* is now available in digital format on the [Synod page](#) of the Christian Reformed Church in North America website. [Download it today](#) to stay up to date on matters before the Christian Reformed Church. Synod is scheduled to meet June 14-20, on the campus of Calvin College.

Save the date: Saturday, September 28 – 5 to 9:30 p.m. at The King's University

THE KING’S UNIVERSITY 40TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate 40 years of faithfulness with an evening of dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Enjoy fellowship with faculty, staff, alumni, supporters, and friends of The King's University as we reflect on God’s goodness over the past 40 years and imagine His plans for a promising future. Please contact the Development Office at 780.465.8314 or watch kingsu.ca/banquet for more information.

Considering the ministry? Classis Alberta North's Student Support Committee invites those considering full-time ordained or non-ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church to apply for a forgivable loan to support their graduate studies. Further information and application forms can be found at the Classis Alberta North website: <http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca/student-support-team.html> . The application deadline is June 1, 2019. Questions and completed forms can be forwarded to Student Support Committee chair Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning (jonathan.nicolai-dekoning@kingsu.ca) .

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LAWN BOWLING FUNDRAISER: You are invited to Cornerstone Counselling Centre's 3rd Annual Bowl for Balance Lawn Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction! This year, there's a bit of a twist! We're inviting you to dress up in 1920s clothing or traditional lawn bowling outfits (e.g. white from head to toe) and join us for a fun day of celebrating affordable mental health care! This full-day event will consist of two games of lawn bowling (including lessons), a tea/snack break, and a dinner/silent auction.

Date: June 1, 2019 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club (11420-139 Street NW)
Regular ticket: \$75/person
Dinner & Silent Auction Only (begins at 5 p.m.): \$30/person
Purchase tickets : <https://www.cornerstonecounselling.com/events/lawn-bowl/>

You can register as a team of four, a triad, a pair, or as a single player (we'll be sure to find a spot for you!). **First time lawn bowlers are welcome.** Tickets can be purchased online or in-person at Cornerstone (#302 10140-117 Street NW) via credit card, cash, or cheque. Proceeds from this event will go towards Cornerstone's Compassion Fund which allows us to provide counselling fee subsidies to no to low income individuals, making mental wellness accessible to all. Costume inspiration can be found at <https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/what-to-wear-roaring-twenties/>.