



Denominational News for May 26, 2019

From Back to God Ministries International

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

GROUNDWORK: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A GROWING FAITH - Just as a teacher encourages a student or a mentor encourages a mentee, the Apostle Paul encourages the Thessalonians in their growing faith. Join Groundwork as we study 2 Thessalonians 1 so Paul's praises, teaching, and reminders strengthen our growing faith too. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

MEET GERALD DRIPPAN - Liz and Lucille try to be friends with Gerard, the new kid in town. But Gerard seems to prefer the Iguana gang! Can Liz help Gerard before his new friends get him into trouble? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner puzzle and game giveaway, The Bible Challenge Activity Book 6.

From Calvin College

TRAVEL WITH CALVIN - Join a Caribbean cruise with time in the Panama Canal as well as stops in the Bahamas, Aruba, Columbia, and Costa Rica. This January 2020 trip is hosted by Ellen and George Monsma, with arrangements handled by Witte Travel. Or take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2020 with Pastor Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch, visiting sites throughout Galilee and around Jerusalem. These trips are open to all friends of Calvin; see calvin.edu/go/travel for full itinerary, cost, and registration details.

From CRC Communications

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT REPORTS POSTED - The following supplemental reports to the Agenda for Synod 2019 have been posted: Bivocational Task Force Report; Classis Name Change Report; Addressing the Abuse of Power Committee; recommended persons for candidacy; and others. Find them at crcna.org/synod

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 unity and Christlike dialogue in all elements of Inspire 2019. Pray that God will give unity and purpose to the many people involved in planning and preparing for the event, and pray that as people gather to share ideas, to hear speakers and engage in conversation at Inspire 2019, the Holy Spirit will bring and maintain peace and unity in Christ.

PRAY FOR SYNOD 2019 - Synod 2019 will meet on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Friday, June 14, to Thursday, June 20. All CRC churches across the continent are requested to remember the deliberations of synod in their intercessory prayers on Sunday, June 9, and Sunday, June 16.

THE GREAT CANADIAN PRAY & SING - Today, nearly 200 Canadians, representing over half of the CRC churches in Canada, are gathered in Edmonton, Alberta, to worship together and to wrap up a weekend of listening to the Spirit and discerning his leading. Join churches across Canada and sing with joy today that "I Am Not My Own" but belong to a good God forever.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Ascension Day Faith Formation Tip - On Ascension Day (this coming Thursday), wonder with kids about what it was like to be one of the disciples watching Jesus rising into the clouds. Wonder about what they felt, and what it would be like if Jesus returned tomorrow. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

Advancement and Fundraising Opportunities - If you are passionate about advancement, and advancing His kingdom, check out these career opportunities with World Renew: Chief Advancement Officer based in Grand Rapids, MI; Director of Donor Relations, USA, based in Grand Rapids, MI; Donor Relations Manager for Michigan and the East Coast based in Grand Rapids, MI and Director of Donor Relations, Canada based in Burlington, ON. Please see our website for more information on these positions, and for the links to apply: worldrenew.net/careers.

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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/>.

COME BE A DIFFERENCE-MAKER and help build a classroom at either El Shaddai Christian School in Nicaragua or Presbyterian Day School in Belize. EduDeo Ministries is sending two Alberta-wide HANDS Teams from February 17-27, 2020 to Nicaragua and Belize – and we want you to join one of them! For more information or to sign up, contact Bernie Kolkman (403-357-6853, kolkman@telus.net) or John (289-527-0003, jhuizinga@edudeo.com).

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADER: Maranatha Christian Reformed Church is hiring a part time (approx. 8 hours/week) Worship Ministry Leader. Your primary responsibility will be to lead and plan music for Sunday worship services. Additional duties include working with the Pastor and Worship Committee to coordinate worship as well as encouraging the development and growth of musicians. For more information or a full job description, please contact Tricia at triciav.81@gmail.com. Interested applicants should submit a resume and statement of faith to triciav.81@gmail.com.