

September 8, 2019 Denominational News

From Back to God Ministries International

[A Theology of The Office](#) - Bears. Beets. Battlestar Galactica. A Theology of The Office examines the hit show through the eyes of faith. Free when you subscribe to Think Christian emails at ThinkChristian.net/TheOffice.

[BLIZZD THE PEACEMAKER](#) - Grandpa challenges Liz and Lucille to be peacemakers. Who's got the bigger test? Liz with Spike and Skink? Or Lucille with Mrs. Trollscapes! 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 7.

[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: THE LORD'S SUPPER](#) - Communion, Lord's Supper, Eucharist...it's one sacrament known by many names, practiced in varying forms. Join us as we study Luke 22:14-20, John 6:52-58, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 with guest Jim Brownson to discover why Christians believe it's an essential means of receiving Christ and experiencing his presence. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Calvin University

[The Banner's Guide to the Acts of Synod 2019](#) - Every year, following the CRC's annual general assembly, the denomination publishes a hefty volume detailing all the 'acts' of that year's synod. If you get bogged down in the 50,000-word document or are intimidated to even pick it up, The Banner's 3,000-word guide is for you. Find it at thebanner.org/synod.

From Faith Formation Ministries

[At-home Faith Formation Tip](#) - It's Grandparents' Day today! Invite the Christian grandparents in your life (both official and honorary) to share stories of how God has worked in their lives. Making space for these stories honors the elders in your family and encourages younger family members in their walk with Jesus. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

From World Renew

[Help Naschitti CRC Recover from Arson Fire](#) - Last week, the CRC in Naschitti, NM, was damaged by arson. The property was uninsured and church leaders have asked World Renew DRS for help. DRS volunteers are making plans to support the congregation with clean up, repair and volunteer labour. Your financial support makes this project possible. Please give generously today at worldrenew.net/drs, by calling 888-WRLD RNW, or sending your cheque, made out to World Renew DRS with "Naschitti CRC Response" in the memo line, to World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

Help People Recover from Hurricane Dorian - The Bahamas were ravaged by Hurricane Dorian last week, and the full extent of the damage is unknown. You can help by making a financial donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Your gift will help the people of the Bahamas, as well as those along the U.S. East Coast, in the early days after the disaster and in long-term recovery. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/donate, by calling 888-WRLD-RNW, or by mailing your cheque, made out to World Renew, with "DRS Hurricane Dorian" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8. Thank you!

World Renew Careers! - If you are passionate about World Renew's work and advancing His kingdom, check out the following career opportunities currently available with World Renew. These include: Program Coordinator with the International Disaster Response Team (based in Burlington, ON); and Director of Donor Relations, USA (based in Grand Rapids, MI). See our website for more details about these opportunities and the links to apply: worldrenew.net/careers.

Other Announcements

ABUNDANT HARVEST/DECLARING FREEDOM TO CAPTIVE SOULS/PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING ONLY GOD CAN DO AT YOUR CRC CAMPUS MINISTRY! The University ministry invites graduate and undergraduate students, recent alumni, and young adults in careers to join our campus community for food, fellowship and conversations. We meet every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry space (HUB 176, one level below HUB Mall) starting September 5th. For more info contact Rick Mast at rmast@ualberta.ca or just show up!

TOUR THE BIBLICAL LANDS OF ISRAEL March 9 – March 20, 2020. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: : toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd 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 (who grew up in the Canadian CRC!), hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu