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### From Back to God Ministries International

**GROUNDWORK: OUR MOTIVATION FOR MORALITY** - The epiphany or appearing of Christ in our world altered our destiny and made us different people. Study Titus 2:11-15 with Groundwork to discover why the appearing of Christ, his light and grace, both motivates us and makes it possible for us to do good. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**WHAT A FRIEND** - Check out our kid shows at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In this week's episode, "What a Friend," Scooter is bullied. He tries to talk to his friends and others around him, but they don't have the time to listen to him. Grandpa listens and then reminds Scooter that Jesus is someone who will always listen and will understand. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download the Kids Corner ebook "Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying" [kidscorner.net/activities](http://kidscorner.net/activities)

### From Centre for Public Dialogue

**Medical Aid In Dying** - Canadians have been given two weeks to provide feedback on how far to extend access to medical aid in dying. The public consultation closes on Monday, January 27, 2020. You can share your views with the federal government online here: [www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html](http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html) If you would like to connect with us on this topic, please email [publicdialogue@crcna.org](mailto:publicdialogue@crcna.org)

### From CRC Communications

**Help is only a Call, Click, or Chat Away!** - We're making it easier for you and your church to access CRC resources. If you're involved in a church ministry and wonder if your denomination can help with something, just CALL (800-272-5125), CLICK ([www.crcna.org/Resources](http://www.crcna.org/Resources)), or CHAT (from any page on [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)). We're here to serve, and would love to connect you with people and resources to support your ministry.

### From Faith Formation Ministries

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - "Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God's hand at work, always expecting to join in God's mission." —from *Celebrating the Milestones of Faith*, available from [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org). How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this year? (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### From Other

**Heart of God Tour** - There are still a few spaces left for participants and support staff on the annual Heart of God Tour of Israel. Designed specifically for people with special needs like Down Syndrome or on the autism spectrum, the trip will run March 30-April 8,

2020. Some scholarship funds and special offers for Canadians are available. Get the details and sign up by January 30 at [underthefigtree.org/tours/heart-of-god/](http://underthefigtree.org/tours/heart-of-god/)

### **From Resonate Global Mission**

Equip Christian Leaders in Ukraine - Resonate Global Mission has a full-time career opening for a Leadership Training Specialist in Ukraine. In this role, you'll help to train pastors and other church leaders to strengthen the global church. Visit [www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/trainer](http://www.ResonateGlobalMission.org/trainer) to learn more.

### **From The Banner**

The Banner magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take our survey at [thebanner.org/Survey](http://thebanner.org/Survey). Help us improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes. Thank you!

### **From World Renew**

Planning a Mission Trip? - Repair a home for a family who has waited months and months for help. World Renew Disaster Response Services has opportunities for groups of all sizes, skill sets, budgets, and travel preferences. Contact Chris Gibson today at [cgibson@worldrenew.net](mailto:cgibson@worldrenew.net) or 800-848-5818 to find your fit.

World Renew Responds to Volcano Taal in the Philippines - Tens of thousands of people in the Philippines are displaced in the aftermath of Volcano Taal's eruption on January 12th. World Renew is working to deliver emergency shelter and food to the survivors affected by the disaster. The first \$50,000 donated towards providing shelter for the survivors will be matched 1:1. Please give today to this urgent need. For more information, please go to [www.worldrenew.ca](http://www.worldrenew.ca)

### **From Kings University**

[I.S. Alumni & Pastors Dinner followed by evening I.S. Lecture January 22, 2020](#)

5:30 pm - 7:00pm N101 - The King's University

<https://www.kingsu.ca/programs/additional-academics/is-conference> Join us for a complimentary dinner to celebrate our pastors and alumni.

7:00pm - public lecture open to everyone, entitled: "Love & Money: Life Design Maladies and Methods" from Dr. Gideon Strauss

The poet David Whyte has suggested that work is, for all of us, a "pilgrimage of identity." How might we negotiate our pilgrimages? In this lecture, Gideon Strauss (Academic Dean at the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto), explores the meaning and mystery of our callings, some of the obstacles that trip us up as we respond to these callings, and some of the approaches available to us as we try and overcome these obstacles.

Register here for the dinner:

<https://www.kingsu.ca/alumni/events/pastors-alumni-dinner/register-today>