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ENGAGE volunteers and leaders through ServiceLink tools, resources and workshops. ServiceLink's 'Volunteer Engagement Series' provides helpful advice for recruitment, screening, training, supervision, recognition, and more. Job descriptions for elders, deacons and common volunteer ministry positions help define expectations and make the experience more rewarding.

OPPORTUNITIES to participate in global missions, and to demonstrate Christ's compassion to those in our own communities, play a vital role in faith formation and Christian service. ServiceLink and its ministry partners have an extensive list of global and local opportunities for individuals and groups, for various interests and duration, and offering rewarding ministry and cultural experiences.

RESOURCES available through ServiceLink can assist your congregation to commission volunteers, spiritually prepare for a mission trip, have meaningful discussions and devotions while serving, or gain a deeper understanding of issues such as global poverty and injustice. These carefully chosen resources can assist in your efforts to nurture the volunteer and maintain the dignity of those being served.

All this, and more, at www.crcna.org/servicelink



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ServiceLink is the Volunteer Services Program of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.





Christian Reformed Church

The Christian Reformed Church is developing a new framework for ministry priorities, called the **FIVE STREAMS** (presented to Synod 2013).

As you equip your congregation to serve the Lord, consider how ServiceLink can assist you and your congregation in navigating these streams in the area of **volunteerism**.

Faith Formation



According to the 2012 Hemorrhaging Faith study (p. 97-98), 71 per cent of young people who remain engaged in the Christian church say that their faith came alive while on a short-term mission trip.

Similarly, many middle-aged members have discovered how their faith was nurtured on a mission trip or through local opportunities to use their skills

and life experiences to serve the Lord by serving others.

ServiceLink and its CRCNA partners offer global and local volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals that can challenge and equip believers of all ages.

Servant Leadership



Leadership is nurtured through a variety of opportunities that can develop skills.

A commitment to lifelong equipping and training of volunteers demonstrates

how your congregation values the contribution of servant leaders.

ServiceLink can support your efforts by providing practical tools and consultation on best practices to identify, recruit, equip and inspire your church's ministry volunteers.

Global Missions



Equip and encourage your congregation to put faith into action as part of God's global mission.

ServiceLink and its CRCNA partner ministries offer numerous opportunities based upon the needs and priorities of the host community,

often in partnership with the local church, and which adhere to the seven principles developed by the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission.



Loving Mercy, Doing Justice, and Walking Humbly with God



"The emerging generation is passionate about social justice and caring for the people around them," (Hemorrhaging Faith, p. 56).

ServiceLink and its partners can help members of your congregation tap

into that passion through resources and training that focus on justice and involve senders, goers and host receivers of volunteers.

Gospel Proclamation and Worship



ServiceLink and its CRCNA partners provide a strong spiritual component for mission teams, allowing participants to gain a deeper appreciation of worship in different cultural settings.

ServiceLink's commissioning litanies, leader guides and devotionals can help maintain the gospel focus, before, during and after the mission trip.