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# Ministry Directory

## Canada 2020

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Dear Ministry Leader,

Ministry in Canada is wonderful and unique according to our context. It is also challenging. It demands that the local church be prepared in every way. And the demands on leaders are equally numerous. But we should not be surprised. Jesus did not call the apostles into a life of ease and comfort. Instead, he said their ministry would lead them into trouble [John 17]. But it will also be transformational. With Jesus, it always is.

In the tension between trouble and transformation, this simple tool finds a home. It is a tool that will help connect you to people and resources that seek to serve you. As a denominational leader, know that we wish to support the local church and its leadership in every way possible so that people in your community may come to know the rich grace of Jesus Christ. We exist to serve you, and this directory points out the myriad of ways we can do so.

The new ‘Ministries in Canada’ website ([www.crcna.org/Canada](http://www.crcna.org/Canada)) is also taking shape. We encourage you to visit it regularly to stay current on the CRC’s ministry in Canada, and where you’ll also find the most current version of this directory.

Please let us serve you “so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:12)

And in so doing, we will positively change lives, churches, communities, and maybe even . . . Canada.

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## **Immigration**

[crcna.org/resources/church-resources/immigration-resources](http://crcna.org/resources/church-resources/immigration-resources)

If you are a U.S. pastor considering a call to Canada, or a Canadian pastor considering a call to the U.S., the denomination's Human Resources office has information to help you with this transition.

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## **License to Solemnize Marriages**

One of the joys you will have as a pastor is to officiate at wedding ceremonies, and in that capacity you will require a "marriage license" to solemnize marriages. In Ontario, the denominational office assists with this process. In all of the other provinces or territories you should contact the stated clerk of your church's classis.

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## **BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (BTGMI)**

[BackToGod.net](http://BackToGod.net)

Back to God Ministries International is the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Our mission is to proclaim the gospel, grow disciples, and strengthen the church. Together with local churches we minister in 10 major world languages, using every kind of media, to share the story of Jesus. We also have various resources to assist the local church, including discipleship resources, litanies, videos, and more.

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## **ReFrame Media**

[ReFrameMedia.com](http://ReFrameMedia.com)

ReFrame Media produces a family of discipleship resources including print, websites, social media sites, and on-air programming that your church can use with people of all ages. Widgets are available to enhance your church's website. Programs include Church Juice, Family Fire, Groundwork, Kids Corner, Think Christian, and Today.

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## **Today devotions**

ThisIsToday.net

Daily devotions available in print, by email, via mobile app or web; an audio version is also available.

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## **THE BRIDGE APP**

thebridgeapp.org

Relational. Missional. Local. The Bridge App is a multi-functional digital communications tool specifically oriented towards the local church with a missional and relational emphasis. It connects members and the community to their local church. The Bridge App's features are designed to help you grow closer to God and connect with other followers of Christ, easily and from anywhere.

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## **CALVIN UNIVERSITY**

calvin.edu

Calvin University is a post-secondary educational institution and ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) that challenges students to think deeply, act justly, and live wholeheartedly. It was founded in 1876 and named for 16th-century Reformer John Calvin. The historic creeds and confessions of Reformed Christianity guide the college's understanding of Scripture and inform its mission. The award-winning January series, offered 15 weekdays in January and in 48 remote locations, is one of the leading lecture and cultural arts series in the country.

(info@calvin.edu, 800-688-0122)

## **Calvin Institute of Christian Worship**

worship.calvin.edu

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship offers practical resources for planning worship as well as a number of events including the annual Calvin Symposium on Worship. Additionally we are able to provide funding through the Vital Worship Grants program, which focuses on projects that connect public worship to intergenerational faith formation and Christian discipleship.

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## **CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

[calvinseminary.edu](http://calvinseminary.edu)

Calvin Theological Seminary prepares leaders to nurture disciples and serve the church while offering various resources to the local pastor. Resources available include preaching, growing your church, pursuing continued learning (via distance education—which means people can live, work, and minister where they are while still receiving a Calvin Seminary education), and mentoring.

(800-388-6034)

## **Center for Excellence in Preaching**

[cep.calvinseminary.edu](http://cep.calvinseminary.edu)

We cultivate a high standard of excellence in preaching and serve as a resource by providing mentorship programs, booking discussion groups and conferences, offering preaching scholarships, and offering other preaching resources like lectionary or evaluation tools.

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## **Dig - Uncover Your Future**

[dig.calvinseminary.edu](http://dig.calvinseminary.edu)

Dig is a three-week summer program for high school students who have just completed grade 11 or 12. Dig is designed to help students uncover their future as they explore how a calling to ministry can be lived out in any vocation.

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## **CANDIDACY**

[crcna.org/candidacy](http://crcna.org/candidacy)

The Candidacy Committee encourages and enables people entering into ordained ministry in the CRC. We also assist in and administer the processes for pastoral ordination in the CRCNA, and we offer guidance and resourcing in the uses of the office of commissioned pastor.

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## **CENTRE FOR PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

[crcna.org/publicdialogue](http://crcna.org/publicdialogue)

The Centre for Public Dialogue is a place of conversation, advocacy, and action on God's call to justice, peace, and reconciliation. Through dialogue with citizens "in the pew," with marginalized people, with elected leaders, and with partner organizations, we encourage churches and citizens to seek justice and speak hope.

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## **CHAPLAINCY AND CARE MINISTRY**

[crcna.org/chaplaincy](http://crcna.org/chaplaincy)

Enlisting...endorsing...encouraging...enfolding! We're here to help individuals who feel called into chaplaincy to find their way through the training and endorsement process. We also visit colleges and seminaries to talk with students about chaplaincy and provide grants for those involved in chaplaincy training. We then offer support to chaplains (through newsletters, visits, an annual conference, etc.) and encourage them to remain connected to and serve in their local church while encouraging the local church to remain connected to them.

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## **CRC COMMUNICATIONS**

[crcna.org/news-and-views](http://crcna.org/news-and-views)

CRC Communications supports the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church by facilitating communication with and among the denominational offices, agencies, congregations, and members, in North America and the world at large. We do this by means of our website ([crcna.org](http://crcna.org)) as well as through a variety of e-newsletters, the "Together Doing More" section in The Banner, other publications, and social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Connect with us to subscribe to publications, find out what is happening around the denomination, and get involved with programs and events.

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## **CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES**

[www.crcna.org/Services](http://www.crcna.org/Services)

The needs of CRC congregations and the people who serve in them drive the ministry we do together. The "specialized ministries" of the CRC have banded together under the umbrella of Congregational Services with a commitment to meet those diverse needs. As a denomination, we are committed to meeting the needs of people doing local ministry; listening better and hearing more from our churches; and following the leading of God in the work we do together. Each ministry is tasked with addressing a very important part of the five ministry areas the CRC has identified as our collective calling: Faith Formation, Servant Leadership, Global Mission, Mercy and Justice, Gospel Proclamation and Worship.

## **CONNECTIONS PROJECT**

[crcna.org/connectionsproject](http://crcna.org/connectionsproject)

The Connections II Project is a continuation of a grant-funded project to help CRC congregations explore and connect with resources for ministry. Running through June 2024, the project utilizes local leaders equipped to resource and network congregations and classes in any area of ministry. The second phase of the project will build on new models for regional resourcing in the CRCNA that were developed and tested during Connections I. A central element of this will be developing six new regional teams or networks. Connections II is being expanded from the original 12 pilot classes to cover the whole of the CRCNA.

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## **DIACONAL MINISTRIES CANADA (DMC)**

[diaconalministries.com](http://diaconalministries.com)

Relying on the Holy Spirit, Diaconal Ministries Canada exists to Inspire, Empower and Equip Deacons, as they animate congregations to join in God's transforming work in communities across Canada.

Deacons are called to work in the areas of Compassion, Community Ministry, Stewardship, and Justice. In a sense, all engaged and committed members of the church are called to the work of deacons. To carry out our mission, Diaconal Ministries Canada values prayer, celebration, collaboration, servant leadership, gift-based ministry, holistic ministry, and justice.

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## **Equipping Deacons**

[diaconalministries.com/equipping-deacons/diaconal-ministry-developers](http://diaconalministries.com/equipping-deacons/diaconal-ministry-developers)

To carry out our mission, Diaconal Ministries has developed a nationwide network of regional and local Ministry Developers to connect with the team of deacons in your church and provide coaching, resources, etc. Our Ministry Developers are encouragers and coaches for deacons. They are experienced in diaconal work and ready to help your deacons understand their role and calling in your church and community. For a full listing of our Diaconal Ministry Developers, visit our website. We are looking forward to our new Stewardship Project in 2020.

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## **NewGround**

[diaconalministries.com/newground](http://diaconalministries.com/newground)

NewGround (formerly Operation Manna) is all about connecting the gifts of churches and deacon leaders to the ministry opportunities in their cities and local neighbourhoods. Through our Community Opportunity Scan, churches can listen, discern, and begin to make a difference in their community. NewGround not only provides seed money to help churches start or grow a meaningful and sustainable community ministry, but also hands-on coaching and other learning and networking opportunities. NewGround also includes a Youth Justice Initiative to inspire the next generation to love and serve their community, and Deacon Scholarships, to invest in deacons as leaders in God's Church.

God is at always at work. Churches are called to follow God into their communities to share Christ's transformational love with each and every person.

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## **DISABILITY CONCERNS**

[crcna.org/disability](http://crcna.org/disability)

"Everybody belongs. Everybody serves." Disability Concerns helps churches intentionally seek to end the isolation and disconnectedness of persons with disabilities and their families, to nurture the spiritual lives of people with disabilities so that they become professing and active members of their churches, and to encourage the gifts of people with disabilities so that they can serve God fully in their churches.



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## **ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES IN CANADA**

[crcna.org/Canada/ecumenical-ministry-canada-crc](http://crcna.org/Canada/ecumenical-ministry-canada-crc)

Many opportunities for healthy ministry are possible through partnership with other churches. From justice initiatives, neighborhood engagement, and even worship resources, there is a lot to be gleaned by partnering with other family members of God's kingdom. Additionally, the impact you can have in your neighborhood or within the country also multiplies when we join together. Let us help you in making those local connections. The CRCNA wants to support the ecumenical ministry of your congregation by offering small grants to be used for events, gatherings, community services and worship opportunities that bring together churches from a variety of backgrounds.

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## **FAITH ALIVE CHRISTIAN RESOURCES**

[FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org)

Faith Alive Christian Resources provides high-quality, theologically Reformed resources. Sunday school curriculum, materials for youth, Bibles and Bible studies, hymnals and worship resources, leadership materials, and devotional resources, as well as various materials from CRC agencies, are available to individuals and the local church.

Call Staff (orders@FaithAliveResources.org, 800-333-8300)

## **Digital Library**

[crcna.org/library](http://crcna.org/library)

The Digital Library gives free, online access for CRC churches and members to hundreds of Faith Alive Christian Resources titles.

(library@crcna.org, 800-333-8300)

## **Libros Desafio**

librosdesafio.org

Spanish resources are available from Libros Desafio, the Spanish-literature imprint of the Christian Reformed Church.

(orders@LibrosDesafio.org, 800-426-8355)

## **FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES (FFM)**

crcna.org/faithformation

Faith Formation Ministries (FFM) supports CRC congregations as you carry out your callings in faith formation and discipleship. We recognize that each congregation has a unique identity, history, context, and calling. When you contact us, our team listens, asks questions, and suggests ideas and resources to strengthen your ministries. Coaching conversations with our regional catalyzers might range from a quick fifteen-minute phone call to a long-term congregational re-visioning journey. If you face a faith formation question or challenge, let's talk!

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## **Youth Ministry Champions**

crcna.org/FaithFormation/youth-ministry

Faith Formation Ministries (FFM) oversees a network of Canadian Youth Ministry Champions, one for every CRC classis in Canada. Each champion works to empower and encourage those working on the front lines of congregational youth ministry across Canada. Champions listen, pray, connect, and serve as a voice on behalf of youth leaders at classis. Our desire is to strengthen youth ministry in the CRC through networking, sharing resources, and consulting. To see who your congregation's champion is, visit [crcna.org/faithformation](http://crcna.org/faithformation) or contact us.

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## **FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES**

friendship.org

Friendship Ministries' mission is to share God's love with people who have intellectual disabilities and to enable them to become an active part of God's family. Friendship Ministries offers support and resources to local churches and Friendship

Club leadership, including curriculum ideas and an orientation manual for Friendship mentors.

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## **FINANCE SERVICES**

[crcna.org/resources/church-resources/church-administration-finance](http://crcna.org/resources/church-resources/church-administration-finance)

The Finance Services team provides finance and administrative support to the ministries of the CRC and also serves as an administrative resource for Ministry Shares, gifts, and offerings. We also provide a number of value-added services to CRC congregations, including banking, group insurance, pension, preauthorized remittance (EFT donations), and property and liability insurance.

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## **CRC Heritage Fund**

[crcna.org/heritage-fund](http://crcna.org/heritage-fund)

The CRC Heritage Fund (formerly the CRC Foundation) works on behalf of the CRC to fund ministry priorities and keep the church focused on its mission today, for generations to come.

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## **INDIGENOUS MINISTRY**

[crcna.org/indigenous](http://crcna.org/indigenous)

The CRCNA's Indigenous Ministry in Canada supports healing, reconciliation, and restored relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Shannon Perez, Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer (sperez@crcna.org, 204-254-3699)

## **Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee - (CIMC)**

[crcna.org/indigenous/canadian](http://crcna.org/indigenous/canadian)

CIMC has the specific role of educating, mobilizing, and resourcing CRC members and congregations to live in reconciled relationships as covenant (treaty) people before our Creator, with much of the focus on reconciling the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Please contact us for ways to engage your church.

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## **Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer**

[crcna.org/indigenous](http://crcna.org/indigenous)

The Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer provides resources and ways to engage congregations on reconciliation, and collaborates closely with other ministries such as Urban Indigenous Ministry Centres, the Centre for Public Dialogue, Race Relations, and the Office of Social Justice on areas of common justice concerns.

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## **Urban Indigenous Ministry**

[crcna.org/indigenous](http://crcna.org/indigenous)

The CRCNA has Urban Indigenous Ministries in Edmonton, Regina, and Winnipeg, that seek to respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of Indigenous peoples in those communities.

Indigenous Family Centre (Winnipeg, Man.) Michele Visser, Director (mvisser@crcna.org, 204-586-8393) [www.ifcentre.com](http://www.ifcentre.com)

Indigenous Christian Fellowship (Regina, Sask.) Bert Adema, Director (imcf.bertadema@sasktel.net, 306-359-1096) [www.imcf.ca](http://www.imcf.ca)

Edmonton Native Healing Centre (Edmonton, Alta.) Harold Roscher, Director (hroscher@e-nhc.org, 780-482-5522) [www.e-nhc.org](http://www.e-nhc.org)

## **THE NETWORK**

[crcna.org/Network](http://crcna.org/Network)

The Network is a website where you can find a variety of tools, ideas to use in your congregation, questions and answers, and a place to connect with other church leaders from across North America. Resources include blogs, discussion topics, ministry Q&As, webinar recordings, and more, covering almost every area of church ministry.

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## **OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE (OSJ)**

[justice.crcna.org](http://justice.crcna.org)

OSJ educates CRC members, encourages and supports your engagement in social justice issues (especially in the areas of poverty and hunger), and occasionally is involved in direct advocacy.

Cindy Stover, Canadian Justice Mobilizer (cstover@crcna.org, 647-444-4628)

## **Canadian Justice Mobilizer**

[justice.crcna.org](http://justice.crcna.org)

The work of Canada's Justice Mobilizer is dedicated to supporting and coaching congregations in Canada as you live into God's call to do justice.

Cindy Stover, Canadian Justice Mobilizer ([cstover@crcna.org](mailto:cstover@crcna.org), 647-444-4628)

## **Congregational Justice Mobilizers**

[justice.crcna.org](http://justice.crcna.org)

Congregational Justice Mobilizers encourage and support churches in your response to God's call to justice. We help you learn about biblical justice and about specific issues such as global poverty or immigration reform. We suggest readings, lead workshops, serve as guest speakers or preachers, suggest ideas for how to get started, and can help you figure out how to continue along the journey.

Kris Van Engen, Congregational Justice Mobilizer ([kvanengen@crcna.org](mailto:kvanengen@crcna.org), 877-279-9994 x2236)

## **Climate Witness Project**

[justice.crcna.org/creation-care-get-involved](http://justice.crcna.org/creation-care-get-involved)

The CRC believes that the global church has a crucial and necessary role to play if the world is to begin adequately addressing the threat of climate change. It's time that the church stands up and is heard, and the CRC has launched an exciting campaign to do that through advocacy and making your church building more eco-friendly. You and your church can become Climate Witness Project participants.

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## **PASTOR CHURCH RESOURCES**

[crcna.org/pcr](http://crcna.org/pcr)

Pastor Church Resources serves pastors, churches, and classes as they seek to promote healthy relationships, encourage one another in ministry, and discern next steps in seasons of growth, transition, or challenge. Available resources include continuing education and peer learning group grants for pastors; a mentoring program for pastors in first five years of ministry; Specialized Transitional Ministers; consultation for churches, pastors and/or councils; Healthy Church Survey; pastors' wives' conferences; seminars on congregational health; Pastor Search (for churches looking for a pastor); vocational ministry assessments for pastors and leadership development.

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## **Classis Renewal**

[crcna.org/classis](http://crcna.org/classis)

Classis Renewal helps classes to be as healthy and helpful as possible for the sake of local and regional ministry. Our emphasis is on creating a common understanding of the function of classis; facilitating gatherings of classis leaders for training; coaching classes through times of transition, restructuring, or difficulty; and supporting the role of classis functionaries for sustainable classis health.

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## **RACE RELATIONS**

[crcna.org/race](http://crcna.org/race)

Race Relations works to resource Christian Reformed members and congregations as they dismantle the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world. We offer tools that can equip churches to be more culturally aware and effective in reaching the ethnically diverse communities in which you serve.

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## **RAISE UP**

[raiseupglobal.org/](http://raiseupglobal.org/)

Raise Up Global Ministries is the coming together of three like-minded programs, all dedicated to developing Christian leadership around the world to spread the gospel through biblically-based leadership training programs and supporting curriculum. Together we are able to expand our capabilities and reach and create a solid, consistent, connected global foundation of trained leaders.

Sam Huizenga, President (shuizenga@crcna.org, 616-485-1559)

## **Discover Your Bible / Coffee Break**

[DiscoverYourBible.org](http://DiscoverYourBible.org)

Coffee Break has been developing leaders for over 40 years using a series of Bible studies called Discover Your Bible. Discover Your Bible studies give people the tools to read, understand, and dig into what the Bible says and means. Whether you're familiar with the Bible or have never picked one up before, Discover Your Bible is easy to understand while fostering learning and deep discovery about the Bible and ourselves.

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## **Timothy Leadership Training Program**

[raiseupglobal.org/leadership/tlt](http://raiseupglobal.org/leadership/tlt)

The Timothy Leadership Training Program is an interactive training for pastors and lay leaders. Our vision is to see healthy churches worldwide flourish and transform their communities under the leadership of those who have been equipped through accessible, high-quality training.

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## **Educational Care**

[raiseupglobal.org/education/educational-care](http://raiseupglobal.org/education/educational-care)

Educational Care is a learning program that encourages and assists educators and schools with limited resources by giving them an opportunity to develop skills and strategies of education that honor God, His creation, and the children in their classrooms.

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## **RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION**

[resonateglobalmission.org/](http://resonateglobalmission.org/)

Resonate Global Mission, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church, is bringing the gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches, and the world. We want to see Christians everywhere participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus. Through planting churches, sending missionaries, and engaging students through campus ministry and international schools, we embolden churches in their work of fulfilling the Great Commission to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth.

In partnership with over 1000 Christian Reformed congregations in Canada and the US, we equip missional leaders, guide new church development, and partner with churches and ministries worldwide. Our name, Resonate, means striking a chord or causing an expanding, amplifying sound. A sound that resonates is deep, clear, builds over time, and goes out in every direction. The world is at our doorstep. Let's resonate mission in our neighborhood and around the world.

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## **Campus Ministry**

[resonateglobalmission.org/campus-](https://resonateglobalmission.org/campus-)

Christian Reformed campus ministries are active and growing on more than 35 campuses across Canada and the US. Embracing students, faculty, and staff in intentional community, they engage their campuses, bringing the Gospel in word and deed. Our campus ministries are places of faith formation, worship and gospel proclamation, servant leadership, global mission, and mercy and justice. Campus chaplains are available to speak at local churches on a variety of topics.

Mark Wallace, Campus Ministries Leader ([campusministry@crcna.org](mailto:campusministry@crcna.org), 519-836-3298)

## **North American Regional Mission Leaders**

[resonateglobalmission.org/regions](https://resonateglobalmission.org/regions)

Regional Mission Leaders (RMLs), along with the Local Mission Leaders (LMLs) on their teams, are the presence of our mission agency in local contexts where they passionately help congregations and leaders develop vision and strategy to join God in his mission in their community. In today's North American contexts, which are increasingly post-Christian and ethnically diverse, learning to see where God is working in the local community requires learning new postures, new behaviors, and new processes in which RMLs and LMLs can guide congregations and leaders. Regional Mission Teams also help to bridge local contexts with missional work globally, developing partnerships that enhance mission through learning, sharing, and giving.

Rich Braaksma, Western Canada Regional Mission Leader ([rbraaksma@crcna.org](mailto:rbraaksma@crcna.org), 403-797-4455)

Beth Fellingner, Eastern Canada Regional Mission Leader ([bfellinger@crcna.org](mailto:bfellinger@crcna.org), 800-730-3490 x4387)

## **Salaam 2.0 and Diaspora Ministries (Muslim Ministry)**

[resonateglobalmission.org/salaam](https://resonateglobalmission.org/salaam)

Salaam 2.0 and Diaspora Ministries is available to your congregation to help you learn more about Islam and to reach out in love to your Muslim neighbors.

Greg Sinclair, Ministry Leader ([gsinclair@crcna.org](mailto:gsinclair@crcna.org), 800-730-3490 x4231)

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

[resonateglobalmission.org/go](https://resonateglobalmission.org/go)

Resonate provides opportunities for both teams, individuals, and families to go on short-term mission trips lasting from two weeks to two years. This includes a special program called the Cohort of Missioners, a yearlong experience in which partici-



pants are immersed in a new culture (Latin America) by serving with local mission organizations at the grass-roots level.

Lisa Lankheet, Program Manager (llankheet@crcna.org, 800-346-0075 x2750)

Gillian Bruce, Group Coordinator for Volunteer Ministries (gbruce@crcna.org, 800-730-3490 x4384)

## **SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY**

[crcna.org/safechurch](http://crcna.org/safechurch)

Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We offer training and support to volunteer Safe Church team members throughout the U.S. and Canada who, in turn, are able to offer resources, learning opportunities, support, and consultation in their own congregations and classes. Our goal is to build communities where the value of each person is honored, where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse, and where the response to abuse is compassion and justice that foster healing.

Bonnie Nicholas, Director (bnicholas@crcna.org, 877-279-9994 x2735)

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## **THE BANNER**

[thebanner.org](http://thebanner.org)

Established in 1865, The Banner is the official publication of the 289,000-member CRCNA. It seeks to inform, educate, challenge, and inspire members and leaders of the denomination. The Banner is sent at no charge to every CRC household. Advertising, such as job postings and church and family announcements, is available for churches and members through display and classified ads.

Classified advertising (classifieds@thebanner.org, 800-263-4252)

Caroline Gitau, Display Advertising Representative (ads@thebanner.org, 800-224-5882)

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

[crcna.org/womensministry](http://crcna.org/womensministry)

Women's Ministry affirms and supports women in all levels of leadership. We help Christian Reformed churches and ministries create a culture in which, together, men and women thrive in pursuit of God's mission in the world. Our goal is to invest in the future of women, ordained and non-ordained, to connect and explore new opportunities and resources to grow as leaders.

Denise L. Posie, Director (dposie@crcna.org, 877-279-9994 x2762)

## **WORLD RENEW**

worldrenew.net

Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo, World Renew Canada Director (imutoigo@worldrenew.net, 800-730-3490 x4303)

Peter Bulthuis, Associate Director Church Relations (pbulthuis@worldrenew.net, 800-730-3490 x4237)

### **Global Engagement Opportunities**

worldrenew.net/global-engagement-opportunities-churches

The Global Engagement Opportunities program is a great entry-level partnership opportunity in which we connect you and your church to World Renew's work in a specific country. You will be encouraged to learn about and pray for the World Renew staff there, for their partner organizations, and for the ministry going on in that country.

Naomi Bula, Program Coordinator (nbula@worldrenew.net, 800-730-3490 x4241)

### **Global Partnership Program**

worldrenew.net/advancedglobalpartnership

The Global Partnership Program facilitates in-depth relationships between churches in North America and churches in developing countries. Your church will participate in a reciprocal relationship that benefits both communities.

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Iona Buisman, Program Coordinator (ibuisman@worldrenew.net, 800-730-3490 x4321)

### **Global Volunteer Program (GVP)**

worldrenew.net/volunteer

World Renew's GVP is your one-stop place for getting volunteers connected to international ministry partners. Whether you're interested in a one-week service and learning team, a tour to visit program sites, a six-month placement, or a multiyear internship, World Renew has a place for every volunteer.

Iona Buisman, Program Coordinator (ibuisman@worldrenew.net, 800-730-3490 x4321)

## **Disaster Response Services (DRS)**

[worldrenew.net/disasterresponseservices](http://worldrenew.net/disasterresponseservices)

Volunteers can be involved with a North American disaster response team for one, two, or (usually) more weeks at a time, to rebuild homes and hope. Many skill levels are always needed.

Sheila Pasma, Office Coordinator ([spasma@worldrenew.net](mailto:spasma@worldrenew.net), 800-848-5818 x1354)

## **International Disaster Response**

[worldrenew.net/idr](http://worldrenew.net/idr)

The International Disaster Response team assigns volunteer relief managers and leverages your gifts with other Christian organizations and government sources, to respond to natural disasters such as floods, droughts, earthquakes, and tropical storms, as well as human-caused wars and conflicts.

Kenneth Kim, Team Leader ([kkim@worldrenew.net](mailto:kkim@worldrenew.net), 800-730-3490 x4240)

## **Free A Family**

[worldrenew.net/faf](http://worldrenew.net/faf)

Using representative families, Free A Family helps people overcome poverty through community programs in agriculture, health, nutrition, literacy, and more.

Morgan Blackman, Administrative Specialist ([mblackman@worldrenew.net](mailto:mblackman@worldrenew.net), 800-730-3490 x4282)

## **Refugee Sponsorship**

[worldrenew.net/refugeesponsorship](http://worldrenew.net/refugeesponsorship)

If your congregation would like to consider sponsoring a family or individual, please contact World Renew's refugee office for information and sponsorship resources.

Rebecca Walker, Program Coordinator ([worldrenewrefugee@worldrenew.net](mailto:worldrenewrefugee@worldrenew.net), 800-730-3490 x4232)

## **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

[crcna.org/worship](http://crcna.org/worship)

Whether you are a paid staff person or a volunteer in a large, medium, or small congregation, whatever your role in planning worship, we are here to serve you, learn from you, and share best practices from around the denomination. Check out Worship Ministries' website for great resources as well as ways to connect with other worship leaders through a monthly e-newsletter and Facebook page.

Joyce Borger, Director ([worship@crcna.org](mailto:worship@crcna.org), 877-279-9994 x2763 or x2313)

## **OTHER MINISTRIES IN CANADA**

This section of the directory includes links to organizations in Canada that can serve your congregation well. They are not Christian Reformed organizations but are entities that have a good history with the CRC and have done good work with many local churches and church leaders.

### **All Ontario Youth Convention (AOYC)**

[allontario.com](http://allontario.com)

The annual Ontario convention for 900+ youth and leaders.

### **A Rocha Canada**

[arocha.ca](http://arocha.ca)

Showing God's love for all creation.

### **Beginnings Family Services**

[beginnings.ca](http://beginnings.ca)

National, non-profit, faith-based family services provider.

### **Bethesda Christian Association**

[bethesdabc.com](http://bethesdabc.com)

Serving individuals with different abilities and their families in B.C. since 1971.

### **Bible League of Canada**

[bibleleague.ca](http://bibleleague.ca)

The living word transforming lives.

### **Christian Automotive Repair Service (CARS)**

[carsministry.ca](http://carsministry.ca)

A non-profit organization assisting needy households with automotive maintenance and repairs through volunteers.

### **Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC)**

[cccc.org](http://cccc.org)

Advancing ministry together.

### **Canadian Council of Churches**

[councilofchurches.ca](http://councilofchurches.ca)

Working together to embody ecumenical, Christian “unity in diversity.”

## **Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)**

foodgrainsbank.ca

A Christian response to hunger.

## **Cardus**

cardus.ca

Dedicated to the renewal of North American social architecture.

## **Cascade Christian Counselling**

cascadechristiancounselling.com

Providing service in Surrey, Abbotsford, and Smithers, B.C.

## **Calvinist Cadet Corp**

calvinistcadets.org

An independent youth ministry organization providing resources that enable boys to share Christ's love.

## **Chalmers Center**

chalmers.org

Helping churches walk alongside the poor.

## **Christian Courier**

christiancourier.ca

An independent biweekly that seeks to engage creatively in critical Christian journalism.

## **Christian Direction - Mission Montreal**

direction.ca

Transforming urban communities.

## **Christian Stewardship Services (CSS)**

csservices.ca

Assisting Christians in planning, giving and managing their God-given financial resources.

## **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**

capcanada.org

Serving the poor, saving the lost, through the church, across the nation.

## **Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC)**

ccjc.ca

Serving as a shining light for restorative approaches to justice and corrections.

## **Citizens for Public Justice**

cpj.ca

Inspired by faith to act for justice

## **CRC Extension Fund**

classistoronto.org/extensionfund.cfm

Administering capital funds for projects of Christian Reformed congregations.

## **Dynamic Youth Ministries**

dynamicyouthministries.org/

The umbrella organization for Calvinist Cadet Corps, GEMS Girls' Clubs, and Youth Unlimited.

## **Edudeo Ministries**

edudeo.com

Serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview.

## **Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC)**

evangelicalfellowship.ca

Uniting Evangelicals to bless Canada in the name of Jesus.

## **Family Outreach Ontario Christian Addiction Support Services**

familyoutreachontario.com

Helping families with alcohol and substance abuse.

## **Fuller Youth Institute (FYI)**

fulleryouthinstitute.org

Helping churches equip teens with lifelong faith.

## **GEMS**

gemsgc.org

The GEMS Girls' Clubs provide resources to bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **Gideons International in Canada**

[gideons.ca](http://gideons.ca)

Sharing God's Word and communicating the gospel message to people of all ages and walks of life.

## **Hope Centre Ministries**

[hopecentreministries.org](http://hopecentreministries.org)

Celebrating the gifts and uniqueness of individuals who live with disabilities and supporting them in their walk with God and their faith community.

## **Indwell**

[indwell.ca](http://indwell.ca)

Hope and homes for all.

## **Institute for Christian Studies (ICS)**

[icscanada.edu](http://icscanada.edu)

A tradition of inquiry, a spirit of engagement.

## **Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada**

[ivcf.ca](http://ivcf.ca)

Committed to inspiring youth, students and graduates to follow Jesus.

## **Kairos Canada**

[kairoscanada.org](http://kairoscanada.org)

Canadian churches working together for justice and peace

## **M2/W2**

[m2w2.com](http://m2w2.com)

Reflecting God's restorative and inclusive love within the criminal justice system and wider society.

## **Micah Global**

[micahnetwork.org](http://micahnetwork.org)

A global community of Christians with a passion and commitment for integral mission.

## **Ministry to Seafarers – Montreal (M2S)**

[ministrytoseafarers.org](http://ministrytoseafarers.org)

Dedicated to caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of seafarers visiting the Port of Montreal.

## **Ministry to Seafarers – Vancouver**

[seafarerschaplain.blogspot.ca](http://seafarerschaplain.blogspot.ca)

Serving the seafarers whose ships dock at Roberts Bank and Vancouver harbour.

## **NAIM (North America Indigenous Ministries)**

[naim.ca](http://naim.ca)

Serving with all nations to reach all nations.

## **New Direction Ministries**

[newdirection.ca](http://newdirection.ca)

Discipling Christ-followers to work together to eliminate fear, division, and hostility at the intersection of faith, gender, and sexuality.

## **Niagara Life Centre**

[niagaralifecentre.ca](http://niagaralifecentre.ca)

Inspiring positive life change.

## **Partners Worldwide – Canada (PWC)**

[partnersworldwide.org/canada](http://partnersworldwide.org/canada)

Combining a global network, a proven model, and a foundation of faith, we're working to end poverty in all parts of the world.

## **Redeemer University College**

[redeemer.ca](http://redeemer.ca)

Undergraduate university offering programs in the arts, sciences and education from a Reformed Biblical worldview.

## **Reformed Church in America (RCA)**

[rca.org](http://rca.org)

A fellowship of congregations called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the very presence of Jesus Christ in the world.



## **Rehoboth Christian Ministries**

rehoboth.ab.ca

Serving people with disabilities. Helping them flourish.

## **Shalem Mental Health Network**

shalemnetwork.org

Healing, restoration, and community for all.

## **Street Level**

Seeking to foster collaboration among people and organizations involved in addressing poverty.

## **The King's University**

kingsu.ca

A Christian institution located in Edmonton and serving northern Alberta, western Canada, and beyond.

## **Under the Fig Tree Ministries**

underthefigtree.org

Biblical study tours that bring the land and lessons of the Bible to life.

## **World Communion of Reformed Churches**

wcrc.ch

Called to communion, committed to justice.

## **Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada**

wycliffe.ca

Community transformation through Bible translation, use of translated scriptures, mother-tongue literacy and education.

## **Youth Unlimited**

youthunlimited.org

Encouraging, supporting, equipping and partnering with congregations across North America through mission trips and events for youth.



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