1 TUESDAY (Thrive: Racial Reconciliation) Burton family—Pastor Jerome Burton of Coit Community CRC in Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away July 6, 2023. His love for the church, passion for people to meet Jesus, and commitment to racial reconciliation were well known and valued by all who closely worked with him. The Race Relations team was blessed by his humble, dedicated service. Please keep his family and the Coit community in your prayers.

2 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) Human trafficking prevention—World Renew programs in communities and churches seek to prevent human trafficking through education, awareness, and support. We lament that so many people are vulnerable to trafficking. Ask the Lord to guide them and to inspire our churches and communities to intervene and protect all who are at high risk both locally and globally.

3 THURSDAY (ReFrame Ministries) Japan—Pray for seekers in Japan like Ayuto, who recently received a CD of audio programs from our partners in Japan. "After listening to this CD, I prayed, ‘Please give me the courage to go to church,'" Ayuto said. "I continue to feel strongly that Jesus loves me and does not let go."

4 FRIDAY (Resonate Global Mission) Philippines—During August and September, Resonate missionary Charles Oh and his colleagues will be leading Timothy Leadership Training in Iloilo and Bukidnon in the Philippines. “Pray for wisdom and guidance," asks Charles.

5 SATURDAY (Resonate) Tanzania—Resonate missionary Renita Reed-Thomson, who leads Discipling Marketplace leaders, gives thanks for a church partner in Tanzania. The church has baptized several people and is growing. Please pray for this church as it continues to grow and serve the surrounding community.

6 SUNDAY (Thrive: Worship) New ministry season—As summer comes to a close, pray for church leaders gearing up for fall ministry. This is a particularly busy time, and preparation begins long before members return from summer travels. Pray for creative energy, wisdom in decision making, and Spirit-filled joy in this work.

7 MONDAY (ReFrame) Anxiety—Pray for people affected by anxiety. A woman named Tara who uses our daily devotions recently shared with ReFrame's prayer team, "I have recently started having bad anxiety attacks that can last for days. It’s affecting my whole life and my health. Please pray that I can find a way to stop these without taking medication."

8 TUESDAY (Resonate) Ontario—Pray for a student at the University of Toronto. Campus ministers share that this student has been joining with their community but no longer

9 WEDNESDAY (World Renew) Asia—In our Asia ministry team we participate in livelihood development, maternal and child health, food security, and much more. Many people in local communities are struggling to feed their families on day wages, running low on resources as they host refugees, and losing land because of rising sea levels. Praise God and continue to pray for the many program participants who are finding greater opportunities to succeed.

10 THURSDAY (ReFrame) Today devotions—Pray for Valerie, a Today reader recovering from alcohol addiction. May these words from the August 10 devotional reading help to guide her: "God, help me to see the power of the resurrection. Open my eyes and heart to the new things you are doing in and through and around me. Amen."

11 FRIDAY (Thrive: Disabilities Inclusion) Partnership—We thank God for bringing Rev. Jeremy Simpson to work with Disability Concerns in the RCA. We thank God for the deep partnership between the CRC and RCA disability ministries, and we ask God for guidance and wisdom as we adjust to many changes with Thrive, staffing, and how our partnership works.

12 SATURDAY (Resonate) TLT partnerships—Praise God for networking and mobilizing partners with Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) to equip church leaders in new regions. For instance, Andrew from Nigeria is training in Cameroon, and Elmer from Peru is working in Mexico. Pray for wisdom, energy, and effectiveness in potential new initiatives.

13 SUNDAY (Thrive: Diversity) Diversity Sunday—Dear Lord, we lift up efforts to create hospitable experiences for diaspora and ethnic leaders in our classis meetings. Hospitality leaders are working to create spaces of belonging where all of God’s people feel welcomed, seen, and heard. We ask also that your people may give generously today as the Christian Reformed Church continues to support the “growing edge” of our denomination. Amen.

14 MONDAY (Thrive: Safe Church) New season—Please pray for Safe Church coordinators and teams as they help CRC congregations prepare for a new season of ministry programs and opportunities. May God bless our efforts to foster welcoming and respectful communities that resist abuse so that all who participate in our ministries are free to worship God and grow in faith.

15 TUESDAY (World Renew) International relief managers—Praise God for these willing servants who have made great sacrifices to be able to serve our global neighbors! World Renew’s international relief managers are trained and highly
experienced volunteers who support our international disasterresponse work. They are part of a roster of volunteers available to go, on short notice, to manage and implement international projects in response to natural disasters and conflict.

16 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) Michigan—“We were blessed to have eight new believers baptized! We praise God for what he is doing in our community. It is a blessing to see people moving from darkness to the light of Christ,” shared a Resonate church planter in Michigan.

17 THURSDAY (Thrive: Chaplains) Veterans—Chaplains serve patients in Veterans Administration hospitals who not only have physical injuries but also may have cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and psychological injuries. Pray for our chaplains as they provide pastoral care, and pray that our local churches may find ways to enfold veterans into their communities.

18 FRIDAY (Indigenous Family Centre) Provision—Give thanks to God, who provides a safe place for community members to gather, bead, talk, eat, create art, and pray; and a place for staff and volunteers to work in every day. Please pray for continued support and for the health and well-being of all who come to the Indigenous Family Centre.

19 SATURDAY (Resonate) Ontario—“Pray that we live out our mission effectively every day to be an incredible community where people experience Jesus and his transformation,” ask campus ministers and student leaders at Momentum Campus Ministries, a Resonate partner in Ontario.

20 SUNDAY (World Renew) Day of Justice—Many layers of injustice create challenges for people who need safe, nutritious food. Some examples: a lack of affordable grocery stores in downtown Calgary, Alta.; effects of the war in Ukraine trickling out to neighboring countries. The justice and mercy ministries of the CRCNA strive to bring relief, increased capacity, and change in these situations. Pray that we may all act with love for our neighbors.

21 MONDAY (Climate Witness Project) Creation care—Forest fires and heat waves continue to affect large parts of Canada and the U.S. Pray for policies that can protect the most vulnerable people from impacts of climate change. Pray that churches may heed the biblical call to stewardship and look for creative solutions.

22 TUESDAY (ReFrame) Burkina Faso—A man named Bazio recently visited our partners in Burkina Faso and shared, “My soul was longing for God, but I did not know what to do; your messages on the radio enlightened me, so I decided to give myself.” Praise God! Pray for our partners as they disciple radio listeners like Bazio.

23 WEDNESDAY (Cadets) New season—The theme of our upcoming Cadet season, based on Ephesians 3:17-18, is “Rooted and Grounded.” We pray that this theme will remind cadets and counselors of the breadth and depth of Christ’s love. We pray that the boys and men of Cadets will reflect that love as they live for Jesus.

24 THURSDAY (Resonate) Ukraine—Please continue to pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Pray for Resonate missionaries ministering with families and students from Ukraine and other war-torn countries. Ask God for peace.

25 FRIDAY (World Renew) East Africa—Drought and flooding have hit East Africa in recent months, causing many failed crops and increasingly unreliable access to food. In addition, the conflict in South Sudan has caused 2.2 million people to flee to neighboring countries like Kenya and Uganda, where resources are limited. World Renew is supplying emergency relief through partners across the region. Pray for God’s peace and provision in this heartbreaking situation.

26 SATURDAY (ReFrame) India—Praise God for the testimony of a young couple in India. Although they used to run an illegal business, they recently began attending a church pastored by one of ReFrame’s partners. They have also quit their old jobs and have opened a grocery store in their community. Pray that this couple will continue to grow in faith.

27 SUNDAY (Resonate) Haiti—Pray for peace in Haiti. The country continues to face many challenges including gang violence, kidnappings, and recovery from natural disasters. Ask God to protect and provide for Resonate ministry partners and everyone who is in need of food, security, clean water, and more.

28 MONDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) New academic year—As we gear up for the new school year together, both online and residential, many staff and faculty and students engage in travel, moving, and orientation in their program and course preparations. Pray for everyone in these transitions as we begin the new school together.

29 TUESDAY (World Renew) Refugee sponsorship and resettlement—In Canada, World Renew has worked with churches for decades to help welcome newcomers to the country. These sponsorships assist families and individuals who have been forced to flee their home countries, usually due to conflict. Pray for sponsoring communities, for our refugee team, and for newcomers healing from trauma and getting used to a major change in their lives.

30 WEDNESDAY (Resonate) Central Asia—A Resonate missionary serving in Central Asia asks, “Let a spiritual breakthrough take place among people with whom we are sharing the gospel, that they may be freed to receive Jesus, the eternal Savior, as the Lord of life.”

31 THURSDAY (ReFrame) Brazil—Vanessa, who follows our Portuguese ministry program in Brazil, wrote, “I had not been attending church for a long time, but after watching your program, I followed your advice and finally found a church!” Pray that Vanessa will find opportunities for discipleship and be able to use her gifts as a part of her newfound church community.

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