

Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

newsletter ~ March 4, 2023

Hilltop Greenhouses Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

Spring is coming soon and you can get your yard and garden ready for the season AND support our schools at the same time. Hilltop Greenhouses is located a short 20 minute drive west from Lethbridge and all their plants are locally grown and acclimatized to thrive in a Southern Alberta climate! DEADLINE to order is Friday, March 31. Purchase your gift cards [HERE](#) and 20% of your order goes back to our schools!

Friends of Immanuel Dinner

60 years of God's faithfulness to Immanuel Christian Schools - that is what we are celebrating at this year's Friends of Immanuel Dinner on March 15, 2023. Join us at Country Kitchen Catering, in the basement of The Keg, where so many ICS banquets have been held in the past. There is no charge to attend this dinner, but there will be an opportunity given to support the schools financially. There are still seats available but seating is limited, so please RSVP by Monday, March 6, to the Society office at (403) 327-4223 or email director@immanuelcs.ca.

Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a 4 (soon to be 5) year old? Register them for Kindergarten at ICES today! Immanuel Christian Elementary School offers full day Kindergarten in two different classes: Tuesday and Thursday, or Monday and Wednesday (and some Fridays). Preference for days will be given on a first applied - first served basis. There is busing available for Kindergarten students.

Canada Food Grains Bank: In a world where God provides more than enough food, no one should go to bed hungry. Individually, we may not be able to end global hunger – but together, through our gifts and prayers, we can relieve the hunger pangs of so many.

Your church is invited to join World Renew on March 5 to celebrate Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday. Through your offering you can help share Christ's hope with families facing food crisis.

And, thanks to World Renew's unique partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your gifts can be matched up to 4X.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2023 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/636 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**. *only 3 responses have been received from Nobleford CRC

CROSS-CULTURAL WORKSHOP:

You are invited to a CROSS-CULTURAL WORKSHOP led by Rev. Greg Sinclair, Diaspora Ministry Leader www.resonateglobalmission.org/journeys-friendship

SATURDAY, March 18, 10 – 11:30 am. PLEASE RSVP to Peggy at npdekens@hotmail.com. 403-328-2754

“Our country of Canada is changing and becoming more and more of a cultural and religious mosaic. This is both a challenge and an opportunity for our churches. Greg will share about his recent ethnographic research project at Willowdale CRC in Toronto and the experience of that church in welcoming over 100 people from Iran. What are some of the challenges and how can we see others as a gift to us (and we also as a gift to them)? What are some of the important dynamics of being a host and a guest? What are some common practices of welcome that we can adopt and can we develop a culture of hospitality? There will also be time for questions and reflections on local church contexts and questions that arise.”

Providence Christian School

Monarch - Alberta

Providence Christian School is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. We are looking for experienced teachers with training and understanding of Christian based pedagogies and methodologies, who are acquainted with the history, culture, doctrines, and practices of the Reformed churches and schools.

Full-time Principal Position.

A principal at PCS will be called on to:

- provide spiritual leadership
- engage in transparent, ethical, and responsible decision making
- lead staff members in defining, developing, and delivering quality learning for all students
- provide insightful stewardship of resources for the operation of the school
- be a spokesperson for the school to the community

Qualifications:

- Having an MA in leadership or equivalent training is considered an asset.
- Having Alberta School Leadership Certification (LQS) or ability to obtain it.

Part-time Assistant Principal

This is a 35% admin / 65% teaching assignment, starting on August 1st, 2023.

The assistant principal at PCS will be called on to:

- support the principal in providing spiritual leadership
- engage in transparent, ethical, and responsible decision making
- scheduling
- student discipline
- student attendance
- resource management

Potential additional responsibilities:

- Guidance counselor
- Special Education Coordinator

Qualifications:

- Having a MA in Leadership or equivalent training is considered an asset
- Having an Alberta School Leadership certificate (LQS) or the ability to obtain it

Full-time Grade 1 teacher

Qualifications:

- Having a BEd or a BA geared to Education
- Having an Interim or Professional Alberta Teacher Certificate (TQS) or the ability to obtain it.

Suitable candidates are encouraged to electronically submit:

- a letter of application
- a résumé containing at least three references
- a statement of faith
- a statement of philosophy of Christian Leadership and Teaching
- Detailed job descriptions can be found on our website.
- Inquiries and/or applications can be forwarded to Mr. Kevin Slomp, Board President - recruitment@pcsmonarch.com
- For other inquiries check out our website pcsmonarch.com or contact the principal, Mr. Hugo VanderHoek, principal@pcsmonarch.com, 403-381-4418

PART-TIME MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY in Kelowna, BC

Check out this unique ministry opportunity! The Kelowna Christian Reformed Church (KCRC) and the Christian Reformed Campus Ministries Okanagan (CRCMO) are collaborating to create a joint part-time (~25 hours/week) position for a uniquely qualified individual. KCRC is looking for a gifted individual to lead and organize its Sunday morning worship services (15 hours/wk), while CRCMO is looking for a person for approximately 10 hours/week to serve at Okanagan College.

Kelowna CRC is seeking someone who has the ability to organize, shows initiative, is dependable and able to work independently and in a team environment, has strong verbal and written communication skills with a willingness to learn. The successful candidate would be required to organize and lead worship on a weekly basis, be responsible for developing and mentoring musicians and worship teams, and lead the congregation in worship while integrating multiple styles of music and songs that engage the church family in active participation.

The Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Okanagan is looking for a committed, thoughtful disciple of Jesus Christ, who loves students and the world of higher education. This part-time campus ministry associate would serve Okanagan College (OC), which is a growing community college in Kelowna, BC. The successful candidate will have considerable freedom to develop a vision of ministry that fits their skills and passions as well as the OC context.

If you are interested in this *joint* position, OR in *one but not both* of the two positions, email your résumé and a one-page cover letter explaining why you would be a suitable candidate to info@kelownacrc.org.

For more information about the position at KCRC, please contact Bob Folkers at bobrfolkers@gmail.com, or Rev Dr Todd Statham at crccampusokanagan@gmail.com for information regarding the position at Okanagan College.

Interfaith FoodBank : Target Hunger takes place on the Second Saturday of June annually. This City Wide Food Drive is a community collaboration that collects food on behalf of Interfaith and Lethbridge Food Bank.

Both food banks have IT Internships available for enthusiastic community members who want to help us manage our online presence and online sign up tool for hundreds of volunteers that make the food drive a success each year. Please see the attached position description and share widely with anyone who may be interested. The Internship provides an Honorarium of \$1000 for the project.

More info can be found here: [Target Hunger IT Intern Position Description 2023.pdf](#)

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring a Community Relationship Manager - Are you passionate about engaging communities for meaningful, transformative impact? Do you get excited about building relationships and inviting people into action for global/kingdom change? Do you like creating strategies and executing ideas to create ministry awareness and program participation? If so, come join our team! Visit www.edudeo.com/careers for more information. Applications due March 10, 2023. About us: EduDeo Ministries believes education rooted in the Gospel is the best way to bring about whole-life transformation for children and their communities. We exist to advance Christ-centred education for children in the majority world.

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring a Digital Content Specialist - Do you love telling stories of transformation, and capturing images and videos that bring those stories to life? Do you have a heart for sharing about incredible people and how they are seeking to make the world a better place? Are you adept at sharing those experiences through a variety of digital media? If so, come join our team! Visit www.edudeo.com/careers for more information. Applications due March 10, 2023.

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring a Programs Assistant - Do you love supporting those around so that they are equipped to be the best they can be? Are you incredibly observant of needs and/or opportunities where you can step in to serve, to help your team achieve its goals? Do you love details, administration, and a job well done? If so, come join our team! Visit www.edudeo.com/careers for more information. Applications due March 20, 2023.

EduDeo Ministries: We're Hiring Three Positions! - We want you to join our team! Whether you have a creative eye, a passion for relationships, or detail-oriented skills, you could be the right fit! We are hiring a Community Relationship Manager, a Digital Content Specialist, and a Programs Assistant. Two of the positions can be remote anywhere across Canada. Learn more: www.edudeo.com/careers. Application deadlines: varying across mid-March. About us: EduDeo Ministries believes education rooted in the Gospel is the best way to bring about whole-life transformation for children and their communities. We exist to advance Christ-centred education for children in the majority world.

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: Heavenly Visions to Encourage Our Faith - Seeing heaven's perspective of the cosmic, spiritual battle between God and evil provided John comfort while he was exiled on the island of Patmos. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 7-14 and discuss the meaning of the images and numbers in John's famous heavenly visions and the comfort we can continue to find in the eternal truths those vision conveyed. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Let's Share Christ's Hope with our Global Neighbours - The news of the growing hunger crisis can feel far removed from our lives but today through our gifts and prayers we can stand as global neighbours sharing Christ's hope and love with those who face the injustice of hunger. Your gifts help World Renew and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food and non-food essentials to families in times of crisis and the tools and training they need to journey to long-term food security. And, thanks to World Renew's unique partnership with the Foodgrains Bank, your gifts will be matched up to 4x, multiplying the impact of your generosity to share Christ's hope with more families. To learn more, visit: worldrenew.ca/foodgrains

World Renew and Families Around the World Thank You - Last week, your church partnered with World Renew and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food to families in crisis around the world and to equip communities with the tools and training they need to journey to food security for the long haul. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our global neighbours. As we hear about the increasing challenges the most vulnerable families around the world face meeting their basic food needs, World Renew is grateful for the hope and strength your gift provides. To continue learning about the ways World Renew and Canadian Foodgrains Bank work to help end global hunger, visit: worldrenew.ca/foodgrains

Summer Service Trips with World Renew DRS - Looking for ways to serve with your congregation or youth group this summer? Join World Renew DRS to repair homes after natural disasters all across the US and Canada! We have sites available in Washington, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, and more! Contact Chris, our Groups Program Manager, at cgibson@worldrenew.net if interested or with questions.

New Video Study - Trees. Solar panels. Activism. These are some of the ways churches and people of faith are fighting environmental injustice. Learn more through the new OSJ storytelling series This is Hunting Park, available now, along with a free small group study guide. Visit www.crcna.org/hunting-park to explore the series.

Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip - Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus' life and ministry in The Jesus Storybook Bible or Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible and talking about the stories together. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

The Architecture of Prayer - The Center Art Gallery at Calvin University presents The Architecture of Prayer, a survey of church architecture exploring a selection of the most thoughtful liturgical projects of the 21st century. On display until April 7th, the exhibition showcases drawings and travel photography of historic church buildings in dialogue with new projects built after 1999—contributed by 40+ internationally-recognized practices and local firms. To explore the exhibition virtually, visit: https://bit.ly/arch_pray