

# Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

## newsletter ~ February 3, 2024

### Update from Faye Yu , in Laos, January, 2024

I hope you are staying warm. I saw some pictures of how cold it is in Alberta right now.

I got back to Laos on the 14<sup>th</sup> and all last week was the country meeting. I will moving up north tomorrow. That is where I will be based for the next 5 months. ([https://maps.app.goo.gl/kPYBpo6GgtEk2u5R6?g\\_st=iw](https://maps.app.goo.gl/kPYBpo6GgtEk2u5R6?g_st=iw))

The project is also a poverty reduction project. The project includes training teachers (children and adult education), some agriculture, some health, some construction of schools and water collection and distribution points, some drug rehab components as well. The area is in the Golden Triangle ([Golden Triangle \(Southeast Asia\) - Wikipedia](#)) so there is alot of cheap drugs- opium and meth. A large percentage of the population use it, which contributes to poverty and violence.

There isn't many local organizations here, so World Renew implements its own project here. A large part of my work will be building capacity of our local field staff working on this project. That is why I will be based in the rural part of Laos. There are no other English speaking foreigners. The only other foreigners are Vietnamese and Chinese business people. Communication with the staff will be a huge challenge since most do not speak English. I'd love prayer for this!

I don't have a newsletter or prayer card, but feel free to share what I have written.

*Thank you so much for your prayers!!*

*-Faye*

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### Job Opening: Abuse Prevention and Response Coordinator (APRC)

Classis BCSE & BCNW Safe Church Team Ministry (SCT) supports the important ministry work done by the Christian Reformed churches in BC. The SCT is in the process of succession planning and is looking for someone to succeed our current Abuse Prevention and Response Coordinator who is looking ahead to retirement. This position would require on average approximately 20 hrs per week, with certain months having increased hours. The work includes providing abuse prevention and response education and requires travel to the Christian Reformed churches in BC. Applicants must be knowledgeable about the subject of abuse, have related work experience & education. Start date is flexible & training for the position will be provided. For more information/ job description, please see this [job posting](#), and email the SCT executive chairperson – Andrew Van der Leek - [avdleek@gmail.com](mailto:avdleek@gmail.com).

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***"I didn't know what else to do, so I just searched "after an abortion" in my web browser, and your Centre came up."*** Kendra\* hadn't told anyone about her choice to end her pregnancy, and now, just a few days later, she felt herself slipping into a very lonely and dark place. She desperately wanted to share her story, to tell someone about what had happened and all she had been through. But she also worried about what others would say and how they would treat her. Kendra found a safe place to share her experience with a specially trained advocate at the Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre.

Shelly\* had also kept her abortion a secret; only she had carried hers for years. After a presentation at her church, **Shelly learned that there was a confidential and safe place to share her story and work through a post-abortion program.** Initially, She was hesitant, not sure she wanted to re-open that part of her life. But, after a few weeks, Shelly decided she was ready.

Every client is unique, as is their journey and what brings them to the Centre. That is why we offer a range of supports, including post-abortion, post-adoption, grief and loss, as well as our options information and material resource support. Sometimes, a client just needs a place to speak out loud about all that is going on or has happened. Other times, they are seeking a more specific program to help them sort through their personal journey. Whatever brings them to the Centre, it is our pleasure to journey alongside them in their unique circumstances.

Thank you for being a part of our team through your prayers, donations, and words of encouragement. You are the backbone of the work being done here, and you are bringing hope to those we serve.

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## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RESERVE A SEAT FOR LETHBRIDGE PRO-LIFE'S**

**BANQUET & AGM this Thursday, February 8** in Trinity Reformed Church. Our guest speaker this year is Blaise Alleyne: Eastern Strategic Initiatives Director for CCBR. He will be speaking on "Changing Hearts and Minds on Assisted Suicide." Blaise Alleyne is a long-time pro-life activist, technologist, writer, and public speaker. An update on Elsie's House will be given, and door prizes will be part of the fun! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a delicious dinner served at 6:30 p.m. (PCS Caterers) and speaker to follow. Dinner tickets are by donation. Please reserve your dinner seat ahead by texting 403-892-1925; e-mail: [lproulife@shaw.ca](mailto:lproulife@shaw.ca); or via Messenger through our Facebook page.

**The Elim Society for Seniors Care** is hiring a live-in manager for our southside apartment building, Balmoral House. This position would be ideal for a couple and includes a rent-free two-bedroom (tax deductible) apartment. Major duties include cleaning of common areas, renting suites and minor maintenance items.

For a full job description or to forward your resume, please visit our website at [www.elimlethbridge.ca](http://www.elimlethbridge.ca)

Closing date for applications is February 23.

A colorful poster for kindergarten registration. On the left is a photo of a smiling young girl with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow dress with ruffles and a colorful beaded necklace. She is also wearing a paper crown decorated with a rainbow and clouds. The background of the poster is light blue with a smiling sun, a rainbow, and clouds. The text on the right side of the poster reads: "2024-2025" in white on a dark blue background, "REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN" in pink outlined letters on a yellow background, "JANUARY 22, 2024" in dark blue, "CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION" in white, and "K-12" in dark blue. At the bottom, on a dark blue background, is contact information: "(403) 327-4223", "director@immanuelcs.ca", and "www.societyforchristianeducation.org". To the right of the text are three circular icons: a telephone, an envelope, and a globe. Further right is the Immanuel Christian Schools logo, which features a stylized figure of a person with arms raised, and the text "Immanuel Christian Schools".

Kindergarten registration opens on **Monday, January 22, 2024**. Immanuel Christian Elementary School offers full day kindergarten in two different classes: Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Wednesday, along with some Fridays. Preference for days will be given on a first applied, first served basis. There is busing available for Kindergarten students.

If you have questions, please call ICES at (403) 317-7860.

Friends of Immanuel Dessert Evening  
featuring award-winning speaker Phil Callaway

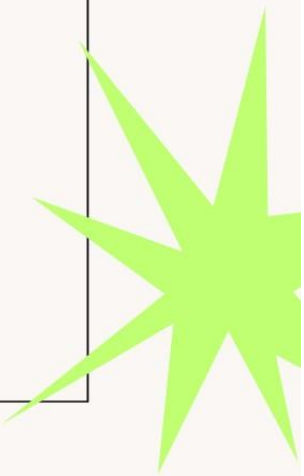


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