

Offering Schedule March & April 2020

Date	Planned Offering	Bulletin Announcement
March 1	Canadian Ministries	Canadian Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church coordinates the work of the denomination in Canada. It also oversees a variety of ministries that arise out of Canada's unique experience and history. These include: the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue, which addresses various levels of government on social justice issues; Urban Aboriginal Ministry Centres in Edmonton, Regina and Winnipeg, where holistic ministry takes place within the aboriginal communities; ecumenical involvement in a number of task forces under an umbrella known as "Kairos: Canadian
March 8	World Renew - Canadian Foodgrains Bank	Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of Canadian churches and church-based agencies working to end global hunger. World Renew has been richly blessed to be part of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank since its beginning in 1984. That's more than 30 years of grains harvested across Canada to support communities around the world, more than 30 years of partnership with Christian churches and church-based organizations, and more than 30 years of effectively responding to hunger worldwide. https://foodgrainsbank.ca/
March 15	Calvin Theological Seminary	Calvin Theological Seminary is about preparing faithful, creative and compassionate leaders who will nurture disciples, renew churches and be bearers of shalom to a world in turmoil. Its Reformed approach to theological <u>education uniquely equips students to face the</u>
March 22	Youth and Teen Group	Teen club (Grades 7-8) is a place where middle school youth gather to connect in community, have fun playing some games together and learn from the Bible. Teen Club meets Monday nights from 7 to 9 pm in the church gym. Youth group is a place where high school students gather every Tuesday night. Every Tuesday night we participate in some team building games, enjoy a yummy snack and dive into a Bible study and discussion.

<p>March 29</p>	<p>World Renew - Refugee Sunday</p>	<p>Refugees live in exile, in danger and are some of the world's most vulnerable; they need your support, compassion and interest. There are more than 45 million refugees worldwide. Only 1% will be welcomed into a new country. Canada is unique among nations that welcome refugees because it is the only country that allows sponsorship of refugees by private organizations. World Renew is one of the Canadian agencies that has been granted a sponsorship agreement by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. World Renew's sponsorship agreement allows CRC congregations in Canada to sponsor refugees. http://www.worldrenew.net/refugeesponsorshipnk</p>
<p>April 5 (Palm Sunday)</p>	<p>Ministry Shares 2/6</p>	<p>The money you give to Ministry Shares provides more than \$22 million each year to fund programs that enable your church to start new churches, train pastors and leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism, and much more. In fact, 85 cents of every \$1 raised through Ministry Shares goes directly into ministry programs. Ministry Shares provides about 40% of the budgets for CRC mission agencies, 50% of the budget for Calvin Theological Seminary, and between 60% and 95% of the budgets for CRC Congregational Services. Tha</p>
<p>April 10 - Good Friday</p>	<p>Missionary Fund (2/4)</p>	<p>The Missionary Fund goes towards supporting Steve and Kim Holtrop in Nicaragua at: https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/support/our-missionaries/steve-and-kim-holtrop and Salaam 2.0 who equips members of the CRCNA in Canada to confidently engage their Muslim neighbours https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/salaam</p>
<p>April 12 - Easter Sunday</p>	<p>Resonate Global Mission 1/3</p>	<p>People all over the world are hungry to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and it is our mission to live and share that good news. The Christian Reformed Church has a rich history of sending missionaries, planting churches, engaging students through campus ministry & international schools, and a passion for fulfilling the great commission. Through this transformational work, we amplify Christ's love in every direction. Together, we can reach across cultural barriers and forge partnerships within new communities of faith both here in North America and around the globe. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pursue this mission together. www.resonateglobalmission.org</p>

April 19	Carpenter's Hospice	<p>Carpenter Hospice is a home in the heart of Burlington that offers both residential-based care to people in the last stages of their lives, and community-based programs for people dealing with grief or a life-limiting illness. It lets residents spend their final days together with loved ones in an environment that is peaceful, comfortable and meaningful. It is staffed by a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers who provide compassionate palliative care to meet residents' every need and ensure that each moment matters.</p> <p>Since opening in May 2002, the Carpenter Hospice has served more than 2,500 residents who have ranged in age from 21 to 103 years.</p> <p>www.thecarpenterhospice.com</p>
April 26	GEMS	<p>Every Thursday evening during the school year, Faith church hosts around 60 girls from our church and neighbourhood. The girls, under the leadership of amazing volunteers, learn more about Christ's love for them, worship and participate in crafts and fun activities. The GEMS girls are currently supporting the Esther school in Zambia and are learning how to reach out in love in their neighbourhoods, schools and around the world! Today's offering will help fund our local club as well as GEMS clubs worldwide.</p>