

What to Expect?

*Worship, music, singing, joy, fellowship,
good food and, yes, learning.*

Who Should Attend?

*All active Christians who love God and care
about their neighbour.*

The Theme of the Day?

'Reconciliation'

*There are many ways people can be alienated
from each other in this broken world but
only God can make it whole.*



Reconciliation, a sculpture by de Vasconcellos

*... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,
The second is this 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*

Mark 12:29-31

TO REGISTER, send an email to ineke@neutel.ca or anitahogeveen@gmail.com with DOE in the subject line.

Please, include the following information:

1. Your name and phone number
2. Home church, town
3. Specify the preferred workshops by using the codes on the reverse side of this pamphlet - one selection for each time slot, e.g., A-2, B-3, C-1.

Cost: \$20, if registering before March 28.

\$30, If first registration is on site.

Payment to be made on arrival. If possible, have exact cash ready.

For more information, or if you prefer to register by phone, please phone:

Ineke Neutel at (613) 731-7141 or

Anita Hogeveen at (613) 292-9984

Agenda for the day:

8:30 Registration / Continental breakfast



9:00 **Welcome, worship, music**

9:30 Keynote speaker

10:00 1st Break

10:15 Workshop #1

11:10 2nd Break

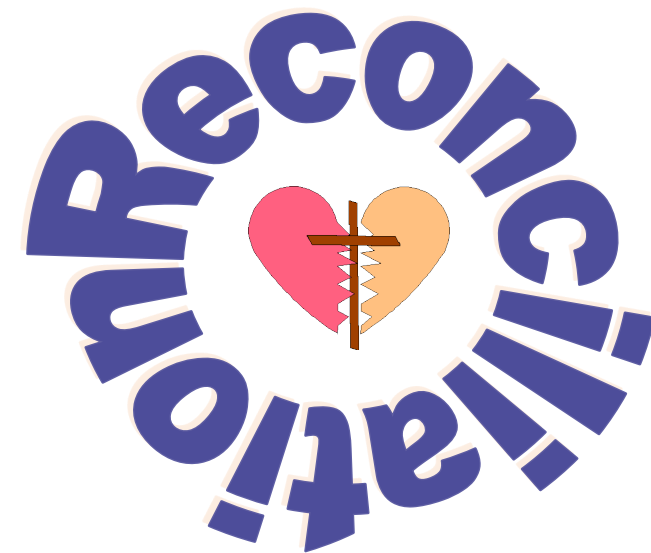
11:25 Workshop #2

12:20 Lunch / fellowship / exhibits

1:15 Workshop #3

2:45 Indigenous inspired prayers for hope and reconciliation.

Day of Encouragement



8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Sat. April 2, 2016

at
Calvin CRC
1475 Merivale Road
Ottawa, Ont.

Classis
Eastern Canada - west

Workshops

Morning (10:15-11:10)

A-1. Giftedness Do you have questions or wonder about the gifts God has given you? Come, discover the unique gift mix he has given each of us to serve him and others. Michelle de Pooter

A-2. Tools for conflict resolution. Within our churches are many people with different backgrounds, interests and personalities who need to work together. We will discuss how understanding these differences provides the tools to resolve conflicts. Anita Hogeveen

A-3. Physician assisted death (PAD). In Feb 2015 the Supreme Court struck down laws dealing with PAD. What should CRC Christians advise regarding new laws dealing with PAD? After a short intro, we will debate what our message needs to be. Ineke Neutel

A-4. Prayers for Restoration. We live in a broken world, where relationships, feelings and physical health can become broken. If we deeply believe that Jesus Christ saves and heals, we need to pray into the broken places. This workshop will include lots of prayer time.

Cathy van Arragon

Morning (11:25-12:20)

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B-2. Tools for conflict resolution. Within our churches are many people with different backgrounds, interests and personalities who need to work together. We will discuss how understanding these differences provides the tools to resolve conflicts. (See A-2) Anita Hogeveen

B-3. Connecting and communicating with Muslims How do we effectively communicate the gospel to our Muslim neighbours? Join us to explore ways in which churches can connect with Muslims and will provide practical tools and resources to help churches interested in Muslim outreach. Stories from the Mission Montreal ministry will also be shared. Chad Polito

B-4. Psalms as Manifesto for Mission. How can the honesty of the Psalms serve as a foundation to understanding what it means to be 'present' in our culture? With stories from the University, Chaplain Sid Ypma uses the Psalms to learn about meeting people in their own space.

Sid Ypma

Workshops (cont'd)

Afternoon (1:15-2:45)

C-1. Welcoming Refugees. Motivated by God's call to welcome the stranger, churches in Classis Eastern Canada are seeking ways to walk alongside refugees and welcome them to Canada. Come and share your experiences so that we can learn from each other and explore how our refugee engagement can reflect Christ's love. Rebecca Walker

C-2. Learning from difficult pastor-church separations. There has been a rise in difficult pastor-congregation separations. How shall we understand this, and how does the understanding inform our responses? Norm Thomasma

C-3. Sharing your faith story Are you at a loss for words when there is an opportunity to share the story of God's work in your life? Would you like to be more prepared to tell your faith story? In this workshop, we will look at the components and principles of telling our story, write out our story and practice telling it in small groups. Sheila Murphy

C4: Reconciling with our Indigenous Neighbours: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has revealed the truth about broken relations between Indigenous people and Settlers. We'll come together in a sharing circle (a common Indigenous practice) to reflect on the gifts of culture and identity in God's hope-filled call to reconciliation.

Mike Hogeterp and Shannon Perez



Biographies

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Jane Porter. Pastor Jane is a pastor in Orillia CRC. Her special gift is in bringing the word.

Michelle de Pooter is a chaplain with Ministry to Seafarers in Montreal. She is currently finishing her Masters degree in Global Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Anita Hogeveen has degrees in Conflict Resolution and Public Ethics from St Paul University in Ottawa. She is very active with her local church's calling committee and is also Diaconal Ministry Developer for Classis Eastern Canada.

Food by the Pinck lady. Anna Pinck has once again been found willing to prepare her delicious food for us. Thanks, Anna.

Biographies (cont'd)

Mike Hogeterp is Chair of the CRC's Doctrine of Discovery Task Force and director of the Centre for Public Dialogue, a justice and reconciliation ministry of the CRC.

Sheila Murphy currently works as an Outreach Ministry Developer for Classis Eastern Canada, which involves working with churches to become more community aware and support new ministries. She is also active in Dragon boat racing by breast cancer survivors.

Ineke Neutel has an MA in Public Ethics and is especially interested in ethics related to health or health care. As you probably already gathered, she is also active in organizing the DOE and deacon days in CEC.

Shannon Perez is Canadian Ministries' Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer. She provides staff support to the Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee and fosters leadership among congregations for reconciliation and right relationships with our Indigenous neighbours. Shannon is a member of the Sayisi Dene First Nation, and lives in Winnipeg.

Chad Polito is Director of Ministries, Christian Direction which is a Montréal based urban ministry. Chad joined the team of Mission Montreal (a unique partnership between CRCNA and Christian Direction).

Norm Thomasma was appointed director of Pastor-Church (P-CR) Relations in January of 2009. He manages the work of the P-CR program and is often consults with congregations challenged by difficult transitions or relationships.

Cathy van Arragon has been prayer coordinator for classis Eastern Canada for two years. In a previous life she was an elementary school teacher for many years.

Rebecca Walker is the Coordinator for the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program, World Renew. She encourages, supports and provides resources for CRC churches across Canada to sponsor and resettle refugees. She also encourages churches to be involved in justice issues around refugee rights.

Sid Ypma. Pastor Sid is a Christian Reformed Pastor and Chaplain at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University.

Worship and Devotions: We are blessed to have the talented Mike and Mel Vlaming from Renfrew lead us in music and worship.