

# MINISTRY 2021

## MINISTRY SHARES UPDATE

Dear Council Members,

**Thank you** for the faithful and generous financial support that your congregation has given to Resonate Global Mission over the years! Whether through ministry shares, supporting a specific ministry, or giving through offerings, you have a reverberating effect that reaches both around the corner and around the world.

We know your church will be prayerfully considering what to give toward denominational mission work as the ministry shares program is changing. **Your committed giving through offerings to Resonate and through ministry shares multiplies mission work around the world.**

What's more, Resonate can help **deepen** your passion for mission, **strengthen** your capacity to follow God on mission, and **amplify** the impact you and your church have in your neighborhood and around the world. We can do more together than we can on our own!

The vision that unites us: we want to see communities of disciples joining in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

**By engaging with God's mission through Resonate, your church is joining a bigger story of worldwide mission.** Thank you for your generosity, and for providing a full network of support for ministry leaders both in North America and around the world.

### In Your Neighbourhood

Your church is **sent**, and Resonate's regional staff can provide personalized coaching and consulting to help you join God's mission right where he has placed you.

### Around the World

Your church is a **sender**, helping people join God's mission in whatever place he's called them to go. Through volunteer trips, supporting sons and daughters of your congregation, or partnering with others, Resonate can help your church be a part of the worldwide body of Christ!

### YOUR GIVING DOES MORE THROUGH RESONATE

Your mission workers need more than a cheque—they need partners in ministry, like you, and support from Resonate. That's why ministry shares and offerings have such an impact. Your support enables:

- Coaching and consultation to help Christian Reformed churches join God's mission in their neighbourhoods
- Church planting and revitalization
- Campus ministry
- Missionaries working in more than 40 countries
- Continuing education and training for mission workers
- Resources during the COVID-19 emergency
- Vital support for missionaries including logistical support and schooling for missionary kids
- Networks of prayer, care, and pastoral support
- A way for your church to send sons and daughters of your congregation whom God has called to mission

### MINISTRY SHARES LAY A SOLID FOUNDATION

Your ministry share giving is important because ministry leaders depend on the solid foundation of your support and partnership. Your gifts fund a worldwide network of prayer and support! Currently, ministry shares provide just over 34% of Resonate's total income. This form of shared giving is why your church is able to do more than you could alone.

See how your church sends missionaries around the world, starts new churches, trains pastors and leaders, extends the gospel, and much more at [www.crcna.org/ministryshares](http://www.crcna.org/ministryshares). Resources available here would make a great introduction for new members to your church council.

### GIFTS AND OFFERINGS BUILD COMMUNITY

When you partner with Resonate, you are a part of a global body of Christ. You work with those who serve, teach, encourage, and lead people in faith. That's the bigger picture your church can be a part of through your gifts and offerings!

By working together with ministry partners around the world, we build community and capacity for mission—your giving goes further through Resonate!

### COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Right now, ministry leaders worldwide are putting their efforts toward responding and adapting to the new needs they find in their communities.

We are grateful that you are walking this journey with them—**you are helping to introduce people to “the God of all comfort**, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

These words from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 give us a picture of the role a mission agency can play during a pandemic. **You are making it possible for people both around the corner and around the world to discover and deepen their faith** through your gifts and prayers.

Responding to the coronavirus pandemic has been a massive undertaking and, through Resonate, **you are joining a global effort to ensure that ministry continues**. Your faithful giving has provided emergency assistance to missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other mission workers:

- Counseling and pastoral support
- Emergency grant funding for ministry support
- Special grant funding for new outreach projects
- Technology grant funding for ministry to move online
- Assistance in accessing emergency government programs

On behalf of ministry leaders in more than 40 countries, **we thank you for standing with us and declaring that gospel mission is essential**.

Serving with you,



Kevin DeRaaf  
Acting Canada Director



### CHURCH OFFERINGS

As you look to the new ministry season and review the calendar, we ask that you continue to support both the international and domestic work of Resonate. Synod encourages churches to take offerings for Resonate on the following dates:

**September 13, 2020**

*The beginning of Mission Emphasis Week*

**September 20, 2020**

*The end of Mission Emphasis Week*

**April 4, 2021**

*Easter*

**May 23, 2021**

*Pentecost*

This year, we have received a myriad of requests for special and emergency support for ministry during COVID-19. Will you please prayerfully consider increasing your gifts so that Resonate ministry leaders will be able to respond, adapt, and continue proclaiming and living out the gospel?

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