

<p>Session 2 &amp; 3</p>	<p>Faith in Action Bus Tour</p> <p>** folks need to choose a workshop in the first session  ***additional fee of \$10  ****Lunch is included on the trip.</p>	<p>The bus tour will visit 2 sites and introduce participants to 4 ministries in the Hamilton/Burlington area.</p> <p>Stop 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Inclusion Coffeehouse:</b> The coffeehouse is staffed by members of L'Arche Hamilton, an organization made up of people with and without intellectual disabilities whose goal is to “create a city where everyone belongs”. Discover their unique approach to business and employment and enjoy a delicious lunch.</li> <li>● <b>Acts 5:</b> Acts 5 is a discipleship community that offers an 8-month Christian Gap Year program (for 18-20 year olds) and a Residency program (for 21-30 year olds) based out of a big community home in Hamilton. Together they live, learn, work, and worship while travelling and adventuring across Ontario and North America.</li> </ul> <p>Stop 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>New Hope CRC:</b> New Hope is an emerging church with a heart for their neighbourhood, relying on God as they discern where He is leading. Discover the many facets of this ministry and community including their community consensus model, social enterprise (New Hope Bikes), their unique space in a renovated bar, as well as their relationship with Indwell.</li> <li>● <b>Indwell:</b> Indwell is a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness, and belonging. Their Perkins Centre is on the same site as New Hope CRC and hosts 46 studio apartments, as well as social and rental space.</li> </ul>	
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Workshop 1 – 9:30am to 10:45am

Session	Stream	Workshop Title	Workshop Description	Presenters
1.1	CE/M	<p>Everyday Discipleship: Becoming a Family on Mission  <i>*1st of series of 3 workshop – take them all or as a stand-alone</i></p>	<p>Caesar and his wife Tina will share best practices and tools, along with stories of success (and failure), to get you started and heading in the right direction. This will be a practical "starting with the basics" session (or “re-booting” if need be) that begins right where you’re at and helps you plan next steps toward living as a family on mission.</p>	Caesar & Tina Kalinowski
1.2	LD	So You are a Deacon ...now what?	<p>This workshop is for new Deacons to learn about their role, yet experienced Deacons will also be able to share their insights with those who are new and will walk away refreshed. We will take a closer look at the Charge to the Deacons (ie. Deacons Mandate) and look at practical examples of how that is worked out in your church. Anyone who is interested in the work that deacons do - elders, pastors, or any congregational member - are also encouraged to attend. This workshop has had great reviews; you will leave revitalized in your role!</p>	Ron Vanden Brink, National Director, Diaconal Ministries Canada

**Stream:** CE/M = Community Engagement/Mission; GM = Global Missions; JUS = Justice; YA = Young Adults; STEW = Stewardship; BEN = Benevolence; DIV = Diversity; LD = Leadership Development

1.3	BEN	Helping without Harming in Church Benevolence	<p>Many churches struggle when faced with requests for financial help. Often the church does not have a clear understanding of how to appropriately respond and react and so they resort to meeting the 'immediate' need(s). In some cases this could be the correct response, but in other situations this neglects to address the underlying root causes. The latter could contribute to greater dependency, where in effect, the church might be playing an enabling role rather than an empowering role.</p> <p>This workshop will help the church be better prepared to walk alongside individuals or households, bringing positive and long-lasting changes to their lives and ultimately contributing to them being restored to all that God intends them as image-bearers. This workshop may not give specific solutions but will help deacons learn the right questions to ask which will lead to a better pathway in dealing with requests.</p>	Mark Vanderwees, Regional Ministry Developer, Diaconal Ministries Canada
1.4	LD?	Thriving Essentials	<p>There are some things every ministry leader should know and live into, regardless of role. Whether your church is in a time of transition or stability, the Thriving Essentials course is a new way to get all of your ministry leaders—elders and deacons, volunteers and staff, new and long-time members—aligned on core concepts of <b>mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership</b>. This course can provide refreshing insights and serve as a springboard to deeper conversations about ministry in your local context. This workshop will provide an overview of the full course and will help your church discern if and how it could benefit you in your local context.</p>	Elaine May, Congregational Renewal Leader, Thrive
1.5		A church into the future	<p>The road behind us is not the same as the road ahead of us. As we imagine what church should and could look like in 2025 and beyond, what do we need to know? Let's find some great examples together of what the church is ready for.</p>	<p>Beth Fellingner, Regional Mission Leader (Resonate Global Mission), Pastor, ...</p> <p>and others</p>
1.6		Contextualization in Indigenous Ministry	<p>Indigenous Ministry in Canada is centred around <i>communities of belonging</i>: spaces where there is unconditional acceptance and relationships of belonging are built, while undoing assumptions of the superiority of one culture over others. <i>Contextualized</i> expressions of the gospel are truly <i>good news</i> for those who have had to adapt to the practices of others, and leave behind their beautiful cultural distinctions to fit into the dominant narratives of how to belong in the church. Instead, they are free to embrace their Creator-shaped gifts, and share them (where appropriate) for the benefit of the full Body of Christ.</p>	Canadian Indigenous Ministries Committee

			This panel of practitioners of contextualized Indigenous Ministry will share stories of the good work being done alongside Indigenous communities across Canada, as well as reconciliation learning opportunities within CRC congregations. Come learn from them and consider how to create communities of belonging in your own contexts.	
1.7	CE/M	Be a Peter not a Paul	Peter the apostle served through the church as a missionary to the community. Paul's apostolic mission was to plant churches. <i>What can we learn from Peter's experience in mission?</i> What practices are more suited to pastors, elders, and ministry leaders who already serve churches with traditions they cherish and that have long-time members <i>and</i> new believers, existing facilities, and limited resources? Maybe being like Paul on mission seems intimidating. What can we learn from being more like Peter?	Martin Spoelstra, Local Mission Leader, Classis Quinte (Resonate Global Mission), Pastor of Discovery Church, Bowmanville, ON
1.8	YA	Deeper Discipleship Campus Ministry	How deep is your church's discipleship? Have you ever felt like it was just scratching the surface? In this interactive workshop led by campus ministry leaders, we will look at four (4) levels of discipleship and then we will train you to lead two (2) life changing discipleship programs: huddles and one-to-one discipleship. If you want to go deeper, join us!	Steve and Julia Kooy, Campus Pastors at Momentum Campus Ministries and Geneva House
1.9	CE/M	Start with what you want!	What if your congregation doesn't need to start a completely new program to reach your neighbours? This session will offer practical, take-home resources that you can use to assess the ways you're already currently loving your neighbours and sharing the gospel with them and help you design ways to grow in your Congregational Gospel Witness.	Amy Schenkel Congregational Gospel Witness Leader, Resonate
Break – 10:45am-11:05				
Bus leaves for Faith in Action tour!				
Workshop 2 – 11:05-12:20				
2.1		Everyday Discipleship: Making Disciples in Everyday Rhythms  <i>*2nd of series of 3 workshop – take them all or as a stand-alone</i>	Discipleship is the only mission that Jesus gave his Church, and therefore must be lived out in every day, real life ways. It is not an add-on to our life or a series of classes we attend. Discipleship is always happening and God has already given you and everyone you know natural rhythms in life that are <i>perfectly</i> suited for discipleship!	Caesar and Tina Kalinowski
2.2	LD	So you are a Deacon... now what?	This workshop is for new Deacons to learn about their role, yet experienced Deacons will also be able to share their insights with those who are new and will walk away refreshed. We will take a closer look at the Charge to the Deacons (ie. Deacons Mandate) and look at practical examples of how that is worked out in your church. Anyone	Mark Vanderwees, Regional Ministry Developer, Diaconal Ministries Canada

		<i>*duplicate of session 1.2</i>	who is interested in the work that deacons do - elders, pastors, or any congregational member - are also encouraged to attend. This workshop has had great reviews; you will leave revitalized in your role!	
2.3	CE/M	(Welcome to..) Community CRC?	Many churches have the word 'Community' in their name yet admit that developing a community connection is difficult. In this workshop, you will be introduced to key steps in building relationships and partnerships with local partners. The facilitator will walk you through how to discover what local resources exist (explore) and how to partner with them (discern). You will leave with ideas on how to begin a conversation with community stakeholders from which a relationship can be fostered. Through this process of identifying priorities, discovering gifts, maximizing resources, and addressing gaps, your church will be mobilized in your local neighbourhood so that Jesus may be known by your faithful and active presence.	Ron Vanden Brink, National Director, Diaconal Ministries Canada
2.4	GM	Mission Trips Reformed? The Future for Short-Term Volunteering in Mission	During the latter part of the 20th century through to 2020, the number of short-term mission trips and the amount of funds spent sending these groups exploded leading many to question their purpose and efficacy. In this workshop we will explore the good, the bad, and the ugly of short-term missions and learn how Resonate Global Mission is providing important opportunities for North American Christians, including you and your church, to reform our understanding of mission and to engage with the global church.	Gillian Bruce, Volunteer Ministries Group Coordinator (Resonate Global Mission)
2.5	LD	Meaningful Retreats	In this interactive workshop, we will begin by deepening our understanding of why retreats are essential. We'll explore the questions: <i>What are we retreating from, and what are we retreating to?</i> Participants will share insights from past retreats, discussing the spaces, rhythms, and goals that have made these experiences impactful. The workshop will also provide a practical outline for planning and hosting your own retreats. Whether large or small, retreats offer valuable opportunities for renewal. This session will equip you with some wisdom and tools needed to create meaningful experiences for others.	Anita Plat-Kuiken, Local Mission Leader, Classis Ontario Southwest (Resonate Global Mission), Outreach Ministry Developer, Diaconal Coach with Diaconal Ministries Canada, and Spiritual Director
2.6	JUS	Justice: An Everyday Spiritual Journey	We all know justice is important, but how do we make it a part of our everyday lives? And with so many injustices in the world, where can we and our churches start to respond? This workshop unpacks how the bible talks about peace, justice and mercy, identifies how exploitive structures cause injustice, and explores how advocacy and reconciliation can bring change and healing. Participants will be equipped with an action plan to take home to help them identify what areas of justice to engage with in their personal lives, communities, and congregations.	Cindy Stover, Justice Mobilization Program Manager – Canada, CRCNA

2.7		Intentional Missions with Spanish Speaking Communities	This workshop is designed to inspire Spanish-speaking leaders and helpers to engage in intentional and impactful missions within their communities. Focused on the unique needs and opportunities present in Spanish-speaking contexts, the workshop will cover practical strategies for outreach, evangelism, and community building that are culturally relevant and spiritually transformative. This workshop is ideal for pastors, church leaders, ministry coordinators, and any individuals passionate about missions within the Spanish-speaking world.	Gabriella and Peter Carrion
2.8	YA	Moving Faith Forward – the Young Adult perspective	Come and participate with six (6) Redeemer students as they share a workshop with you on how to move faith forward for young adults. What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ and to live fully into your story of faith?	Redeemer Students
2.9	LD	Healthy Conflict Workshop	We experience disagreements and conflicts regularly in our lives and in the church. "Healthy conflict" probably isn't how we would describe them. What if there was a constructive way for us to handle our disagreements that both honours God and the other person? This workshop will discuss the realities of conflict and offer some tools to work through our differences.	Derek Bouma, Specialized Transitional Minister in Southwestern Ontario, certified Clergy Coach
Lunch Break – 12:20pm – 1:35pm				
Workshop 3 – 1:35-2:50				
3.1		Everyday Discipleship: From Acquaintance to Disciple  <i>*3rd of series of 3 workshops – take them all or as a stand-alone</i>	You'll learn how to find the people (believers and not-yets) who will make up or add to your missional community and become new disciples in your life. And how the <i>right</i> people already WANT to be with you!	Caesar and Tina Kalinowski
3.2	BEN	Developing Benevolence Guidelines	Clearly defined benevolence guidelines will help your entire church and diaconate focus its time and resources. Through this workshop, your diaconate will know when to spend a significant amount of time with a need or when to refer an individual/family to other community agencies. Sharing these guidelines with the church pastor, staff, and elders will also help your entire leadership know how to respond to requests they encounter. If your diaconate already has developed guidelines, bring them along so we can review them with you! Ongoing evaluation will allow your diaconate to make changes and updates that will serve your church and community well.	Mark Vanderwees, Regional Ministry Developer, Diaconal Ministries Canada

3.3	CE/M	Refocus, Reimagine, Restart	Are you feeling stuck in your call to mission within your church context? Come, find a place to reimagine how mission could unfold as you refocus your thinking about what is possible even in the midst of current situations.	Pastor Beth Fellingner, Resonate Regional Leader, Canada East and Barry Fellingner, Consultant and Author
3.4	DIV, CE/M	Welcoming Newcomers and Embracing Diversity in our Congregation	As our communities evolve and expand, we are witnessing an increasing population of immigrants and a growing emphasis on diversity. It is crucial for churches to be equipped to build inclusive and vibrant communities. Through a combination of personal stories, practical training, and interactive activities, participants will learn how to create an inclusive and hospitable environment that reflects Christ's love.	Mark Jallim, Local Mission Leader with Diaspora Speciality, Pastor of Living Hope (with Nassar and <u>Sylvie Charliekaram</u> , Peter Carrion)
3.5	YA	Transformative Community Life for Young Adult Discipleship	Come hear a panel of young adults who have chosen to experience intentional Christian community as part of their discipleship journey. Facilitated by Pastor Willemina Zwart, the executive Director of SOCO Beach Project, the three young panelists will reflect on the challenges as well as benefits of their respective experiences. These community experiences include Conrad Grebel, Act Five, and SOCO.	Willemina Zwart, Local Mission Leader, Classis Hamilton (Resonate Global Mission) Director of South Coast Beach Project
3.6	CE/M	Postures and Practices for Loving Our Neighbours - The Journey of Go Local	This interactive workshop begins with the premise that Jesus meant it when he said, "Love your neighbour as yourself." We'll delve into what it takes to fully embrace this command, reflecting on what we need to process and release in order to genuinely love our neighbours - especially those who may look, act, or believe differently than we do. Together, we'll explore the challenges of loving others and discuss how we can share the gifts that come from our faith in Christ. These practices not only deepen our personal faith and reliance on God but also serve to bring goodness to our neighbours.	Anita Plat-Kuiken, Local Mission Leader, Classis Ontario Southwest (Resonate Global Mission), Outreach Ministry Developer, Diaconal Coach with Diaconal Ministries Canada, and Spiritual Director
3.7	GM, JUS	Being a Global Neighbour	What does it mean to be a global neighbour and responding to injustice? This workshop starts with a brief exploration of seeing people as image-bearers of God and moving into why justice matters and how we as Christ-followers can respond to needs as we encounter them.	Chris Orme, Director Church and Community Engagement, World Renew Chidi Nwene, World Renew
3.8	YA	Leadership Field Notes: The Fundamental Questions - How do I Grow as a Christian Leader and How do I Develop Leaders?	Christian leadership is complex and challenging but also joyful and life-affirming. It incorporates worldview, vision, healthy personal and structural relationships and real-world strategies. In his discussion/workshop, Michael will share 'field notes' from the program he employs with developing student leaders at McMaster and the insights gleaned from those mentoring relationships.	Micheal Fallon: Chaplain, McMaster University (Hamilton, ON); Director of 'All Things', CRC Ministry @ McMaster; founding member of McMaster's Spiritual Care and Learning Centre

3.9		Church Planting 101	<p>We are living in a time filled with exciting opportunities to demonstrate, proclaim, and embody the gospel in fresh ways for many who will encounter it for the first time.</p> <p>Church planting is one of the important ways that the CRC is able to do this. Find out how in this workshop!</p>	Tim Sheridan, Resonate Church Planting Lead
Bus Tour Arrives Back to Church				
Closing – 2:50 – 3:50pm				
Dismissal 3:50pm				