

**NADC
PURPOSE
STATEMENT:**

To encourage and challenge the growth of justice, compassion, mercy, and stewardship among God's people in the Christian Reformed Churches of Classis Alberta North

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**NEXT NADC Full
Board Meeting: 2019**

October 1 @ In
Lacombe &
October 3 @ The
King's University.

Refugee Settlement: In response to a question about refugee settlement, the Mayor of Dawson City, Yukon just responded: "Canadians are born all over the world, it just sometimes takes them a bit of time to get here." Humans find themselves in a time of global pressures facing large populations. Canada has been seen as a safe haven to escape issues like war, famine, climate change and political persecution. Recent policy changes in the United States have decreased that countries response to providing refuge for people looking for a new start. In my opinion, Canada should stand strong in its policies and role to continue to welcome as many refugees as possible. Groups like World Renew, Centre for Public Dialogue, Citizens for Public Justice and Kairos Canada have all lead the way in providing support for refugees and advocating to the government on their behalf. Our CRC churches have partnered and been integral to changing numerous lives over the past forty years and for that we want to celebrate! We are also approaching a time of federal elections and so it is as important, now as ever, to make our voices heard. In this newsletter you will find more details to events coming this fall that you can be a part of.

- ⇒ **Citizens for Public Justice:** CPJ is a faithful voice for social justice in Canadian public policy focused primarily on poverty in Canada, ecological justice and refugee rights. CPJ's fall tour will provide a non-partisan look at major issues leading up the fall federal election. Willard Metzger, director of CPJ, will be in Edmonton on **September 11th** to speak about getting engaged in the political process and why it's important to do so. <https://cpj.ca/events/cpj-fall-tour-edmonton-ab>
- ⇒ **Social Justice Initiative @ The River CRC:** Join the congregation at 10:30 AM on Sunday **September 15th** for Social Justice Sunday, to hear about Human Trafficking in Canada. This is an issue that is not often talked about and its existence is not well known amongst the general public. Organizations working on the ground will be present to help people understand and connect.
- ⇒ **Tools for Reconciliation:** A local company named Naheyawin, led by Jacquelyn and Hunter Cardinal, are putting on a workshop that is looking to empower people and their capacity for reconciliation. This day long workshop will teach tools for those looking to do their part in mending relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The workshop has optional dates of **September 28, October 26, November 23 and December 14**. Check Eventbrite for details and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tools-for-reconciliation-tickets-69667311805>
- ⇒ **World Renew, Joint Ministry Committee meetings:** Most often, JMC meetings, are not advertised widely and tend to occur in Eastern Canada or USA. On September 27 & 28th however, they will be held in Edmonton, AB. This is the meeting of the World Renew board, directors and leaders who work and guide the ministry of World Renew. Along side their meetings, there will be an opportunity for deacons and ambassadors to meet the JMC group, hear about what is happening and be able to share news with your churches. Save the date for **Saturday September 28th**. Breakfast will take place at 8:00 AM, at West End CRC, 10015 - 149 Street. Please rsvp to gerda.kits@kingsu.ca by September 14th.
- ⇒ **City of Edmonton Change for Climate:** This event will take place **October 3rd at 5:30 PM** and will feature guest speakers from a variety of different disciplines that relate to climate. At the home page, scroll down to find the event announcement and much more. <https://changeformclimate.ca>
- ⇒ NADC meeting dates on the sidebar are not confirmed yet but will take place near those dates. You can pencil them in and watch for email announcements once the dates, times and locations are confirmed. Any questions can be forwarded to yournadc@gmail.com

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Current events in Classis AB North:

CRCNA and CAN - October 18 & 19 - Classis meetings will be held in St. Albert.

Creators Sacrifice: Contact journadc@gmail.com for details. This art exhibit resource is one way for your community to continue to respond to the TRC calls to action.

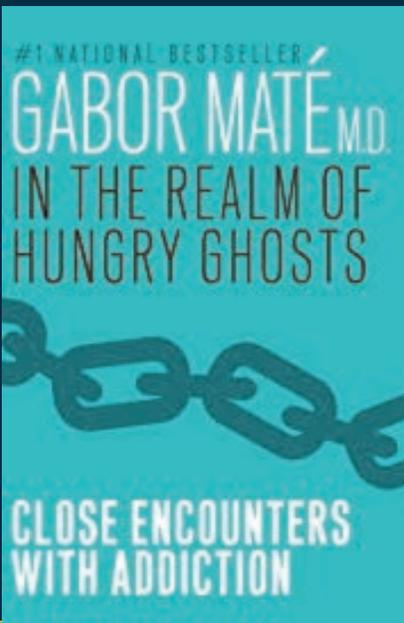
Links:

www.prosandconsprogram.com
Music with reformative power.

Coffee with DMD:

Every second Thursday of the month at the Carrot Café 10 AM and every third Thursday of the month at Second Cup at 7 PM (101 Ave + 75 St).

Books: Dr. Mate is a talented story teller and writer. I was taken by the explanations of struggle and care that he shared about his patients, community and self. Learning about the many complexities of addiction, how we all face some aspects of it and what we need to do to prevent and heal from it was fascinating. At times it gets into deep descriptions of human physiology and brain biology but Mate does a great job of trying to pull out the most important things for readers to consider.



- ⇒ **Kairos Canada:** Is participating in **September as Climate Action Month**. Check out their webpage for a full calendar of planning and access to many great resources for your own personal use or with your diaconate, committee or small group. <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-is-climate-action-month>
- ⇒ The director of Kairos, Jennifer Henry, will be one of our keynote speakers at the Day of Encouragement and Kairos is also holding a western provinces meeting later in the fall. Save the date for an evening **November 22 and Saturday 23** event as well, more details of those events will follow later.
- ⇒ **DOE 2019 - Celebrating 40 years of Refugee Sponsorship:** Registration is open and \$40 super early bird will go until **Sept 9**, \$50 early bird from **Sept 9 to October 16** and \$60 Regular registration from October 16 to Nov.2. Please circulate and feel free to forward the info to those you think would be interested, as well as put it out on your social media. Jennifer Henry and Lewis Cardinal are two of our speakers that will be featured, along with Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo and Rebecca Walker from World Renew. There will be stories from churches, refugee families and more so make sure to put November 2nd on your calendar. The DOE is always an exciting time of learning and growth and if you have gone in the past, consider sharing your experience at church and personally inviting someone who has never gone. www.regonline.ca/doeedmonton2019

The Christ's Breath

I am
A hole in a flute
That the Christ's breath moves through
Listen to the music.
~ Hafiz

- Your NADC pick for this editions "Artist Feature" is **Pros and Cons**. This program helps produce original songs in prisons as a mentorship program focusing on rehabilitation and restorative justice. The lead facilitator is Chris Brown, a Grammy award winner, who has extensive experience in the music industry. He has helped produce two albums with prisoners from the Pittsburgh Institution and the Grand Valley Institution For Women. On both albums, every single note was played, recorded and sung in jail and both albums are free to listen to and download on their website. I was blown away by my favorite song on the Undisclosed Location album called *Lost*. It is an amazing program with real, raw, yet beautiful results. Check it out now at www.prosandconsprogram.com

You can also hear an in depth story about it on CBC's Tapestry. <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/tapestry/prison-music-1.3944575>

In a recent conversation with a gentlemen I met who was on parole, it was moving to hear how he appreciated the small things in life so much. After spending time "inside," the mere fact that day parole gave him some autonomy and choice in life again was deeply cherished. Even in the face of poor conditions in a halfway house and having to endure a night of bedbug bites, this gentleman was speaking about the blessings of just being a part of a healthy community of men again. It made me ponder the many aspects of justice that we can examine in our penal "Justice System." One of those related issues would be housing of parolees and will likely be addressed as part of the National Housing week events in mid November. Watch for further announcements and emails of dates and events from the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative and the government.