



# NEWSLETTER

Deep Connecting  
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September 25, 2022

## Services/Events

**Today:** Abuse Awareness Sunday.  
Oct 2nd: All Nations Heritage Sunday  
Oct 10th: Thanksgiving Day Service, 10AM

## Collections

**Today –** Niagara Christian Gleaners  
Oct 2nd: Shalom Manor  
Oct 9th: Rose City Kids  
Oct 16th: World Renew

**Our Cadets are in need of large metal coffee cans for an upcoming project. If you use these please save the empty ones and put them in the church kitchen.**

**Open Arms Mission Food Bin Item of the month for September: Granola Bars**

## Council Highlights: from September 12th with all members present except one.

- Chair opened with Mark 1. Discussed the importance of taking time with God in listening and silence. Opened with prayer.
- Discussed church archives and types of documents currently being stored downstairs. Clerk, Pastor, and Administrator will review the records in more detail to determine which records should be kept.
- Council reviewed feedback on the samples of more accessible fellowship hall chairs used during the service. Additional feedback is still sought.
- Discussed pulpit supply needs given the present 4 church vacancies in Classis Niagara (Providence, Trinity, Faith Fellowship, Riverside). Motion was carried to include Reformed Church of America pastors in our list of approved pastors to fill pulpit supply needs at Bethany.
- Council received a written reply to our letter previously sent to Cairn Christian School Board. We encourage the Board to uphold the historic Biblical views on human sexuality. Cairn Board thanked us for the letter and indicated they are in the process of drafting clearer statements and guidelines concerning this.
- Discussed the Connect Groups program being rolled out in October. Everyone is encouraged to participate if they are able.
- Noted both GEMS and Cadet programs are in need of a few more leaders. Members are encouraged to consider this opportunity to serve.
- Congregational meeting planned for November 23rd 2022. Closed in prayer.  
Next Council meeting: October 3rd 2022.

**The Table:** Coming up on Saturday, November 5th at 6:00 pm is our first-ever Table Fundraiser Dinner. We would love to have you, our friends, family and partners, join us for an evening of fun, food, prizes and stories. The dinner will be hosted by The Table at the beautiful Club Capri, right here in downtown Thorold. On the menu for the evening is salad, pasta, roasted chicken, dessert, coffee and drinks.

We hope that you and your family/friends can join us -- feel free to come as a group! Tickets are FREE, and it's easy to register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/414862323377>

We're thankful for our generous individual partners who are sponsoring tables to cover the cost of the hall and meals. We're also excited to offer a silent auction with amazing donations.

We look forward to spending this evening with you to share dinner together and some exciting stories happening at The Table.



Insight Biblical Counseling is planning to run a new Uprooting Anger group, September 27th thru November 29th. There will be 10 sessions in total, taking place Tuesday mornings, from 9:30am to 11:30am. The group will be facilitated by Gail DeGiovanni and the cost is \$20 per session + \$25 for course materials. If you are interested but financial constraints are a concern please ask us about alternative financial arrangements. For more information or to register, please email: [info@seekinsight.ca](mailto:info@seekinsight.ca) or call Val at 905-734-4379.



In November 2022, Insight will be hosting a Biblical Counselling Conference entitled, "Difficult, Destructive or Abusive? Helping with Hard Relationships."

When: Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5, 2022

Where: Vineland Free Reformed Church

Conference Sessions/Schedule:

Friday, November 4th – Ministry Leaders Pre-Conference – 3:30PM to 7:30PM

Session: Duty to Report

Coffee & Refreshments

Session: Creating Safety Plans with the Abused

Dinner with Insight Update

Friday, November 4th – Main Conference – 7:30 to 10PM

**Session #1** – Difficult, Destructive, or Abusive? Recognizing and Responding to Oppression in Relationships – Lynn Murray

**Session #2** – A Biblical Look at Headship and Submission – Glen Slingerland

Coffee, Bookstore and Ministry Booths

Saturday, November 5th – Main Conference – 8am to 1PM

Continental Breakfast

Worship Session

**Session #3** Recognizing and Responding to Trauma – Judi Gabai

Break: Coffee & Refreshments

**Session #4** Working with Abusers –Arlene Veenstra

Break: Coffee & Refreshments

**Session #5** Creating a Climate of Care in Your Church – Sharen deWaard

Panel Discussion

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

Complete registration and ticket information is available through eventbrite.

Pricing available for Pre-Conference, Friday Night and/or Saturday only as well and the Full Conference.

Church Rates also Available! Make sure to ask your church if they have a coupon code before booking your tickets!

**GriefShare: 13 Week GriefShare Course** -Note the change from Monday evenings to Tuesday evenings. Zion Free Reformed Church, 1075 Boyle Road, Fenwick invites you to attend GriefShare, every Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m.

**Need support or to talk to someone?**

**Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo 905-386-6719.**

**Bethany also offers members/attendees the following confidential congregationally supported counseling:**

[Insight Biblical Counselling](http://www.seekinsight.ca)

905-734-4379

[www.seekinsight.ca](http://www.seekinsight.ca)

[info@seekinsight.ca](mailto:info@seekinsight.ca)

[Shalem Mental Health Network](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)

905-528-0353 or 1-866-347-0041

[www.shalemnetwork.org](http://www.shalemnetwork.org)



**Church Contact Information: 905-892-8980** Please see Website: [www.bethanycrc.ca](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)