



# THE FRIDGE DOOR

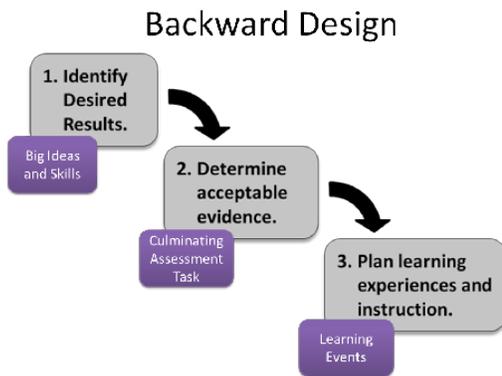
September 13, 2017  
Toronto District Christian High School  
377 Woodbridge Avenue  
Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7

VOL XXIV NO. 1  
(905) 851-1772  
Toll free (855) 663-6632  
Fax (905) 851-9992  
Website: www.tdchristian.ca

Page 1: Nota Bene, New Families/Future Directions/Learn About Resource Meetings, Clothing Drive, Open House  
Page 2: Transportation, Class Schedules, Request for Fundraising, Grade 9 Service Trip  
Page 3: Grade 10 Beacon Trip, Praise & Petition, Music Notes, Guidance  
Page 4: Volunteer Opportunities  
Page 5: Volunteer Opportunities, Homework Club, Mentorship, From the Art Room  
Page 6: Athletics, From the Library  
Page 7: Donations Needed, Croquette Fundraiser Page 8: EF Tours Page 9: Letter from ICS

## Nota Bene

- W. Groot



Two educational gurus, Wiggins and McTighe, in 2005, created the diagram you see to the left. It's about teaching with the end in mind. At TDChristian, our desired result is that students learn for service in the light of God's word -- today and every tomorrow with which they are blessed. Students being enfolded into the community, engaged in learning and empowered to serve God and others beyond the classroom are ways that lead to that desired result. At TDChristian, we are committed to planning ways *daily* for each student to reach that end: "Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them." (Psalm 111:2) Thank you for joining us in this endeavour. As we move through the year, keep abreast of what is going on via the Fridge Door, email blasts and Edsby. Finally, let us know what we are doing well (and tell others, too) and whisper in our ears, ways we can improve. **Open House for Grade 8 Families is October 12 at 7 p.m.**

## New Families, Future Directions, and Learn About Resource Meetings: Thursday, September 14 at 7 p.m.

Come to the Commons at 7 p.m. where we will gather together before splitting up into the *New Families* and *Future Directions* (options for students after high school: see the description under the Guidance section of The Fridge Door) *Meetings*. The *Learn About Resource Meeting* will follow later in the evening. Parents or guardians who attend and fill out a feedback form can earn up to 2.5 volunteer hours per family.

## Clothing Drive: Thursday, September 21

At assembly this Friday, learn about a student-initiated Clothing Drive that had its beginnings during the Grade 9 Service Trip! Show your care by donating clothing next week to one of our partner organizations in Toronto.

Join us for our  
**Fall Open House**

**TD** christian  
HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, October 12, 7-9 pm  
**All families welcome.**

[tdchristian.ca](http://tdchristian.ca)

## Transportation

- M. Heinbuch

Most buses are arriving on time. For those that are that are arriving 5 to 10 minutes late, we are working with bus drivers to see what adjustments can be made. Many of these surround the traffic congestion in Vaughan due to construction and new housing developments.

While we appreciate the desire for families to have one of our 14 busses (two more than last year) come as close to their home as possible, route deviations of even a minute or two add time to the route. This would cause some students to be on the bus as early as 7 a.m. For routes to work smoothly and well we stay on the main roads to accommodate families who live on either side of main arteries. We realize that the way our routes are set up requires some students to walk for 10, 15 or, sometimes, more minutes to the stop. For others, it requires a drive. Where we can deviate off the main roads without adding time to the route or to other families, we do consider it. Thanks for your understanding.

**“Where is my bus?”** Each bus is equipped with GPS units which allows families to know where the bus is at all time using a phone, tablet or home computer. Login instructions can be found on the summer mailing sheet or by contacting your bus rep. Please check the bus tracking in the morning instead of calling the school for a bus’ location. Students need to be at their stop FIVE minutes before the scheduled time, as daily times can fluctuate due things such as traffic, accidents, and construction. Route times are posted on the TDChristian Splash page under “Transportation” and then “Bus Routes.” The password can be found in the soon-to-be-published Mini Handbook or in the Edsby group. If your driver or bus rep has told you a different time than what is posted, please honour that time until routes are adjusted online. Morning times for most routes have been adjusted to reflect the actual arrival times. Please check the Transportation link on the Splash page for more details.

## Class Schedules

- M. Heinbuch

The window for changing first semester classes has closed. All students are to remain in the current classes for the duration of the semester. Grade 12 students have until just after mid-term to drop a current course (with parent or guardian and school permission) without it appearing on their transcript. Course changes for second semester may still be made, if class sizes allow. Please note that students in Grade 12 will only make the TDChristian Honour Roll if they take at least SEVEN credits at TDChristian AND the weighted average of ALL courses taken in Grade 12 is 85% or higher.

## Request for Funding of “Just Faith?”

See the request for funding near the end of The Fridge Door for a drama entitled, “Just Faith.” TDChristian students and teacher, Richard Peters, are involved in this great initiative. Help make it happen! Contact Meg Cate in Finance if you would like to make a donation. It will be tax deductible.

## Grade 9 Service Trip to Toronto

- M. Heinbuch

Grade 9 students and their leaders boarded the school bus to begin their adventure to downtown Toronto last week. The boys left on Wednesday morning and the girls left on Thursday morning. The two groups experienced Toronto in a unique way -- serving in places that help those who face challenges of homelessness and lack of food. Groups of about 10 students and one teacher visited churches and organizations in various parts of the city, taking transit and/or walking around Toronto. Each evening, the group listened to an introduction by Mr. Peters then toured through the neighbourhoods as part of the “sock and water run.” Ask a Grade 9 student about the trip.

During this trip student also had the opportunity to get to know each other. It was good to watch personalities surface and connections grow as students became more and more comfortable with each other.

Many thanks to our Mr. Hagen, Mr. Huyer, Ms. Joosse, Ms. Helder, Mr. Sjaarda, Ms. Weening, Mr. Hoving and Mr. Peters for leading our students on the trip!

## Grade 10 Trip to Beacon (note time change on Wed. morning)

On Wednesday, September 27 and Thursday, September 28 all Grade 10 students will be on an over night trip to Beacon Bible Camp just outside of Gravenhurst. This trip is tied to the Careers course which all Grade 10 students take. Reasons for the trip include students recognizing God-given talents in others and in themselves, students growing in empathy and inclusion so that they can contribute to a hospitable and collaborative learning environment, and students being given opportunities to connect, or reconnect, positively with others in their class by working together and listening to each other.

Yellow detail/permission forms were sent home in the summer in the August mailing. Students who have not yet handed in a signed permission form, must bring it to Marg in the office as soon as possible. Extra copies are available on the Splash! Page (see the Grade 9, 10, 11Trips link near the top right). Please note that **buses will be leaving the school at 7:30 am on Wednesday!** Be at TDChristian by 7:15 a.m. If you have any questions, send Marg an email (marg@tdchristian.ca).

## Praise & Petition

- E. Dengerink/M. Laswick

In the PRAISE AND PETITION part of The Fridge Door, we inform you of some of the joys and struggles within our community. If you have items that you would like us to note, please email Evelyn Dengerink or Marg Laswick.

Welcome to another year of learning for service in the light of God's Word! A special welcome to our new students in Grades 9 to 12. We also welcome our 52 international students (many returning, some new), who come from places such as China, Vietnam, Korea, Hong Kong, Nigeria, and the Dominican Republic. Pray for those who have to adjust to being away from their families (again). Pray that they will get to know their homestay families and get along well.

We are thankful that our Grade 9s had a good Service Trip last week. Our hope is that they will be enfolded well into our learning community.

Please pray for Christine Martens, mother of afternoon and evening cleaner, Laurie Martens, as she undergoes 18 weeks of chemotherapy that began last week.

## Music Notes

- K. Hayward

We begin another exciting year of music at TDChristian!

Students new to TDChristian have the opportunity to join Concert band, Concer Choir, Praise Band or Jazz Band. Those who are interested in joining any of our ensembles should speak with Mr. Hayward as soon as possible.

Grade 9 students will join the choir next week. Concert band rehearsals will begin on Thursday. Families who are willing to carpool or offer rides to other students in their areas, please contact Mr. Hayward.

We are thrilled to welcome back Suzanne Schaafsma and Tim Lemke. Between them, they offer private lessons to students on piano, guitar or voice. Both are highly qualified performers and educators with excellent track records of success with our students. Lessons occur during the school day on Thursday. Students wishing to study with Tim or Suzanne should contact Mr. Hayward soon, as there are limited spaces remaining.

Any questions about the music program at TDChristian, can be sent to Mr. Hayward at hayward@tdchristian.ca.

## Guidance

- E. Dengerink

**Who is your guidance counsellor?** We continue our practice of assigning students to a specific guidance counsellor who will be responsible for the same group of students all the way through their time at TD Christian. Students in Homerooms A to J are with Mrs. Judy Van Schepen (ext. 220) and Homerooms K to U have been assigned to Mrs. Evelyn Dengerink (ext. 212). If students prefer to talk to a male counsellor, they can connect with Mr. Heinbuch.

In addition to Mrs. Dengerink and Mrs. Van Schepen, we also have a professional counsellor, Mrs. Robyn Godber, who comes one or two days a week. Her extension is 218. If you would like to know more about Mrs. Godber, you can go to her website at <http://www.robbyngodber.com/>.

If there are concerns or questions you would like the school to address, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher or guidance counsellor.

**Future Directions:** Tomorrow, Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m., is an information session for Grade and 11 and 12 parents and students. Get an overview of the year as well as post-secondary options. We will introduce our new career search program, *MyBlueprint*. We will explain what preliminary research needs to take place and how you can support your child move to the next phase in his or her life. If you are a parent or guardian who has already gone through this process and have wisdom to offer, we would love to hear from you at this meeting. Students are encouraged to attend. Parents or guardians can earn 2.5 volunteer hours per family for attending, filling in, and handing in their feedback form.

**The Ontario University Fair** will be held at the Metro West Convention Centre from September 22 to 24. Students in Grades 11 and 12 can attend with their parents/guardians. It may help in making informed decisions for post-high school. Use [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca) to plan your visit. You can also check out [www.ouf.ca/uip](http://www.ouf.ca/uip) for a schedule of more local information sessions. The UIP travels across Ontario, offering fair- or presentation-style events in most Ontario regions. As well, many universities offer Fall Campus Day visits. Check the websites of individual universities for further information.

The **Canadian Christian University Tour** comes to TDChristian during school on Monday, October 16. See the next Fridge Door for further details.

The **Ontario Community College Fair** is scheduled for October 24 and 25 at the Enercare Centre. Check the link at <http://www.ocif.ca/> for further details.

**Scholarships:** Please note that not all scholarships are based on academic achievement. Many reward creative thinking, community involvement and extra-curricular participation. Scholarships take time to research and to apply for, but are worth the effort if you qualify. Yconic.com matches you with thousands of scholarships and other awards. It's fast, it's free, it's easy!

- **Loran Awards** offer scholarships to certain universities in Canada for students who have an 85% average and hold Canadian citizenship or residency status. For further information or to decide if you qualify, visit [www.loranscholar.ca](http://www.loranscholar.ca). You can apply online. Deadlines are October 18 and October 25, 2017
- **The Horatio Alger Ontario Scholarship** program seeks to honour students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record and a commitment to going to a public college or university in Ontario. Students interested in this scholarship can go to [www.horatioalger.org/ontarioscholarship](http://www.horatioalger.org/ontarioscholarship) to see if you qualify. Deadline is October 25, 2017.
- **Sonic Grades:** Get Great Grades! WIN CASH! Every fourth-year student at our school with an 80% average will have the opportunity to win \$1000. There will be a minimum of one prize awarded per high school, as well as some wild card prizes. Check [www.facebook.com/royfosswoodbridge](https://www.facebook.com/royfosswoodbridge) or [twitter.com/fosswoodbridge](https://twitter.com/fosswoodbridge) for details and announcements.

## Volunteer Opportunites: Fall Rummage Sale

**Fall Rummage Sale:** If you would like to volunteer to help on Friday, October 20 and/or Saturday, October 21, 2017 with the set up and/or during the sale, please contact Yvonne Tarasuk at [ymtarasuk@gmail.com](mailto:ymtarasuk@gmail.com).

- Friday October 20, 2017 (5:00pm till done) – 22 volunteers needed
- Saturday October 21, 2017 (8:30 till done) – 30 volunteers needed for rummage area and 10 volunteers needed for the kitchen area.
- Also needed: Specialty Desserts and Soups for the kitchen. If you would like to make a specialty dessert or some soup, please contact Jae Kim at [Jae.kim@mercer.com](mailto:Jae.kim@mercer.com) or at 416-294-1282. A specialty dessert earns 2 volunteer hours and a pot of soup also earns 2 volunteer hours.
- **Baked Goods:** We will have a bake sale at the Rummage Sale. If you would like to do some NUT FREE baking for this, you will receive 1.5 volunteer hours. Please send the baked goods to the school on Friday, October 20 with each item CLEARLY LABELLED with your name. Store bought items will not be accepted.

The TDChristian Parent Association is looking for new members for its Rummage Sale Committee. The Fall Rummage Sale is an annual fundraiser for the school. We need a minimum of FIVE parent or guardian volunteers to fill the following roles: TWO male floor managers; a flower seller/arranger; a volunteer coordinator; and someone to organize a truck to remove the unsold items at the end of the sale and send them to a charity.

This is a great way to earn your 25 hours of required parent volunteer time. Committee members meet before the sale, the setup on October 20, the sale on October 21 and the post-meeting sale. If interested please contact Sylvia Geerlinks <dsgeerlinks@rogers.com> or Catherine Khani <catherinekhani@yahoo.ca>.

**Committee members needed for the future:** A number of our committee members will be done at the end of the school year due to students graduating. We will need people to replace them. If you would like to join the committee that runs the Rummage Sale, please contact Yvonne Tarasuk at ymtarasuk@gmail.com. Volunteer hours for the year are guaranteed! It is important that you shadow a person this year.

## Volunteer Opportunitites (for an overview, see [Volunteering @ TDChristian on the Splash! Page](#))

**Referee** needed for TDChristian intramural hockey games. The games are on Fridays, one hour in length. One is usually at 7 a.m. and the other on Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Refs can earn money or volunteer hours. Please contact Mr. Eric Vrieling at evrieling@tdchristian.ca to apply.

**Drama@TD** has a dozen or so Royal Shakespeare Company/BBC Productions on VHS. We are looking to digitize! If you have the tech and the time to convert them, you can earn volunteer hours. Email Mr. Peters - peters@tdchristian.ca for more info.

**Volunteer Drivers:** Driving to and from away games is a great way for parents/guardians to get involved at TDChristian. Not only do you get to watch your child's team play, you can earn volunteer hours and cut down on the school's transportation costs. Please contact each coach to ask about volunteer driving opportunities. The breakdown of how hours are earned by driving for athletics is available on the Splash! Page.

### **OFSSA Boys Volleyball Championships at TDChristian and Humber College: Nov. 22 to 25**

We will be looking for student and parent or guardian volunteers to help throughout the tournament. If you are interested in being a part of the tournament or sponsorship, send an e-mail to [hoving@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hoving@tdchristian.ca) or [buwalda@tdchristian.ca](mailto:buwalda@tdchristian.ca).

## Homework Club

Did you know that every Tuesday (please note the day change), from 3 to 5 pm students from all grades can come to the homework club in Room 23, 24, and 31? Teachers from a variety of subject areas will be available to assist students if they have questions about lessons, homework, and/or assignments. Connect with Mrs. Kooy at [kooy@tdchristian.ca](mailto:kooy@tdchristian.ca) for more information.

## Mentorship@TDChristian

- S. VanEerden

Mentorship gets underway this week. The goal of the first semester is for every Grade 11 student to find a mentor willing to work with them for three days between January 26 and February 1.

As the students begin to think more seriously about their future careers, they often find this experience to be enriching, eye-opening, and empowering. This semester, students must think about possible mentors (due October 13), find a mentor (due November 17), and write a short report on their mentor called Get-To-Know Your Mentor (due January 10). You can find dates, assignments, and expectations at the Mentorship link on TD's website ([splash.tdchristian.ca](http://splash.tdchristian.ca)). You can also find the information in your Period 1 Edsby Class.

If you are interested in being a mentor or hosting someone at your workplace, you qualify for volunteer hours. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Van Eerden at [vaneerden@tdchristian.ca](mailto:vaneerden@tdchristian.ca).

## From the Art Room

All Art students are required to have their sketchbooks in class daily. There are weekly assignments, both in sketchbook and in Art History (Grades 10, 11, & 12) and Art Research (Grade 9).

## Athletics

- C. Hoving

Welcome to a new year of TDChristian Falcon Athletics! Our fall teams are concluding their team tryouts this week and starting practices. Please refer to the summer mailing for the current September practice schedule. Better yet, check the Edsby group of each team for its schedule.

Players on each team will be receive *Student Transportation Consent Forms* this week. They must be filled out and returned to coaches as tournaments and games will be upon us quickly.

**Team Schedules:** Coaches will receive their team game schedule next week and will likely begin season games the following week. Once coaches receive them, team schedules, including practices, will be posted in Edsby. Each team has its own Edsby group. Players can get all their information there.

**Teams and Coaches:** The teams, with their head coach and assistants, in parenthesis, that are running this season are as follows: Boys Tier 2 Volleyball (Mrs. E. Dengerink), Boys Senior Tier 1 Volleyball (Ms. T. Dibbits, Ms. R. Weening), Boys Senior Tier 2 Volleyball (Mr. D. Buisman, Mr. B. Vrieling), Girls Basketball (Ms. M. Bauer, Mr. C. Hoving), Boys Soccer (Mr. M. Heinbuch, Mr. E. Vrieling), Cross Country (Mr. B. Freeman). If something is unclear in the Edsby Group, feel free to email or Edsby message coaches with any specific questions about the team.

**Intramural Hockey:** Students wanting to play intramural hockey this year who have not played hockey at TDChristian before are invited to come out to our one-hour Intramural Hockey Newcomers Skate and Play event this Friday. This is not a tryout. All players who sign up for intramural hockey can play on a team. It is an opportunity for you to get on the ice early, and it gives us a chance to see you play! Players can store equipment under the front stairs during the school day. Rides to the rink after school are provided! Please e-mail [hockey@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hockey@tdchristian.ca) to request a ride. If you cannot attend our newcomers event but are considering playing intramural hockey at TDChristian, you must email [hockey@tdchristian.ca](mailto:hockey@tdchristian.ca) on or before Friday. For all players, the deadline for signing up is this Friday. The Intramural Hockey sign up form is on the Splash! Page.

**OFSAA Boys Volleyball is a little over two months away!** TDChristian will be hosting the event at the school and Humber College from November 22 to 25, here and at Humber College. November 22: Registration and Banquet, November 23, 24: Pool Play and Quarterfinals, and November 25: Championship Saturday.

## From the Library

- J. Knibbe

**Online Information Resource:** Did you know that TD subscribes to a great online information resource? Encyclopedia Britannica Online is accessible to all students and parents. Go to the TDChristian Splash page and click on "Encyclopedia Britannica". The user name and password are available by contacting the librarian at [knibbe@tdchristian.ca](mailto:knibbe@tdchristian.ca). Not only are there thousands of articles on thousands of topics available, but also pictures and videos. Once you click on an article, a number of options appear in the dock above the article, including the ability to print, email, save as a favourite, enlarge for easier reading, or switch to an audio version. Be sure to check out this reliable resource.

**TDChristian Textbooks:** Please send in any textbooks or library books that display the TDChristian stamp. We are always happy to receive books that have been missing from our collection.

**From the Archives:** Since we are in the process of archiving all kinds of objects from TDChristian's history, including yearbooks, cookbooks, commemorative spoons, mugs, pins and articles of clothing, any items that could be of historical significance to TD are always a welcome donation. If you saved news bulletins or event programs from TD's past, and you no longer want to keep them, send them to TD. Please feel free to get in touch with me by email: [knibbe@tdchristian.ca](mailto:knibbe@tdchristian.ca).

## Donations for Belize 2018

We are already making plans for next year's March Break trip to Belize. As always, we would like to bring along donations to gift other schools with. We need the following items: school supplies, craft supplies, stickers, sports and playground toys (skipping ropes, chalk, soccer balls, etc.), baby and children's clothes, work gloves, etc. Think of us when you see the back to school shopping clear outs or see some great end of summer sales! Thank you for your support.

## Croquette Fundraiser

Your Fall comfort food will be arriving shortly! Once again, the Belize team will be selling croquettes! Cases of pre-cooked, all beef croquettes sold in cases of 36 sell for \$45! Please contact [marg@tdchristian.ca](mailto:marg@tdchristian.ca) or Rod Dengerink [rdengerink@tdchristian.ca](mailto:rdengerink@tdchristian.ca) if you would like to reserve a case or two.



**Educational Tours**

Questions? Call 1-800-263-2806

# BERLIN, PRAGUE, AND THE ALPS



Flights are being booked - enroll before **May 30th** to secure your spot!

**\$3,538**

**Student Program Price**

**ENROLL TODAY!**

[www.eftours.ca/1930029WC](http://www.eftours.ca/1930029WC)

## Day 1: Fly overnight to Germany

### Day 2: Berlin

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Berlin, the vibrant capital of reunified Germany. The city has been transformed since the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and now plays a vital role in the European Union. During your stay you'll visit the Topography of Terror Museum, built on the grounds of the Gestapo and SS headquarters. Here you can revisit Nazi regime and discover this documentation centre. Stroll past cafes, restaurants and embassies along Unter den Linden, Berlin's most elegant boulevard. Continue to the imposing Reichstag building, the historical seat of Germany's parliament.
- Take a walking tour of Berlin

### Day 3: Berlin

- Take an expertly guided tour of Berlin: Brandenburg Gate; Kurfürstendamm
- Visit the Topography of Terror Museum
- Time to see more of Berlin or
  - Visit Potsdam

### Day 4: Dresden | Prague

- Travel to Dresden
- Take a guided walking tour of Dresden
- Continue on to Prague and encounter the legendary beauty of the former capital of the Holy Roman Empire. Located on the Vltava River, Prague gracefully balances the classical features of old Europe with a lively, Bohemian spirit. While here you'll pass the concert hall where Mozart conducted the premiere of Don Giovanni. Walk the quaint, cobbled streets of the Mala Strana and visit the 13th-century Stare Mesto (Old Town) and Market Square. Here you'll see the famous 15th-century astronomical clock. From St. Vitus Cathedral to the Baroque statues of the Charles Bridge, you'll explore the celebrated art and architecture of the City of One Hundred Spires.
- Enjoy a free evening or
  - Attend a Czech Folklore Evening

### Day 5: Prague

- Take an expertly guided tour of Prague
- Visit St. Vitus Cathedral
- Visit the Golden Lane
- Take a walking tour of Prague

### Day 6: Dachau | Munich

- Visit Dachau
- Continue on to Munich, where you'll experience the medieval to the modern. During your stay you'll see the Olympic Stadium, BMW headquarters, the fashionable Schwabing district and the Residenz, former home of the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria. Visit Dachau, a WWII Nazi concentration camp built in 1933 and liberated by the Allies in 1945. It now serves as a memorial museum. In Marienplatz, see the neo-Gothic New City Hall with its famous Glockenspiel. Then continue past the famous Hofbräuhaus, once the royal brewery of the Kingdom of Bavaria.

### Day 7: Munich

- Take an expertly guided tour of Munich: Olympic Stadium; Residenz; Marienplatz
- Enjoy free time to see more of Munich

### Day 8: Liechtenstein | Lucerne

- Travel via Liechtenstein to the Lucerne region
- Visit Neuschwanstein Castle, the real-life model for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. Perched in the Bavarian Alps, this fairytale castle was the brainchild of "Mad" King Ludwig.

### Day 9: Lucerne

- Take a tour of Lucerne: Löwendenkmal; Kapellbrücke
- Time to see more of Lucerne or
  - Visit Mount Pilatus
  - Enjoy a Swiss Folklore Event

### Day 10: Depart for home





## Institute for Christian Studies

a tradition of inquiry  
a spirit of engagement

229 College Street  
Suite 100  
Toronto ON  
M5T 1R4 Canada

888 326 5347 *toll free*  
416 979 2331 *tel*  
416 979 2332 *fax*

info@icscanada  
[www.icscanada](http://www.icscanada)

USA OFFICE  
info@friendsofi  
[www.friendsofi](http://www.friendsofi)

August 31, 2017

### *For Such a Time as This! Worship Meets Justice and the Arts in a Turbulent Time* *First Christian Reformed Church, Toronto – October 21, 2017*

#### **Request for Funding**

In our time of uncertainty and tension, it is more important than ever to come together as a Christian community to know and celebrate the gifts and responsibilities of *shalom*. Because worship forms faith and shapes the different ways we act on our faith in the world, and because liturgy, by its very definition, is *public service*, it is important to shape Christian worship with a passion and creativity that focusses on the groaning of God's creation and the responsibility of God's image bearers. Such worship requires *liturgy* that forms a vital testimony to the hope of Christ for such a time as this.

This one-day community gathering will help contemporary Christians create such time-sensitive liturgy, liturgy that will equip their congregations to walk faithfully as shalom-seeking divine image bearers. It will convene participants from churches in southern and eastern Ontario, including musicians, worship leaders and planners, preachers, artists, and justice workers interested in the intersection of justice, reconciliation, worship, and the arts.

We plan to begin the event with a live performance of the one-act play *Just-Faith?*, performed by drama students from Toronto District Christian High School. For this performance to be possible, we require funds to retain the services of Jeanine Noyes and Richard Peters to train and direct the student volunteer actors, as well as some additional funds for transportation and equipment, as follows:

Jeanine Noyes: \$1250

Richard Peters: \$1250

Miscellaneous, including transportation of the performers, props, costumes, set: \$500

**Total: \$3000**

Thank you for considering making a donation that will help make this performance a possibility, and that will also give the students of Toronto District Christian High School the opportunity to participate in this important event.

Blessings,

Ronald A. Kuipers, The Institute for Christian Studies  
Peter Noteboom, The Christian Reformed Church in North America