

Voice of the Church

November 2020

Greetings,

It has been a while since we last communicated with our faithful members and donators. Covid-19 has surely been a part of that but in addition we wanted to wait until we had more to talk about.

Voice of the Church has been busy with a number of things in 2020. First, due to restrictions from Covid-19 our producer was not in the position to host ministers for about 3 months in order to record meditations. This was also due to health issues and surgery. We are thankful for the recovery the Lord provided to Harpert Vanderwel. These two situations did leave us needing to put off some initiatives.

We have much to be thankful for. Through the latter part of 2019 we were thankful that our brother ministers from the United Reformed Churches agreed to supply meditations. This has continued in 2020 and is extending into 2021. In fact, these ministers have agreed to take seven of the twelve months of 2021. Ministers from the Canadian Reformed Churches will take the other 5 months. Due to the enthusiastic response of the URC Ministers, we will continue to build and expand on this relationship going forward.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kaela Bosch to our team as well. Kaela will be responsible for the production of a video series as well as podcasts that will become available in both audio and video formats. We have two teaching series that Kaela will be recording in 2021:

1. A 12 part series on the Book of Ecclesiastes presented by Pastor Ian Wildeboer.
2. A 11 part series on the 10 Commandments by Dr. Cornelis Van Dam. This series will be made available for the general public to attend and hosted at Ebenezer Canadian Reformed Church at Burlington. We will be encouraging members of the local churches to invite their neighbor. Each presentation will be about 30 minutes followed by a question and answer period.

Soon you will be able to view a video introducing these two great opportunities on our website. In order to accommodate these, we have been doing an overhaul of our website that we expect to finish before the end of 2020. Although there will be extra expenses related to this, we are thankful that funds are available to cover the cost.

Finally, you will see two attachments to this Newsletter. Our updated Constitution and our Budget for 2021 with explanatory notes. The new Constitution will be more in line with the new direction we will be taking in 2021.

Lord willing, there will be other initiatives, currently under review, that we'll be taking in 2021 as we expand our ability to bring quality content for the Churches in Common to use, both internally and for the purpose of Evangelism. As these initiatives unfold we will bring them to your attention.

Kind Regards in Christ,

Bill Van Huisstede, Chairman