

The CRCNA in Canada: Restructuring for Priority Alignment with the cross-border mandate (Draft)

Dear Classis Delegates (Fall 2020),

In connection with the short video you are watching prior to (or during) your classis about the restructuring process in Canada, the Canadian Restructuring Team (CRT) is pleased to share with you a first draft of the Canadian ministry priorities. This is content that is high level and still needs details which will come as we enter into an engagement process with stakeholders throughout the CRCNA in Canada. These priorities have been situated in this document after the mission, vision, and value proposition of the church. They link to the current cross-border ministries for the whole denomination. It is our hope that these Canadian ministry priorities will help to increase the collaboration and contextualization that is necessary for meaningful, relevant, and Jesus-centred ministry. Your insight and wisdom are most welcome, moving forward.

CRCNA Mission: As people called by God, we gather to praise God, listen to him, and respond. We nurture each other in faith and obedience to Christ. We love and care for one another as God's people. We commit ourselves to serve and to tell others about Jesus. We pursue God's justice and peace in every area of life.

CRCNA Vision: The Christian Reformed Church is a diverse family of healthy congregations, assemblies, and ministries expressing the good news of God's kingdom that transforms lives and communities worldwide.

Canadian Value Proposition (New - This is a statement that clarifies the unique contributions of the denomination to the local church and the people it serves):

This is Our Commitment to Canadian CRC Churches. We commit to offering a:
Compelling Biblical Vision | Partnership for Ministry Excellence | A Reformed Voice throughout Canada | Global Impact

CRCNA Ministry Priorities (*Our Journey 2025*) (aka: "bi-inational")

Cultivate prayer and spiritual disciplines

Listen to the voices of every generation

Grow in diversity and unity

Share and live the gospel

Canadian Ministry Priorities (draft)

Deeper: God calls me to live a life of spiritual renewal and continued growth that is grounded in scripture

Bolder: In the Godly pursuit of key justice matters integral to the Canadian church

Wider: Opening ourselves to our great Canadian mosaic

Further: Embodying Gospel convictions everywhere

Result Expected for Each Canadian Priority

Increased commitment to practices for developing a Christian faith that is growing and impactful

Churches are places of listening and learning, and are open to questions of injustice, sin and brokenness

The richness of diversity is evident within our churches, leadership and partnerships

An established culture of practicing the way of Jesus in our neighbourhoods and the world with abundant resources