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FOR CHURCH
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Dear Friends:

“*World Renew envisions* a world where people experience and extend Christ’s compassion and live together in hope as God’s community.”

A vision is a preferred future; our vision is what our God calls us to work toward. Our vision defines not only our preferred future, but also the way in which we work into and out of that vision. What we do—and how we do it—are built on Christ’s compassion and on living together in hope.

Every day, World Renew is blessed to see, experience, and help build the kingdom community that this vision describes and foresees. Every part of the organization seeks to do and to dream, through the grace of Christ, the inspiration of the Spirit, and the strength of the Father.

The God who made everything and holds us in his gentle care, is therefore indeed worthy of all of our gratitude and praise in every facet of our lives.

So how do that gratitude and that praise play out in World Renew? Frankly, it is both wonderfully heart-felt, and obvious. In our congregations across North America, we believers liberally give the gifts of time and talents, sharing what has been given to us. For example, by the end of May 2014, private donors in Canada and the U.S. had given over \$3 million for disaster response and rehabilitation work in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan. (See cover photo of this magazine for a glimpse of this work.)

Through this year, more than 3,000 volunteers have helped with Disaster Response Services to rebuild hope after homes, and lives, were shattered. Young people, both in our offices and overseas, volunteer as interns for many months, extending Christ’s compassion. In the offices, we pray regularly and often for staff in other countries—and we collaborate to ensure that we offer the best possible support. For example, in bi-monthly Skype meetings

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among staff from six countries, we share best practices in agriculture and community development. In more than 25 countries worldwide, World Renew staff works side-by-side with 78 Christian partners, sharing knowledge, wisdom, time, and talents.

Each part of World Renew, each partner, each community, each church, each person, is driven by the kingdom vision of “here and now, and not quite yet.” We live in Christ’s compassion, and by God’s grace, we extend it. We live in the very real belief of community here and now and in the life to come, and by grace, we work toward it.

All of us envision a world in which Christ’s compassion makes its home with every person on earth; we see a world where everyone lives together in hope as God’s community. Thank you, church of Christ, for helping to make that vision a reality.

Peter Bulthuis

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Save the Date!

World Renew's 2014-2015 Offering Schedule

Encourage your church to participate in these special days!


October 13, 2014

 Canadian Thanksgiving

November 2, 2014

  World Hunger Sunday

November 27, 2014

 American Thanksgiving

December 1, 2014

  World AIDS Day

December 25, 2014

  Christmas

February 15, 2015

 Canadian Foodgrains Bank offering in Canada

March 2, 2015

  Disaster Response Services (DRS) Sunday

April 5, 2015

 Refugee Sunday in Canada

 Foods Resource Bank offering in the U.S.

May 10, 2015, Mother's Day

  Mother and Child Health Sunday

Will you be an Ambassador for World Renew?

For the past few years, World Renew has engaged with our champion volunteers to help spread the news about World Renew's ministry. The idea was to have a champion in every church, but the role was a bit...vague.

So we went back to the drawing board and rethought the program. We did away with open-ended commitments, and we added specificity to the job description. The result?

The Church Relations team at World Renew is pleased to unveil a completely updated champion program. A new program calls for a new name, which is **Ambassador**. The new Ambassador name is rooted in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

At World Renew, we strive to be Christ's ambassadors, working together with communities to find their true identity in Christ. We are also in need of ambassadors in North America to carry that vision in our churches.



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The redefined role asks Ambassadors to

- commit to a three-year term, on average five hours a month.
- promote two or three campaigns in their church and/or community each year.
- ensure that resources get to the right people (such as their congregation's Mission Team), to pass on advice to them, to help stage the campaigns.

In short: to be the hands, feet, and eyes of World Renew in their church.

What support can Ambassadors expect, in addition to a fresh new look?

- A monthly Ambassador email entitled, *Ambassador Dispatch*, with updates on World Renew programs, campaigns, and events as well as stories from the field.
- For Ambassadors on Facebook, we have established a new Facebook group called, "World Renew Ambassadors," where you can stay informed.
- *Through the Dust* Magazine is undergoing some revamping. Watch for it in the near future!
- Other new materials include an updated welcome package and a new brochure to promote the program.

We are excited about these changes which are part of World Renew's strategy to continue engaging our North American community in the ministry of World Renew abroad. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at ambassador@worldrenew.net.

Improving the Health of Moms and Babies in Guatemala

Many poor communities in developing countries do not have access to health services. In these communities, women and young children are usually the most vulnerable because they cannot afford care for infections, respiratory illnesses, and preventable diseases that can then become serious or debilitating. In addition, hundreds of thousands of women around the world die each year during pregnancy or childbirth, and nearly nine-million children die from hunger and disease before they reach the age of five.

Through health promotion, education, and nutrition programs that are based in local communities, World Renew is helping people who live in poverty improve their health and well-being. Recently, World Renew's staff and partners in Guatemala led a training event for midwives who live in three remote mountain communities.

Margaret Verkuyl, an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto's Nurse Practitioner Program and full-time professor in the Centennial College collaborative Nursing Degree Program, led the trainings. During one 5-hour, birth-simulation session, Verkuyl used a "Mama Natalie" simulator (see photo) to demonstrate a variety of birthing scenarios that ranged from normal to complex. The demonstration gave the birthing attendants and midwives exposure to best practices for delivering a newborn.



In another session, Verkuyl introduced the community's women to "Latina pads," a reusable sanitary napkin. Girls and women in developing nations around the world stay at home when they do not have adequate menstrual products, missing school, work, and other activities. In afternoon workshops, the women had the opportunity to make their own Latina pads. They were excited about this resource because the pads eliminate the need for disposable menstrual products. The pads also decrease the negative impact of disposable pads on the environment.

Kevin Verkuyl, a carpenter from Hebron Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in Whitby, Ontario, joined World Renew staff Iona Buisman and Sadoc Aguilar Palma to review community development initiatives supported by World Review. Together, they looked for ways for Hebron CRC to partner with local communities in Guatemala to create positive, sustainable changes in both communities.



Last winter, the GEMS girls group from Hebron CRC got involved in the project by hosting a dinner to raise funds to cover the cost of the simulator-based training sessions and materials for the "Latina Pads." The supplies are being used to improve maternal health education and women's hygiene in Guatemala.

World Renew would like to thank Hebron CRC for supporting both of these initiatives in Guatemala. Education, training, and support are vitally important to improving child and maternal health in families who live in poverty, and they also play an important role in helping communities overcome the barriers that keep them poor.

For churches



NEW! 2014 World Hunger Campaign

World Renew invites you to participate in the 2014 World Hunger Campaign: *Farm to Table*,

reminding us that food is a great gift from God. This easy-to-use, comprehensive church project addresses global hunger and poverty through daily devotional booklets, a DVD, bulletin/mailbox inserts and covers, Peter Fish banks, a complete leader's guide, poster, and more! This year, check out the **NEW! Feed Your Fish app for Android and iOS** at worldrenew.net/feedyourfish.



For everyone

NEW! 2014-2015 Gift Catalog

World Renew's 2014-2015 Gift Catalog focuses on God's power to put things right when we participate with Him in His work of justice and mercy. Join World Renew in addressing hunger and poverty worldwide by giving a holiday, celebration, or commemorative gift through this

year's all-new catalog. Check out the **NEW! Group Giving Guide** in the center of the catalog made especially for churches, schools, families, Bible studies, and other groups!



For Thanksgiving

NEW! Thanksgiving Day offering materials

Join World Renew in thanking God for equipping families in poor communities with the resources and training they need to find freedom from poverty. Your congregation can rejoice with a farming family in Kenya that is experiencing new abundance through World Renew's Free A Family® program. Ideal for use during your Thanksgiving Day service to support an offering for World Renew.

For Advent, Christmas, or Easter



NEW! The Giving Tree Project 2014

This giving project includes a poster, instructional inserts, and one set of 32 unique ornaments with ribbon to hang on your Advent,

Easter, or Christmas tree. Perfect for churches, small groups, families, and day or church schools—or use as gift tags on your Christmas gifts! Use *The Giving Tree Project* with the World Renew 2014-2015 Gift Catalog, or check out the new *Group Giving Guide* in the center of this year's catalog to give collectively!



For Christmas

NEW! Christmas Day offering materials

"Do not be afraid..." the angels said to the shepherds when proclaiming the good news of a Savior born to bring peace, hope, and redemption a broken world. In the midst of poverty, disaster, disease, and other injustice, World Renew is following God's lead by replacing fear with hope and promoting peace through life-changing programs for people in need. This Christmas, use these bulletins to celebrate the comfort and joy of Jesus Christ in your church.

Order Resources 800-333-8300 in the U.S. 800-730-3490 in Canada
Online at worldrenew.net/order

For children

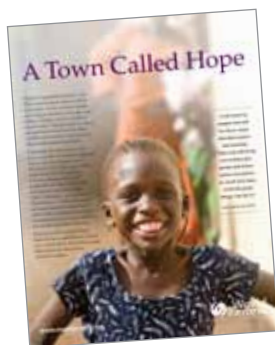
NEW! **Traveling** **our Father's** **World**

This giving project for Sunday schools, Christian day schools, and vacation Bible

schools takes students on a virtual trip into the lives of real children who live in developing countries. Students are encouraged recognize God's blessings and challenged to share them to help those in need. Ideal for Sunday school classrooms, children's sermons, and elementary schools. This project includes short video clips, stories, and a passport book with stickers so kids can track their learning and giving as they "travel" from country to country!

For middle school and high school youth

A Town Called Hope!



Complete with case studies, discussion questions, and illustrations, this 4-page, full-color discussion guide helps North American middle- and high-schoolers become familiar

with global poverty. Provides an excellent illustration about how change occurs in a community in need by following one village on a journey from poverty to "a town called Hope." A great resource for church youth groups and as an orientation for students preparing for an international missions trip.



For adults and groups

NEW! Live Just.ly Curriculum

This 9-week course for churches, campus and small groups, families, and individuals is from World Renew and the Micah Challenge U.S. It begins by asking, "What is biblical justice?" and concludes with developing a personal action plan and a group direction for church engagement in biblical justice. Focuses on foundational concepts and practical engagement in living justly in six key areas of life: advocacy, prayer, consumption, generosity, creation care, and relationships.



Videos

God Created Us Equal

This 4-part video series for high schools, adult small groups, youth groups, and others introduces the topics of food, money, water, and health through a series of 2-minute videos about Niger, West Africa. Includes DVD with four videos and workbook with lesson materials, discussion guide, action steps, and a lifestyle challenge.

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World Renew is online everywhere so you can keep up to date on what's happening from your phone, computer, or tablet.

- Find World Renew on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and the web at worldrenew.net.
- Check out the new **Feed Your Fish** app for World Hunger 2014 on Android and IOS at worldrenew.net/feedyourfish!
- World Renew participates in the Amazon Smile Foundation in the U.S. Amazon donates 5% of your purchase of qualifying products when you select World Renew as your charity of choice. (Not available in Canada.) Find out more at smile.amazon.com.

A Typhoon Survivor Tells His Story



Fifty-three year-old Lucilo Gubantes' faith had never been tested more than when Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in November 2013.

When Lucilo and his wife Agostina heard on their radio that a storm was coming, they were on their fishing boat in deep water and far from shore. Lucilo maneuvered the wooden boat into a strait and anchored it among some mangroves. He hoped that the trees would provide them with some protection.

"The typhoon sounded like an airplane landing," said Lucilo. "It was very loud, and we were scared. The only weapon we had was to pray to the Lord to keep our family safe."

The Lord provided. Lucilo and Agostina survived the storm. But their fishing boat—the sole source of their livelihood—was completely destroyed. Using a smaller boat, they began to make their way home to their children. The journey took two days.

When the couple finally reached their seaside village, Guiuan, they were thrilled to learn that their children had taken shelter in the community school when the storm hit. They had also all survived!

"I cried and cried when I saw that my family was safe," said Lucilo. Despite losing his home and nearly all of his possessions, Lucilo praises God that his family was spared.



He and Agostina trust that God will continue to provide for them.

The Philippine government provided the Gubantes and other families who were affected by the storm with some plywood to build a temporary shelter until a safe relocation area could be identified. Lucilo used his supplies to build a small shack near the town's port.

Lucilo and his family have a long road of recovery ahead of them. They hope to repair their boat so that they can once again earn a living by fishing. They also want to rebuild their home and heal emotionally from the trauma they all experienced.

In the first two weeks after the storm, World Renew provided emergency food, medicine, bedding, water filtration systems, stoves, fuel, generators, cooking utensils, hygiene supplies, mosquito nets, and trauma counseling to 3,977 people in three Philippine islands, Panay, Samar, and Leyte. Since then, World Renew has also provided 25 communities with generators, assisted an additional 35,249 people in 8,279 households, and started cash-for-work projects with 4,155 households. As a next step, World Renew plans to provide fishing boats, nets, and other tools to help families begin to restore their livelihoods. Home reconstruction and continued trauma counseling are also planned.

Working with Jake



After a wildfire destroyed much of the area surrounding Bastrop, Texas, in September 2011, residents there faced a new reality. More than 1,670 homes and 34,068 acres of land were damaged or destroyed in the blaze. It was the largest wildfire in Texas history.

“The devastation was tremendous, as were the hot temperatures that dominated the area in the following three months. Some of the homes that were damaged in the fire were gradually rebuilt, but three years later, many other houses are still in disrepair. That is why we are here,” said World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) Volunteers Bruce and Laurie Hawley.

The Hawleys and other World Renew DRS volunteers have been working on homes like Jake’s* while they are stationed in Bastrop. Jake’s house

burned to the ground in the fire. He moved into temporary housing provided by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), but when this housing was removed from the community Jake became homeless and had to build an 8-foot by 8-foot, makeshift structure to provide himself with some shelter.

Although Jake was leery about allowing strangers to work on his home, he gradually found encouragement in working alongside World Renew’s volunteers as they put up siding and trimmed the roof of his house together. He also joined the volunteers for weekly fellowship dinners.

“It’s been great to get to know Jake on a person-to-person basis. We’re not just helping him—we’re working with him to help rebuild his home,” Bruce said.



One afternoon, Jake felt comfortable enough with the volunteers to talk about his experiences during the fire. “We were blessed by his story and his appreciation for the work we were doing. We also discovered that one of the reasons that he was still living in shelter that he built himself was that he was out helping other people rebuild their damaged homes!” Laurie said. “It was a blessing to serve someone like Jake, who was helping others while he was also in need of help.”

World Renew volunteers regularly report that they not only helped restore someone’s home by putting up drywall, painting, or roofing, but that the relationships they developed within their team and with homeowners have a lasting impact on their lives.

“People are really making a difference through World Renew DRS by helping homeowners like Jake to physically and emotionally rebuild a sense of hope in their lives,” Laurie said.

The Importance of an Emergency Health Fund



In rural Bangladesh, most women deliver their babies at home and have little exposure to health services. They are often assisted in home births by traditional birth attendants, but these attendants are not always trained to deal with complicated deliveries and medical emergencies. While women could travel to medical centers for emergency assistance, transportation is not always available in their community or affordable for their family. As a result, the rates of infant and maternal death during labor and delivery are high in rural Bangladesh.

Through support from the Canadian government's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD), World Renew has been working with SUPOTH, a local partner, to address these challenges by training birth attendants in maternal and newborn care, and encouraging communities to set up an emergency health fund to cover the cost of

transporting pregnant women to a nearby health center when an emergency occurs.

In Tepakhoribari, there are two self-help groups called Mehdi and Bonolota. Initially the members of both groups were reluctant to start collecting additional money from their group members for an Emergency Health Fund.

Then, a "theater for development team" from SUPOTH came to Tepakhoribari. They performed a skit about local maternal and

child care issues that included the heart-wrenching story of a mother who died because she did not have the funds needed to pay for transportation to a medical center.

"The actors illustrated the consequences of a mother's death very effectively. In fact, many women burst into tears, and even some men wiped their eyes, during the show," said one SUPOTH staff member. "The drama team then motivated people to talk more about the issue."

"We didn't understand or realize the importance of an Emergency Health Fund," said one female group member, "but the drama team made us understand that there is a real need."

The Mehdi and Bonolota groups both decided to start saving for an Emergency Health Fund. The group members now contribute a small amount toward this fund at each of their monthly meetings. They hope to soon have enough money saved in the fund that they can begin helping women deliver their babies safely.

**Name changed to protect privacy.*



Anielka's Message of Love and Mercy



Several factors have contributed to a rising HIV infection rate in towns like Waspam, Nicaragua. A culture of “machismo” (masculine pride and male domination) puts pressure on young men to have multiple sexual partners and perpetuates gender-based violence. Widespread poverty also is a factor in the spread of HIV. Often, adults who desperately need work migrate to larger cities to find employment, and they may be unfaithful to their spouse in the months they are away from home, carrying the disease between communities.

World Renew and its local partner Acción Médica Cristiana (AMC) are working to fight this growing problem. This work is reaching individuals and families with practical information about preventing HIV as well as encouraging greater gender equality. Through training in sexual and reproductive health, facilitators combat the myths about HIV and AIDS, and encourage people to care

for those who have been infected.

Last year, a woman named Anielka had the opportunity to participate in an HIV and AIDS workshop that opened her eyes to the impact of the disease in her community—and the heartbreaking lack of knowledge that affected her hurting neighbors. She learned that many people simply do not know the truth about the ways that HIV and AIDS are spread.

Many people Waspam consider HIV and AIDS to be God's punishment for sin, and unfortunately church communities are particularly condemning of people who carry the virus. Following the HIV and AIDS workshop that Anielka attended, she began working to change this perception. As she talks with others from day-to-day, she reminds them about the love, mercy, and passion of Christ and that He wants us to live in community with everyone, especially those who are sick and hurting.

In the last year, Anielka has witnessed many exciting changes in the way her

community responds to HIV and AIDS. She greatly enjoys teaching others what she has learned about the prevention and spread of the disease and helps people take a more compassionate approach towards those in need of care. She is also excited that they are passing on what she has shared with them to others, so the training spreads organically through the community.

Anielka is thankful that she now has a better grasp of responding biblically to HIV and AIDS so that changes lives for the better and Christ is honored.

“I am walking on a much better path,” she says.

Thanks to Anielka and other dedicated leaders, churches are learning how to stand at the front of the fight against AIDS, using their God-given witness to erase stigma and bring God's freedom to those living under the burden of AIDS in the developing world.

Local Churches in the Driver's Seat



“Many people go to church (in Zambia) and give from the little they have,” says a leader from the Reformed Church of Zambia. “They attend worship services and try to contribute financially, but when they walk out of church, they do not know how they will pay school fees for their children. They do not know how they will take care of their health issues. And they do not know how to make their farms sustainable.”

World Renew in Southern Africa has taken these words to heart. Our national church partners are doing excellent work in communities around the country, but often the local church is not considered resource but a beneficiary or spectator in the outreach and development work going on in their community.

This perspective is the result of years of dependence on missionaries or

handouts—and dependence has resulted in an assumption by many local churches in Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia that they do not have the ability to do anything for themselves besides local evangelism.

World Renew, together with our church partners, is developing a local-church empowerment program to put local churches in the driver's seat of community-based development. The effort combines the biblical and management training of local church leaders (focusing on deacons) with the provision of small micro-grants for programs initiated by the church and community. The program is called “Church in Community” because it is not about the Church “and” the Community, but rather it is a realization that the Church has an integral role “in” the community.

Churches are already being transformed by this process of

empowerment in several pilot projects in Zambia and Malawi. Once a congregation and its leadership realize their potential and responsibility in making a difference in their communities, it is difficult to contain their enthusiasm if we wanted to!

In one Zambian church, a pilot-project committee decided to finish building their pastor's house, which had been under construction for years. They completed it in just a few months. Their early success became just a first step toward their local church taking responsibility for change in their community.

World Renew plans to engage hundreds of local churches in initiating Church in Community programs in the coming months, reaching out to benefit thousands of vulnerable people who are not currently church members.

Stepping Stones to Better Relationships

PAG Kabale, one of World Renew's partners in Uganda, is working with married couples to address the prevalence of HIV and AIDS among them. With an HIV and AIDS innovation grant from World Renew, PAG Kabale implemented a training curriculum called "Stepping Stones" in April 2013 that focuses on behavior change.

Many couples have experienced transformation in their marriages and homes as a result of participating in couple's club meetings using the Stepping Stones curriculum over the last year and a half.

Kyarikunda Elinah, 42, is married to Charles Bataringaya, 52. The couple lives in Kabisha village in Kabale,



Uganda. "In November 2013, I was invited by Pastor Vincent of PAG Kabale to join a couple's club that uses Stepping Stones workshop materials. My family has been affected for a long time by my husband's abuse of alcohol. He would get drunk every day to the extent that he would fall sleep on the roadside. Our children and I had to go pick him up in his drunken state and carry him home. It has affected our whole family and our married life as well.

"When we joined the couple's club and started learning together, our lives changed. In one of the Stepping Stones sessions, we learned about the risks of alcohol abuse. It helped my family a lot. My husband was challenged by the discussion and he decided to cut back on drinking. Now, he no longer drinks a lot, and

he always comes home early—not staying out late like he used to. This has caused happiness in our family. We thank God for PAG Kabale and its partners for transforming marriages and families in our community."

Another woman in Kyanamira said, "My constant nagging and criticizing drove my children away from home. When I learned how to communicate constructively and relate to people on a positive basis, I began to show love to my children and encourage them. Now we are happy at home and enjoying the fruits of Stepping Stones training."

By working with married couples and families in Uganda using Stepping Stones curriculum materials, PAG Kabale and World Renew are transforming lives.



Communities First Association Gets a New Director



The Communities First Association (CFA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Reesheda N. Washington as the organization's executive director. As director, Washington will lead a professional network of asset-based neighborhood developers, coaches, and trainers who work in more than 300 neighborhoods located in 30 American cities, including New York, Richmond, Orlando, Memphis, Chicago, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Portland.

Previous to this appointment, Washington served as a teacher, principal, and educational leader with American Quality Schools and Chicago Public Schools. She was the founding principal of the Plato Learning Academy in Chicago. Most recently, Reesheda led a joint project called Covenant Kids Congo with the Evangelical Covenant Church).

Wendy Hammond of World Renew and a CFA board officer says that she is "looking forward to CFA continuing to grow its impact on the church and community under Reesheda's leadership."

Jay Van Groningen, CFA's founding director and former director of membership and learning says, "I prayed earnestly for three years that God would direct us to a new CFA executive director. God has answered those prayers with a qualified, gifted, servant leader. Now, with enthusiasm and great joy, I eagerly anticipate what it is to come with Reesheda Washington in the leadership position at CFA."

Washington began as Executive Director of the Communities First Association on March 3rd.

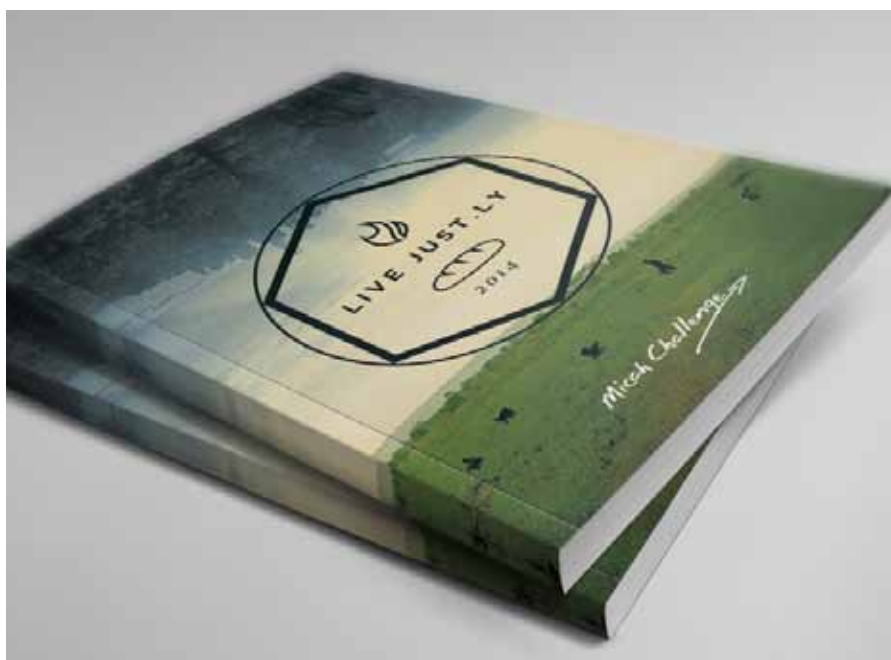
The Communities First Association helps Christian churches and organizations reach out to their local neighborhoods by providing a supportive learning environment, resources, and tools to those who transform communities. For more information, go to www.communitiesfirstassociation.org.

A Lot to Learn About Justice

What I like about the Bible is that it isn't just cognitive, head information. It is totally hands on and action oriented. In the Bible, "knowing" and "doing" are common threads that are permanently stuck together. This means we can never know everything about anything in scripture because there is always more to do; there are always more ways to participate in the Kingdom.

World Renew's group study, *Live Justly*, created in partnership with Micah Challenge U.S., ties into this biblical concept. Instead of giving presupposed answers to every possible justice situation, the Live Justly curriculum provides practical, biblical tools that enable participants to combine their own abilities with what they learn in order to "do justice" in a variety of situations.

We will never know everything there is to know about justice. We will never fully understand how our actions and decisions impact the lives of others for good or ill. This is ok, because to comprehend every justice answer once and for all is not exactly our biblical call; there is always more to discover.



Live Justly helps people walk into six justice-related areas of the Christian life: advocacy, prayer, consumption, generosity, creation care, and relationships. If we walk these paths, we will keep discovering what biblical justice is—a lifestyle that reflects the peace we expect to see in the coming kingdom.

Deacons can receive the *LiveJust.ly* curriculum for **FREE** by signing up for the *World Renew Deacon's Newsletter!* Visit worldrenew.net/deacons to subscribe.

To order or to learn more about the *Live Justly* group study contact Kris Van Engen, kvanengen@crcna.org.

The Power of Putting Things Right

The World Renew 2014-2015 Gift Catalog

As people who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the world, Christ-followers know that God reigns and will return to earth to establish His kingdom and finally “put things right ” (1 Chron. 16:32-33).

God’s deep passion for justice and mercy compels us as His people to work in some of the world’s most difficult places, helping those who are in need break free from the injustice, oppression, and violence of poverty. We long and work for the day that His kingdom fully comes! Let’s end the suffering and injustice of poverty, depending on God’s power to put things right.

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