

## WORKING WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURING CHURCHES: A GRANT PROPOSAL

In John 17, Jesus prayed that those who believed in him would be united (John 17:21-23). It is in the spirit of this prayer that the CRCNA, via its *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee*, is encouraging Christian Reformed congregations to unite with other Christian churches in your area.

The term “*Ecumenical*” refers to “the whole house.” When we strive to be ecumenical, we emphasize the worldwide church as one household – the family of God. This can mean combined worship services, shared outreach activities, or a variety of other ideas that work in your context.

The CRCNA wants to support the ecumenical ministry of your congregation by offering small grants to be used for events, gatherings, community services and worship opportunities that bring together churches from a variety of backgrounds.

Starting in the fall of 2018, you can apply for one of six grants (\$500 maximum) available to Canadian CRCs who wish foster healthy partnerships with other neighborhood churches.



*Christian Reformed and Presbyterian volunteers work together on a house in Chatham, Ontario.*

Do you have an idea of how you want to work with your community’s neighboring churches? Simply answer the following questions and send an email to [pelgersma@crcna.org](mailto:pelgersma@crcna.org). Your request will be considered for a grant up to 500 dollars!

1. What is your idea for ecumenical engagement?
2. Why is it significant for your church?
3. Who will be the other church or Christian tradition in this project?
4. How will this grant help to generate ongoing ecumenicity locally?
5. How much money do you need?

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first-served basis until the six grants have been distributed. Apply early to avoid disappointment!

### **Give a gift today.**

Do you have a particular interest in the ecumenical activities of local churches? Would you like to support this effort with additional funds? If so, please contact Peter Elgersma, Director of Canadian Advancement for the Christian Reformed Church, at (416) 882-7120 or [pelgersma@crcna.org](mailto:pelgersma@crcna.org) or donate directly at: [crcna.org/Canada/donate](http://crcna.org/Canada/donate).