



In this edition ...

Hello {Organization Name} (or 'Friend' if no Org name),

As our good friend Ken Shigematsu has shared in his book, *God in My Everything*, "When we regularly pause from our ambitions and activities, we create space to experience Christ". My prayer is that you have had opportunity to 'pause' during the summer months.

As you look to the upcoming ministry year - and as part of our desire to come alongside you in your ministry - we hope you find the following useful as you prepare for the season ahead. Read on to discover:

- How to join as our **special guest** at the **Global Leadership Summit**, Oct 19-20
- A **special partner discount code** to attend the **Canadian Youth Pastors Summit**
- **World Vision Canada's President & CEO, Michael Messenger**, explaining the water shortage live from Kenya
- **Important articles** on the connection between humanitarian work and the church
- An insightful **article** from Carey Nieuwhof about how **tough economic times** might actually be good for the church

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one heart and mouth you glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:6



Be Our Guest at the Global Leadership Summit - October 19-20, 2023

A proud partner with the Global Leadership Network, World Vision Canada invites you to the Global Leadership Summit on October 19 - 20th.

Over the course of two days, the Summit will provide curated leadership content from world-class speakers and inspirational leadership moments that catalyze growth.

Locations include Kelowna, Victoria, Vancouver, Surrey, Calgary, Edmonton, Ft. McMurray, Winkler, Scarborough, Ottawa and Halifax (subject to change). Tickets are normally \$239 but World Vision Canada wants to invest in you and your ministry, so we are offering you, and up to three of your leadership team, to join us as our guests. These are **available on a first-come, first-serve basis**. So don't delay and register below, or reach out to me directly for details.

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Creating Church Community Through a Shared Vision for Humanitarianism

According to a June 2023 UN Report, 360 million people worldwide need humanitarian assistance - up 30% since the beginning of 2022.

The need is great, but **how do you get your church to think globally**, as well as locally? To have a heart for those who are so far away? World Vision Canada can report many stories where churches have found that coming together around a common goal, like providing clean water for a community ([Global 6K for Water](#)) or a child sponsorship event like [Chosen](#), creates a sense of community and belonging for church attendees.

To learn more about activating your church and creating community through partnering with World Vision Canada, visit our 'Activate Your Church' page.

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ARTICLE: Are Christian Charities Really More Effective at Humanitarian Aid?

"I'm a Christian, and I obviously work for a Christian charity. But it hadn't occurred to me that our faith might be an asset and important ingredient in our work to end poverty. However, if we simply did humanitarian development work with no faith component, we wouldn't be holistically taking care of people - mind, body, and spirit. We would leave the puzzle incomplete because the roots of poverty are often spiritual."

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ARTICLE: How Bad Times for the Economy Can Be Good Times for Churches - by Carey Nieuwhof

So, chances are the economic news has you wondering what the future holds for your church.

It seems that the default for many church leaders is to freeze, grow cautious, and worry that things are going to get really tight once the word recession makes it way into headlines.

While being cautious is better than being reckless, what if **tight economic times** were more of an **opportunity** for your church than an obstacle?

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Discount Code for Canadian Youth Pastor Summit - Oct. 23-25

A three-day Summit to plan and collaborate around your next season of youth ministry. Connecting you with leading voices, fellow practitioners and most importantly, Jesus - the One who called you to serve this generation in the first place. Come along to share the future of youth ministry in Canada.

To receive \$50 off registration, use the special promo code: **CYPSWORLDVISION**

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A Moment with Michael

Michael Messenger, President & CEO of World Vision Canada travels to Kenya to learn, see and share first-hand the work that we are doing in **supporting vulnerable girls and boys** in these communities.

"In Mwatate, where water is scarce, communities can be assisted to build water pans - large areas with earth walls that collect and hold runoff. But with ongoing drought, even some of these reservoirs have run dry. Families have to search for other sources, usually far away."

To find out how you can engage in communities such as Mwatate, or around global water issues, please connect with your regional church advisor.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

PRAY WITH US

A prayer request from our National Manager of Church Engagement, Chris Schroeder:

"Please join us in prayer as we join our World Vision community from around the globe for our annual **Day of Prayer** on October 1, 2023. This is a day dedicated to praying for the children and communities we serve, as well as the donors who make our work possible."

Please know our Church Engagement team is praying for you.

[Send us](#) your personal prayer requests and our staff will pray specifically for you during our upcoming **Day of Prayer**.

[Hear from Chris about his personal Chosen experience on the latest Canadian Church Leaders Podcast.](#)



Many blessings, Philip Gai Your World Vision Church Advisor

If you have any questions or would like to connect with me directly, please [email](#) or book a virtual coffee on my [calendar](#).