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CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

“Becoming Resurrection Together”

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes
Sunday, April 7:00 AM

Scripture

Acts 4:32-35;
John 20:19-31;
& I John 1:1-2:2

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Trip to Costa Rica

Hey friends,

From April 12 to 18 a small team from Third Reformed Church will join some representatives from the RCA office of Global mission for a trip to Costa Rica. The members of this team are Pastor Angel, Pastor Ryan, Aspen Boes and Laura Baer. The purpose of this trip is to explore potential partnerships with our former discipleship and mission consultant, Jim Padilla DeBorst, particularly on the border of Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Jim, and representatives of his team, have started a ministry in the town of Los Chiles, Costa Rica that serves immigrants from Nicaragua. As Third Reformed Church also has welcomed many of our newest members from Nicaragua, this gives us an opportunity to learn more about global migration from a different point of view and also exposes us to how Christians in Costa Rica are responding to challenges of xenophobia towards immigrants, as well as the assistance they are able to provide.

Additionally, the leadership team also hopes to learn more about future opportunities for TRC to send teams down for service-learning trips around themes of ecological ethics, global migration, and Christian community.

The team will report back to the consistory and lead a Mosaic class on Sunday, May 12th for the congregation to learn more. Please pray for the team (Pastor Ryan, Pastor Angel, Laura Baer, Aspen Boes, Luis Ruiz from RCA global mission, and Samuel Lopez from Frontera De Gracia) as they explore opportunities for the RCA, TRC to partner with the good ministry in Costa Rica. Pray for the health and safety of the team as they travel. And, pray for God to continue to provide for the people of Nicaragua as they seek safety and opportunity for themselves and their families.

Grace and Peace,

—Pastor Ryan

Upcoming Book Discussion

There will be a book discussion on Anna-Lisa Cox's book, "The Bone and Sinew of The Land" on Sunday May 19 at 4pm. Look for more information in a future edition of Third Church News.

Email Spoofing is Happening Again!

This past week Gretchen Munroe reached out to let me know she'd gotten a fishy email claiming to be from Pastor Ryan. Here's what it looked like:

From: Pastor Ryan Boes <church.pastorsmail@gmail.com>
Date: March 27, 2024 at 12:24:46 PM EDT
To: gymunroe@gmail.com
Subject: Hello Gretchen

Good morning. How are you? How is your day going? Are you busy? I need your assistance. Please reply as soon as you get this. Thank you so much.
God bless.

Pastor Ryan Boes.

Because this has happened, we're re-running an article from last summer about email spoofing.

From the July 20, 2023, Edition of TCN

No, Pastor Ryan is Not Emailing You for Money

—Amy Lunn, Church Administrator

There has recently been a spate of counterfeit emails that many people in the congregation have received, with a subject line suggesting Pastor Ryan needs help or would like you to respond to his email. This is not the first time these emails have happened, and it won't be the last. A recent one I received had a subject line of BRISK, and the message read:

*Hello,
Are you less busy at the moment? I have a request for you to manage it secretly. I will be going into a meeting in a few minutes; no calls, so kindly respond back via email.*

Thanks

Email spoofing is a type of cyberattack that **targets organizations by using emails with forged sender addresses**. Because the recipient trusts the alleged sender, they are more likely to open the

email and interact with its contents, such as a malicious link or attachment. A couple of quick ways to identify a counterfeit, i.e. spoofed, email are as follows:

- The displayed sender name does not match the email address
- The information in the email signature, such as the telephone number, doesn't align with what is known about the sender (i.e., the sender is located in California but the phone number in the sig file has a Massachusetts area code)
- Check the email header for the RECEIVED line. It should match the email address that is displayed in the email

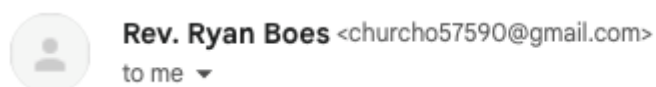

For instance, the email I received that I quoted above said it was from Rev. Ryan Boes. Here's what it looked like in my inbox:

: ☆  **Rev. Ryan Boes** **BRISK** - Hello, Are you less busy at the moment?

Now, because I am familiar with emails from Pastor Ryan, I was suspicious right away because his emails only say Ryan Boes in the sender line. Here's an actual email from Pastor Ryan:

: ☆  **Ryan Boes** **Congregational Meeting Agenda**

Once opened, it is easy to spot the spoofed/counterfeit email. Here's a picture of the header from the fake email:

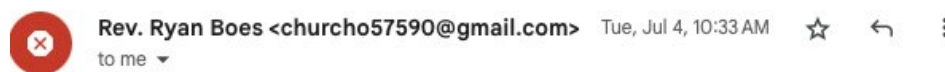


:  **Rev. Ryan Boes** <churcho57590@gmail.com>
to me ▾

As you can see, two things are off:

The email address is not ryan.boes@trcholland.org (**April 2024 comment: look at Gretchen's email above. Note that the email address there was "church.pastorsmail" at gmail.com, not Pastor Ryan's email**).


- The picture is blank.

Additionally, if you use Gmail, it will mark most emails like this as suspicious, and that is very obvious:

:  **Rev. Ryan Boes** <churcho57590@gmail.com> Tue, Jul 4, 10:33 AM ☆  
to me ▾

This message seems dangerous

Similar messages were used to steal people's personal information. Avoid clicking links, downloading attachments, or replying with personal information.



An email from Pastor Ryan would have his correct email and, in his case, his picture:



Ryan Boes

to Dave, Jeff, me, bossman, Mark ▾

Sometimes these counterfeit/spoofed emails can be hard to spot, and they may come from anyone in your address book - Pastor Ryan, your second cousin twice-removed, your grade school best friend - anyone. So here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Does the language used sound different from how that person usually writes/speaks?
- Are they making a strange or out of character request?
- Does it insist you either only email back or that you send money?

If you answer yes to any of those, it's most likely a spoofing email. Don't reply, don't send money. If you are unsure about the authenticity of an email, call them, or email them separately (start a new email, don't hit the reply button) to check on the veracity of their request.

LIFT Schedule and Special Events

Here are some upcoming LIFT dates to keep in mind:

- April 10: LIFT resumes YAY!
- April 17: Special presentation "Reverse Karaoke for Piano Concertos." This involves a piano-computer duet!
- April 24: LIFT Talent Show and final full LIFT of the semester



Here's the full description of the presentation on April 17: *Matt DeJongh will present his sabbatical research project entitled "Reverse Karaoke for Piano Concertos." He will play some Preludes and Fugues by J.S. Bach, then perform the Andante and Allegro movements of Mozart's A major piano concerto (K414) accompanied by his computer.*

Offering of Letters

—Beverley Rannow, member of the local Bread for the World team

“Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:9

Since 1974, Bread for the World (BFW) has worked through nonpartisan political engagement with politicians of all stripes to advocate for the poor and powerless in the U.S. and around the world. BFW has worked to end hunger in our times by advocating for equitable and effective food systems, structures, and policies.

Every 5 years the Farm Bill needs to be reauthorized giving Christians the opportunity to advocate for a more equitable and effective bill to address hunger both here in the U.S. and across the globe. Last year was the year for reauthorization of the Farm Bill, however, as of now Congress has not completed this bill.

Therefore, the Offering of Letters for this year is once again calling on Congress to complete the reauthorization of the Farm Bill and pass a Farm Bill that:

- Protects SNAP from funding cuts and further restrictions.
- Increases funding for fresh produce within SNAP benefits through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP).
- Reduces food waste by cosponsoring the Food Date Labeling Act, H.R.3159/S.1484.
- Reauthorizes the Food for Peace global nutrition program at no less than its current level of \$2.5 billion annually and allows additional flexibility to provide the most effective form of assistance in each local context.

You may choose to write and mail your own letter. Contact Beverley Rannow for more information.

Third Church Family News

Sympathy

- To the family and friends of Charlotte Garlough who died last week.

Announcements

Mosaic Class

April 7

CHRISTIAN THINKING ABOUT POVERTY, INEQUALITY, AND THE WELFARE STATE (Part 2)

Dr. Steve McMullen, Professor of Economics at Hope College and Third Church Member

There are deep disagreements in the Church about poverty, inequality, and government programs. In these classes we will examine recent economic data, evidence on the effects of welfare state programs, and different conceptions of justice that Christians bring to these topics.

Office Reception Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Fridays 8:00 AM to Noon. Phones are answered Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Prayer Requests

Sympathy:

- Prayers for the family and friends of Charlotte Garlough who passed away last week.

Pray for the following:

- Elle Kuiper has returned to her apartment following a recent hospitalization.
- Grayson Sievert recuperating from surgery.
- Marcia Calliccoat at home pray, for healing.
- Gayle (at American House) and Paula Wilson (home)
- Nathan Klay and Sue Boes dealing with cancer.

- Diann Koeman who is recuperating from a broken leg and ankle. Cards may be sent to her at her brother's home: Diann Koeman, c/o Dale Koeman, 191 Revetment Ln., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Jonathan McMullen for healing.
- Kathleen, daughter of Charles Hunt dealing with advanced cancer.
- For all migrants and refugees throughout the world. For those seeking asylum, employment and housing.
- Pray for people at the US border who will show mercy and hope to all those who come to the US.
- Pray for the people of Haiti.
- Pray for the people of Taiwan who are dealing with the aftermath of an earthquake.
- For peace and justice in Gaza and all countries dealing with war. Pray that aid can reach those who are starving.
- For the new members who will be joining church on Sunday.

For confirmands and their mentors as they go through the profession of faith process:

- Anna Stewart - Kay Stewart
- Lucy Green - Chris Walvoord
- Faith Millen - Anna Beird
- Kimia McMullen - Susan Boes
- Rilla Carpenter - Madison Pierce
- Lucy Carpenter - Laura Baer
- Jana Honeycutt - Jane Dalman
- Remi VanFarowe - Megan Boes
- Miriam Lopez-Koolhaas - Kathy Schoon-Tanis
- Lorena Lopez-Koolhaas - Bethany Bulthuis
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman and Dennis Gebben.

Prayer Spotlight

The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village: Esther De Pree, Shirley Hoksbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert.

Remember in Our Prayers

Joanne Kuiper, Larry Loss, Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Linda Parchert, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations, and those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

Missionaries

Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).