



## In this edition ...

Hello {Organization Name} (or 'Friend' if no Org name)! Happy New Year!

Now that the Christmas season is over, January is often when we feel it is time to get serious again about our goals, our fitness, and our work. Rick Warren states it's all about taking that first step:

*God rarely asks you to take leaps of faith; rather, he encourages you to take small steps that grow larger as your faith grows larger. But you've got to take the first step to get to all the other steps!"*

If one of your goals is to 'move the line' with your congregation in their discipleship, we would love to partner with you, utilizing one of our World Vision's transformational experiences designed to open hearts and create a better world for all of God's children.

We also want to come alongside you in your ministry and support you in your goals and your challenges in 2024. That is why we have created a special team of Church Advisors across Canada to serve you and pray for you. We hope to chat with you soon!

**In this edition, you will:**

- Experience the journey of Forest City Church as they were chosen by children in Malawi and learn how World Vision is flipping the tables on child sponsorship.
- Discover there is still time to sign up for the 'Resilient Pastor' Cohort.
- Learn about the Ambrose University Pastor's Conference in March and use a special discount code to receive \$20 off your registration.
- Be challenged to hustle less and enjoy God more in 2024. Check out the article, 'Three Gentle Spiritual Resolutions for a New Year' by Darryl Dash.
- Be able to sign up to attend the World Vision Canada's AGM to see how God has been moving globally over the past year.

*"For I know the plans I have you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



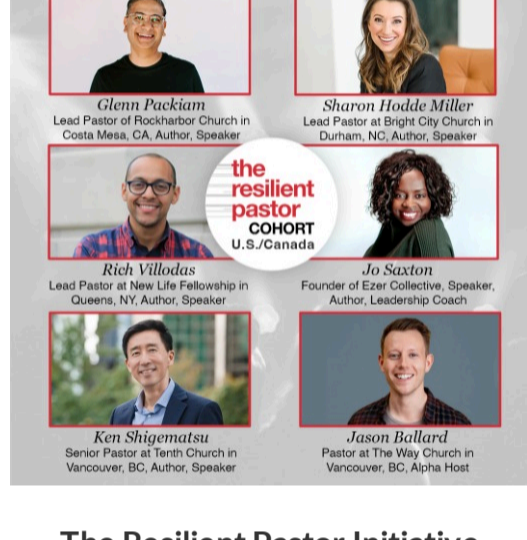
## BE CHOSEN: Flipping the Table on Child Sponsorship

Want to convey the heart of the gospel? Engage your church? Reach communities in need? Experience mutual transformation?

Introduce your church to a life-changing ministry built around the innate human desire to be seen, known, and to matter. When your church hosts a 'Chosen' event, and people sign up to be chosen, children will be empowered to choose their own sponsors. This life-changing gift can help address the root causes of children's poverty; empowering children, their families, and communities to claim lives filled with possibilities.

Watch the video below to experience this radical new way of doing child sponsorship with the Forest City Church. To sign up your congregation for this transformational experience, visit our [website](#) or talk to your Church Advisor.

WATCH NOW



### The Resilient Pastor Initiative Cohort Launching Soon!

There is still time to join the Resilient Pastor cohort launching January 31st, a three-month learning community designed to help you grow in resilience.

**Our goal is to help you:**

- Grow your ability to lead well in the midst of today's culture, recommitting to your calling
- Expand your capacity to pastor with critical qualities like resilience, humility, credibility and understanding
- Discuss the challenges of ministry today with other like-minded leaders and collaborate on church solutions

Join friends and peers and learn from trusted pastors and leaders who will share honestly from their own lives.

JOIN THE COHORT



### Ambrose University Pastors Conference - Calgary, AB

Ambrose Pastors Conference is an annual gathering designed to empower and uplift those in pastoral ministry. We appreciate the courage and care it takes to lead in the world of pastoral ministry.

Join us March 13-14, 2024 as we hear David Fitch, Bryce Ashlin-Mayo and Sarah Coleson-Derck explore the theme "Handle with Care", an exploration of navigating the demands of ministry, and as World Vision provides the latest Barna data relevant to churches and continues to launch 'The Resilient Pastor' initiative in Canada.

Because World Vision has partnered with Ambrose, we can offer you a \$20-off discount code: **WORLDVISION20**

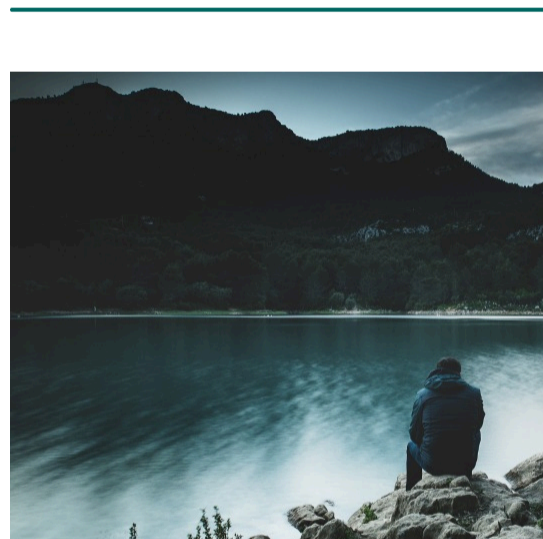
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### Youth Workers Conferences 2024

This conference is for anyone that is actively helping the next generation know Jesus! That's who we mean when we talk about youth workers. And youth workers like that truly make an eternal difference.

Saskatoon - Jan 26-27, 2024  
Vancouver - Feb 2-3, 2024  
Calgary - Feb 9-10, 2024

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### Three Gentle Spiritual Resolutions for a New Year - by Darryl Dash

"My first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was to have my soul happy in the Lord." Müller was no slouch, but he knew where to start – with receiving from God rather than doing for God."

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### World Vision Canada Annual General Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2024 @ 12:45 - 4:15 PM EST

Join us virtually for our Annual General Meeting where we will celebrate the impact and Momentum we've been building this past year.

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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jan 26-27 [Youth Workers Conference \(Saskatoon\)](#)  
Jan 28 [World Vision Canada's AGM](#)  
Jan 31 [The Resilient Pastor Cohort Launches](#)  
Feb 2-3 [Youth Workers Conference \(Vancouver\)](#)  
Feb 9-10 [Youth Workers Conference \(Calgary\)](#)  
Mar 13-14 [Ambrose Pastors Conference](#)



### PRAY WITH US

From Chris Schroeder, National Manager of Church Engagement:

We continue to pray for you as leaders of the Canadian church as you lead in your communities and contexts. Please pray along with us for the Canadian Church as we together look to fulfill the Great Commission and impact those within our communities and the world. We look forward to serving alongside you in your ministry in 2024!

We want to pray for you! Please [TEXT](#) or [EMAIL US](#) your personal prayer requests and the Church Team will pray specifically for you.



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](#).