

# kinship



GRADUATION PICTURE OF FALL 2021

Psalm 96:3 says “Declare His glory among the nations,  
His marvelous deeds among all peoples.”

**Small but in a significant way, Kingcrest International Neighbours (KIN) is a blessing to many nations and nationalities, this term we had students from seven nations. Thank you for your participation and support. May this New Year be special to you.**

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KIN Board, Students, Teachers and Volunteers  
wishes you and your family a blessed  
*New Year 2022.*



## Winter term:

Has begun on  
18th January 2022

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
7 to 9pm

*Please continue to pray  
as we began our classes  
on online mode.*

*We wait for further  
instructions from BC Health  
Authorities to resume in  
person classes.*



# STEADFAST FAITHFUL PARTICIPATION in God's work in God's world

Faithful participation in the work of God in God's world can be described in any number of ways. One of the most important ways, if not the most important way, concerns the faithful *presence* of the church in and with the world.

Samuel Wells, vicar of St. Martin in the Fields in London, is fond of arguing that “with” is the most important word in all of Scripture. “With” is a promise, indeed, perhaps *the* promise of God that unfolds throughout the story of the Bible, that God will be with us. It is a promise centralized in the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, the one we proclaim as “God-with-us.” God is present with us as Jesus. We come to know who God is and what he is like by looking at Jesus.

In a similar fashion, we also—as individuals and as the strange community called “the church”—come to know who we are and what it means to be human by looking to Jesus. In other words, the church is to live as the image of God within the world, to live in the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit as the character and life of Jesus is formed in us. The church faithfully participating in God's redemptive work is a sign to the world that God has not abandoned the world to its own devices.

The church is often seduced by the cultural knee-jerk reaction to issues and problems. We love the quick fix, the uncomplicated solutions that don't require much of us, and the application of resources (often money) to make problems go away.

Faithful participation entails living as the image of God that we see in Jesus. If Jesus is the living embodiment of God's promise to be with us, it follows that the church's participation in God's mission is seen in the ways the church is present in the world, the character of the church within our neighbourhoods and the communities we partake of. *We are called to be a faithful presence in our world, our families, our neighbourhoods, with the strangers we meet, the marginalized, the forgotten, the poor, the oppressed.*

We are sent to reflect the faithful character of God in the world, wherever we are and whoever we are with. That is what faithful presence means – our character slowly shaped into the character of Jesus, our patience with those we are around, our love, our kindness, the friendship we extend to those we encounter in the ways that God extends his friendship to the world. God's faithful presence, his “being with-ness”, is what calls the church into being and gives shape to its character and its life together for the sake of the world.



Written by  
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Vancouver.





## Know Our New Teacher:

My name is Alex Lomangino. I am a church planting pastor with the Canadian National Baptist Convention. Our desire is to see people come to know Jesus, find the safety of a Gospel community, and mobilized on mission for Jesus in South East Vancouver. This is my first term as a volunteer teacher at Kingcrest. My experience has been very positive as I am learning about a service I could eventually do overseas. I even had the chance to share the Gospel with one of the students I am serving.

## Know Our Youngest Teacher:

**Ileana Galdamez**

Kingcrest was my first English school when I first arrived in Canada. I hold this school close to my heart, and I feel honoured to have been able to teach in the same classroom in which I once sat as a student. Kingcrest is a place filled with wonderful, kind, and eager students who are always ready to learn, and I am happy to be a part of their journey.



## Listen to Our Level 4 Student:

I'm Francisco Javier Munoz Sanchez (Mexico), I want to say thanks to Kingcrest for the opportunity and the support to learn English in this new country for me. Thank you everyone for your kindness.

# Meet Your New Coordinator



My name is Krishna Rao or as my friends call me Krishna. Having come to know the Lord Jesus Christ during my college days, it's a joy and delight to serve the Lord in this capacity at KIN. After having worked for a decade in the banking sector in India, I responded to the call of God to enter ministry. My first education in a theological institution was in Christian Counselling. Having studied M.A in Pastoral counselling at Singapore Bible College, God gave me the joy to educate the church in India through workshops, teaching and counselling till I came and joined Regent college at Vancouver in 2018. As a recent graduate in the field of Applied Theology, I am thankful for this opportunity to be a part of KIN.

**Statistics:** This term, students came from Mexico, Dominican Republic, Chile, Venezuela, El Salvador, Guatemala and Ethiopia. Twenty students representing seven nations joined us for classes.

**Request for Volunteers:** We are regularly looking for volunteers who can teach as well as who can assist.

**Request for Regular Donors:** "As Winter Term 2022 is underway, we sincerely thank our current and previous Regular Donors for your commitments to Kingcrest! To maintain our outreach in these challenging times, a wider base of regular financial support is needed. Would you consider recommending KIN's ministry to your friends and family for 2022?"

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