

# KINSHIP

KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS

Spring Term 2021



## Fall Term 2021

### Preparing for a safe return

#### Registration

September 7 & 9 / 6:00—8:00 pm

#### Classes

September 14 to Nov. 25 Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Registration Fee... \$80 Text Book..... \$40**

We will continue to update the information following recommendations from health authorities.

## Saturday, June 26th, 2021



**CARWASH**  
*Fundraiser*

**Time:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Place:** Community Hub, parking lot.  
660 East 51st Ave. Vancouver, BC.

**Suggested donation:** \$15 for cars and  
\$20 for SUV's/trucks



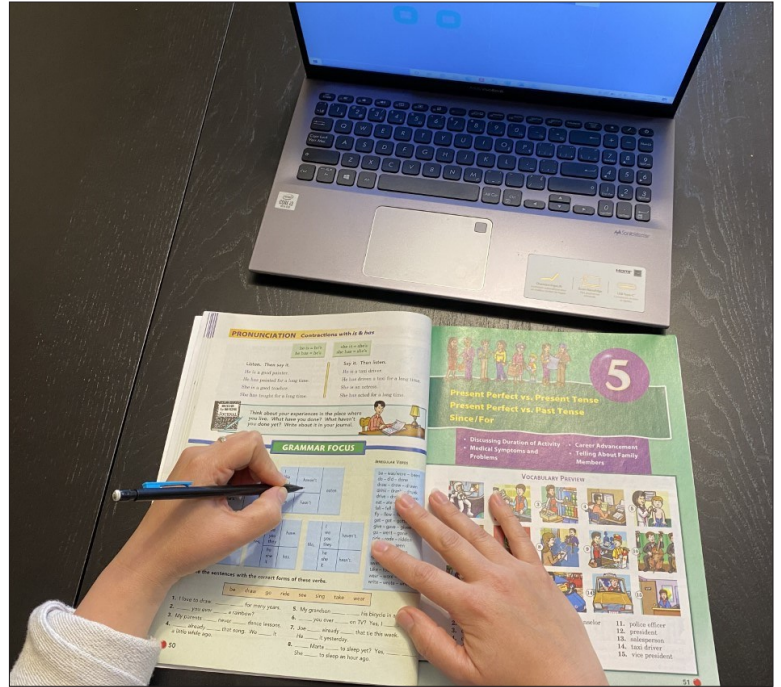
# Meeting the need through Online Classes

The restrictions due to the covid pandemic were still in place during the Spring Term but the need of English classes has been higher than ever. Everyone needs to keep themselves updated with the news, and follow instructions posted in public places, answer “routine” questions for essential services, and more. Now, more than ever, newcomers need to be able to communicate in a foreign language. However, they don’t have many opportunities to practice or learn a new language in these conditions or socialize with others in their same situation.

Seeing this need, we opened our English Classes online for a third term. This decision has been welcomed by all of our student. As with the last two terms, Levels 1 and 2

are being taught in person and Levels 3 and 4 online. There is also one group of Level 1 students meeting every Saturday online as part of KIN’s agreement with Options Community Service to provide support to immigrant workers.

Students like Sandra Diaz are grateful for the opportunity of studying remotely. She says that studying remotely allows her to take care of her toddler while she is part of her Level 3 class. “I love that the classes are very instructive, and the teachers are approachable and kind when they correct a mistake. We practice our conversation a lot, I like to complement with the exercises in the book. I am



putting everything into practice in my daily activities and I have realized that now I can pay attention to English TV shows and movies.”

After one full year teaching Levels 3 and 4 online, and

with the provincial health authorities’ four-step plan for “re-opening,” we are looking ahead to more in-person learning in Fall Term, following BC’s health guidance. We will keep everyone informed!

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*Sandra Diaz, Level 3 student.*

## Tamales fundraiser

For the second consecutive year, Kingcrest organized a tamales fundraiser to keep our classes running. A group of six people worked tirelessly for two days to prepare more than 200 tamales and bring this delicious Salvadoran dish to the table of more than 20 families. The orders were ready for pick up in the kitchen of



Peace Church on 52<sup>nd</sup>. Some people were excited for the

opportunity to taste the flavour of something they had-

n’t had in years and others were looking forward to try the tamales for the first time. Kingcrest organizes different activities every year to support financially the ministry and we are grateful for all the support we receive. For this summer, we are planning the annual car wash fundraiser which will be held on June 26th, 2021.



# The Neighbour-to-Neighbour picnic table project

In the same building where KIN's classes are taught, a project has been developed over the spring of 2021. Outside of the Community Hub, next to the community garden has been created a space that welcomes everyone: the Neighbour-to-Neighbour picnic tables.

The purpose in developing this project was to provide avenues to connect with the community, gather safely in the midst of the pandemic, and to welcome those in the neighbourhood.

The four picnic tables can give 32 seats to host different outdoor activities like the community dinners held by Peace Church on 52nd; would also give enough space for an entire class from the elementary school down the street; the students from Kingcrest could study outside on warmer evenings; and the possibilities

continue to be growing. The picnic tables were built by five young adults that live in Sunset area in Vancouver using predominately donated wood. Congregants from Peace Church on 52nd worked together to stain them to protect them from the elements. The project is utilizing wide-ranging assets within the entire neighbourhood including the gifts, skills, passions, and knowledge. There is a decoration stage and for this, collectively the neighbours, church congregants, students from Kingcrest and other community groups are coming together via Zoom to get to know one another and to paint ceramic tiles. Once these tiles are kiln-fired, they will be mounted and used to decorate the tops of the tables.

The shared efforts will transform what was a plot



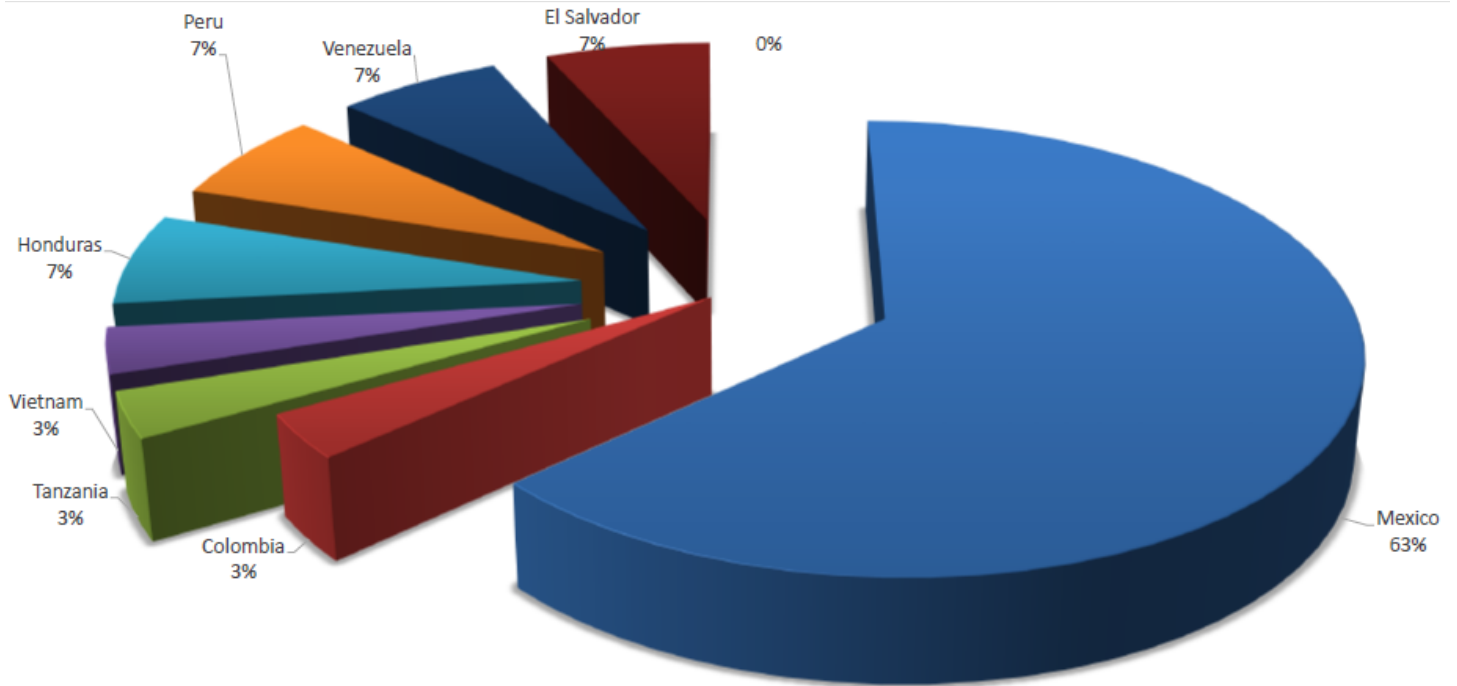
of grass into a collaborative art installation imbuing something with new life and vitality that celebrates community.

The picnic tables and garden are a space for shareable moments, they also act as powerful connection points between neighbours and

between older and younger generations within the community. These stories are a hidden bounty that weaves our cultures together, our spiritual beliefs like a unique tapestry. And, as strangers become friends this tapestry takes the shape of a mosaic reflecting beauty in diversity.



# Immigration Categories, Spring 2021



## Kingcrest Vision Statement:

Kingcrest International Neighbours is a Christ-centered Organization that supports and empowers immigrants, refugees, temporary workers and visitors through English Language Learning (ELL) and community-building. All are welcome to come, learn and be loved.

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**6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

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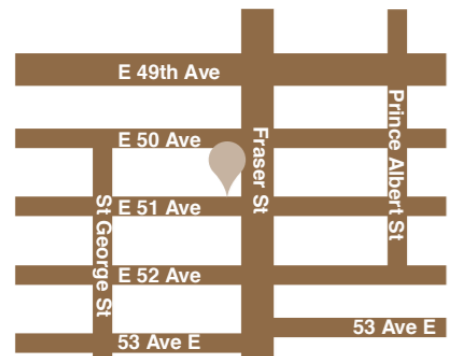
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