



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Talking Points from the Life and Mission Agency October 2018

The following are a few highlights of the many activities, programs and resources offered by the Life and Mission Agency.

Latest News

Leadership Webinars

The latest lineup of online learning opportunities offered by national office have been posted. Each webinar is free and made possible by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*. It's easy to take part—simply join from your computer, tablet or phone. Recordings of each webinar are provided.

New webinars offered by Canadian Ministries connect ministry leaders from across the country to the inspiration and knowledge they need to lead thriving congregations. The webinars will focus on ministry models (amalgamation, Ecumenical Shared Ministry, cluster ministry, etc.) and will be led by ministry leaders who have successfully helped congregations embrace new ways of doing ministry. Other topics include stewardship and planned giving, and more webinars are added regularly.

<https://presbyterian.ca/webinars>

Evangelism Network

Canadian Ministries is moving into year two of the development of an evangelism network. The first cohort is now in the process of running evangelism initiatives in their congregations and the second cohort will begin their training in October. The goal of this network is to build a community of ministry leaders engaged in evangelism and to share the best practices identified by this group with the wider denomination.

canadianministries@presbyterian.ca

Renewal Programs for Congregations

In an effort to respond to the need for renewal in our congregations, Canadian Ministries has been piloting two visioning programs: New Beginnings and reVision. To date, the congregations that have participated in the pilot project have reported positive impacts on their ministry and expressed renewed hope for their future. Canadian Ministries hopes to make this opportunity available to the wider denomination in 2019.

Cyclical PCC

The PCC has partnered with Cyclical Inc. (a church planting initiative connected to the PCUSA) to launch a denomination wide church planting initiative, Cyclical PCC. This initiative will gather leaders who are drawn to starting new worshipping communities and engage them in a process that helps them discern and take first steps in the direction God is calling them.

<https://presbyterian.ca/cyclicalpcc>

Urgent Appeal to Respond to Crises in Africa

Across the African continent, thousands are severely impacted by crises not of their own making—violent uprisings, drought and flooding in Sudan and South Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. A strong Presbyterian response to PWS&D's appeal is requested to help provide emergency aid that will ease the suffering of displaced families. Support this response by holding a special offering and using the Africa relief bulletin insert.

<https://WeRespond.ca/urgent-appeal-africa-relief>

Young Adult Intern

Stephanie Chunoo will begin her internship with the Kalunba Refugee Ministry of the Reformed Church in Hungary in October 2018. Her responsibilities will include building relationships with the refugee clientele, teaching English lessons, and assisting with the Kalunba English website. Follow Stephanie and other PCC international mission staff on the Mission Blog.

<http://pccweb.ca/missionblog>

PWS&D's Champions Network

PWS&D is hoping to build a strong network of supporters and spokespeople from coast-to-coast. If you're passionate about PWS&D and want to help promote our work in your congregation or community, join our team as a PWS&D Champion.

<https://WeRespond.ca/be-a-champion>

Events

Transform Conference

A new conference will help congregations embrace a missional culture that encourages initiative and risk-taking and discover new ways of nurturing faithful, vibrant and generous ministry. Canadian Ministries and Stewardship & Planned Giving are jointly hosting this leadership and stewardship conference in Orillia, Ont., from November 8-11, 2018. Special rates for congregational groups are available.

<https://presbyterian.ca/transform>

Stewards by Design Conference

The next *Stewards by Design* conference will take place from May 2019, in Orillia, Ont. Congregational groups are encouraged to apply by October 19, 2018. The \$2,400 fee covers the transportation, accommodation, meals and registration costs for a team of four people.

<https://presbyterian.ca/stewardship/stewards-by-design>

Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF)

Established in February 2018, Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace serves as a cooperative endeavour of the ecumenical movement in accompanying the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan's mission priority for justice and peace in Taiwan and in East Asia. It comes at a time when Taiwan is facing increased external oppression and exclusion from international participation. The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie and the Rev. Glynis Williams are the PCC's representatives on the Steering Committee. The next meeting will be held at the PCT Presbyterian Bible College (PBC) in Hsinchu, Taiwan, from November 28–30, 2018.

Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE)

The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators' annual event, *Come Now to the Waters*, will be held in Galveston, Texas from February 6-9, 2019. (<http://www.apcenet.org>). There are five grants of \$750 available through the *Creative Ministry with Children and Youth Fund* to help Christian Educators (paid and volunteer) attend this conference. Please contact Canadian Ministries for more information. canadianministries@presbyterian.ca

Resources

Gifts of Change

The new Gifts of Change catalogue highlights gifts that can have a positive impact for people in need in Canada and overseas. Congregations can order free copies to insert into their bulletins or send to members. Watch for the inserted copy the winter edition of the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper. <https://presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change>

Stewardship & Planned Giving Resources

Resources to promote *Presbyterians Sharing* are now available for download or order. And check out the new video launched at General Assembly— perfect for showing at Annual General Meetings or as a moment for mission during your service. <https://presbyterian.ca/sharing>

PCC 2019 Wall Calendar

The beautiful new 2019 PCC wall calendar features stained glass windows from Presbyterian congregations across the country. Order your copy today. <https://presbyterian.ca/calendar>

Legacy Sunday: Nov. 18

A worship service for a Legacy Sunday highlights how planned gifts can make a difference in a congregation's life. <https://presbyterian.ca/plannedgiving/resources>

Presbyterian Connection Newspaper

Our popular *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper continues to be a success. Supported by funds to *Presbyterians Sharing*, the newspaper strives to unite the denomination through stories, articles, news and photos of our congregations and ministries, allowing us to share and develop our faith. Did you know we print over 16,500 copies of each issue and that the positive feedback continues to roll in? Ensure you are on the distribution list and please encourage others to subscribe. The next issue will go out in early December so be sure to send in your photos and articles today. <https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection>

PWS&D Annual Resources

Use the new PWS&D annual report, Advent and Lent liturgies, bulletin covers, posters, placemats and more to engage and educate your congregation about the ways our church is working to deliver hopeful, abundant life! <https://WeRespond.ca/annual-resources>

And Remember...

Grants

The Canadian Ministries Grants Committee will meet in mid-November. Ministries in your area should be encouraged to submit their applications to presbyteries for endorsement as soon as possible.

Follow the PCC on Facebook

Check out the PCC Facebook page for news, updates and special posts that include fun tips and easy-to-implement ministry ideas for vital ministry in the 21st century.

<https://facebook.com/pccconnect>

I Care Advocacy Campaign

815 million people go to bed hungry every night and Canadian aid is declining. Through the I Care campaign, launched by Canadian Foodgrains Bank, send a postcard to the Prime Minister to let him know that you care about and support Canada's role in helping to end global hunger and poverty.

<https://WeRespond.ca/i-care>

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