

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

We pray for those who cannot find meaningful employment. May they keep dignity and hope as they search for work.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

We pray for guidance to be responsible with all that God has given us so that we might live in right relationship – justly and generously.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

We pray for those who are struggling with burdens, that they find support through the kindness of Your spirit.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

We pray that congregations that are searching for a new minister will be filled with hope, wisdom and patience.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

We pray for those who suffer from mental illness. May we understand how helpless they feel and may they know God's presence in times of despair.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

We pray for all Presbyterian Messy Church programs and everyone attending the first national Messy Church Canada conference this week.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this weekend with the candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

We pray for the Stewardship & Planned Giving staff at our national office as they work to support and encourage congregations in their stewardship ministries.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

On this Reformation Sunday, we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and give thanks for God's guidance of the church.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

We pray for Let Justice Roll, an ecumenical initiative that encourages Canadians to engage in public dialogue and action to implement Canadian legislation that supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

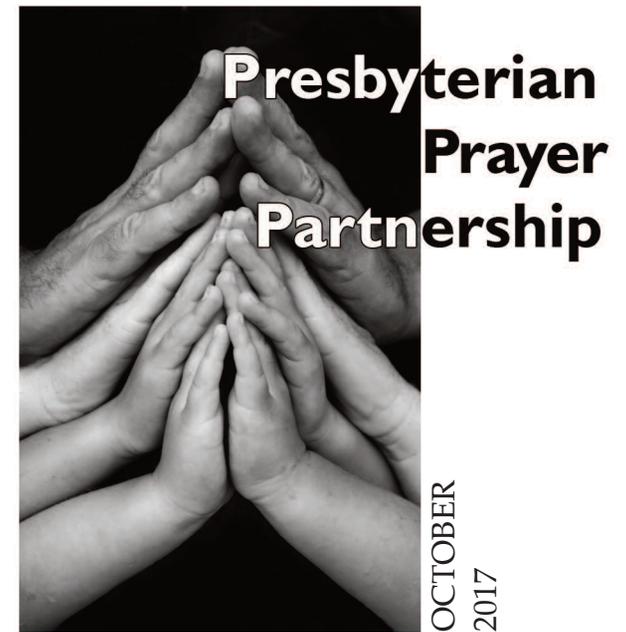
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

We pray for the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, the new Principal of Zomba Theological College in Blantyre, Malawi. Grant him wisdom and strength as he leads the College.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

We pray for the Rev. Dr. John Vissers, who was installed as the Principal of Knox College, Toronto, on September 29 and ask that he is both blessed, and a blessing in the church.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

We pray for members of the National Native Ministry Council. Let their time together this fall lead to life-giving renewal, support, learning and sharing.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

We pray for Sisters in Spirit; for the 1,200 missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Pray that families and communities find justice and comfort.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Today, one year since Hurricane Matthew devastated Haiti, we pray for the people of Haiti and the partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development that are helping communities restore roads and homes and reclaim livelihoods.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

We pray for strength and wisdom for all those who take leadership roles in the Women's Missionary Society.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

We pray for church leaders and Dr. Kenneth McFayden, Professor of Practical Theology at Union Seminary, as they gather for a leadership conference at the national office today and tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

We pray for Padre Guy Chapdelaine, Chaplain General in the Canadian Armed Forces, who offers spiritual and moral guidance to our military leaders.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

We pray for the Rev. Jeff Lackie who serves as the convenor of the Ministry and Pastoral Oversight Committee for the Presbytery of Pictou.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

During this Thanksgiving Day, when most tables are filled with food, we pray that many will hear the needs of food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other food programs.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

We pray for the members of search committees as they discern who to call into positions of leadership.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

On Day of the Girl, we pray for the Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are empowering girls around the world to rise above disadvantage and discrimination and pursue their goals.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

In this season of change we are thankful that God is always faithful. We pray for those who may be anxious or unsure because of some change they are facing and that they have a strong sense of God's presence and guidance in their lives.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Let us pray for synod commissioners as they gather to worship, share fellowship and engage in discernment this week at the meetings of the synods of The Atlantic Provinces; Quebec and Eastern Ontario; Central, Northeastern Ontario & Bermuda; Southwestern Ontario; Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario; Saskatchewan; Alberta and the Northwest; and British Columbia .

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

We pray for the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand and their children Garrett, Sage and Zoe as they start their appointment with the Blantyre Synod in Malawi.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

We pray for the participants of the Middle East Study Tour as they depart today for Israel/Palestine to study the Kairos Israel-Palestine document.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

This World Food Day, we give thanks for agricultural projects in Guatemala that equip farmers to adapt to climate change and better feed their communities.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

On International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we pray for the Presbyterian World Service & Development projects helping women, men and youth improve their livelihoods so they can meet their needs and build bright futures.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

We give thanks for the harvest season and for those who labour to produce the food we eat.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

We pray for David McIntosh and the Rev. Shinya Kim, co-directors of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Japan as they seek reconciliation and justice where racism and hate speech are on the rise.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

We pray for the General Assembly Design Team as it meets today and tomorrow to discuss the worship, discernment, education and fellowship opportunities of future Assemblies.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

On National Housing Day, we pray that all Canadians have access to safe, adequate and affordable housing.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

We pray for members of the Life and Mission Agency Committee as they meet this week.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

We pray for congregational mission teams that are preparing to travel overseas in 2018 to meet international ministry partners of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, we pray for women and children who are vulnerable to violence in Canada and in areas of conflict around the world. We pray for peace and security for all people.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

We pray for ministers, musicians and members of choirs and worship committees as they prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

We pray for the seminary professors and the heads of colleges of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

We pray for the family and congregation of the Rev. Peter Bush as he devotes considerable time to the office of moderator.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

We pray for the planning team members of Canada Youth 2018.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

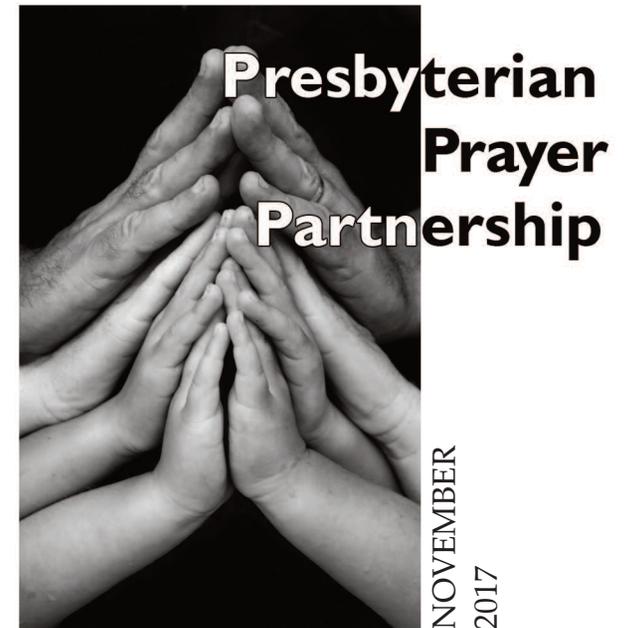
We give thanks for all the blessings that we know in life.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

We pray for all who support and reach out to women in need.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

We pray for the Executive of the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet today in Truro, NS to plan for the coming year; may their time together be fruitful and a blessing to all who attend.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

We pray for chaplains in hospitals and long term care homes as they offer comfort and support to the staff and residents.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

We pray for the people who volunteer with Safe Motherhood committees in Malawi. With support from Presbyterian World Service & Development, they ensure women receive life-saving antenatal care.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

We pray for newly elected elders as they bring their gifts to strengthen congregations and the people in them.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

We pray for those who are minister to soldiers, sailors and aircrews. May their presence be a constant reminder of God's presence, especially at those times when people feel estranged from home and family.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

We pray for Dóra Kanizsai-Nagy and other staff at the Kalunba Social Services Association as they tirelessly serve refugees in Budapest, Hungary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

We pray for young people as they discern God's call to participate in the Youth in Mission trips in 2018.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

We pray for those attending the Stewards by Design conference today, that they might be inspired to make generous giving an ongoing, joyful congregational experience.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

We pray for safe travels and health of the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean (International Ministries Mission Staff) as he departs today to continue his service as Bible Translation Adviser with the Bible Society in Taiwan.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

We remember and offer thanks for those who have laid down their lives while they served their country. We pray for their families and those who still hold their memories of those days and times.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

We remember nations and individuals traumatized by the horror of war and pray for Christ's healing.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

We pray for the students and staff of the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses in Indore, India, as they focus on community health, and maternal and child health programs.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

We pray for the Rev. Kirk MacLeod who serves as the convenor of the Pastoral Relations Student Sub-Committee in the Presbytery of Oak Ridges.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

We pray for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive as they meet November 15-16 to plan for mission in the year ahead. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus, and lead their discernment.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

As prejudice and conflict endure, we pray on this International Day for Tolerance for peace, understanding and for the partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development who are responding in countries shaken by violence.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

We pray for the members of the Listening Committee that will meet with members of the LGBTQ community to hear their stories of life in the church.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

During Restorative Justice Week, we give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections. We pray for people attending the 2017 National Restorative Justice Symposium in Ottawa from November 19 to 21.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

On Legacy Sunday, we give thanks for and remember the many faithful stewards who have believed in God's mission and have seeded new ministries through legacy gifts made in past years.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

On Universal Children's Day, we pray that God may strengthen health professionals in Haiti as they work to provide 4,000 children with crucial malnutrition treatment with support through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

We pray for fruitful discussion between the Assembly Council and the Life and Mission Agency Committee as they gather for a combined meeting from November 19 to 22.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

We pray for small group ministries in the church; may we grow as disciples together, encouraging and supporting one another in the life of faith.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray that Christians in Israel and Palestine who gather to worship in joy and peace.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

As we read the familiar Christmas story, we give thanks for those who are reading this story for the first time in their own language and for the gifts of those working in Bible translation.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

We pray for new graduates of the church's theological colleges who patiently listen to God and work through the process of seeking a call to congregational ministry.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

We thank God for financial and prayer support received from congregations for *Presbyterians Sharing* in 2017.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

We pray for newcomers who are experiencing Canadian winter for the first time. May they have everything they need to stay safe and warm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

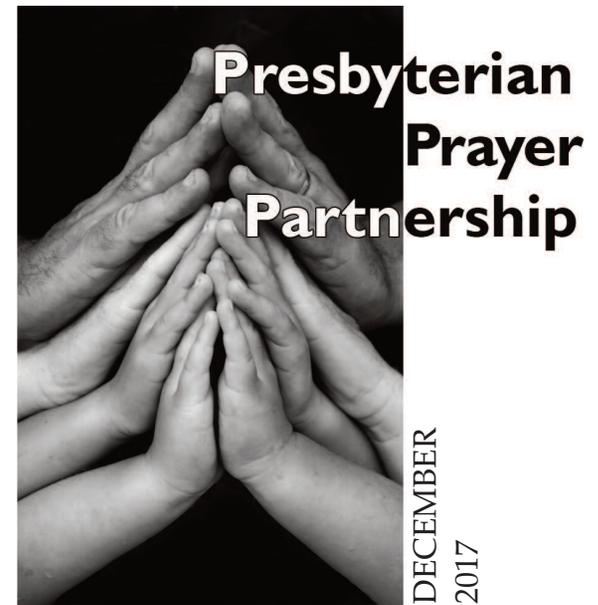
We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

We pray for congregations as they envision ways to show God's love within their church, neighbourhood, and around the world.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Let us pray for those who are in prison around the world and those who care for their physical and spiritual wellbeing.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

On World AIDS Day, pray for the partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development in Malawi who are helping reduce HIV infections among youth and promote positive, healthy, sustainable living.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

During the consumer-driven days leading up to Christmas, let us focus on good stewardship and an awareness of *enough*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we give thanks for those who are discovering their abilities and experiencing encouragement through the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Garu Centre in Ghana.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

We pray for congregations welcoming guests into their churches during Advent and Christmas. Let us show and practice the spiritual gift of hospitality.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

We pray that all members of the Women's Missionary Society will experience a rich time of fellowship as they gather to worship and anticipate the wonder of the birth of God's son.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

We pray for Barb Sargent who serves as the convenor of the Ministry and Doctrine Committee for the Presbytery of Essex-Kent.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

We pray for those who have experienced the death of a loved one this year. May God's spirit of peace rest on them during the holiday season.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ron Wallace and the Rev. Glynis Williams as they represent The Presbyterian Church in Canada to receive the Pro Ecclesia prize today at the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Romania .

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

We pray for presbyteries as they oversee the ministers and congregations under their care.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

On Human Rights Day, we remember families living in danger, hunger or exile as they search for peace and we pray for the programs associated with Presbyterian World Service & Development that protect the rights of refugees.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

We pray for the chaplains who are new to the Canadian Armed Forces and may be in the midst of training.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

We pray for the treasurers of congregations who work diligently all year.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee that meets today at the offices of the denomination.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

We pray for Dorica Nkhata, Leadership Development student, studying in the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery program at the College of Medicine in Malawi.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

We pray for newly ordained elders who take up a new role in ministry.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

We pray for all worship leaders. May the liturgies, prayers, sermons and songs they lead help people connect to God and experience the warmth of God's loving presence.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

This Advent, we give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development global partners empowering vulnerable communities as they discover the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

On International Migrants' Day, we pray for organizations and individuals working for the humane treatment of migrant workers and their families. We pray especially for the fair and just treatment of foreign temporary workers in Canada.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

We pray that the hope of the Advent and Christmas season will awaken and refresh our faith in the God who is with us.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

We pray for those who, in answering the call to serve their country, are now deployed far from home. May Your spirit bring them the comfort and joy of this season.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

We pray for children and youth at this time of year as we celebrate the God who came as a child.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

We pray for our church partners all around the world as we prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

We pray for congregations as they gather for annual meetings.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

We pray for the children of ministers who are moving to new congregations. May they find friends and a comfortable sense of belonging as they adjust to their new environment.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

We thank God that women and children at the Gambaga Camp in Ghana are getting safe drinking water with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

We pray that governments develop and continue programs to reduce poverty and for all people who do not have enough healthy food to eat, a safe home, or a community of friends.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

We pray for children of the world whose lands are being ravaged by war, famine and drought and we ask God to protect and oversee their daily lives.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

We give thanks that every person is made in the image of God and that every person has unique gifts and abilities that help build God's kingdom.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

We pray for military chaplain leaders, Padre Alain Guevremont who is the Principal Chaplain for all Roman Catholic Chaplains and Padre Bonita Mason in her role as Principal Chaplain for all Protestants.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

We give thanks for those involved in food production and service industries.

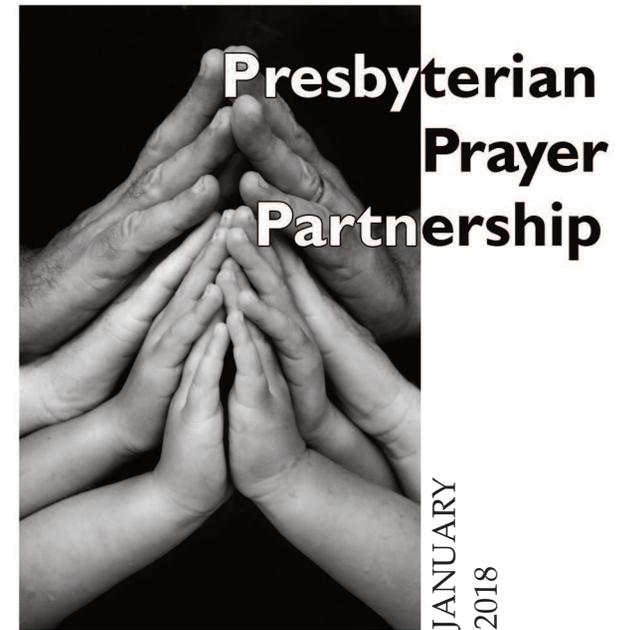
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We pray for Church Educators from across Canada and the United States as they gather for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators annual event in Louisville, Kentucky, from January 31 to February 3.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 1

We pray for those God is calling into a life of faith but have not yet found Christian communities to call home and that God prepares congregations to welcome them.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

We pray for young people who seek God's guidance in their lives.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

We give thanks for those who fish during the winter to provide us with food; we pray they are safe on the seas.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Today, the Rev. Peter Bush completes half of the term as moderator of the General Assembly. We pray for him as he fulfills the responsibilities with passion and grace.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

We give thanks for the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Farmers' Field Schools in rural Pakistan equipping women and men to harvest vegetation in greater abundance.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

We pray for David and Anna Pándy-Szekeres serving as mission staff with the Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine, a church of ethnic Hungarians in Ukraine.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

We pray for Sunday school teachers as they help to pass on the faith.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

We pray for theological students who are beginning their studies in January at our three seminaries across Canada. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

We pray for Women's Missionary Society presbyterials as they evaluate the work of the past year and prepare for the new one.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

We pray for Jo Morris of Grace Church in Calgary as she leads the planning of the annual gathering of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

We pray for members of the International Affairs Committee as they meet today and tomorrow to prepare the Committee's report to the 144th General Assembly in 2018.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

We pray for Near East School of Theology, a Protestant seminary in Beirut, Lebanon which trains ministers and lay leaders from Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and Syria.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

We thank God for the many blessings we received and for God's unfailing love.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners that support vulnerable women and help them to access loans, purchase cows and build sustainable livelihoods as dairy farmers.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

We pray for churches that are going through times of transition. May they be open to seeing and acting on God's will.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who faithfully support the ministries made possible through *Presbyterians Sharing*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

We pray for our Chief of Defence Staff, General Jonathan Vance and our Minister of Defence, Mr. Harjit Sajjan. Watch over them and the work that they do, may they find strength for all that is placed upon them.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

We pray for the Rev. Devon Pattemore who serves as the convenor of the Minister Committee for the Presbytery of Assiniboia.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

We pray for courageous individuals and organizations defending human rights around the world.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

We pray for Ministers of Word and Sacraments serving in congregations for the first time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

We thank God for the dedication of workers and volunteers of food banks, women's shelters, breakfast and lunch programs and other local outreach projects.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

We remember the Presbyterian Church of Ghana's Lay Training Centres in Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba. Pray that the lay leaders will be renewed and empowered by the Word of God.