



ASSEMBLY COUNCIL

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TO: Sessions, Presbyteries, Colleges and Agencies of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

FROM: The Assembly Council

RE: The Strategic Plan for The Presbyterian Church in Canada

In 2016, the General Assembly approved a strategic plan for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A copy is enclosed with this letter. The strategic plan was developed under the leadership of the Assembly Council to encourage, support and strengthen congregations. As such, it builds on the mission statement adopted by the General Assembly in 1995. In preparing the strategic plan input was sought, and received, from across our church.

The strategic plan states:

As worshipping communities of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the love and good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions by working together as a national church to provide:

- Visionary leadership
- Empowering resources that are relevant, contextual and missional
- Relational connections that incarnate Christ's mission at the local, national and international level

The strategic plan is intended to be a compass and support, both for your current work and ministries, and for the development of new initiatives. Please prayerfully consider the plan goals, identifying one or two that best align with the vision God has given your agency, committee, presbytery or session. The goals may be reflected in existing initiatives or focus you in a new direction. As you do this, also consult the tools listed in the strategic plan and identify those that can assist you.

The Assembly Council is to report to the General Assembly over the next three years how the plan is being implemented. Enclosed is a simple reporting form to gather this information. This reporting process will enable us to be responsive to what is happening across the country, so we may provide additional tools, resources and support as needed. We would appreciate you completing and returning the form by **March 1, 2018**. You may also access this form or respond online at presbyterian.ca/strategic-plan.

As you implement the plan, we are especially interested in your good news stories that can be shared and celebrated across the church. As an encouragement one such good news story is enclosed.

The prayers of the Assembly Council are with you as you implement your chosen parts of the strategic plan.

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