

PWS&D and International Ministries

PWS&D and International Ministries work closely together. PWS&D does not employ overseas staff. It often happens, though, that International Ministries mission personnel, funded through *Presbyterians Sharing . . .*, work with PWS&D partners.

For work in overseas
development, emergency situations,
and refugee sponsorship, PWS&D
can effectively respond.
For all other ministries there is
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Presbyterians Sharing . . . and PWS&D

What's the difference?

What's the difference between *Presbyterians Sharing . . .* and Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)? That is one of the most frequently asked questions in congregations and Presbyterian gatherings. So, what IS the difference?

Presbyterians Sharing . . . is the name of the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada – except for development and emergency relief, which are funded through gifts to PWS&D.

Why the name *Presbyterians Sharing . . .*? Because Presbyterians are sharing in the cost of a wide range of ministries

- the meeting of the General Assembly and its committees; support for sessions, presbyteries and synods (General Assembly office);
- over 40 mission staff (including spouses) in 16 countries; partnerships with churches around the world (International Ministries);
- inner city, native, refugee, urban, remote, francophone and chaplaincy ministries in Canada; the development of new congregations (Canada Ministries);
- support for congregations in faith education, worship, evangelism, stewardship and mission education; youth ministries (The Vine Helpline, Education for Mission and Stewardship);
- justice work in congregations and with ecumenical groups (Justice Ministries);
- support for congregations in seeking ministers; support for clergy and professional church workers (Ministry and Church Vocations);
- training of ministers (Theological Colleges); and
- support for the national church offices, including financial services and oversight of the Church's pension plan and benefits (Support Services).

Another name for *Presbyterians Sharing . . .* is the General Assembly budget. It makes possible our existence as a church denomination in Canada. It enables us to do mission and ministry in Canada and around the world.



Congregational support for *Presbyterians Sharing . . .* is based on suggested allocations ('fair share' guidelines) which are distributed to congregations through the presbyteries. Congregations accept an allocation according to their ability and send in their gifts on a monthly or quarterly basis. The *Presbyterians Sharing . . .* budget for 2008 is \$8,950,000.

Presbyterian World Service and Development

Is the national church fund that supports development and relief, and refugee sponsorship programs of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. PWS&D was established by the General Assembly 55 years ago when congregations began to contribute to relief in post-war Europe, over and above their contributions to the General Assembly budget. It was recognized that the church needed a way to respond to disasters and to the growing gap between rich and poor. An ad hoc committee was formed to raise funds for relief and development programs. That committee, after five name changes, became PWS&D. PWS&D is a standing committee of the Life and Mission Agency.

Working with overseas church and community partners and ecumenical bodies, PWS&D responds to human need in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

- PWS&D supports overseas partners working in health, education, agriculture and income generation programs;
- PWS&D helps overseas partners respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies and relief situations. PWS&D assists these partners by issuing appeals to congregations and providing funding for relief programs;
- PWS&D issues appeals for national declared states of emergencies in Canada;
- PWS&D administers the refugee sponsorship program between the church and the federal government;
- PWS&D engages congregations through educational materials on these world-wide concerns;
- PWS&D supports ecumenical coalitions on international developmental issues.

Funding



PWS&D raises its own funds directly from individuals and congregations and through matching government grants. PWS&D does not receive funds from *Presbyterians Sharing . . .*, although some of the office expenses related to administration are covered through *Presbyterians Sharing . . .*. In 2007 PWS&D raised over \$3.2 million for development and emergency relief.