

PWS&D spotlight



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An e-newsletter for people interested in learning more about The Presbyterian Church in Canada's development and emergency relief work around the world.

Government of Canada Announces Support for PWS&D's Child and Maternal Health Programs

The Government of Canada has announced support for funding PWS&D programs that will strengthen the delivery of health care services, improve access to nutritious foods, and address prevalent diseases and illnesses in order to save the lives of mothers and children in Malawi and Afghanistan.

As part of the government's Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, the government will contribute up to \$1,511,210 over three years to PWS&D child and maternal health programs. Recipients of these funds were selected based on the effectiveness and sustainability of their program proposals.

In Afghanistan, the project will improve women's health and lower maternal death rates by training birth attendants, improving health facilities and helping to enhance community attitudes toward maternal health.

In Malawi, increasing access to obstetric services will reduce maternal and neonatal deaths. Up to 17,000 children will have access to and benefit from improved nutrition and health care services.

These funds will help PWS&D and our program partners make lasting improvements to the lives of vulnerable women and children.



Christmas Cards Now Available!

PWS&D has a beautiful new Christmas card now available for order. The bright and colourful design carries a message of peace to your friends and family, while proceeds from the card support PWS&D's development and relief work around the world. Purchase individual cards for \$2.50, or buy a pack of 15 for \$20, plus tax. To place an order, please contact The Book Room (1-800-619-7301, bookroom@presbyterian.ca). View samples online at www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd

Fast for Change on World Food Day—October 16!

Recent global food and economic crises have caused an unprecedented 1 billion people in the world to suffer from chronic hunger and malnourishment. Christians across the country are heeding the call to see this grim statistic changed by participating in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank “Fast for Change” on World Food Day this

Sunday, October 16.

You can stand up against food injustice and raise awareness about how we can pray, give and advocate for an end to global hunger. Taking time to fast from food or other forms of consumption provides an opportunity to shift our focus toward God and to reflect on our basic human needs. As we become mindful of the

reasons why some people in the world will be forced to go to bed hungry tonight, we hope to build a community of people for whom hunger in a world of abundance is unacceptable.

PWS&D has free worship and educational resources available for your congregation, Bible study group, youth group and Sunday School. You can order the Fast for Change resource kit through The Book Room (1-800-619-7301; bookroom@presbyterian.ca). For more information visit www.fastforchange.ca



“The flood situation in Pakistan’s southern province is tragic; families have lost everything—their homes, crops, animals, and livelihoods. These families are the poorest of the poor and require immediate assistance. Without food, proper shelter, clean water, and medicines, all of which is our responsibility, many families will face greater losses. We need to prevent these larger losses from happening!”

— Donna Fernandes, Church World Service–Pakistan/Afghanistan

To read more about PWS&D’s emergency relief response to massive flooding in Pakistan, visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/pakistan-floods



Did You Know?

PWS&D is a proud new member of the Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC), a community of Ontario-based development organizations working together to promote social justice, human dignity and inclusive participation of everyone involved in these efforts. To learn more about OCIC and other coalitions of which PWS&D is a member, visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/about/coalitions



New Gifts of Change Catalogue

Christmas is just around the corner and you can help make this holiday season even more meaningful with the PCC’s Gifts of Change catalogue. Supporting marginalized people around the world, the catalogue provides unique gift ideas. \$85 buys a pig for a farmer and \$300 provides a sewing machine for someone with a disability. You can be sure to find a meaningful gift idea for everyone on your Christmas shopping list.

When you give a gift in someone’s name, you can send them a Gift of Hope card. Just ask PWS&D staff for details, or make an online donation at www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/giftsofchange



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