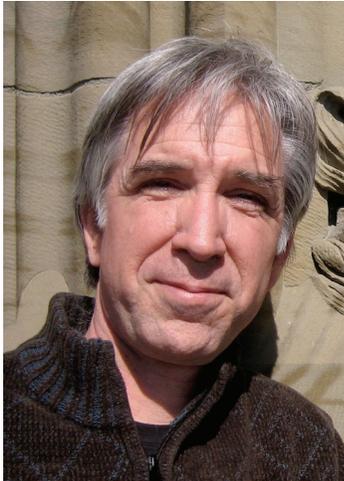


PROFILE



DAVID MCINTOSH JAPAN

Presbyterians Sharing supports David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission (CMIM) in Tokyo, Japan. CMIM opened in April 2017, and was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan since 2012. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet, targets primarily people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), in collaboration with other Japanese churches and Christian organizations and international church partners including the United Church of Canada (UCC).

Under the motto, “*Let us spread the tent of inclusion!*” David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with ecumenical and civil society partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together—“minority” and “majority”—to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God’s calling. Through personal encounters with exemplars of service to the vulnerable and the reading of scriptures in light of these encounters, CMIM seeks to develop a spirituality of reconciliation and peace that can respond faithfully to challenges affecting minorities.

David is the son of PCC missionaries John (Jack) and Clarabeth McIntosh, who served for 40 years with the KCCJ (1961-2001). David spent his formative years in Osaka, attending local Japanese schools in a community that was largely Korean. After north-east Japan was devastated by the 2011 triple disaster (earthquake, tsunami, nuclear accident) David returned to Japan as a lay missionary supported by the PCC and UCC, to serve with the National Christian Council in Japan Ecumenical Disaster Response Office. He has since served at the Asian Rural Institute, and the East Japan Disaster Relief Projects Office of the United Church of Christ in Japan, before starting his work with CMIM.

David will visit Canada annually to speak in Presbyterian and United Church congregations, sharing the stories of this important mission.

