One Mission, Two Funds
Proclaiming Christ in Word and Deed

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year. The goal for Presbyterians Sharing in 2018 is $8,773,000.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC’s development and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government (CIDA) grants – over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. International Ministries mission personnel, funded through Presbyterians Sharing, often work with PWS&D partners.

Use these Mission Moments to highlight the mission and ministry that we are doing together. Print them in your Sunday bulletin or church newsletter, project them on a screen, integrate them into a presentation or use them on your church’s bulletin board. The text, photos and simple PowerPoint slides can be found at: www.presbyterian.ca/Sunday

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development are making a difference!
PWS&D Sunday

PWS&D Sunday is a day to reflect on the work our church is doing to support marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and emergency relief. Together, we are responding to those who struggle for basic necessities and helping families get what they need to rise above poverty, recover from emergency situations and freely pursue their hopes for the future. Today, we give thanks for compassionate individuals and congregations across Canada and dedicated global partners who follow Jesus, living for justice, mercy and peace. By sharing Christ’s love in vulnerable communities, we are helping build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

PWS&D responds to needs around the world

A miracle of abundance

Like those who witnessed Jesus feeding the five thousand, members of the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry have experienced a miracle of abundance. The four separate congregations were each struggling in their own way until they came together to grow as one. Through Presbyterians Sharing, these partners in ministry are now sharing their gifts in ways that enhance, inspire, and build their communities. One of the congregations with established gifts in youth ministry recently sent a youth team to another ministry in the region to help them run a Vacation Bible School. What started out as a kind gesture ended up inspiring new leadership and sparking a whole new children’s ministry where there was none before. This is just one example of how these congregations, through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, are growing together to share God’s love.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the love of God

Investing in the future of our partner churches

Leadership Development grants are an investment in the future. In 2011, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Takuze Chitsulo from Malawi began to study at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. In 2016, he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies and one year later, he was appointed as the new Principal of Zomba Theological College in Blantyre, Malawi. The Rev. Dr. Chitsulo sees his appointment as an opportunity to give back to the Malawian community. In thanking the PCC, he said “You didn’t only educate me, but you taught the whole church in Malawi.”

Presbyterians Sharing invests in partnership
Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam’s health has been restored. “I am so happy to see him smile again,” shares Pursottam’s brother. “We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital.”
Easing suffering in Bangladesh

Since the outbreak of state-led violence against the Rohingya minority in Myanmar’s Rakhine state, Safiri has been living in fear. Her husband was shot and her entire village burned to the ground. One night, fearing an attack by members of the army, she fled with her children across dangerous countryside to the Balukhai camp in Bangladesh. Their arrival brought new challenges—shelter conditions were miserable and food, water and sanitation services scarce. Safiri’s story of suffering is hard to grasp, but her needs for survival are very real. PWS&D, alongside Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is helping Rohingya refugees like Safiri meet their basic needs and find hope that life will once again be normal.

PWS&D responds to meet the needs of refugees

World Health Day (April 7)

To foster a more sustainable, compassionate and just world, good health and well-being for all is vital. Through PWS&D’s maternal, newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan, our church is helping women and babies access the care they need to survive childbirth and stay healthy. With her son Moses on her back, Rhoda Nyoni tends to a community vegetable garden in Malawi. Many mothers with young children now know the importance of cultivating fresh, healthy produce to feed their families because of nutrition education sessions offered through the program. Pregnant with her second child, Rhoda feels a sense of comfort and hopeful anticipation—she has the support and knowledge to embrace a healthy, hopeful future with her family.

PWS&D helps mothers and babies lead healthy lives

A healing ministry

Through Presbyterians Sharing, Kenora Fellowship Centre is nurturing healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Also known as Anamiewigummig, meaning “House of Prayer”, the centre provides sanctuary and hospitality for people marginalized and alienated by poverty and addiction. A weekly worship service held on Sunday afternoons often includes a sharing circle, drumming and the sharing of traditional foods. Through a drop-in centre, detoxification programs, street patrol, and soup kitchen, each day the hardworking staff share God’s love as well as friendship, community, and solidarity. This ministry represents a place of hope for healing and wholeness and serves as a model of Christian community for the wider church.

Presbyterians Sharing walks with Indigenous peoples

Earth Day

After an especially dry summer in Badin, Pakistan, subsistence farmers have seen their agricultural land and kitchen gardens suffer. Struggling to grow crops in a changing climate, farmers and their families sink deeper into hunger and poverty. With the aim of improving food security for drought-affected families, a PWS&D project is teaching cost-effective, soil-friendly farming methods in the community. Through the project, Bachlan learned a new method of irrigation to grow her spinach, tomatoes and radishes. She buries old pitchers in her garden and fills them with water, which then percolates into the soil. “This ensures a productive growth of vegetables in our gardens through the year,” reports Bachlan. This resourcefulness is helping farmers care for creation while continuing to harvest fruitful yields.

PWS&D helps farmers adapt to a changing climate
When families are able to form safe and nurturing relationships, meet their basic needs and lift each other up, it can have a significant impact on a country’s well-being and development. On the International Day of Families, we reflect on the importance of responding to families facing hunger, poverty and injustice across the globe. The compassionate youth at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Beaconsfield, QC know how important it is to empower vulnerable families to achieve their full potential. The group filled a piggy bank with $144 for PWS&D’s Farming for the Future Sunday School Challenge, which equips rural families in Guatemala with seeds, tools and training to improve their food security and nutrition.

PWS&D connects Canadians to the needs of families across the globe

Presbyterians Sharing supports international mission staff

“A PCC Mission Moment”

Sunday May 13

International Day of Families
(May 15)

A shining light
Inspiried by the words in Matthew’s gospel, Lighthouse Arabic Ministry is a shining light in the city of Winnipeg, inviting all to see how great and wonderful God is. The congregation is known for providing newly arrived Arabic speaking immigrants with a spiritual home and support through Christian community. This ministry, supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, is one of the PCC’s most recent new church developments and has seen consistent growth since its founding. The ministry is broad, and reaches many. It is exciting to see people’s lives change as they follow Jesus. For people struggling to adapt to Canadian society, it is truly a lighthouse offering direction and pointing to God’s love.

Presbyterians Sharing is growing congregations

“A PCC Mission Moment”

Sunday May 6

A dynamic gathering of youth
Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the vibrant ministry of Canada Youth. Every two years, hundreds of participants join together from across our denomination to celebrate their energetic faith. This remarkable event in July unites youth, young adults, church leaders and guests from around the world for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique expressions of faith in large and small groups, dynamic keynotes and workshops, vibrant faith exploration and joyful celebration! CY is a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, make new friends, study scripture, and share joy. More than 4,000 folks have attended CY since it began and the impact of its ministry has been felt in our camps, congregations, and courts.

Presbyterians Sharing equips Presbyterian youth

“A PCC Mission Moment”

Sunday April 29

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Enjoying school and pursuing dreams

Zindaba’s story is not uncommon in many Malawian communities—children want to go to school but their families can’t afford the fees. Zindaba feels very fortunate that her aunt paid for her first two years at school, a time the girl recalls with great joy. “The teachers were good and encouraged us a lot,” she shares. Unfortunately, the expense became too great a struggle for her aunt. When Zindaba had to drop out, she never imagined she’d make it to university, but education support from PWS&D helped Zindaba pay her school fees and gave her support to pursue her dreams. Today, proudly displaying her university class scores, a smiling Zindaba talks about training to be an accountant.

PWS&D promotes the right to education for all