



MODERATOR OF THE 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Daniel Cho, B.A., M.Div.

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Dr. Laurent Marcoux, MD, MSc
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Dear Dr. Marcoux,

I am writing to you on behalf of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada which met June 3-6, 2018 in Waterloo, Ontario.

The report highlighted how the crisis is impacting Presbyterian churches and their communities, and how churches are responding. One congregation set up a peer-support group for families with children that are struggling with addictions. The need for their work is so well recognized that they have set up a second group in a neighbouring municipality as a direct result of fentanyl use in that community. Some congregations report they keep a naloxone kit on site. Another church hosted a community forum on the opioid crisis inviting representatives from a community health network, first responders and people who have struggled with addictions.

The causes of the opioid crisis are complex, and the crisis impacts urban and rural areas of Canada.

The Canadian Medical Association has Guidelines for Physicians in Interaction with Industry. These are voluntary guidelines. The General Assembly is interested in understanding how the CMA assesses the impact of these Guidelines.

Thank you for considering this letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Daniel Cho
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