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## Reminders

### **Open Call for Photos for the 2025 Wall Calendar: Planting Seeds of Hope**

The national church is looking for photos to use in the 2025 edition of the PCC Wall Calendar. We invite you to send us images from the lives of the church's ministries, people or initiatives--seeds of hope. Seeds grow food. But seeds also grow compassion, empathy, knowledge, contemplation, and faith. What are the different ways in which we grow these seeds of hope as the PCC?

[Learn more](#)

[Submit photos](#)

### **February 28 deadline for Nominations for 2024 General Assembly Standing Committees**

Would you like to serve the church on a General Assembly committee? If you are interested, a reminder that the deadline for nominations for the 2024 General Assembly standing committees is February 28. Please get in touch with your session, presbytery or synod, as all nominations are to be submitted to the General Assembly Office by February 28. Please note that you must be a member or minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

There are 14 standing committees. Learn more about the nomination process or read summaries of how each committee is engaged in the life of the church [here](#). The church encourages a diversity of age, race and ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation, work and life experiences and theological perspectives on the standing committees. Nominations representing such diversity strengthen the overall mission of the church. Some bodies have produced short videos to introduce their work and walk you through what is most needed to serve. See the videos [here](#).

# Resources

## Walking, Waiting for our Chief: A Lent Reflection by the Moderator

*“We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another” (1 John 3:16).*

This year, the Rev. Mary Fontaine, 2024 Moderator of the General Assembly, relates the story of Chanis to reflect on Lent. “But for now, they rested in the joy of knowing that their great Chief had arrived... They had walked for days and waited in hope and expectation for several cold, dark, thirsty and hungry nights. And finally, on this beautiful sunny morning, they celebrated their Chief’s arrival with great joy! We are all related. It is good to know and to love our relatives in the heavenly way. All my Relatives! Amen.

Read the Rev. Fontaine’s full reflection [here](#).

## Lent 2024: Presbyterians Read: A 40-Day Journey

This Lent, The Presbyterian Church in Canada invites you to reflect on the work of the 14th-century Christian mystic Julian of Norwich’s ideas. Using Lisa E. Dunhill’s ***40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich***, readers will be guided through different sections such as “Biblical Wisdom,” “Questions to Ponder,” “Psalm Fragments,” “Journal Reflections” exercises, and prayers to encounter Jesus “within a profoundly Trinitarian spirituality and a deep relational openness to all people, indeed, to all the cosmos.” Dunhill describes Julian of Norwich’s work as one that “will draw you deep into the mystery of God’s unending love for you.” As part of its Presbyterians Read series, the PCC offers an accompanying journal you can order (free) or download and print for your reflections. ***40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich*** is available from major booksellers in print or digital format. Read more [here](#).

## Lent 2024 Liturgies

This Lenten season, let us faithfully respond to Christ’s call to serve those in need. The Rev. John Bannerman (PWS&D Committee Co-Convener) wrote this year's liturgies. You will find the liturgies available [here](#) as PowerPoint slides to show during live or recorded worship services, as well as colour and large print versions of the liturgies, which are printable if your congregation is distributing bulletins.

# News

## **Read More about the Nominees for Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly**

Get to know the four nominees on the ballot for Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly as they answer questions about their faith, most memorable experiences in serving the church, their image and vision for the church at its best, and how they understand the role of moderator. The four nominees are The Rev. Harry Currie, The Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, The Rev. In Kee Kim, and David A. Robinson. Read more [here](#).