



## REMINDER

### UPCOMING WEBINAR: PCC DECISIONS REGARDING LGBTQI2+ INCLUSION

The 2021 General Assembly marked a pivotal point in the approach of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to gender, sexuality and the denomination's ministry with LGBTQI2+ people. In addition to changes to the PCC's theology and practice regarding marriage and ordination, the General Assembly adopted a set of recommendations to guide the whole church to acknowledge the harm caused due to homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism and hypocrisy, to respond appropriately to that harm and to ensure that harm does not continue.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**Time:** 1:30 pm-2:30 pm (EDT)

Register and read more [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).*

Read the Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, the Rev. Mary Fontaine's Lent and Easter Reflection [here](#). Mary tells the story of Chanis and her people as a reminder that "we are all related [and that] it is good to know and to love our relatives in the heavenly way."

### WORSHIP PLANNERS OBSERVING BLACK HISTORY MONTH NOW AVAILABLE

Every year, the month of February marks Black History Month. We give thanks for Black History Month events that honour and celebrate the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. **While the worship planners observing Black History Month were made available for Sundays in February, they are still available to [download here](#).**

In addition, you can view a full-length worship service, [Culte commémorant le mois des Noirs](#), Presbytery de Montréal/Congrégation Siloé – Maisonneuve by the Rev. Eloi Agbanou, in French, with some English captions for prayers. The Rev. Agbanou's sermon on February 18, 2024, is briefly described in English following the French homily.

## **uplift 2024: NEW BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE**

Learn more about uplift 2024 in the new brochure that is packed with information about the July 2024 event. uplift 2024 will be a place to come alive, learn to discover beauty amid brokenness, and be inspired towards bold facts of faith. As in the past, there will be three streams at the conference: Youth (Completed grade 9-18 years of age), Young Adults (19-25 years of age) and Leadership (18 years+). Each stream will focus on that group's unique needs and faith expression, exploring Audacious Hope through activities, learning, worship, prayer, relationship building and fun. The whole gathering will worship, play, and dine together. Read more [here](#).

## **LEADING WITH CARE**

In 2023, the General Assembly approved a revised version of the Leading with Care policy and procedures. It is the policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada that all persons, and in particular all children, youth and vulnerable adults, who participate in the denomination's programs, ministries and/or use the denomination's facilities, will be cared for with Christian compassion and will be safe.

Earlier in February, we held a webinar to review the updates to the guidebook and implementation of the policy and procedures and to answer questions. If you missed the webinar, you will find the [updated policy and guidebook here](#), an overview of the policy and a learning tool to help you review your knowledge. A recording of the webinar presentation is available to view [here](#).

## **REVISED WRITER'S STYLE GUIDE FOR THE PCC**

Are you a writer, editor and/or proofreader who produces resources, web content and materials for The Presbyterian Church in Canada? If you are, our revised Writer's Style Guide and Web Standards manual will make your life much easier! The manual offers a collection of practices and conventions guiding the writing and design of PCC documents for print or electronic distribution. The Style Guide provides uniformity in style and formatting online and across multiple documents and platforms and will make you a better writer!

Download the latest version of the Style Guide or the Quick Reference Guide [here](#). You can also [order](#) it online. It's free!

## NEWS

### THE WAR IN UKRAINE ENTERS ITS THIRD YEAR: CHURCH LEADERS OF CANADA CALL FOR PEACE

Church Leaders of Canada, including the 2023 Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly, the Rev. Mary Fontaine, call for peace as the war against Ukraine enters its third year.

Issuing a pastoral letter acknowledging ongoing conflict elsewhere, the 45 Christian leaders mark this anniversary by inviting Christians and people of goodwill to join in united prayer and action for peace. "Without in any way minimizing or ignoring the suffering and sorrow caused by war and violence in other areas of the world, we stand together in inviting Christians and all people of goodwill to prayerfully consider how we are all called and might contribute to, the achievement of peace in and for Ukraine."

Read more [here](#), including links to the complete statements in English, French and Ukrainian.

### ADD YOUR VOICE AND GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH! A FAITH-BASED CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

*For the Love of Creation*, along with Citizens for Public Justice, invites you to join other people of faith and [Give it Up for the Earth!](#) during Lent. The Lenten campaign invites you to consider three actions:

- Pledge to reduce your personal and household greenhouse gas emissions.
- Commit to embracing eco-spirituality through climate action and building relationships with the Indigenous communities on whose traditional territories we live, work, and play.
- Send a letter to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, urging him to set more ambitious climate action targets and expressing support for a just transition towards a low-carbon economy. [Here is the link](#) to the digital letter.

[The Presbyterian Church in Canada is part of the faith-based climate justice coalition *For the Love of Creation*.]

### 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](#).

## **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

We are accepting submissions for the summer 2024 issue of the Presbyterian Connection newspaper.

Please send articles and photos of congregational events, activities and initiatives by April 18, 2024, to: [connection@presbyterian.ca](mailto:connection@presbyterian.ca)