



Monthly E-Newsletter: Summer Edition
July & August 2024

NEWS

uplift 2024: Audacious Hope

Want to talk about hope? There is so much hope in the PCC! From July 3-7 this year, youth, young adults and leaders joined together to share this hope (as well as faith, joy and the love of Christ) through worship, activities, discussion, workshops, good food and fun events at [uplift 2024: Audacious Hope](#). They prayed, broke bread, danced, sang and made unforgettable connections with God and one another. Collaborating with the United Church of Canada meant even more connections among leadership and participants. There are lots of photos and updates on the uplift [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages – check them out!

Standing Together Against Hate Based on Religious Identity

The [Canadian Interfaith Conversation](#) has issued a statement on behalf of over 60 signatory faith traditions and institutions, including the PCC, to present a common public position adopted by Canada's faith communities on combatting hate against and between our country's religious communities.

The Statement, "Standing Together Against Hate Based on Religious Identity" addresses:

- the imperative for different faiths to work together to provide medical and humanitarian aid to victims of international conflicts;
- the need to create safety and security for all places of worship;
- a call for public authorities to protect people of all faiths from hate and violence.

Read the full statement [here](#).

You'll find a clip from the Parliamentary Press Gallery media launch on June 18, 2024 on [Facebook](#).

REMINDERS & EVENTS

The Presbyterian Connection needs your photos!

Has your congregation held a recent event you would like to share with newspaper subscribers across Canada? A special anniversary? A summer picnic? A youth group retreat? We want your photos for the Gatherings section of the Fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection!

Please submit photos of congregational events, activities and initiatives, along with a short description, either [online](#) or by [email](#). Don't forget to include your congregation's name and location if you are submitting by email!

The PCC is turning 150 – share your story!

Do you have a favourite memory of singing in a choir, attending youth group, going to a potluck supper, attending the General Assembly—or anything else that shaped your involvement in the church? What are some of the things your congregation is doing today to share the good news of Jesus in your community? And what are your hopes and dreams for the PCC as it approaches 150 years?

In recognition of the PCC's 150th anniversary in 2025, the Committee on History is preparing a published collection of stories about where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

We want to hear from you! Share your story using this [online form](#) (which includes some helpful prompts).

Or, if you'd prefer, email [Ian McKechnie](#), project coordinator. Remember to include your full names!

Submissions are being accepted through **December 2024**.

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RESOURCES

PCC 2025 Wall Calendar

The 2025 Presbyterian Church in Canada wall calendar celebrates "a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11) as the denomination marks its 150th year next year. Reflecting on the past, we look forward, recognizing that we are part of the bigger story of hope. [Pre-order](#) your 2025 wall calendar now.

Our next e-newsletter will reach your inboxes in the Fall. Enjoy the summer!