

Saturday, June 22 We pray that the gifts of the Spirit move freely in the congregations, elders, ministers and people in the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

Sunday, June 23 We pray for Sylvia Haddad as she directs the ministry of PCC partner, Joint Christian Committee for Social Services, Lebanon, which provides education and vocational training to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Monday, June 24 We pray for health and vitality for Colleen Walker who serves as clerk, and in many other roles, for the Presbytery of Temiskaming.

Tuesday, June 25 We pray that Sarah Kim and Janet Brewer be blessed as they travel to Japan to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the National Christian Women's Association of the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Wednesday, June 26 We pray that the children, youth and leaders attending church camps and vacation bible schools enjoy the joy and excitement of a life-changing experience.

Thursday, June 27 We pray that the General Assembly Design Team, meeting today to debrief about the 2019 Assembly, seek new ways for the Assembly to be a place of holy discernment and a prayerful community.

Friday, June 28 We pray for seminary students who serve in rural and remote congregations this summer will learn dynamic ways to serve God and the church faithfully.

Saturday, June 29 We give thanks for Yvonne Bearbull, Nancy Cocks, Shelagh O'Neill and Susan Samuel who represent the PCC on KAIROS' Circles of Ecumenical Collaboration.

Sunday, June 30 We pray for all those who have told their stories to the Rainbow Communion. Give thanks to God for their courage to have their voice heard, and pray that we all may have ears to hear and hearts to respond.

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

— Psalm 51:10

Saturday, June 1 We pray for protection and abundance for those facing famine in war-ravaged Yemen, and for the Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partners providing aid to those vulnerable to malnutrition and disease.

Sunday, June 2 We pray for the Moderator, the Rev. Amanda Currie, commissioners, convenors of committees, guests and staff as they gather for the opening of the General Assembly.

Monday, June 3 We give thanks for Dr. Sheila Watt-Cloutier, an internationally recognized environmental, cultural and human rights advocate, and the recipient of the Cutting Edge of Mission award at the 2019 General Assembly.

Tuesday, June 4 We pray for student representatives at General Assembly and that they may see God's hand in the work and decisions of the church.

Wednesday, June 5 We pray for God's guidance as we study the report presented to the General Assembly with the title "Living in God's Mission Today."

Thursday, June 6 As General Assembly ends, we pray participants will return to their homes and congregations carrying with them a sense of God's unfailing hope and deep peace for them and the church.

Friday, June 7 We pray for the people of Metis and Leggett's Point Presbyterian churches who worship on the shores the Gaspé Peninsula, Que., in the summer.

Saturday, June 8 We pray for the event, Gaza Calls: Canada Answers, as people across Canada connect by video conference with Palestinians for an in-depth discussion on youth and youth health in Gaza.

Sunday, June 9 On this day in 1939, Canada refused entry to the ship "MS St Louis" and its Jewish passengers, sending them back to Germany. We confess our Anti-Semitism as a nation, a church and as individuals, and pray that we work together to do better for all.

Monday, June 10 We pray that you replenish the minds and spirits of past and present members of the Committee on Church Doctrine, who have struggled with and continue to ponder ways to witness the good news of Christ through controversial and divisive subjects.

Tuesday, June 11 Twenty-five years ago, we confessed our role in operating residential schools. We pray for healing for all who are affected by the harms caused and for a spirit of reconciliation to animate all people in the church.

Wednesday, June 12 We pray for the ministry of chaplains serving in prisons across Canada and for those in their care.

Thursday, June 13 We pray for a wonderful time of fellowship and reunion for 30 ministers from the Korean Christian Church in Japan who are visiting ministry in Toronto with former PCC mission staff to Japan.

Friday, June 14 Pray for stewardship committees working on plans for fall stewardship campaigns.

Saturday, June 15 We pray for participants on the Healing and Reconciliation Tour who visit PCC ministries working with Indigenous people in Kenora, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Mistawasis.

Sunday, June 16 We pray for the members of the National Presbyterian Museum Committee as they discern the future and location of the museum.

Monday, June 17 We pray that graduates from our theological colleges are blessed as begin to serve in various forms of ministries.

Tuesday, June 18 Bangladesh shelters almost a million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. We pray for those endeavouring to build a home among makeshift shelters in the world's largest refugee settlement.

Wednesday, June 19 We pray that the Rev. Robinson Christian of the Church of North India, Gujarat Diocese, have a fruitful visit to Canada as he researches Postcolonial preaching in May and June.

Thursday, June 20 World Refugee Day This year marks the PCC's 40th anniversary as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder. We pray for the continued life-giving work of refugee sponsorship.

Friday, June 21 On this National Indigenous Peoples Day, we give thanks for the unique heritage, diverse culture and outstanding achievements of Indigenous leaders in Canada and around the world.

Monday, July 22 We pray for rural and remote congregations as they serve faithfully in their communities.

Tuesday, July 23 We pray for all the young adult participants of the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission's 2019 Young Adults in Mission work camp as they meet under the theme "What does the Lord require of me?" in Curacao.

Wednesday, July 24 We thank God for those who work in healthcare as healers and supporters in difficult times.

Thursday, July 25 We pray for ministers and church workers that they be refreshed and re-energized over the summer.

Friday, July 26 We thank God for local leaders in the PCC who are working in their communities to build relationships based on mutual respect and love of neighbour between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Saturday, July 27 As many people take to Canada's oceans, lakes and rivers this summer for travel and recreation, we pray for a deeper appreciation and respect for water, which is a necessity of life, and for those who lack access to clean water.

Sunday, July 28 We celebrate in prayer that PWS&D partners helped 158 leprosy patients in a vulnerable region of Nepal receive treatment and improve their lives last year.

Monday, July 29 We pray for the ministries in the Synod of British Columbia.

Tuesday, July 30 We ask that the God of Hope and Faith direct us to find new ways to express the love and messages of ministries of congregations that have closed this past year.

Wednesday, July 31 We pray for those who are confronted by the sadness, frustration and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend for attention and compassionate care.

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Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

— James 1:17

Monday, July 1 Canada Day Celebrate in prayer the support from the Canadian government for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) programs that share God's love beyond our borders.

Tuesday, July 2 We pray for LGBTQI people who have experienced exclusion and harm in the PCC, that we might find ways to live out the call to repentance in the Moderator's letter of February 2018 and find new ways to walk in justice and integrity with our LGBTQI neighbours.

Wednesday, July 3 We pray for Don McCullum who serves as the convener of the Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee for the Presbytery of Huron-Perth.

Thursday, July 4 We pray for the work of the Asian-Canadian Centre for Theology and Ministry at Knox College, especially its current research project on challenges and opportunities for Asian-Canadian immigrant churches with first-and-second-generation congregants.

Friday, July 5 We pray that Colleen Wood, Editor of Glad Tidings, is energized and inspired as she puts together the fall issue of the magazine.

Saturday, July 6 We pray for an end to forced child labour and that the efforts of those who promote Fair Trade products across many industries can be supported and strengthened.

Sunday, July 7 We pray for the preaching, teaching, and research work of faculty members of the Presbyterians Colleges, especially during the summer months.

Monday, July 8 We pray for God's help for the Leading with Care committees in congregations and presbyteries that work and pray for the safety of all people in the congregation.

Tuesday, July 9 We pray for students and new graduates as they discern God's voice in their call to ministry.

Wednesday, July 10 We praise God for the earth's beauty and pray that we all practice reverent care and stewardship of all that God has given us.

Thursday, July 11 Forty years ago the Iranian Islamic Revolution took place. We pray for Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Iran—1,500 members and seven congregations led by six young lay preachers.

Friday, July 12 We pray for Commander Bonnie Mason, who serves as Deputy Director of Chaplaincy Services in Ottawa, and for her ministry to members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.

Saturday, July 13 We pray that the organizers planning Canada Youth 2020 have a strong sense of the Holy Spirit's presence as they prepare for this powerful gathering.

Sunday, July 14 We pray for PWS&D partners restoring creation in Haiti, as they support natural resource management and small-scale farmers planting tree nurseries.

Monday, July 15 We pray for those serving in leadership roles who need rest and renewal during the summer months, and we ask that the Holy Spirit revitalize them and bless their ministries.

Tuesday, July 16 We pray for God's wisdom and direction at Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ont., as it moves forward with a new vision for ministry in their community.

Wednesday, July 17 We pray that congregations, people and leaders in the Presbytery of Peace River experience joy, comfort and community as they grow in the Spirit together.

Thursday, July 18 We pray that opportunities will emerge for senior adults to convey their experiences and spiritual journeys to younger members of the church.

Friday, July 19 We pray for the Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff as she retires from ministry at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sask., and ask for God's blessing on Katherine in this time of transition and on the congregation as they seek a new minister.

Saturday, July 20 We pray for God's guidance for the congregations and people in the Presbytery of Eastern Han Ca as they find creative and compelling ways to serve people from Atlantic Canada to across Ontario.

Sunday, July 21 We pray for the five Presbyterian young adults from across Canada who are travelling to Debrecen to participate in the Reformed Church in Hungary's 2019 Starpoint Youth Festival.

Thursday, August 22 We pray that God nurtures the clerks of presbytery in their service to the church.

Friday, August 23 We pray for ministry leadership teams; may they be guided by the Holy Spirit as they prepare for worship and ministry programming this fall.

Saturday, August 24 We pray that people among us who suffer receive the assistance they require and that they sense Christ's direction, comfort and peace in their lives.

Sunday, August 25 We pray for John Ovuoba, coordinator and translation consultant of the PCC supported Abakaliki Literacy & Translation Trust, and all staff, as they translate the Bible and help with literacy in Ebonyi State, Nigeria.

Monday, August 26 We pray for the staff of our theological colleges who provide support to students, residents and faculty.

Tuesday, August 27 We pray for candidates for ministry and for the counsellors who will spend time engaged in dialogue and discernment during the Guidance Conference.

Wednesday, August 28 We pray for members of the Rainbow Communion as they meet to begin the process of writing their final report and making recommendations to the church for concrete actions to address homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism and hypocrisy.

Thursday, August 29 We pray for the Presbyterian church Archives staff as they work to preserve and manage the vast and rich documentary heritage of our denomination.

Friday, August 30 We lift up in prayer people living in First Nations communities who struggle with issues related to health, education, clean water and housing.

Saturday, August 31 We ask that the staff of the Life and Mission Agency receive guidance and wisdom as they prepare programs of education and renewal for the year.

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And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 4:7

Thursday, August 1 We pray for the Communications staff of the PCC who seek to connect the church through stories, news, web services and the Presbyterian Connection newspaper.

Friday, August 2 We pray for thriving music ministries across our churches; that hearts and minds will be lifted in praise and adoration to God.

Saturday, August 3 We pray for the Rev. Greg Smith who serves as the convener of the Student Sub-Committee for the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

Sunday, August 4 We pray that ministers in their first pastoral charges are supported by the Holy Spirit in times of loneliness or discouragement.

Monday, August 5 A year ago, the Government of Canada published a new poverty reduction plan, "Opportunity for All." We pray for guidance and strength for all those in government, churches and the civil sector who are working to end poverty.

Tuesday, August 6 We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and pray for an end to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Wednesday, August 7 We pray that farmers across Canada, faithful stewards of our land and the food we eat, enjoy favourable weather to help crops grow and produce abundantly.

Thursday, August 8 God of new life, we pray for congregations engaged in the New Beginnings renewal program; help them to discern your will and dedicate their service to your kingdom.

Friday, August 9 Day of the World's Indigenous People We pray for the Maya-Mam people of Guatemala as they work with Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) to overcome poverty and exercise their rights to protect their land.

Saturday, August 10 The year 2019 is the 25th anniversary of the church's Confession (apology) regarding Indigenous people and residential schools. We pray the church will re-commit to the important work of reconciliation.

Sunday, August 11 We pray for safe travels and a time of renewal for our mission staff in Malawi, the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand and their three children, as they visit family and friends in Canada.

Monday, August 12 We pray for school teachers in Afghanistan who are learning to promote girls' and human rights in their lessons, with support from PWS&D.

Tuesday, August 13 We pray for Captain Frances Savill, who serves as a reserve force military chaplain in North Bay, Ont., and for her ministry to members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.

Wednesday, August 14 We pray for children, especially those with different learning styles, who are worried about going back to school.

Thursday, August 15 We give thanks for the children and leaders taking part in Vacation Bible Schools this summer. May seeds of hope and love take root and grow into a vibrant Christian faith.

Friday, August 16 We give thanks for the ministry of chaplains serving in universities across Canada and for those they care for.

Saturday, August 17 We pray for members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries participating in the Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean Conference in Vancouver. May God help them be agents of change as they explore the theme, "Respecting Covenant – Risking the Journey of Reconciliation."

Sunday, August 18 We thank God for faithful congregations who support Presbyterians Sharing with their financial gifts and their prayers.

Monday, August 19 World Humanitarian Day We pray that God may strengthen those driven from their homes because of war, violence and persecution; and for those responding with PWS&D to provide necessities for survival.

Tuesday, August 20 We pray for farmers as they prepare for the harvest season and for food security in Canada and around the world.

Wednesday, August 21 We give thanks for the leaders of the National Indigenous Ministries Council and ask for blessings on them as they serve their communities.

Saturday, September 21 International Day of Prayer for Peace

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those living in conflict situations as PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank provide emergency relief.

Sunday, September 22 We pray for the PCC's relationships with partner churches around the world, weave us together in your love, Lord.

Monday, September 23 As a new academic year begins, we pray for Dorica Nkhata, a PCC Leadership Development Program grant recipient, who is entering her third year at the Malawi College of Medicine in Blantyre, Malawi.

Tuesday, September 24 We pray for the Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the General Assembly, as she serves God's people and church.

Wednesday, September 25 We pray for the congregation and ministry of First Church (Regina, Sask.) as they share their minister serving as moderator of General Assembly this year.

Thursday, September 26 We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches, celebrating 75 years of ecumenism in Canada this year.

Friday, September 27 We pray that the guidance of the Holy Spirit will open eyes, minds and hearts during the upcoming meetings of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Saturday, September 28 As we mark one year since the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami, we pray for those who overcame challenging circumstances and rebuilt their lives with PWS&D support.

Sunday, September 29 Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday. We give joyful thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together.

Monday, September 30 Let us join with our Jewish brothers and sisters in prayer as they observe Rosh Hashana. May they be blessed as they reflect on the year past while looking ahead with hope.

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So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

— Galatians 6:9

Sunday, September 1 Instances of violence stemming from racism or religious-based hatred have been on the rise in many places. We pray for an end to violence and for a spirit of love and peace to move among us.

Monday, September 2 In 1894, Labour Day became an official holiday in Canada. We thank God for the skills and gifts of all people and for fair and safe working conditions.

Tuesday, September 3 We pray for all students as they begin a new year of study. May all youth who are bullied and hurting feel the presence of a loving God.

Wednesday, September 4 We remember in prayer those who have been appointed to General Assembly standing committees as they begin to focus on their various activities for this coming year.

Thursday, September 5 We pray for Steve McInnis and Nora Martin (Knox PC, Woodstock, Ont.) as they begin prison ministry in Blantyre, Malawi, with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

Friday, September 6 We pray for children and youth ministry leaders, that they will find creative and compelling ways to communicate God's Word.

Saturday, September 7 We pray that the Rev. Stewart Folster is blessed in this time of transition as he retires from his role as the director of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and that the community be served as they find a new and creative leader.

Sunday, September 8 We give thanks for the Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) program in Malawi that provides vulnerable children with uniforms and school bags to support their education.

Monday, September 9 We pray for students attending our theological colleges who are beginning or resuming their studies; may they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

Tuesday, September 10 On this day in 1939, Canada entered World War II. We pray for peace and end of war, and lift up the honour and courage of those enlisted to serve.

Wednesday, September 11 In 1974, the Tayal (a Taiwanese Indigenous people group) New Testament was published, a project involving Canadian Presbyterian missionaries. We thank God for the work of Bible translators.

Thursday, September 12 We remember Stephanie Chunoo (Leaside PC, Toronto, Ont.) in prayer as she says goodbye to friends and colleagues to return home after completing a one-year internship with the Kalunba refugee ministry in Budapest, Hungary.

Friday, September 13 We pray that LGBTQI youth returning to school be protected from bullying and harassment. We ask that you give them strength and courage and that the Gay-Straight Alliance is a safe place of understanding and friendship for all.

Saturday, September 14 We pray for Major Charles Deogratias, who serves as a regular force military chaplain, currently on an exchange with the US Navy in Virginia, and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces and the US Navy.

Sunday, September 15 We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet for their annual meeting in New Brunswick. May all who attend feel uplifted and renewed by this time of fellowship.

Monday, September 16 World Week for Peace in Israel and Palestine As members of the World Council of Churches meet, we pray for a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

Tuesday, September 17 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee, which meets this month to discuss continuing education and approve grants to assist professional church leaders.

Wednesday, September 18 This month marks 35 years since Pope John Paul II's 1984 visit to Canada. We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders to be blessed by wisdom and courage by the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, September 19 We pray for the staff at our theological colleges as they support the many facets of the life of the colleges.

Friday, September 20 We pray for the Rev. Herb Hilder who serves the Presbytery of Kamloops as clerk and in many other roles.