

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



# Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action



July – September 2022

Life in Christ involves prayer,  
the seeking of God's will and blessing  
on all of life.

Prayer is openness to the presence of God.  
In words, or the absence of words,  
prayer is the focusing of our lives towards God.

—*Living Faith* 8.1.4

Praying for and with PCC congregations, committees, agencies,  
people and partners is one way of engaging in God's mission in the  
world and focusing our lives on God.

The prayers, mission and social action stories in the *Prayer Partnership*  
reflect the ministry of the following bodies within The Presbyterian  
Church in Canada:

Atlantic Mission Society  
Committee on Church Doctrine  
Committee on History  
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee  
The General Assembly Office  
Knox College in Toronto, Ontario  
Life and Mission Agency  
Moderator of the General Assembly  
National Indigenous Ministry Council  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives  
The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec  
Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia  
Women's Missionary Society

### The Opioid Public Health Crisis

It was reported by the Public Health Agency of Canada that, as of 2017, Canada has the second highest rate of opioid use per capita in the world, behind the United States. Between January 2016 and September 2021, an estimated 26,690 people in Canada died from an apparent opioid-related overdose. There have been record numbers of opioid-related deaths and hospitalizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. A response to an overture regarding the opioid crisis adopted by the General Assembly in 2018 concluded that:

“Responses to the opioid crisis need to remove shame and [stigma] and address the suffering of people, caused by numerous factors that are often beyond the control of any one person, community or level of government and will only be effectively addressed when all parties work together to respond to a multi-faceted public health crisis” (A&P 2018, p. 352).

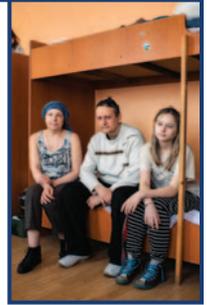
Jesus’ ministry was marked by fellowship with people, no matter their circumstances, and by healing. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has advocated for increased funding for addictions treatment services and affirmed safe consumption/injection sites as a life-saving, harm reduction measure.

### What can you do?

- Talk and pray about substance use and addiction at your church. Educational materials are available online on the Social Action Hub of the PCC website: [presbyterian.ca/well-being](https://presbyterian.ca/well-being).
- Compile contact information for programs and services for people in crisis. Ensure church leaders have access to this information.
- Consider getting a naloxone kit and become trained in its use.
- Advocate for improved access and increased capacity for public health services, especially those that provide mental health and addiction support, and for policy makers to develop plans in consultation with people who have lived experience with substance use.
- Examine and address your own prejudice towards people who use drugs. Refrain from using dehumanizing language.

If you are concerned about your own opioid use or that of a loved one’s, talk to a doctor.

**Millions of people are in need of humanitarian assistance due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.** Larysa, her husband and her daughter escaped Kharkiv after spending four nights in the basement of their home due to bombings in the city. "Everyone wanted to travel out of Kharkiv. There were many people at the train station," shared Larysa. The family found shelter in a refugee centre supported by the ACT Alliance. "We are happy to have a place to sleep and where it is warm. It is safe here. I am glad our children are alive." Presbyterian World Service & Development is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid with an appeal issued by the ACT Alliance to provide emergency food assistance, essential non-food aid, health and emergency mental health support to refugees and internally displaced people.



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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Friday, July 1 (Canada Day)** We pray that Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country; and we pray for the politicians and public servants who form and keep our laws.

**Saturday, July 2** We give thanks and pray for pastors and congregations of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, who are welcoming and showing hospitality to refugees and internally displaced people during the war.

**Sunday, July 3** We pray for peace; and we give thanks for the life-saving aid and support Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war in Ukraine.

**Monday, July 4** Spirit of gentleness and peace, we pray that you rescue us from cynicism and the acceptance of war as normal. May your peace get traction in your world today.

**Tuesday, July 5** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Wednesday, July 6** We pray for summer camps and their staff as they work to foster safe environments for gender-diverse children.

**Thursday, July 7** We pray for summer ministry students.

**Friday, July 8** We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

**Saturday, July 9** Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Saviour, and our hope is in you.

“We left our home after a severe drought destroyed our crops and caused us to lose all of our livestock,” shared Hodan Hassan, who lives with her husband and their three children in Somalia. As a result of not having enough food, Hodan’s 14-month-old child Suheyb became severely malnourished. When a community nutrition worker performed a home visit and screened Suheyb and his siblings for malnutrition, it was confirmed that Suheyb’s life was in danger and that she needed immediate treatment. Two weeks after enrolling in an outpatient program that provided therapeutic nutrition support, **Suheyb’s weight was significantly healthier.** “**I am very happy to see my child’s health improve,**” expressed Hodan. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



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**Sunday, July 10** We pray for infants and children who suffer from malnutrition in Somalia, and we give thanks for the feeding programs supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that work to improve their health.

**Monday, July 11** In this summer season of rest and renewal, we pray that people and families experience joy and love as they share special times together.

**Tuesday, July 12** We pray for ministers and professional church workers struggling with stress, burnout, and physical and mental health issues after over two years of ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Wednesday, July 13** We pray for ministers serving in institutional chaplaincy positions, and for the Rev. Anita Siposne-Demeter, who serves as chaplain at Glen Hill Terrace, a long-term care facility in Whitby, Ontario.

**Thursday, July 14** We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network, who are supporting church communities working for racial justice across Canada.

**Friday, July 15** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kamloops in British Columbia.

**Saturday, July 16** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Presbyterians Sharing is empowering women leaders through theological education in Malawi.**

Bright and capable Malawian women often face obstacles in pursuing higher education, including those that arise as a result of economic and gender-based reasons. Recognizing the gender gap and the need for more female leaders, the PCC agreed to financially support Miriam and Roselyn, teachers from Blantyre, in completing a two-year, part-time Master of Theology in Ministry Studies. This graduate program is a collaboration between Aberdeen University and Zomba Theological College. With deep faith and eagerness to learn, we look forward to how God will use Miriam and Roselyn in churches, colleges or other opportunities!



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**Sunday, July 17** We pray for female theological students who are overcoming obstacles and pursuing higher education at Zomba Theological College in Malawi.

**Monday, July 18** We pray for farmers in Guatemala who are learning how to prepare nutritional food from their gardens with support from the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

**Tuesday, July 19** We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches as member churches witness together to the unity of Christ's church.

**Wednesday, July 20** We give thanks and pray for archivists who work to preserve and care for the historical records of the church.

**Thursday, July 21** We pray for wisdom to care for the earth and act now as God's stewards for the good of future generations and all of God's creatures.

**Friday, July 22** We pray for Westside Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ontario, as the congregation undergoes the search process for their next minister, and for Interim Moderator, the Rev. Megan Penfold.

**Saturday, July 23** We pray for the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and give thanks for the Director, Yvonne Bearbull, who is called by her community to pray, advocate and intervene in times of deep sorrow, isolation and loss.

In Afghanistan, Samaaneh was born with hemiplegia, a form of muscle paralysis that affects one side of the body. Samaaneh’s father worked as a teacher and made enough money to support his wife and three children, and also pay for Samaaneh’s physiotherapy. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, the family fled to Pakistan. While they were able to find refuge in a cramped one-bedroom house, Samaaneh’s father couldn’t find work, and the family had very little access to financial resources. **Through Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with ACT Alliance, Samaaneh’s family received cash assistance to help with purchasing essential items.** Samaaneh’s father has used some of the money to arrange for his daughter to have physiotherapy as well.




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**Sunday, July 24** We pray for those who have been uprooted by conflict in Afghanistan and give thanks for the emergency assistance that Presbyterians in Canada are providing them through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Monday, July 25** We give thanks and pray for churches that are striving to live more lightly on the Earth by taking steps to improve energy efficiency in church buildings and by developing community gardens.

**Tuesday, July 26** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Assiniboia in Saskatchewan.

**Wednesday, July 27** We pray for the ministry, staff and campers at Presbyterian camps across the country.

**Thursday, July 28** We give thanks and pray for musicians and singers in congregations who help to lead our praise of God.

**Friday, July 29** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Saturday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons)**  
 We pray for an end to all forms of human trafficking.

### Conflict and Human Movement

Every year, millions of people are forced to leave their homes due to conflict and violence. At the end of 2020, there were 82.4 million displaced people. The war in Ukraine has already added more than 12 million people to those numbers.

Finding long-term solutions for those forcibly displaced is a challenge. While voluntary return to their home countries is the preferred outcome, a lack of political solutions to conflict, protracted violence and instability ultimately means that many will never return home. Displacement lasts 20 years on average for refugees and more than 10 years for most internally displaced people.

The vast majority of the forcibly displaced are hosted in low-income countries, which puts a strain on host communities and resources. Lack of access to shelter, food and other basic services is a huge challenge. In response, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) provides food assistance and humanitarian support to refugees and displaced people around the world—providing a lifeline in times of uncertainty and distress.

Congregations and groups within the PCC have been actively working to welcome refugees to Canada for decades under the sponsorship agreement held with the Government of Canada.

#### What can you do?

- Learn more about how your congregation could support refugees in Canada and abroad. Further information is available to read in the Summer edition of the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper (pp. 35–37).
- Millions of people who are forced to flee their homes due to conflict do not have refugee status and the internationally recognized protections that come with that status. Learn about KAIROS' migrant justice advocacy initiatives and how to take action at [kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/migrant-justice](https://kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/migrant-justice).

**God has done amazing things at Montreal West Presbyterian Church in Quebec!**

Over the past few years, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the church has transitioned into a thriving multicultural ministry filled with energy and hope. Though the congregation has



already done much good work in bringing a new vision and vitality to the church, they aren't stopping there. They have their sights set to the future, wholeheartedly embracing youth ministry and seeing and treating their youth as the leaders of tomorrow. This new focus on youth ministry has youth participating in all levels of governance and worship leadership, and the transformation continues.

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**Sunday, July 31** We pray for Montreal West Presbyterian Church in Quebec as the congregation works to uplift and empower youth to participate fully in the life of the church.

**Monday, August 1** We pray for those enjoying vacations. May they find their souls restored by God's green pastures and still waters (Psalm 23).

**Tuesday, August 2** We pray for health-care workers at the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development, as they provide nutrition and educational support to vulnerable children and their guardians.

**Wednesday, August 3** We pray for those who serve in interim ministries as they work with congregations in transition by helping those congregations discern God's future for mission and ministry.

**Thursday, August 4** We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, August 5** We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Orillia, Ontario, who serves as the PCC representative on the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace.

**Saturday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima)**

We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, on this day in 1945, and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.

**Conflicts in Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan and, most recently, Ukraine have caused mass displacement of millions of people.**

As a result, many struggle to make ends meet and severely lack food, causing some to experience extreme hunger and malnutrition. Through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), the church is responding to these urgent needs. In Syria, food baskets are provided to internally displaced people and their host communities. In Yemen, local partners supply food vouchers to help the most vulnerable families meet their basic needs. In response to the war in Ukraine, food assistance is being provided to those displaced in the country as well as to those who have fled to neighbouring countries. This emergency food assistance is done in collaboration with its ecumenical partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where funds are matched.



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**Sunday, August 7** We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan that deliver aid to those living in conflict zones or unsettled situations.

**Monday, August 8** We give thanks for the programs of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people of all nations while upholding Indigenous cultural practices.

**Tuesday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples)** We pray that all governments uphold the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples so that all Indigenous peoples around the world may thrive.

**Wednesday, August 10** We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

**Thursday, August 11** We pray for Hans Lessing, Philip Peacock and Phil Tanis as they share leadership of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

**Friday, August 12** We pray that congregations searching for a new minister will be filled with hope, wisdom and patience.

**Saturday, August 13** We give thanks and pray for congregations offering Vacation Bible Schools over the summer.

The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise is a growing social enterprise that is doing so much more than making soup—it is changing lives by employing individuals living with disabilities and mental illness. Meagan is one of the many people who have found meaningful employment at the Raw Carrot. Her work has helped her to gain confidence and skills and to feel proud of who she is and what she can contribute. Meagan is a huge Raw Carrot fan, as she put it, **“The world should have more Raw Carrots, not just because they have good soup, but because it’s a good place to work.”** With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Raw Carrot is transforming lives.



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**Sunday, August 14** We pray for the staff at the Raw Carrot and give thanks for the meaningful employment and support that this social enterprise provides to people living with disabilities and mental illness.

**Monday, August 15** We give thanks for LGBTQI2+ community organizations that provide support, social connection and advocacy for queer and trans people.

**Tuesday, August 16** We pray for the staff and volunteers at food banks as they endeavour to serve people in need.

**Wednesday, August 17** We pray for congregations that may be experiencing conflict and give thanks for the presbyteries assisting and guiding them.

**Thursday, August 18** We pray for the members and work of the Women’s Missionary Society.

**Friday, August 19** We pray that decision makers take steps to protect biodiversity in the earth’s ecosystems.

**Saturday, August 20** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Niagara in Ontario.

When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty prevailed. **Among the many issues that have surfaced since the Taliban takeover are rapidly spreading hunger and restrictions to education.** International sanctions on the Taliban make it challenging to provide assistance in Afghanistan. When possible, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) provides emergency food assistance with the support of other members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. PWS&D's partner in Afghanistan has also established 12 education centres to safely support students while restrictions on education are in place.



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**Sunday, August 21** As the future for people in Afghanistan remains uncertain under Taliban control, we pray that God grants them the strength to get through this difficult period.

**Monday, August 22** We give thanks for the mission the church supports through Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development that works to help those in need.

**Tuesday, August 23** Gracious God, we pray that when we do justice, we may also love kindness and walk humbly with you as a witness to your love for all people.

**Wednesday, August 24** We pray for an end to forced child labour and pray that the efforts of those who promote Fair Trade products across many industries be supported and strengthened.

**Thursday, August 25** We pray for those in the church who are preparing for upcoming meetings and events. May they rise to the challenge of being caretakers of what God has entrusted to us.

**Friday, August 26** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Saturday, August 27** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.

### Children's Rights and Repealing Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada

In 2021, the General Assembly endorsed the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth. Developed by a national coalition of organizations facilitated by the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), the Joint Statement provides an extensive and well-researched overview of the developmental outcomes and the destructive results of physical punishment on the mental, physical and spiritual health of children and youth. It calls for repealing Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada, which currently allows for using "force by way of correction...if the force does not exceed what is reasonable under the circumstances" when disciplining a child.

One of the important reasons to pursue repealing Section 43 is that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada included doing so in its Calls to Action (Call to Action No. 6). Endorsing the Joint Statement helps the church live out the commitments we made in our 1994 Confession to walk the path of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. It is also in line with the commitments we have made in our subordinate standards, such as *Living Faith*, which asserts that justice involves seeking the best way to create well-being in every society and protecting humans, which, of course, includes children and youth (8.4.4-5).

Repealing Section 43 would help protect children and youth and create such well-being. Further research and consultation have confirmed the findings of the Joint Statement. At the same time, no peer-reviewed research or scientifically credible evidence has contradicted the Joint Statement's findings.

#### What can you do?

- Visit the CHEO website at [cheo.on.ca](http://cheo.on.ca) to learn more about the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth, which the church has endorsed.
- Engage in study and theological reflection of the Joint Statement and the church's endorsement of it. Education materials are available online on the Social Action Hub of the PCC website: [presbyterian.ca/well-being](http://presbyterian.ca/well-being).
- Advocate repealing Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada by writing to your federally elected official.

The Respite Ministry of St. Columba—a parish of the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius—supports families who care for people with intellectual and physical challenges by giving guardians and family members an opportunity to have a break while trained volunteers help take care of their children or dependents. Presbyterians Sharing supported renovations to make the parish more accessible, including modifying washrooms and installing ramps where there were only stairs. The Rev. Rodney Curpanen of St. Columba shared, **“We are very grateful for the support extended to us by The Presbyterian Church in Canada** that enriches and heightens our hospitality ministries to strangers, poor, needy and marginalized. Thank you for your partnership.”




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**Sunday, August 28** We give thanks for the Rev. Rodney Curpanen and the Respite Ministry of St. Columba in Mauritius, providing hospitality to the families caring for people living with disabilities.

**Monday, August 29** We pray for the Rev. Stephen Kendall and his family as he begins retirement after 35 years of ordained ministry—24 of which he served as a dedicated Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

**Tuesday, August 30** We pray for the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to share God’s love in our church and throughout the world.

**Wednesday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent)** Recognizing the harmful legacy of colonization faced by people of African descent, we seek the Spirit’s wisdom as we work to eliminate anti-Black racism.

**Thursday, September 1** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, September 2** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

**Saturday, September 3** We pray for participants of the World Council of Churches’ 11th Assembly in Germany as they engage in this unique global expression of unity.

Vanea is 15 years old and lives in Malawi with her parents and four siblings. When Vanea finished primary school, she wrote an entrance exam for secondary school and was selected to attend the Neno Girls School, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D). Sadly, Vanea's parents couldn't afford the school fees and she was forced to withdraw. PWS&D recognizes the importance of education for young girls to achieve their dreams and gain self-confidence. **PWS&D provides scholarships for orphans and vulnerable girls in Malawi to attend the Neno Girls School, who otherwise could not afford to due to financial constraints.** Vanea was one of the students selected for this scholarship and is now completing her high school education.



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**Sunday, September 4** We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and pursue their goals.

**Monday, September 5 (Labour Day)** We give thanks to God for tasks completed with pride, for work to do, and for the strength and ability to do it; and we pray for those who do not have enough work and for those who have too much.

**Tuesday, September 6** We pray for the Rev. Victor Kim as he commences his ministry as Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

**Wednesday, September 7** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

**Thursday, September 8 (World Literacy Day)** We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners in Afghanistan, Guatemala and Malawi as they teach children and youth to read and write.

**Friday, September 9** We pray for the Protestant Theological Seminary in Matanzas, equipping pastors and being a prophetic voice in Cuban society for over 76 years.

**Saturday, September 10** We pray that new students at our theological colleges, particularly international students, find strength and friendship in this community of learning.

**Inspired by the early apostles, the Rev. Mike Veenema launched REACH, a ministry that takes place in the streets, screens, homes and public institutions of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley.** REACH focuses on gathering people to worship and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Central to this ministry is Mike's willingness to go out and draw people together in worship where they are. As the Rev. Mike himself described, "Whether they are in custody, in long-term care, struggling on the streets, or in their homes, I go to where they are." Mike receives coaching and training support through Cyclical PCC, a church-planting initiative that is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



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**Sunday, September 11** We pray for the Rev. Michael Veenema and the REACH ministry in Nova Scotia.

**Monday, September 12** We give thanks and pray for teachers and all those who support education in schools.

**Tuesday, September 13** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

**Wednesday, September 14** We pray for clergy who are beginning their service in active ministry in their first pastoral charges, as well as for clergy who are entering retirement.

**Thursday, September 15** We pray for the members and work of the National Indigenous Ministry Council.

**Friday, September 16** We pray for LGBTQI2+ refugees seeking sanctuary. We pray for their safety and give thanks for their sponsors.

**Saturday, September 17** We pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they meet online for their Annual Meeting today.

**Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities.** John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production.



"I can't thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough. I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention," shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

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**Sunday, September 18** We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the education that they receive through the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program to improve their quality of life.

**Monday, September 19** We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC) in Beirut, Lebanon. May God grant her strength and wisdom as she and the JCC share God's love and hope with Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

**Tuesday, September 20** We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

**Wednesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)** We pray for the power to devote our thought and energy to the task of making peace in the world, in our communities, in our churches and in our homes.

**Thursday, September 22** We pray for clerks of Session as they work with ministers and elders to provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

**Friday, September 23** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

**Saturday, September 24** We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

**Giving to Presbyterians Sharing means participating in Christ's mission together.**

Our gifts bring hope and transformation to vulnerable individuals and communities in Canada. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars. We connect Presbyterians across the country through the



*Presbyterian Connection* newspaper. We provide free websites for congregations, synods, presbyteries, camps and specialized ministries. We equip ministers through our theological colleges. We help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. And so much more. Together, with Presbyterians across Canada, we are making mission and ministry happen!

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**Sunday, September 25 (Presbyterians Sharing Sunday)** We give thanks for generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing as we carry out the mission and ministry of the PCC together.

**Monday, September 26** We pray for the Presbytery of Kingston, the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough, and other presbyteries having deep conversations about the shape of ministry for congregations within their bounds.

**Tuesday, September 27** We pray that all of us be kept steadfast in faith and service. May we be assured that the fullness of God's glory be shown and shared with others through us.

**Wednesday, September 28** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Thursday, September 29** We pray for ministers of our church as they continue in faithful ministry through challenging times.

**Friday, September 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day)** We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

# One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development are making a difference!

**Presbyterians Sharing** supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.



## **Presbyterian World Service & Development**

is the PCC's development and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government grants—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. International Ministries mission personnel, funded through Presbyterians Sharing, often work with PWS&D partners.



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