

2012

We are in this TOGETHER





Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports the mission and ministries we do together in Canada and around the world.

Presbyterians are sharing in a wide range of ministries, from supporting inner city, native, refugee, urban, remote, and chaplaincy ministries in Canada to starting new churches to sending mission personnel to work with international partners.

Together we make mission and ministry happen.

Who decides what *Presbyterians Sharing* will support?

Decisions are made with input from church partners, presbyteries, synods and the committees and agencies of the General Assembly. The budget is voted on by commissioners at General Assembly.

Watch for this logo to know what your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are supporting.



The *Presbyterians Sharing* budget for 2012 is \$10,230,316*. The goal for congregations is \$8,300,000.

Other support comes from the Women's Missionary Society, Atlantic Missionary Society, bequests, and gifts from individuals and foundations.

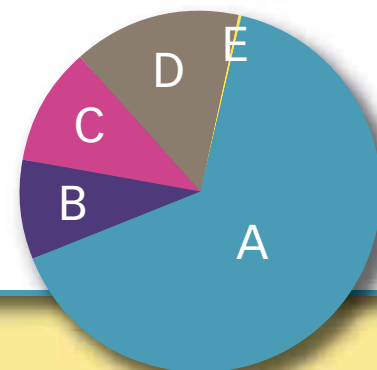
Our Church's Ministries in 2012

Our contributions to *Presbyterians Sharing* help share the good news of the gospel, in Canada and around the world.

A. Life and Mission Agency	\$6,674,041	65.3%
Canadian Ministries	\$2,369,761	
International Ministries	\$1,577,993	
Stewardship	\$368,607	
Planned Giving	\$206,897	
Justice Ministries	\$274,214	
Ministry and Church Vocations	\$327,873	
Communications	\$348,826	
Synod Regional Staff Grants*	\$694,947	
Program Support	\$504,923	
B. Theological Education	\$914,475	8.9%
St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver		
The Presbyterian College, Montreal		
Knox College, Toronto		
C. The General Assembly Office	\$1,097,300	10.7%
2012 General Assembly	\$403,000	
Assembly Council, Assembly Office and Archives	\$694,300	
D. Support Services	\$1,519,500	14.9%
Church Office Building and Mission Residence	\$388,500	
Support Services: Administration, Financial Resources, Resource Distribution	\$1,131,000	
E. Contingency Fund	\$25,000	0.2%

These figures are based on the 2012 budget approved by the General Assembly.

* includes \$200,000 from WMS for regional staff



Mission and Ministry IN CANADA



"Maybe we come from no schooling or little schooling, but we can change as parents. The LAPP program has changed me. Thankfully I had the opportunity as a grandma to start over with foster children, grandchildren – things are different in my home now."

– Karen, participant in Learning and Play Program
Winnipeg Inner City Missions

In 2012, *Presbyterians Sharing* is helping create 14 new ministries, renew 3 ministries, sustain 12 ministries and support 35 specialized (inner city, chaplaincy, refugee and native) ministries.



"Being in university is an exciting time for young adults, and I think it's a really sacred time. We are working with young adults who are away from home for the first time and given space and freedom to ask questions not just academically but also spiritually. To be able to accompany students on that journey and to see them grow is really exciting.

– Jeanette Unger, Associate Chaplain
Ecumenical Chaplaincy, U of T

"*Presbyterians Sharing* has certainly helped us because it's allowed us to have our own Presbyterian minister and we do cherish that. We wouldn't be able to function without *Presbyterians Sharing*."

– Cheryl Demont, member
Hardwood Lands Church, NS



"Are we willing to share what we have so that those who have nothing can have their needs met and feel loved? Sharing and caring is a basic law of the medicine wheel. It is one of the four sacred directions of my people."

– Rev. Stewart Folster
Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, SK



Mission and Ministry AROUND THE WORLD



"The remarkable women that we met in Guatemala taught me to celebrate our differences, to remember one another in our prayers, and to remember we must always act to promote social justice in our own communities and in the world."

Wendy Renault, Guatemala mission trip participant

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, The Presbyterian Church in Canada is working with international mission partners to share the good news of the gospel in 28 countries around the world. 29 mission staff (full time staff and spouses, and short-term volunteers) support and accompany our mission partners. 51 grants support church partners in:

- Leadership development
- Bible translation
- Christian education
- Theological education
- Evangelism

"I am very impressed by the inmates who attend the study. We have incredible conversations about scripture, theology, Christianity, and the interplay of all three in our lives and our lived experience. I have challenged them and they have challenged me to think more deeply and to think differently about God's work in our lives."

Mike Burns, Malawi



"It is great to feel how, in music, all the boundaries of the different languages and nationalities vanish. There is no more Hungarian-Romanian conflict, there is no 'me' and 'the other'. There is just 'us' connected in beautiful harmony."

Emese Nagy, choir member, Romania

"As in the past, when called upon in the face of mounting difficulty, the Christian community has been able to draw on an inner strength grounded in its faith."

David Pandy-Szekeres, Ukraine



What's the difference?

Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Presbyterian World Service & Development, the PCC's development and relief agency, is not funded by Presbyterians Sharing, but raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government (CIDA) grants. International Ministries mission personnel, funded through *Presbyterians Sharing*, often work with partners who receive grants from PWS&D.

Equipping

CONGREGATIONS AND LEADERS



Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help equip congregations for Christian education, worship, evangelism, stewardship, youth ministries, leadership development and justice work. Regional staff help equip congregations in a wide variety of ways. Events like *Canada Youth* and *Stewards by Design* bring people from across Canada together to share experiences and learn new skills. Short term mission experiences encourage Presbyterians to support and learn from our mission partners in Canada and internationally.

"The PCC has always claimed to have a learned ministry, ministers who can explain the scriptures, ministers who understand theology, ministers who understand the broader culture and can bring the gospel to bear on that culture."

– Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris, Dean
St. Andrew's Hall,
Vancouver School of Theology, BC



Our theological colleges – Knox College in Toronto, The Presbyterian College in Montreal and Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver – equip ministers and lay leaders.

Ministry and Church Vocations supports ministry candidates and their presbyteries in discerning the candidate's call. They also encourage and support new clergy who have just begun their ministries.



GET INVOLVED

Support *Presbyterians Sharing*

Every church accepts an amount that they will raise for *Presbyterians Sharing* based on a recommended formula. Find out what your congregation has committed to raise and help them do it. Use mission capsules, posters, videos, powerpoints and the *Presbyterians Sharing* Sunday worship service to promote *Presbyterians Sharing* at your church. Giving to *Presbyterian World Service & Development* and *Gifts of Change* complements our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*.

Connect with our mission partners

Invite a mission speaker to come to your church. Experience mission in Canada or different parts of the world by visiting our mission partners on a mission trip. Opportunities for groups, individuals and youth can be found at www.presbyterian.ca/experiencemission.

Develop a new skill, grow your ministries

Contact The Presbyterian Church in Canada (1-800-619-7301) for ideas on developing leadership skills, growing ministries with children and youth; enhancing worship and evangelism programs or expanding stewardship efforts. Check out conference opportunities like Stewards by Design or Teacher-Leader Courses. Connect with regional staff in your Synod to see how they can help.



Become an advocate

Presbyterians care about creation, work to reduce poverty in Canada and walk with indigenous brothers and sisters. Join Justice Ministries' urgent action network. Become involved in KAIROS' 2011-2012 campaign "Truth, Reconciliation & Equity: They Matter to Us!" Become a healing and reconciliation local leader. Invite a Justice Ministries staff person to your congregation to preach or lead a workshop on poverty, ecology, migrant workers and their rights or healing and reconciliation.

Participate in General Assembly

Every year representative elders and ministers make decisions and set priorities at General Assembly. Follow the proceedings on the web, read the reports and work on the recommended actions.



We are God's servants, WORKING TOGETHER

1 Corinthians 3:9

As God sent
Christ to us,
so Christ
sends us into
the world.
We are here
to proclaim
Christ in word
and deed.

Living Faith 9.1.1



Donations for *Presbyterians Sharing* can be made through your local congregation or online at www.presbyterian.ca/donate/sharing



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