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This newsletter is sent to all congregational contact persons and others interested in the latest church news and information. This newsletter may be printed, photocopied and distributed.



## JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### **Week of Action (October 17-24) resource on Poverty Reduction and Climate Change Now Available**

October 17 is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Around the world, people will affirm their commitment to ending poverty. In Canada, seven provincial governments have, or are developing, poverty reduction programs.

October 24 is the International Day of Climate Action. The Kyoto Protocol is the only internationally negotiated policy to mitigate climate change. The Protocol concludes in 2012. In December 2009 the international community meets in Copenhagen to negotiate a new agreement.

A Week of Action resource connecting global poverty and climate change is available. KAIROS is asking its members to consider the petition “KYOTOplus: creating a new global covenant” during the Week of Action. The petition encourages the Canadian government to support a strong new Protocol at the Copenhagen meeting.

Signing the petition is voluntary. The petition does not contravene any policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Week of Action resource and the Kyoto-plus petition may be downloaded from [presbyterian.ca/kairos](http://presbyterian.ca/kairos). For more information contact Katharine Masterton, Program Coordinator for Justice Ministries at 1-800-619-7301 ext 250 or [kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca).

Justice Ministries staff welcome the opportunity to lead workshops and speak to your congregation, youth group or presbytery about how the church can contribute to poverty reduction and caring for creation.

### **Building Relationships with Aboriginal Neighbours: Healing and Reconciliation Project Funding Deadline October 31, 2009**

The Healing and Reconciliation program offers funding up to \$5000 to Presbyterians (such as youth groups, congregations, WMS and AMS groups, congregational or presbytery mission and outreach committees) wishing to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Consider:

- Inviting an Aboriginal Elder to speak with a small group, to discuss Aboriginal history, culture or modern day concerns.
- Organizing a trip to a local Native Friendship Cen-

tre or First Nation community.

- Following the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). There will be opportunities to participate in the Commission and the Healing and Reconciliation program will provide information on these opportunities as they arise.
- Planning a service to mark Healing and Reconciliation Sunday (May 23, 2010) or Aboriginal Day Sunday (June 20, 2010).

Contact Lori Ransom, Healing and Reconciliation program animator and discuss your ideas. No project is too small. The next deadline for funding proposals is October 31, 2009.

### **New Racial Justice Resource “MAMOW BE-MO-TAY-TAH: Let Us Walk Together” Available Fall 2009**

The Canadian Council of Churches’ Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network is preparing a resource entitled “Mamow Be-mo-tay-tah: Let Us Walk Together.” The resource is designed to help Canadians to engage with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools and to better understand the legacies of colonization that Aboriginal peoples live with today.

The mandate of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network is to accompany Canadian churches and church organizations who are working toward racial justice, racial reconciliation and peace. The Canadian Council of Churches was founded in 1944 and is the largest ecumenical body in Canada, representing 22 churches of Anglican, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions.

For more information or to order a copy of this resource contact Lori Ransom, Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator at [lransom@presbyterian.ca](mailto:lransom@presbyterian.ca) or by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 283.

### **Resources Now Available for Restorative Justice Week —November 15-22, 2009**

Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) in collaboration with the Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC) has produced resources to mark Restorative Justice Week (November 15-22, 2009). This year's theme “Communities Responding to Human Needs,” invites individuals and faith communities to use resources for worship services or group discussions to facilitate a deeper and broader understanding of restorative justice. Resources include a leaflet on restorative justice, a bible study, prayers, biblical references, and information on planning community events to mark Restorative

Justice Week. These resources are available online at [www.ccjc.ca/restorative\\_justice.html](http://www.ccjc.ca/restorative_justice.html)

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC) is a national faith-based coalition of eleven founding churches incorporated in 1972. The CCJC promotes community responsibility for justice with an emphasis on addressing the needs of victims and offenders, mutual respect, healing, individual accountability, and crime prevention. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is a member of the CCJC.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Urgent Appeal for PWS&D**

Presbyterian World Service & Development has not been immune to the global economic downturn. Donations are down significantly and a budget shortfall is threatening programs with partners around the world. Over \$1.5 million is needed before the end of the year in order to fulfil our commitments to partners overseas.

PWS&D supports people around the world affected by poverty, injustice, disease and disaster. Please show support for your church's development and relief agency today, and keep this important mission alive!

Help us spread the word about this important appeal by ordering free bulletin inserts, newsletters and posters to distribute in your church. Visit [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd) for more information and to donate online.

### **PWS&D 2009-2010 Annual Resources Now Available**

Brand new resources are now available for order from PWS&D! "Believe It! God's Riches Are Here!" is the theme of this year's resources, encouraging us to believe in God's abundant provision while we each do our part to share what we have with others.

The resources include Advent and Lent liturgies, a worship resource and sample sermon, children's game board and activity booklet, Lenten calendar, PWS&D coin boxes and much more!

Additional copies for your congregation can be ordered by calling the Book Room at 1-800-619-7301. Please place orders by October 23, 2009.

## **Social Action Handbook 2009**

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it!" Psalm 24:1

The Social Action Handbook has been updated to 2009 and is available on the General Assembly Office's annual CD-ROM. Each congregation may order one free copy through the Bookroom and additional copies for \$10 + tax.

The Social Action Handbook is available online at [www.presbyterian.ca/justice](http://www.presbyterian.ca/justice)

## **Christmas Cards Back By Popular Demand!**

It's never too late to begin thinking about Christmas and PWS&D Christmas Cards are now available for order. These colourful cards feature images from development projects overseas, with all proceeds supporting ongoing programs. For \$20 you will receive a set of 15 cards. Orders can be placed through the Book Room. Visit [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/christmas\\_cards](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/christmas_cards) to view them online.

## **Coin Box Challenges**

PWS&D now has a brand new coin box available for order. These handy boxes are great for children and adults alike. PWS&D is challenging groups to raise "Ten Bucks A Box" and put \$10 in each coin box they order. For those who want to up the ante, try "Stuff It With Paper!" to see how much paper money you can fit inside one box. Coin boxes can be ordered for free by calling the Book Room at 1-800-619-7301.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

This resource, produced by “Alternatives for Simple Living”, promotes ideas for a Christ-Centered Christmas season through thoughtful reflections by authors such as Tony Campolo. Includes an Advent children’s

program, reflections for each Sunday in Advent, and a Sustainable Change Calendar of Hope. Available from the Book Room for \$1.50 each.

## MISSION EDUCATION

### Order Your 2009 Advent Calendars Now!

Meet 9-year old Amira, a refugee from Mosul, Iraq, as she and her family experience their first Christmas in Canada. There are many changes – new customs, new apartment, new school – and Amira misses her best friend Sabeen very much. Order your calendar today to find out what happens! Calendars are \$0.90 each. If you order ten or more, the price goes down to \$0.80 each. This year’s mission study and Learning/Sharing resource also focus on refugees. All three can be ordered from The Book Room.

### Gifts of Change

Give a gift that changes lives! This Christmas, consider giving an alternative gift by choosing one of the projects in our Gifts of Change catalogue. \$30 buys a family seeds to grow in Nicaragua. \$60 supports refugee claimants in Montreal. \$80 buys a bicycle to help share the gospel in Kenya. Order free catalogues from the Book Room for every member of your congregation, and put them in your Sunday bulletins! Give a gift in someone’s name and we will send them a gift card. See more projects online at [www.pressbyterian.ca/gift-sofchange](http://www.pressbyterian.ca/gift-sofchange). Donations can be made online at [www.presbyterian.ca/donate](http://www.presbyterian.ca/donate).

### Learn about Refugees! New Adult and Children Mission Studies on Uprooted People are Now Available

The Bible is full of stories about people on the move, both by choice and without choice. These two new studies will help you and your congregation apply what the bible teaches and inspire you to find ways to live out God’s call to care for the uprooted. Order copies from the Book Room or download from our website for free.

Adult Study - Making Connections: Becoming Rooted in an Uprooted World ([www.presbyterian.ca/download/4047](http://www.presbyterian.ca/download/4047)) \$12

Children's study - Partners: Welcoming refugee friends to Canada ([www.presbyterian.ca/download/3949](http://www.presbyterian.ca/download/3949)) \$10

Special - Order both studies and pay only \$20 for the two!

### Mission Trips

Montreal, Arizona/Mexico; November 6-14, 2009: Applications are still being accepted for this exciting trip to Montreal and the borderlands of Arizona and Mexico. The group will learn about the unique challenges faced by refugee claimants and recent immigrants first with Action Refugees Montreal, a ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and then with Borderlinks ([borderlinks.org](http://borderlinks.org)) on the Mexico/Arizona border. Borderlinks is an experiential learning organization that will take the group on a journey to learn from migrant workers and church partners about human rights, trade, water and human security. Applications due by October 9, 2009 at the very latest! Contact Lindsey Hepburn for more information: 1-800-619-7301 (ext. 259) or [lhepburn@presbyterian.ca](mailto:lhepburn@presbyterian.ca)

Nicaragua; January 3-12, 2010: Take a faith journey to Nicaragua to learn about Fair Trade. From bean to product, you will learn about the people that produce coffee and how their livelihoods are affected by our choices! PCC mission staff Denise Van Wissen together with PCC partners in Nicaragua will facilitate the group experience. Spaces on this trip are limited and filling up quickly. For information on how to apply, contact Lindsey Hepburn: 1-800-619-7301 (ext. 259) or [lhepburn@presbyterian.ca](mailto:lhepburn@presbyterian.ca)

## PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

### Continuing Theological Education, Presbyterian College February 15-19, 2010

#### Dr. Anthony B. Robinson

Tony is an ordained Minister of the United Church of Christ, who has served four congregations. His present ministry is a multi-faceted one. He travels throughout North America as a speaker, teacher, preacher, consultant and coach serving congregations and their leaders. He has taught at several schools including Emmanuel College/Toronto School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University and Vancouver School of Theology. He is the President of Congregational Leadership Northwest, a Seattle-based ecumenical group that offers leadership education and support for congregational leaders.

Tony is the author of nine books, the most recent *Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations*, published by Eerdmans Publishing Company in 2008. He is at work on two new books, one on preaching and leadership, the other on Scripture and ethics. He is also a frequent contributor to various magazines and journals, including *The Christian Century*, *Congregations*, and *Perspectives*. Tony also writes for the Northwest on-line newsource, [crosscut.com](http://crosscut.com).

Tony is a graduate of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. He holds a Master's degree in European Cultural and Intellectual History from the University of Oregon. His Master of Divinity degree is from New York's Union Theological Seminary. He has done post-graduate study at Harvard Divinity School as a Merrill Fellow.

#### Dr. Jonathan J. Bonk

Dr. Bonk is the Executive Director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut, and editor of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. Before relocating to the United States in 1997, he served for twenty years as Professor of Global Christian Studies at Providence College and Theological Seminary in Canada. He was raised in Ethiopia by missionary parents, serving there with his wife in famine relief from 1974–1976. A Mennonite, he has served as President of both the American Society of Missiology and the Association of Professors of Mission, and is currently President of the International Association for Mission Studies. He is the author of numerous articles and reviews, has published five books, and edited several others. He is best known for his book, *Missions and Money: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem* (*Orbis* 1991/2007), reprinted eleven times before publication of a revised and expanded second edition in 2006. As Project Director for the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*, a multilingual, electronic, non-

proprietary reference tool ([www.dacb.org](http://www.dacb.org)), he travels extensively in Africa. He is editor of the *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*, Volume 9 in Routledge's Religion and Society Series (2007), and serves as regular visiting professor of Missions and Evangelism at Yale Divinity School.

#### The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

Rev. Powery is the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a concentration in vocal performance from Stanford University. He has a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto. His teaching and research interests are located at the intersection of preaching, worship, pneumatology, performance studies, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. He is the author of *Spirit Speech: Lament and Celebration in Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 2009), and a member of the lectionary team for The African American Lectionary, a project funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. In addition, he is the present Secretary of the Academy of Homiletics. Nurtured in the Holiness-Pentecostal tradition, he is an ordained Baptist minister who has served in an ecumenical capacity in churches throughout Switzerland, Canada, and the United States.

#### Tentative schedule:

Mon. 15th afternoon	Robinson
Tues. 16th morning	Robinson
afternoon	Bonk
Wed. 17th morning	Bonk
afternoon	Powery
Thurs. 18th morning	Powery
afternoon	To be announced
Fri. 19th morning	To be announced

The programme starts at 1.30 p.m. on Monday and ends at noon on Friday.

For information : [info@presbyteriancollege.ca](mailto:info@presbyteriancollege.ca)  
514-288-5256, ext. 200

The Presbyterian College, 3495 University St., corner Milton (metro McGill)

Registration form can be downloaded from [www.presbyteriancollege.ca](http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca)

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, The Presbyterian College

Deadline: December 15, 2009

[www.presbyteriancollege.ca](http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca) for guidelines, nomination form and referee report.

## LIFE & MISSION AGENCY

### Staff Position Available, Research, Writing, Resource Development — The Vine

The Vine actively assists congregations – both responsively and proactively - to find and use people resources, print resources, on-line resources or conferences that are helpful to their ministry, looking at producing new resources in renewal and revitalization. The Vine is responsible for the areas of Christian education, spiritual formation, camping ministries, family ministry, ministry with children and youth, mid-week programs, worship, evangelism and congregational development. This position is accountable to the Associate Secretary and responsible for:

- Researching, writing, and developing new resources as directed by the Associate Secretary
- Reviewing new resources in both print and online form
- Providing support to regional staff and resource persons on the Leadership Links list
- Providing oversight of specific contract staff as requested by the Team Leader
- Creating and monitoring business plans for new resource development expenses
- Engaging in a regular agreed-upon system of staying in touch with congregations
- Keeping the Resource and Administrative staff informed of new or changed resources for the web page or promotion in other media
- Offering workshops or seminars as assigned.

A complete list of tasks and responsibilities for the coming year for this position is attached.

### Position Requirements

The successful applicant will exhibit a high level of accuracy in all aspects of their work; will demonstrate strong organizational, communication (written and oral), and interpersonal skills.

The successful applicant will possess a university degree (or equivalent) and experience in the areas of responsibility, demonstrated skill in Microsoft Office, software packages related to the program area and email. Some theological education in the Canadian Reformed tradition and demonstrated experience in a Canadian Presbyterian congregation would be advantageous.

Effective Date: Monday, November 2nd, 2009  
(Negotiable)  
(2009 Salary \$46,864)

Applications and resumes should be submitted by Thursday, October 15th at noon to Anne Phillips, Senior Administrator, Life and Mission Agency at [aphillip@presbyterian.ca](mailto:aphillip@presbyterian.ca).

Interviews will take place Wednesday, October 21st, 2009.

More information can be found at <http://www.presbyterian.ca/getinvolved/employment/3978>