



PCCconnect

ENEWS

JUSTICE MINISTRIES

- Week of Action (October 17-24) resource on Poverty Reduction and Climate Change Now Available
- Resources now available for Restorative Justice Week – November 15-22, 2009
- KAIROS Regional Meetings September-October 2009
- Social Action Handbook 2009
- New Racial Justice Resource “MAMOW BE-MO-TAY-TAH: Let Us Walk Together” Available Summer 2009
- Building Relationships with Aboriginal Neighbours: Healing and Reconciliation Project Funding Deadline October 31, 2009

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT

- PWS&D Photo Slideshows Now Available
- New Gifts of Change Program for PWS&D – Support for Refugees

THE VINE HELPLINE

- Christian Leaders Connection
- Youth Ministry Training

YOUTH IN MISSION

- Apply Now: WCC Internship Programme 2010

LIFE & MISSION AGENCY

- Staff Position Available, Program Manager – Ministry and Church Vocations

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.

KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives prepared a Week of Action (October 17-24, 2009) resource connecting global poverty and climate justice for congregations with to mark the Week of Action. This resource connects October 17 with KAIROS' "Re-energize... Time for a Carbon Sabbath" program, which considers the effects the fossil fuel industry has on people and the environment and encourages us to be wise stewards of God's creation. KAIROS is asking its members to consider the petition "KYOTOplus: creating a new global covenant" during the Week of Action. Copies of the KYOTOplus petition were sent to congregations in the August PCPak, and are available through Justice Ministries.

Contact Katharine Masterton at kmasterton@presbyterian.ca or by calling 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 ext 250 for free copies of this resource. 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.

Consider:

- Remembering October 17 in prayers. Order a copy of KAIROS' Week of Action resource from Justice Ministries.
- Learn about poverty in your community. Find opportunities to follow the biblical mandate to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). Write to your provincial government. If it has not already done so, ask for a plan to reduce poverty with measurable targets and timelines.
- Support community initiatives by volunteering for a food bank or shelter.
- Meet with your elected provincial government representative. Justice Ministries can help you prepare for this meeting.
- Contact Justice Ministries about inviting a speaker to your congregation or church group.
- Sign KAIROS' "KYOTOplus: creating a new global covenant" petition. Write a letter to the Government of Canada about caring for creation and environment stewardship. Example letters are available from Justice Ministries.

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) have 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 an explanatory 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 ww.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. They promote 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.

KAIROS Regional Meetings September-October 2009

KAIROS regional meetings are held annually in the fall. These meetings are an opportunity for old and new friends to gather, worship, learn and network. The focus of the meetings varies by region. All meetings will provide an opportunity to learn about the national KAIROS "Re-energize...Time for a Carbon Sabbath" campaign. The 2009 fall regional meetings will be smaller than previous years because of the national gathering hosted by KAIROS June 17-20, 2009 at the University of Waterloo.

Please contact Katharine Masterton, Justice Ministries Program Coordinator at kmasterton@presbyterian.ca or by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 250 if you would like to attend a regional meeting:

Atlantic – September 26-28 at Tatamagouche Centre NS.

Réseau oecuménique justice et paix (Rojep) – information not yet available.

Great Lakes-St Lawrence – October 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Guelph ON

Cambrian Agassiz – October 3 at Saint Olaf's Lutheran Church in Headingley MB.

Prairies North - September 26 in Swift Current, SK.

British Columbia – Yukon – no regional gathering in 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

New Racial Justice Resource “MAMOW BE-MO-TAY-TAH: Let Us Walk Together” Available Summer 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 or by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 283.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

PWS&D Photo Slideshows Now Available

You can now view and download photos from PWS&D’s emergency relief and development programs overseas!

These photos make great additions to bulletin boards and to view on your own computer. View photos from Taiwan, Pakistan, Refugees, HIV and AIDS work in Malawi and much more. Visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/photos today!

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

The Healing and Reconciliation ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada 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.

You may wish to invite an Aboriginal Elder to speak with a small group, to discuss Aboriginal history, culture or modern day concerns. You may wish to organize a trip to a local Native Friendship Centre or First Nation community.

For examples of what other Presbyterians have done, take a look at the section headed, “Local Relationship Building,” at <http://www.presbyterian.ca/ministry/justice/healing>.

There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the Healing and Reconciliation program will provide information on these opportunities as they arise.

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.

Local leaders are available to speak in your congregation. For more information contact Lori Ransom at lransom@presbyterian.ca or by calling 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 ext 283.

New Gifts of Change Program for PWS&D – Support for Refugees

Now you can help support refugees and displaced people when they are forced to flee their homes out of fear for their lives and freedom.

PWS&D aids displaced people around the world through the provision of food, shelter, education and emotional support for those living in refugee camps and helps those who return home rebuild their lives with dignity. A gift of \$20 can provide medication and nutritional supplements for a malnourished refugee child for six months.

Visit www.presbyterian.ca/donate/giftsofchange/pwref to give a life-changing gift today!

THE VINE HELPLINE

Christian Leaders Connection

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, with whom our denomination has observer status, is hosting several one-day events for ministry and business leaders. Topics include understanding church and faith trends, engaging in a secular Canada, how Canadian public policy affects Christian ministries, etc.

Oct. 14: Victoria, B.C.
Oct. 16: Langley, B.C.
Nov. 10: Halifax, N.S.
Nov. 12: Moncton, N.B.
Dec. 1: Ancaster, ON

For more information contact www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/clc

Youth Ministry Training

Princeton Theological Seminary offers excellent training for youth ministry. Sites include Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina, November 3-5, 2009 and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, April 26-28, 2010. Speakers include Kenda Creasy Dean, Peter Gomes, Shane Claiborne and Rodger Nishioka. Some lay bursary help is available from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Call The Vine, 800-619-7301; thevine@presbyterian.ca. Complete course descriptions, leader bios, and more information on what to expect: www.ptsem.edu/iyim or call 609-497-7914.

Youth In Mission

Apply Now: WCC Internship Programme 2010

The World Council of Churches (WCC) will welcome five young people (aged 18-30 years) to serve as interns in its Geneva offices from February 2010 to January 2011. Interns bring valuable experiences to the WCC at the same time as they undertake several modules of ecumenical learning.

The next 12 months' internship period begins in February 2010. In Geneva, the interns will be assigned to one of the WCC working areas. They will carry out their tasks in cooperation with programme staff and under individualized supervision. During their stay in Geneva each intern is expected to plan an ecumenical project to implement in his or her home context when they return in February 2011.

The next generation of interns' areas of work will be 1. International Ecumenical Peace Convocation; 2. youth and ecumenical formation; 3. visitors

programme/media relations; 4. mission and evangelism; and 5. ecology and social justice.

Successful candidates are people committed to the ideals of the ecumenical movement, who will bring their energy, commitment and a fresh vision to their specific work assignment. Applicants must send, along with their application, background information about their church or Christian youth network that will help them in implementing their proposed ecumenical project.

Closing date for receiving applications for the five internships is 30 September 2009. As the ability to work in English is a necessary qualification, applications must be written in English.

Information requests and applications should be sent to: wccinterns@gmail.com

Visit <http://www.oikoumene.org/?id=3187> for more information and an application.

LIFE & MISSION AGENCY

Staff Position Available, Program Manager – Ministry and Church Vocations

The Ministry and Church Vocations office of the Life and Mission Agency assists the church to discern, prepare and support professional leaders in ministry. The Program Manager, Ministry and Church Vocations, is a permanent staff position working primarily within 50

Wynford Drive and accountable to the Associate Secretary, Ministry and Church Vocations.

The Program Manager is responsible for:

- Managing MCV programs, such as guidance conferences and publication of Women's Perspectives
- Assisting in researching and writing MCV reports and documents
- Providing direction and supervision to MCV secre-

- tary in own program areas
- Responding to enquiries requiring interpretation of policies and practices across a broad canvas of ministry topics
- Monitoring monthly MCV financial statements and authorizing approved expenses within budget
- Coordinating logistics for resource production and meetings

For full details, see attached position description.

Position Requirements:

- A university degree (or equivalent) and 5 years experience using the problem-solving, communication, and supervisory skills required for this position
- Demonstrated excellence in written and oral communication
- Interest in, and capacity to develop, in-depth understanding of the broad range of ministry issues affecting The Presbyterian Church in Canada today
- Strong inter-personal skills, including ability to build and nurture the networks of volunteers essential to programs of Ministry and Church Vocations

- Ability to identify and respond to needs and requests that are difficult to determine
- Ability to work with a high degree of independence
- Ability to handle confidential information
- Strong organizational and administrative skills, including ability to coordinate and meet deadlines
- A significant understanding of the theology, practice and polity of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and a personal, professed Christian faith that is compatible with that understanding
- Skill in Microsoft Office and email

Effective Date: Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

Starting Salary \$53,705

Applications and resumes should be submitted by noon on Monday, September 28th, 2009 to:

Anne Phillips, Life & Mission Agency, The Presbyterian Church in Canada

50 Wynford Dr, Toronto ON M3C 1J7

Email: aphillip@presbyterian.ca

Interviews will take place on Friday, October 2nd, 2009. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.