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## **PWS&D**

### **Thank You for Supporting Haiti**

Presbyterians across Canada have demonstrated tremendous prayerful and financial support for victims of Haiti's earthquake through Presbyterian World Service & Development, raising over \$1.4 million. These funds will support ongoing relief efforts and long-term rehabilitation programs. Thank you for your generous support in a time of great need. Your gifts are helping to build futures of hope and opportunity in Haiti.

### **Responding in Chile**

Families in Chile are starting to rebuild their lives following the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that hit the country last month. Presbyterian World Service & Development is working through the ACT Alliance to provide 1,500 families in Concepcion, Talca and Curico with food, emergency supplies, temporary shelter and training in water, sanitation and hygiene. Cash-for-work, income generation, risk management and psychosocial care programs have been established, and 600 homes will be repaired or rebuilt. You can help those most affected by the earthquake in Chile by making a donation to PWS&D. Call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291, donate online, through your church or mail a cheque to the office. Please mark all donations "Chile Relief."

### **Monthly Donations Made Easy with 'Direct Share'**

Did you know you can sign up for easy, monthly giving through PWS&D? 'Direct Share' is a simple and secure method for sending donations to PWS&D through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. The service is free and helps PWS&D program partners rely on your regular, consistent support while saving time and money. Visit [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/givemonthly](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/givemonthly) for more information or call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291.

### **Don't Miss the Next Issue of PWSDevelopments**

Interested in learning more about development programs and issues around the world? PWS&D's quarterly printed newsletter, PWSDevelopments, provides insightful updates and takes an in-depth look at PWS&D programs in every issue. You can even order additional printed copies to share with your congregation, free of charge. Subscribe today by emailing Zuzka Ellis ([zellis@presbyterian.ca](mailto:zellis@presbyterian.ca)) or calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 293.

## **JUSTICE MINISTRIES**

### **Update on Kairos**

The campaign to meet with MPs regarding the CIDA funding cuts to KAIROS continues. Thank you for your support! Presbyterians in 25 presbyteries that we know of are involved in this campaign, and attended at least 19 meetings with MPs. Justice Ministries continues to receive emails and phone calls from concerned Presbyterians. This level of support and involvement is heartening, and evidence of the value Presbyterians place on KAIROS' work.

On January 21, 2010, Church Leaders wrote to the Prime Minister requesting a meeting to discuss the funding cuts. As of March 24, 2010, no response had been received from the Prime Minister's Office. The KAIROS Board is taking stock of the events since November 30, 2009 and will determine its next steps. We will share information with you as it becomes available.

Please continue to meet with your MPs and let Katharine know about your letters and meetings, and responses from your MP. Justice Ministries sends out periodic email updates on this situation. Please contact Katharine if you would like to receive these updates.

If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Masterton, Program Coordinator, Justice Ministries at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 250 or by email at [kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca) or Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries at ext 256 or by email at [sallen@presbyterian.ca](mailto:sallen@presbyterian.ca).

### **Healing and Reconciliation Seed Funding Application Deadline April 20, 2011**

Seed funding is available to help church groups (youth groups; WMS groups; mission committees, presbyteries and others) wishing to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. The deadline for

seed funding application submission is April 30, 2010. Application forms and project criteria can be found on the Healing and Reconciliation website at [www.presbyterian.ca/healing](http://www.presbyterian.ca/healing). The Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator, Lori Ransom, welcomes opportunities to discuss your project ideas. She can be reached at 1-800-619-7301 ext 283 or by email at [lransom@presbyterian.ca](mailto:lransom@presbyterian.ca).

### **Coming in April – New Healing and Reconciliation Liturgical Resources**

Reflect on the need for Healing and Reconciliation and the work of the TRC during the period between Healing and Reconciliation Sunday (May 23, 2010) and Aboriginal Day Sunday (June 20, 2010). New “One in the Spirit” liturgical resources will be sent to congregations in April 2010. Contact the Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator, Lori Ransom to order additional copies of this new resource. She can be reached at 1-800-619-7301 ext 283 or by email at [lransom@presbyterian.ca](mailto:lransom@presbyterian.ca).

### **Celebrate God’s Creation on Earth Day April 22**

April 22, 2009 is Earth Day. Consider remembering in prayer our responsibility to care for God’s creation on or around this date. Here are some ideas:

- Remember in prayer our responsibility to care for creation.

### **Youth in Mission**

#### **Upcoming Youth in Mission Trips (for Youth aged 16-30) & Leadership Opportunities for Adults**

The final deadlines for these exciting opportunities to engage youth and young adults in mission trip and conferences in Canada and abroad are coming up this month! More information on YIM trips can be found at [www.presbyterian.ca/experiencemission](http://www.presbyterian.ca/experiencemission) or by contacting Lindsey Hepburn-Aley at [yim@presbyterian.ca](mailto:yim@presbyterian.ca) or 1-800-619-7301 or (416) 441-1111 ext. 259.

#### **Leadership Opportunity!**

#### **Peace River Presbytery Vacation Bible School August 1 – 23, 2010**

Help to lead and coordinate the Vacation Bible School that this YIM team will lead for various congregations in the Peace River Presbytery. If you are an energetic youth leader who has experience planning and facilitating

- Host a 100 mile meal, and give thanks for the fruits of creation, and the people who made possible its cultivation (online resource: <http://www.re-energize.org/En/pdfs/100MileChurchPicnic.pdf>).
- Lead a bible study. The PCC Lenten resource “Joining the Dance: Lenten Reflections about Sabbath and the Stewardship of Creation” is available online: [http://www.presbyterian.ca/webfm\\_send/204](http://www.presbyterian.ca/webfm_send/204). The children and youth resource “Partners: Living in God’s Creation” is online at [www.presbyterian.ca/resources/online/3215](http://www.presbyterian.ca/resources/online/3215)
- Take a carbon Sabbath. Challenge yourself to identify one way to reduce your carbon footprint once a week. Leave your car at home for a day, and walk, take the bus or arrange to car pool.
- Have a good idea? Share your activities and ideas! Katharine would be delighted to hear about your activities and to speak with your church group or congregation about the Carbon Sabbath Initiative.

For additional information please contact Katharine Masterton, Program Coordinator, at [kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca) or 1-800-619-7301 ext. 250. Canada. Contact Katharine Masterton at [kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca) for more information or view the internship announcement online at <http://www.presbyterian.ca/getinvolved/employment/4753>

vacation bible schools, this opportunity may be for you. You will accompany this group and plan a five day vacation bible school in advance of the experience. An honorarium and travel costs will be provided for the leader through Youth in Mission.

#### **Traveling Vacation Bible School, Peace River Presbytery, AB**

Dates: August 1-23, 2010 Cost: \$200 plus flight to Grande Prairie **Application Deadline: Extended to May 1 2010!**

The Peace River Presbytery is inviting a YIM team to lead a three week traveling day camp which will visit various congregations in the presbytery. In addition, this group will also carry out different service and outreach projects in the various communities. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve in the summer of 2010.

Application Deadline: Extended to May 1 2010!

Ministry with First Nations people is an important focus of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Through involvement with Mistawasis, YIM is playing a small part in this healing and reconciliation ministry. This trip offers a unique opportunity to work with and learn from Canada's aboriginal communities.

### **Mission in Taiwan**

#### **Ecumenical Youth Exchange Program**

**Dates: August 15-31, 2010 Cost: \$2,500 Age 18-30**

**Revised Application Deadline: May 1, 2010**

Youth in Mission will send a team of 6 young adults to Taiwan this summer for the second part of the Ecumenical Youth Exchange with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. Young adults from both churches will participate in mission projects around Taiwan as they dialogue together about mission, the Church and the world. The program will provide participants with a unique ecumenical and cross-culture experience that will challenge their faith and strengthen their commitment to Jesus Christ.

## **NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MUSEUM**

### **Three - Year National Campaign**

General Assembly 2009 authorized the Advisory Committee of the National Presbyterian Museum to begin a 3-year financial campaign, the goal of which is to raise \$300,000. The success of this campaign will allow the Museum to hire a part-time curator and offer regular open hours. Currently, the Museum is open only on an appointment basis. A part-time curator will also be able to continue the important work of cataloguing the collection and developing resources that help us inform and educate The Presbyterian Church in Canada about its people and their faith stories.

Rev. Angus Sutherland, Chair

#### **Fast facts about the National Presbyterian Museum**

##### **What we are**

- the only Christian denominational museum in Canada that interprets the history of an entire denomination

##### **What we have**

- largest public collection of Communion tokens in Canada
- a re-created Presbyterian chapel of the 1850s with pulpit, pulpit arch and pews from closed historic Presbyterian Churches in eastern Ontario
- historic Communion ware
- an example of a 19th century minister's library, notably the entire library of the Rev. Dr. John Keir (1780-1858), first professor of the theological seminary of The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia

- audio visual resources such as lantern slides, many of which were hand-coloured illuminations depicting Bible events
- largest public collection of commemorative (Presbyterian) church plates in Canada
- exhibits that feature artefacts from youth groups such as the Boys Brigade (the precursor to the Boy Scouts), Christian Endeavour (Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour), P.Y.P.S. (Presbyterian Young People's Society), C.G.I.T. (Canadian Girls in Training)
- exhibits that feature artefacts from mission fields such as banners, carvings, figurines, clothing, etc.
- early 20th century banners used as Sunday School and mission awareness/promotion resources
- certificates that honoured Scripture memory work, completion of Sunday School curriculum, perfect attendance, etc.

##### **What we do**

- offer a great opportunity to learn and appreciate what it has meant to be and what it means to be a Presbyterian Christian
- offer guided tours
- offer guided group tours to W.M.S., youth, Church School, Confirmation classes, adult education, small/cell groups, etc.
- offer a heritage Presbyterian diet of worship, an historic Presbyterian worship service conducted by a minister with Psalms led by a precentor – this takes place in the chapel (for groups of up to 12 people) or in the historic 1908 sanctuary of St. John's Presbyterian Church - (a service of Communion can also be arranged)
- customize a group tour – for example, a step-on

(or step-in) docent is available to guide past historic Presbyterian sites in Toronto

The National Presbyterian Museum is located on the basement level of St. John's Presbyterian Church, 415 Broadview Avenue, Toronto.

For enquiries, or to make arrangements to visit in person, or arrange group tours, please contact: [presbyterianmuseum@presbyterian.ca](mailto:presbyterianmuseum@presbyterian.ca)  
<http://presbyterian.ca>  
Phone: 416-469-1345

### **Donations to the**

### **National Presbyterian Museum can be directed to:**

National Presbyterian Museum  
c/o 50 Wynford Drive  
Toronto, ON M3C 1J7

## **CRIEFF HILLS COMMUNITY**

### **Church Administrators Conference - May 10-12, 2010**

We Are One In The Spirit" A time of learning tasks geared toward a Church Office as well as a time of fellowship with others who share the unique job of Church Administrator

Workshop Leader Heather Card - Supporting Ministry Together

Workshop Leader Pat Martin - Looking Good In Print

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