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JUSTICE MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 DEADLINE FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION PROJECT FUNDING

The Healing and Reconciliation ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers funding up to \$5000. for Presbyterians wishing to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. You may wish to invite an Aboriginal Elder to speak with a small group, including youth groups, to discuss Aboriginal history, culture or modern day concerns. You might organize a trip to a local Native Friendship Centre. Contact Lori Ransom, Healing and Reconciliation program animator and discuss your ideas. No project is too small. The next deadline for funding proposals is September 30, 2008.

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.

Become a local healing and reconciliation leader. You do not need previous experience or involvement. Your commitment to learning and a passion to meet new people are all that's needed. Training is available.

LIVING LIGHTLY: FAITHFULLY RESPONDING TO GLOBAL WARMING

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

God calls us to be good stewards of creation, and to care for the people in God's creation. We are challenged to live lightly on the earth. The KAIROS program *Re-Energize... Time for a Carbon*

Sabbath can help us do this. This program looks at the effects the fossil fuel industry has on people and the environment. On line resources include tools measuring your carbon footprint and practical suggestions for reducing it. Consider, for example, hosting a 100 mile meal over the summer, or during the fall.

Online tools are available at www.re-energize.org

You are invited to attend a regional KAIROS meeting in the fall of 2008. We particularly invite young adult participation! Justice Ministries can assist with costs. Contact Katharine Masterton for registration information before August 1, 2008.

KAIROS Regional Meetings 2008

Atlantic Region: September 26-28 at the Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche Nova Scotia.
Réseau Oecuménique Justice et Paix (francophone partner): date and location to be announced.

Great Lakes-St Lawrence Region: Sept 19-21 at Mount Mary Immaculate retreat center, Ancaster, Ontario.

Cambrian-Agassiz Region: September 26-27, Laureate's Landing, in St. Norbert, Manitoba.

Prairies North Region: October 3-5, at the Christian Life Centre, Calgary Alberta.

British Columbia/ Yukon Region: October 3-5, Vancouver British Columbia at the YWCA downtown.

IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN YOUR CHURCH BUILDING: A GUIDE

Improving the energy efficiency of your church building is one way your congregation can practice good environmental stewardship. A step by step guide to help you review your church building is available online from KAIROS at

<http://www.kairoscanada.org/e/ecology/energyEfficiency/KAIROSEnergyWorkbookforReligiousBuildingsEng.pdf>

Contact Katharine Masterton at kmasterton@presbyterian.ca or by calling 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 ext 250 if you have any questions or would like a hard copy of this resource.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

MYANMAR (BURMA): AID REACHES THOSE IN NEED

PWS&D continues to aid victims of Cyclone Nargis which devastated Myanmar's Irrawaddy Delta in May. Victims of this disaster have received food, water, tarps and other non-food items. Relief centres have been established to offer shelter to those who have lost their homes. Your prayers and donations are still needed to help ensure relief is available. www.presbyterian.ca/node/3198

PWS&D CONTINUES RELIEF EFFORTS IN CHINA

PWS&D and the Action by Churches Together International (ACT) partnership continue to support the Amity Foundation to bring desperately needed relief following the earthquake that rocked China's Sichuan province on May 12. Relief efforts have focused on providing food for the most vulnerable people and supplying families in need with quilts and plastic cloth for protection from heavy rains. www.presbyterian.ca/node/3155

REMEMBERING LIVES LOST IN DARFUR

KAIROS (Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives) and its members have launched a campaign to deliver 300,000 postcards to Parliament by this autumn – one postcard for each life lost in Darfur. The campaign aims to encourage the Canadian government to promote peace in the region. To order postcards for your family, friends or church, visit http://www.sdcanada.org/en/postcards/postcards_ordering.html, or call 514-935-8806

EXPERIENCE LIFE OVERSEAS

Interested in traveling to developing nations to learn more about hunger and food-related issues? Canadian Food Grains Bank (CFGB) is offering Food Study Tours where participants have the opportunity to visit projects supported by CFGB and its partners. Those who participate are required to speak publicly about their experiences after returning to Canada. Participants will live with and work alongside local hosts fighting hunger in their communities. For more information and a list of upcoming tour dates, visit http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca/upcoming_food_study_tours.aspx

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Care for Creation photo exhibit is a colourful set of 15 photos from projects supported by PWS&D in Africa, Asia and Central America. You can download and print the photos for display in your church or in a slide show. The series can also be ordered as 21" x 25" prints on a tear-resistant background. Velcro is attached to the back for easy display. <http://www.presbyterian.ca/resources/galleries>