

## **PWS&D and International Ministries**

PWS&D and International Ministries work closely together. PWS&D does not employ overseas staff. It often happens, though, that International Ministries mission personnel, funded through *Presbyterians Sharing*, work with PWS&D partners.

**For work in overseas  
development, emergency situations,  
and refugee sponsorship, PWS&D  
can effectively respond.  
For all other ministries there is  
*Presbyterians Sharing*.**

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## *Presbyterians Sharing* and PWS&D

# What's the difference?

What's the difference between *Presbyterians Sharing* and Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)? That is one of the most frequently asked questions in congregations and Presbyterian gatherings. So, what IS the difference?

***Presbyterians Sharing*** is the name of the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada – except for development and emergency relief, which are funded through gifts to PWS&D.

Why the name *Presbyterians Sharing*? Because Presbyterians are sharing in the cost of a wide range of ministries

- the meeting of the General Assembly and its committees; support for sessions, presbyteries and synods (General Assembly office);
- over 40 mission staff (including spouses) in 16 countries; partnerships with churches around the world (International Ministries);
- inner city, native, refugee, urban, remote, francophone and chaplaincy ministries in Canada; the development of new congregations (Canada Ministries);
- support for congregations in faith education, worship, evangelism, stewardship and mission education; youth ministries (The Vine Helpline, Education for Mission and Stewardship);
- justice work in congregations and with ecumenical groups (Justice Ministries);
- support for congregations in seeking ministers; support for clergy and professional church workers (Ministry and Church Vocations);
- training of ministers (Theological Colleges); and
- support for the national church offices, including financial services and oversight of the Church's pension plan and benefits (Support Services).

Another name for *Presbyterians Sharing* is the General Assembly budget. It makes possible our existence as a church denomination in Canada. It enables us to do mission and ministry in Canada and around the world.



Congregational support for ***Presbyterians Sharing*** is based on suggested allocations ('fair share' guidelines) which are distributed to congregations through the presbyteries. Congregations accept an allocation according to their ability and send in their gifts on a monthly or quarterly basis.

**Presbyterian World Service and Development** Is the national church fund that supports development and relief, and refugee sponsorship programs of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Working with overseas church and community partners and ecumenical bodies, PWS&D responds to human need in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

- PWS&D supports overseas partners working in health, education, agriculture and income generation programs;
- PWS&D helps overseas partners respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies and relief situations. PWS&D assists these partners by issuing appeals to congregations and providing funding for relief programs;
- PWS&D issues appeals for national declared states of emergencies in Canada;
- PWS&D administers the refugee sponsorship program between the church and the federal government;
- PWS&D engages congregations through educational materials on these world-wide concerns;
- PWS&D supports ecumenical coalitions on international developmental issues.

## Funding



**PWS&D** raises its own funds directly from individuals and congregations and through matching government grants. PWS&D does not receive funds from *Presbyterians Sharing*, although some of the office expenses related to administration are covered through *Presbyterians Sharing*.