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This newsletter is sent to all congregational contact persons and others interested in the latest church news and information.
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New Resources for KAIROS' "Re-energize . . . Time for a Carbon Sabbath" program in August PCPak

KAIROS' "Re-energize... Time for a Carbon Sabbath" program considers the effects the fossil fuel industry has on people and the environment and encourages us to be wise stewards of God's creation. This is Year 3 of the Re-energize... Time for a Carbon Sabbath program. KAIROS is asking its members to consider the petition "KYOTOplus: creating a new global covenant."

The Kyoto Protocol was designed as a first step to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It is the first globally negotiated agreement responding to human-induced global climate change. Canada ratified the Kyoto Protocol in 2002. It concludes in 2012.

In December 2009, the international community will gather in Copenhagen, Denmark to discuss a post-Kyoto framework. KYOTOplus is a national campaign endorsed by civil society and religious organizations (including the David Suzuki Foundation, the Climate Action Network, Greenpeace, and The United Church of Canada). Additional Information can be found at www.kyotoplus.ca. The campaign goal is to collect one million Canadian signatures supporting a strong post-Kyoto framework. A copy of the petition was sent to congregations in the August PCPak. For more information, or additional copies of the petition, contact Katharine Masterton at kmasterton@presbyterian.ca or call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 250.

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.

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.

100 mile meals – eating locally and living lightly on the Earth

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

As stewards of creation, we are challenged to live lightly on the earth. This summer, consider one initiative you might undertake as a steward of God's creation:

- Enjoy good food and fellowship while hosting a 100 mile meal. Visit a local farmer's market and learn about locally grown food, or visit a conservation centre to learn about your local ecosystem.

- Consider how you might reduce your car usage: walk, take public transit, ride your bike or car pool one day a week for the whole summer.
- Organize a group to watch Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth," and lead a bible study on the care of creation. If you are planning a Vacation Bible School program, consult "Partner: Living in God's Creation," a Presbyterian ecology mission learning and sharing experience for children and youth. This resource may be downloaded from <http://www.presbyterian.ca/resources/online/3215> or ordered from The Bookroom.

New Week of Action (October 17-24) resource for poverty reduction and climate justice available from KAIROS

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 is preparing a resource connecting global poverty and climate justice for congregations wishing to mark October 17. This resource will be available from Justice Ministries in late August. Justice Ministries staff are available to lead workshops and speak to your congregation, youth group or presbytery about how the church can contribute to poverty reduction. We invite the opportunity to speak with you about how we might assist your poverty reduction work. Contact Katharine Masterton at kmasterton@presbyterian.ca or by calling 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 ext 250.

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.
- Meet with your elected provincial government representative. Justice Ministries can help you prepare for this meeting.

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. The step by step guide "Energy Workbook for Religious Buildings" (prepared by KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives) is available from Justice Ministries to help you review your church building.

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 to order a free copy of this guide.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

Download PWS&D's Bulletin Bits for your Sunday bulletin!

Looking for some great news to insert into your Sunday bulletin? Every week, PWS&D posts a new Bulletin Bit—a piece of news or a story, a photo and a powerpoint slide—that you can download and include in your church's bulletin. Visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/bulletin_bits to download the latest Bit! Do you have suggestions for Bits you want to see? Email Zuzka Tatiersky at ztatiersky@presbyterian.ca.



Pakistan Update: Displaced Seek Shelter in Local Homes

Ongoing conflict in Pakistan has forced over 4 million civilians to flee their homes, and many have sought refuge with relatives or close friends. These host families are now struggling to care for their guests with meagre resources. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding to the needs of displaced people and host communities in Pakistan by providing food, supplies and health services.

Your donations are needed to meet the growing needs of displaced people. PWS&D is working with the Canadian International Development Agency to maximize the impact of your donations. Please call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291 or visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd to donate online, find more information and download a bulletin insert.



New Issue of PWS&Developments Coming Soon—Sign-Up To Get Your Free Copy Today!

PWS&D's quarterly newsletter, PWSDevelopments, contains informative articles on development programs, special appeals, updates from overseas, and showcases how Canadian Presbyterians are working together to help marginalized people around the world. To receive your free copy of PWSDevelopments, call 1-800-619-7301 x293 or send an email to Zuzka Tatiersky at ztatiersky@presbyterian.ca.



THE VINE HELPLINE

Flu Safety Information

Wondering about the H1N1 virus and how it affects your congregation or ministry?

The Presbyterian Church in Canada provides a Flu Safety information page (including a poster) at <http://www.Presbyterian.ca/flusafety>.

New TLC Brochure

Considering a support and skill development program for the teachers, leaders and parents of your congregation? Watch for the new TLC brochure featuring 50 easy-to-use focused, flexible teacher/leader courses in the August PCPak or download from www.presbyterian.ca/tlcbrochure.

New curriculum chart

A new curriculum chart with learning resources for all ages (2009-2011) is now available. Watch for this resource in the August PCPak. Extra copies are available by calling the Book Room, 800-619-7301.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Moderator's Trip

Every year, the Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada has the opportunity to visit one or more of our partners in mission abroad to learn firsthand about the mission work of The PCC and to bring official greeting from The PCC to our partners. This event is known as the Moderator's Trip and it is organized by International Ministries.

The Moderator of the 135th General Assembly, The Rev. Harvey Self and his wife Jayne will visit The Presbyterian Church of Ghana in August, 2009. On this trip, he will be accompanied by Ms. Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Education for Mission and Stewardship. They will arrive in Accra on Thursday, August 13th and will be taken the next day to the Ramseyer Training Centre at Abetifi in central Ghana where the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Ghana is being held from Friday, August 14 to Wednesday, August 19. Rev. Self will have the opportunity to address the Assembly and to bring greetings on behalf of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Ramseyer Training Centre is one of three lay training centres of The Presbyterian Church of Ghana that are supported by International Ministries.

Following his participation in the General Assembly, Rev. Self and his party will be driven from Abetifi to the small community of Garu which is in the northern part of Ghana, very close to the border with Burkina Faso. Here, they will visit the Garu Presbyterian Community Based Rehabilitation Program, a ministry of The Presbyterian Church of Ghana which ministers to persons with physical disabilities and is supported by PWS&D.

From Garu, they will travel back to Accra where they will spend the night and then take two days to visit Cape Coast and Elmina where they will visit and be educated about the slave castles, as they are called, where African captives were held before being transported to a life of slavery in the Americas. They will then return to Accra to catch their flights back to Toronto. They will arrive home on Wednesday, August 26th. Please remember the Rev. Harvey Self, his wife Jayne and Ms. Karen Plater in your prayers as they represent The Presbyterian Church in Canada during this important visit to our partner in mission, The Presbyterian Church of Ghana.