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NEWS

Coming Soon: The Moderator's 2026 Advent Message

Stay tuned for the Rev. Lara Scholey's thoughtful "Moderator's Advent Message" for 2026. It will be posted early next week in the News & Resources section of the PCC's homepage, www.presbyterian.ca

The Nativity Narratives: The Holy Land, Then and Now

Join the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon on November 25 at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern) in a conversation about issues from the birth stories that still resonate today. From shepherds in the fields and Roman registration to the massacre of the infants and the evasive maneuvers of the Magi, Dr. Gordon will provide current-day context to these ancient stories from her experiences in the Holy Land. The conversation will include a Q & A time with attendees. The webinar will be recorded and available on the website. Learn more and register here.

Send a Submission for the Annual History Book Prizes

Have you recently written a book about your congregation? A memoir relating to your life as a Presbyterian? Or an academic work focused on Presbyterian themes? Send a copy to the Archives at 50 Wynford Drive before the end of the year. You could be considered for the Committee on History's Book Prizes, awarded every year at General Assembly. Learn more here.

Send your submission to the Book Prize Committee, c/o Presbyterian Church Archives at 50 Wynford Drive by December 31st to be considered for one of the History Book Prizes. Anything published in 2025/2026 can be submitted.

A Prayer by the Moderator on the News of Fatalities and Injuries at CFB Wainwright, Alberta

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46

This prayer, addressing the tragedy at CFB Wainwright, was written by the Rev. Lara Scholey, Moderator of the 2026 General Assembly of the PCC and Presbyterian representative on the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy.

Read the prayer here.

We Remember Dr. Kennon L. Callahan

Dr. Kennon L. Callahan, the keynote speaker for the Stewards by Design conferences run by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, died September 13, 2026. Dr. Callahan taught more than 400 congregations at 20 Stewards by Design conferences between 2001 and 2019. He encouraged congregations to discover their strengths and build on them, make serving the community a priority, lead with compassion and hope, and open doors to giving. He created a movement of change and many still use his teachings to guide ministry decisions today.

Read more here.

Are you Interested in serving on a Denominational Committee?

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is always seeking enthusiastic and dedicated members to serve on denominational committees. Click here for more information on the committees and the nomination process. If you wish to be nominated, speak to your minister or clerk of Session.



For the Love of Creation's "Economy of Life" Statement

Faith leaders from across Canada, including PCC Moderator the Rev. Lara Scholey, have released An Economy of Life, a public statement calling for a different path.

As people of faith, we believe the Earth is not merely a source of resources to be extracted. It is our common home, imbued with sacred worth and deserving of care.

Faith leaders are calling for:

- An end to public support for fossil fuel expansion
- Investment in renewable energy and climate-resilient communities
- A just transition for workers and communities
- Respect for Indigenous rights, including free, prior and informed consent
- Transparent, democratic decision-making and meaningful public participation

Read the statement here.

Add your endorsement here.

RESOURCES

Legacy Sunday Worship Resource: Now Available

This worship resource is for congregations to use on any Sunday they choose to reflect on legacy gifts and highlight planned giving. The General Assembly recommends the third Sunday in November (November 15, 2026) to correspond with philanthropy week.

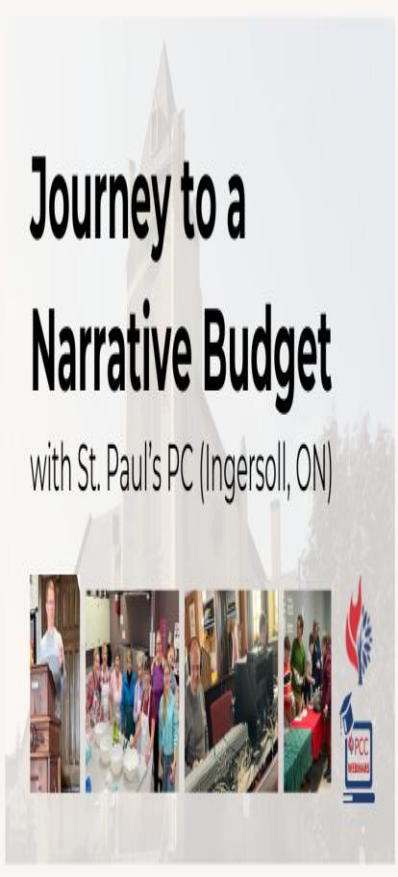
Everyone leaves a legacy. This resource has been created to help congregations reflect on the long-term impact of their gifts of time, talent and treasure. Celebrating Legacy Sunday gives people the opportunity to think about how their gifts today and in the future can participate in God's mission.

Download this year's service and other Legacy Sunday worship resources here.

Presbyterians Sharing Video: Available in English, French and Korean

This video shares the various ways in which gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are making a difference in Canada and internationally. Share it during the offering or at your annual meeting.

Find videos and other resources on the Presbyterians Sharing page.



From Numbers to Narrative Budgets

When you create a narrative budget, you transform your congregation's line-item budget into the story of your congregation's ministry. It connects your budget to God's mission and shares it in a way that gives a fresh perspective on the ministry your church is doing at home and in the world. By linking dollars to mission, it inspires and informs people about the importance and impact of their gifts. Learn more about narrative budgets here.

Attend the webinar on November 17 to learn how switching to a narrative budget helped St. Paul's PC in Ingersoll, Ontario, see beyond the numbers. Register here.



Change Now Available

By giving a Gift of Change, you are making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and worldwide. Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member, and we'll send them a card acknowledging the donation. It makes a great Christmas gift!

Order printed copies of the catalogue for your congregation here or download it here. You can donate online to Gifts of Change here.



This Advent, Create a Giving Tree!

This Advent, begin or continue a Giving Tree tradition in your church. By hanging ornaments on a giving tree, you can celebrate the gifts your congregation is sharing at Christmas in a very real way.

It's easy to give! There are three different types of ornaments that can be used to support Gifts of Change projects or to give year-end gifts to Presbyterians Sharing or PWS&D. People can choose an ornament that matches the gift they want to give. Learn more here.

Bringing Good News



The 2027 Wall Calendar is now available to order. It features beautiful full-page images celebrating the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Place your order online, by email at resources@presbyterian.ca, or by phone at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 331. Cost: $6.00.



PWS&D Advent Liturgies

Celebrate the birth of Christ with PWS&D Advent liturgies. Each of the 5 liturgies is available in packs of 25. Pre-order yours online, by email at resources@presbyterian.ca, or by phone at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 331.

The PCC Church Cohort (Pilot Program) is underway!



The PCC Church Cohort is an 8-month guided learning community developed to empower and equip congregations to grow in hospitality, inclusion, and intercultural leadership. This fall, the Intercultural Office launched 15 teams across Canada to design and implement small intercultural ministry projects in their context. Throughout the program, they will explore how to help newcomers feel truly welcomed and gain practical skills to foster intercultural belonging in their churches.

Ready to register for the next cohort or interested in learning more?

Complete this expression of interest form to connect with us.

Want to learn more about the Intercultural Office?

- Subscribe to our Newsletter
- Watch a video about our work
- Visit our webpage

Contact: intercultural@presbyterian.ca

Adult Education Resources

Looking for information on adult education? The Adult Education webpage includes information on upcoming initiatives along with resources from previous studies. You can find the webpage here.

- **What Does the Bible Say About…?** This series features short, online discussions on topics of interest to today's church.
- **Context Clues for Preaching:** These webinars focus on a single biblical text and help participants uncover the socio-cultural background, theological themes, distinctive language, and the vision and purpose of the communities that composed the biblical books.
- **Theological Reflections:** Designed to offer a fresh take on issues of concern to the church, these reflections provide material for sermons, adult class discussions, and individual theological reflection and growth.
- **Presbyterians Go to the Movies:** This series is designed for adult theological reflection and discussion of selected films. Custom guides include viewing instructions, plans for leading a film study group, specific questions for each film, and tips to enhance interpretation. Learn more here.

Sign up for Adult Education updates here. Make sure you check the box that says "Adult Education Opportunities".



Across the PCC, committed people are doing the important work of faith formation—often without connecting with others doing the same work. That's why the Christian Education Exchange exists.

We connect, encourage, and equip those who care deeply about helping people grow in faith. Each month, we gather online to learn together, share our joys and struggles, and exchange

ideas for real ministry contexts. It's a space to reflect on where God is leading, explore new approaches, and be reminded that this work matters.

Whether you're a minister or a lay leader, a volunteer or paid staff, a seasoned veteran or just beginning, or a retiree who continues to serve—and whether you work with children, youth, young adults, adults, families, or across generations—you are welcome here.

Our next gathering is Monday, November 30, 2026, and our topic is Intercultural Faith Formation with guest presenter, Elsie Lo.

Times:

- 4:00 p.m. PST (e.g., Vancouver)
- 5:00 p.m. MST (e.g., Calgary, Edmonton)
- 6:00 p.m. CST (e.g., Winnipeg, Regina)
- 7:00 p.m. EST (e.g., Toronto, Montreal)
- 8:00 p.m. AST (e.g., Halifax)
- 8:30 p.m. NST (e.g., St. John's)

Explore how culture shapes faith, identity, and spiritual growth. Together, we will reflect on practical ways to create inclusive, welcoming, and culturally responsive learning environments where children, youth, and young adults from diverse cultural backgrounds can deepen their faith and build meaningful relationships.

Bio: Elsie Lo serves as the PCC's Intercultural Formation Facilitator. Through designing and facilitating church cohorts and coaching teams, Elsie invites participants to engage in embodied practices that foster imagination, ideation, and innovation for intercultural ministry.

Future topics for the Christian Education Exchange include intergenerational ministry, volunteers, curriculum evaluation, one congregation's creative faith formation schedule, and camp and conference ministries.

For more information and to sign up for notifications of upcoming opportunities, visit the Christian Education webpage.

EVENTS

Funding Ministry into the Future: A Conference of Hope & Stewardship for the Church

Join keynote speakers Grace Pomroy and Paul Nazareth and invest in learning how to fund ministry now and into the future. Send a team to the Funding Ministry conference, hosted by the PCC at Knox PC in Waterloo, Ontario, and collaboratively planned by church stewardship professionals spanning a broad range of denominations.

This conference will help you put stewardship at the heart of your congregational life.

Learn more and register here.

OPPORTUNITIES

New Deadline: January 15 for Summer Ministry Placement Applications

Could your congregation benefit from hosting a student minister next summer? The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Rural and Remote Ministry Fund helps congregations offer summer ministry placements for seminary students, bringing fresh energy, leadership and enthusiasm to local ministry.

These placements provide students with hands-on ministry experience and a meaningful introduction to life and ministry in rural and remote communities. For many students, the experience can inspire a lifelong call to serve in these communities.

New this year! The application deadline has been moved up to **January 15, 2027**.

For more information, visit here or contact Jennifer Astop in Congregational and Community Ministries.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

You can find all of the PCC's upcoming webinars, plus recordings of previous ones, here.

Preaching Mark: The Curious Case of Good News

This webinar will provide background on the Markan community, theological themes, and a general discussion of the first written gospel.

November 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Going Abroad with Christ

Did you know that you can travel internationally as a young adult intern with the PCC? Meet Sophia Kim who spent 6 months working for the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and learn about how you can get involved! (For young adults 19-30).

November 11, 2026, 8:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Discover APCE: Connecting, Equipping, and Inspiring Christian Educators

Learn more about the Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) and how it supports church leaders who are committed to nurturing disciples of all ages.

November 16, 2026, 1:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Journey to a Narrative Budget with St. Paul's PC (Ingersoll, ON)

Learn how the new stewardship team at St. Paul's PC in Ingersoll, Ontario, created its first Narrative Budget, and how this helped the congregation to see beyond the numbers to so much more!

November 17, 2026, 2:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

What does the Bible say about…? The Return of Jesus and the End Times

This webinar engages the New Testament passages that reference the return of the risen Christ and explores the range of apocalyptic visions of the coming judgment of God.

November 18, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Policy: How to Conduct an Investigation

A brief overview of the process for investigating a complaint under the Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SASH) policy with a focus on process and best practices.

November 19, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Calling For Nominations: The Nomination Process for General Assembly Standing Committees

This information session will introduce how the nominating process works, and will include updates on the process for 2027.

November 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Christian Nationalism: What It Is and Why the Church Must Reject It

This webinar will discuss the ideology of Christian nationalism, examine how it conflates religious and national identity and marginalizes the "other", and give participants tools for recognizing and engaging in theological discernment.

November 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

The Nativity Narratives: The Holy Land Then and Now

Join the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon in a conversation about issues from the birth stories that still resonate today.

November 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Policy: How to Write a Report Following an Investigation

This webinar guides investigation committees on how to prepare and write a report to the court of jurisdiction following an investigation under the Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SASH) policy.

November 26, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

What Does the Bible Say About…? Jesus' Family

This webinar follows the meagre evidence in the New Testament, along with information about familial expectations in the first century CE to flesh out Jesus' heritage, parents and siblings.

December 2, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register here.

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Looking for information about PCC events, webinars, resources and more? We regularly post news items on our website and share information on Facebook and Instagram.

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Women's Missionary Society: www.wmspcc.ca

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Presbyterian College: https://presbyteriancollege.ca

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Knox College: https://knox.utoronto.ca
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St. Andrew's Hall: www.standrews.edu
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