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NEWS

Benefits and Human Resources Director



We are pleased to announce that Loyda Sinanan joined the national office staff on September 14, 2026, as Director of Pensions, Benefits, and Human Resources. Loyda brings over 20 years of experience in pension, benefits, human resources, governance, and leadership. She combines technical expertise, strategic leadership, and national faith-based organizational experience that aligns closely with the director role. Throughout her career, Loyda has developed a strong understanding of church-based governance structures, responsible stewardship, and the unique needs of faith-based employers, congregations, treasurers, retirees, and plan members. We are happy to welcome Loyda to the national office and look forward to her contributions to the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

RESOURCES



Change Now Available

By giving a Gift of Change, you are making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and worldwide. No matter what you choose to support, your gifts will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs.

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!

Advent is a time to celebrate God's great gift of love by sharing gifts with others.

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. They can be used to support Gifts of Change 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](#).



The 2027 Wall Calendar, themed Bringing Good News, will ship in November. Order your copy now! The calendar 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 a pack of 25. Pre-order yours [online](#), by email at resources@presbyterian.ca, or by phone at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 331.

Adult Education Webpage

The Adult Education Webpage includes information on upcoming initiatives along with resources from previous studies, such as Presbyterians Read. You can find the webpage [here](#).

Some new initiatives:

[What Does the Bible Say About...?](#) This series features short discussions on topics of interest to today's church. Study sheets for each topic explore the Bible passages that relate to the issue at hand, explaining how frequently cited passages may or may not apply to issues in current society. These writings provide material for sermons, adult class discussions, and individual theological reflection and growth. Topics include hell and heaven, baptism, and the end times. The series page is available [here](#).

[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. Each webinar will include instruction, allow for Q&A, and provide a study sheet with key items of interest for use in preaching, teaching, and group Bible study. This series includes "Preaching Paul: Avoiding the Pitfalls" (find it [here](#)) and the upcoming "Preaching Mark: The Curious Case of Good News".

Theological Reflections: These short essays provoke new thought on familiar religious topics, days in the religious calendar, or timely issues. Designed to offer a fresh take on issues of concern to the church, they provide material for sermons, adult-class discussions, and individual theological reflection and growth.

Presbyterians Go to the Movies: This program 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. Films are organized by theme but can be studied individually at each study group's pace.

Sign up for Adult Education updates [here](#). Make sure you check the box that says "Adult Education Opportunities".



Christian Education Exchange

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 on October 26, 2026, at 7 p.m. ET, when we welcome Michael Lovaglio, Coordinator of Discipleship at Central Presbyterian Church (Hamilton, ON), for a webinar on creating curriculum for faith formation.

Future topics include intergenerational ministry, volunteers, curriculum evaluation, intercultural faith formation, one congregation's creative faith formation structure, and camp and conference ministries.

For more information and to sign up for notifications of upcoming opportunities, visit the [Christian Education webpage](#).

Presbyterian Connection: Fall 2026 Edition

The latest issue of the Presbyterian Connection newspaper was delivered to all congregations and subscribers in early September. This edition is once again packed with articles and photos from Presbyterian congregations, individuals, ministries and groups across Canada.

In this issue you'll find:

- A feature article on the 2026 General Assembly
- An article about Stampede Breakfast at Grace Presbyterian Church in Calgary, Alberta
- News about the 150th anniversary of Knox Presbyterian Church in Selkirk, Manitoba
- A theological reflection on World Communion Sunday
- A reflection from Maeve Forde who serves as a youth voice on the Change Leadership Team
- A story of refugee sponsorship by the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry
- Congregational photos from celebrations and special events, plus so much more!

View or download the Fall Edition [here](#).



Prayer Partnership

Each issue of this quarterly resource spotlights a theme for social action and includes daily prayers and Sunday Mission Moments.

Copies of Prayer Partnership are distributed with the Presbyterian Connection newspaper and are also available to [download online](#).

WEBINARS

You can find all of the PCC's upcoming webinars, plus recordings of previous ones, [here](#).



Guide Young Adults to PCC's Global Internships!



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Young adults can be enriched and, in turn, enrich The Presbyterian Church in Canada through exposure to other cultures and faith communities in a global context. Meet Sophia Kim, the young adult intern who spent 6 months in Japan working for the Korean Christian Church in Japan, as she shares her formative experiences. We will also introduce some of the opportunities provided by the PCC for young adults between 19 and 30 years old. This webinar is intended for leaders who work with young adults (ministers, youth group leaders). A webinar in November is designed for young adults themselves to explore these opportunities.

Date: October 6, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register [here](#).

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE

SAY ABOUT...?



Satan and the Devil



The second webinar in the "What Does the Bible Say About...?" series focuses on Satan and the Devil, which explores the views of the persona and work of Satan/the devil across the Hebrew Bible and through the New Testament writings. The webinar will allow for Q & A, and a study sheet will be available following the webinar.

Date: October 7, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register [here](#).



Introduction to the PCC's New Payroll Service

This webinar will provide an opportunity to learn about the planned new payroll service and to ask questions about what the program will offer and how to implement it. The service will be available to all ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Presenters: Members of the Change Leadership Team and ADP

There are four remaining opportunities to attend this webinar. You only need to sign up for one option, as all the dates cover the same presentation and information. You can attend as many as you like, especially if you've given the new service some thought or have shared the information with others who may be interested and have new questions you'd like answered. All of the webinars can be found on the [webinars page](#).

Next Webinar:

Date: October 14, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register [here](#).

Upcoming dates:

November 4, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)

January 8, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)

February 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Eastern)



Safe Church: Implementing Harassment Policies

This webinar will review the principles of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's harassment policies and how to implement them in ministries and courts of the church.

Presenters:

Carragh Erhardt, Program Coordinator, Sexuality and Inclusion

Tim Purvis, Associate Secretary of Ministry and Church Vocations

Ian Ross-McDonald, General Secretary of the Life and Mission Agency

Date: October 15, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register [here.](#)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE

SAY ABOUT...?



Heaven and Hell



The next webinar in the series is "Hell and Heaven", which explores the views and language about the afterlife, reward and punishment in the biblical writings. There will be time for Q&A. A study sheet will be available after the webinar.

Date: October 21, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Learn more and register [here](#).



From Ideas to Impact: Bringing Your Ministry Vision to Life

Every ministry begins with an idea. But how can a creative idea become a meaningful ministry in your community? Join Jennifer Astop, Senior Program Coordinator for Congregational and Community Ministries, for a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Konnie Vissers of Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco-Justice and Julianna Kwon of London Korean Presbyterian Church. Hear how PCC grant funding has helped bring their ministry ideas to life, learn practical tips for developing a successful grant application, and discover what might be possible in your own congregation or ministry.

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026 (**Please note: the date was incorrectly listed as October 19 in our September e-news*)

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register [here](#).



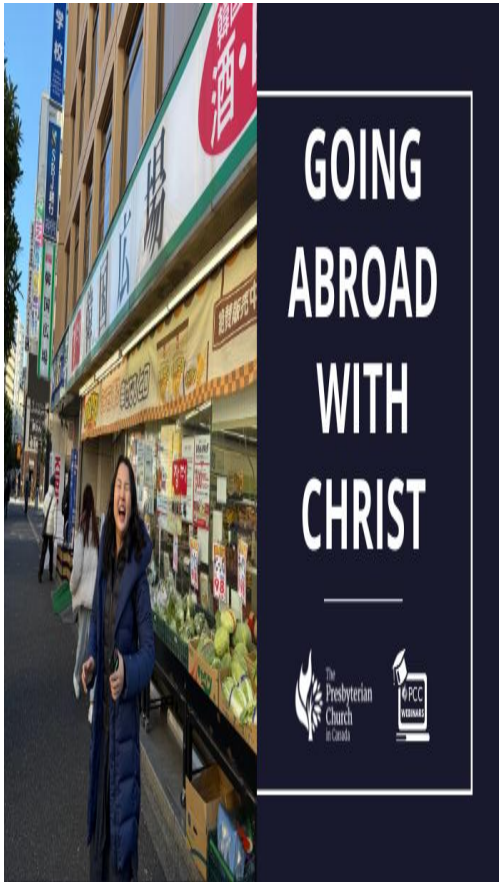
Preaching Mark: The Curious Case of Good News

This webinar will provide background on the Markan community, theological themes, and a general discussion of the first written gospel. There will be time for Q&A. A study sheet will be shared after the webinar.

Date: November 9, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register [here](#).



Going Abroad with Christ

Young adults can be enriched and enrich the PCC by engaging with other cultures and faith communities in a global context. Meet Sophia Kim, a young adult PCC intern who spent 6 months working for the Korean Christian Church in Japan. Sophia will share her experiences with participants, who will also learn about opportunities the PCC offers young adults.

Date: November 11, 2026

Time: 8:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Register [here](#).

EVENTS



CAN THESE BONES LIVE? Rediscovering What Matters

The APCE Annual Event | Portland, Oregon | Jan. 27-30, 2027

APCE Annual Event

The purpose of the Association of Partners in Christian Education, Inc. is to advance educational ministries in the Church and increase the ongoing witness of our faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The APCE Annual Event will be held in Portland, Oregon, from January 27-30, 2027, either in person at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront or online via Annual Event Online. Each day, participants will explore different questions we ask ourselves about how we practise the ministry of Christian education, moving through the breath, sinews, flesh, and spirit of this collective ministry in the world we live in.

Find out more [here](#).

Bursaries are available to help PCC participants attend. You can apply for a PCC grant [here](#) or email faithformation@presbyterian.ca for more information.

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Crieff Hills Retreat Centre: www.crieffhills.com

Presbyterian College: <https://presbyteriancollege.ca>

Vancouver School of Theology: <https://vst.edu>

Knox College: <https://knox.utoronto.ca>

- Knox College Ministry Forum: <https://ministryforum.ca>

St. Andrew's Hall: www.standrews.edu

- St. Andrew's Hall Centre for Missional Leadership Ministry: <https://thecml.ca>

Presbyterian Camps

A complete directory of PCC Camps can be found here:

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