

The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
**PCCConnect Monthly E-Newsletter**  
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Check out the latest news and information from the PCC.

### **Introducing the New PCC Resource Ordering Portal for Congregations**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new PCC Resource Ordering Portal that congregations can use to order the wide variety of PCC educational and informational resources. This new system features a shopping cart model, robust search option, detailed descriptions and images. It also provides access to an exciting new tool that allows congregations to customize specific resources with your own church information.

The portal provides access for each congregation in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Letters have been mailed to congregations containing their unique username and password.

Learn about the specific features of the new portal via a live webinar on **Wednesday, February 5, at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern)**. Visit the Webinars page for more details and to register your participation.

**Join the Webinar:** [presbyterian.ca/webinars/](https://presbyterian.ca/webinars/)

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### **Thank You For Your Generosity!**

Every year, Presbyterians across Canada generously and faithfully support the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through their gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is grateful for the \$8,389,514 that came from congregations, individuals, Women's Missionary Society, Atlantic Mission Society, foundations and others in 2019.

These gifts are equipping congregations, beginning new faith communities, supporting international partners, empowering youth, encouraging new ministers and theological students, supporting Indigenous ministries, speaking on issues of justice and so much more! Don't just take our word for it—watch the inspiring video to see the impact we are having together.

**Watch Now:** [bit.ly/PSThankYou2019](https://bit.ly/PSThankYou2019)

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### **Presbyterians Read: Lent Edition**

This Lenten season, we will be journeying through Lent together with a denomination-wide book study on *Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A*, written by N.T. Wright. Participants can look forward to exploring Matthew's telling of the gospel story in unique and insightful ways.

**Join the Conversation:** [presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/](https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/)

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## 2021 Wall Calendar Photos Wanted

Have you ever been so amazed by the beauty and majesty of God's creation that you just had to capture it? We want to see those moments and feature them in the PCC's 2021 wall calendar! We need high-resolution photos of what celebrating creation looks like for Presbyterians across the country. This could include stunning images of landscapes and nature, or caring for creation initiatives at your church. The deadline for all submissions is **Friday, March 13, 2020**.

**Submit Your Photos:** [form.jotform.com/81644816201957](https://form.jotform.com/81644816201957)

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## Avoiding Email and Telephone Scams

Every year, thousands of Canadians fall victim to fraud, losing millions of dollars. Most don't think it could happen to them, but fraudsters use sophisticated ways to target people of all ages. The impact of fraud on individuals, families and businesses can be devastating.

In response to the ever-evolving threat of fraud, we've put together a compilation of useful information on best practices for protecting yourself from becoming a victim of email or telephone fraud.

**Read more:** [presbyterian.ca/2020/01/30/email-scams/](https://presbyterian.ca/2020/01/30/email-scams/)

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## Prayer Retreat with National Indigenous Ministry Council

On **May 7-9, 2020**, Presbyterians in Canada are invited to join the National Indigenous Ministry Council for a three-day prayer retreat at the Sandy-Saulteaux Retreat Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This retreat offers the unique opportunity to participate in an Indigenous-led, relationship-building spiritual retreat, where Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods will invite participants into a deeper relationship with God and each other. For questions, please contact Jen de Combe, Associate Secretary, Canadian Ministries: [jdecombe@presbyterian.ca](mailto:jdecombe@presbyterian.ca).

**See Registration Details:** [presbyterian.ca/2020/01/31/indigenous-christian-prayer-retreat-with-indigenous-presbyterian-leaders/](https://presbyterian.ca/2020/01/31/indigenous-christian-prayer-retreat-with-indigenous-presbyterian-leaders/)

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## More News

Lent is quickly approaching, and we have a variety of Lent resources available on the Worship page of the PCC website under "**Seasonal Resources.**" [presbyterian.ca/worship/](https://presbyterian.ca/worship/)

Read about the nominees for Moderator of the 2020 General Assembly. Ballots have been sent to presbyteries for members of presbytery to vote. The Committee to Advise the Moderator

will count the ballots on April 1, 2020. [presbyterian.ca/2020/01/09/ballot-for-moderator-of-the-2020-general-assembly/](https://presbyterian.ca/2020/01/09/ballot-for-moderator-of-the-2020-general-assembly/)

The 2019 Statistical Report Form and Information Guide are now available online. [presbyterian.ca/resources/finance/](https://presbyterian.ca/resources/finance/)

You can express your views on the 2019 remits re. sexuality in a safe environment via our confidential form. Responses will be received until **February 15, 2020**. They will be reported to the 2020 GA before the report on remits is received and its recommendations considered. [form.jotform.com/Presby/recommendation-5](https://form.jotform.com/Presby/recommendation-5)

Are you interested in serving the church on a General Assembly Standing Committee? The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees is seeking nominations by **February 28, 2020**. [presbyterian.ca/gao/committee-to-nominate/](https://presbyterian.ca/gao/committee-to-nominate/)

Read the Moderator's Open Letter and Special Statement Regarding Wet'suwet'en Territory. [presbyterian.ca/2020/01/24/an-open-letter-and-special-statement-regarding-wetsuweten-territory/](https://presbyterian.ca/2020/01/24/an-open-letter-and-special-statement-regarding-wetsuweten-territory/)

The World Council of Churches (WCC) released a statement condemning the killing of Nigerian Christian leader, Lawan Andimi. [oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-condemns-killing-of-nigerian-christian-brethren-leader](https://oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-condemns-killing-of-nigerian-christian-brethren-leader)

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### Links you may need

Worship web page: [presbyterian.ca/worship](https://presbyterian.ca/worship)

Online order form for PCC resources: [presbyterian.ca/order](https://presbyterian.ca/order)

Church Finder: [presbyterian.ca/church-finder](https://presbyterian.ca/church-finder)

Donate: [presbyterian.ca/donate](https://presbyterian.ca/donate)

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