

## ADVOCACY POLICY

### PURPOSE

To provide a framework and guidelines for PWRDF, its directors, members, employees, and agents when undertaking advocacy activities that seek to effect policy change, educate our constituency and display solidarity with partners.

### APPLICATION

This Policy applies to all PWRDF directors, members, employees, and agents who undertake advocacy activities at the request of PWRDF.

### POLICY

PWRDF will:

1. advocate on issues that relate primarily to its strategic plan.
2. carry out advocacy activities that are supported by evidence-based research and by due diligence.
3. seek to advocate in ways that respect the dignity of all people, are non-partisan, and non-violent.
4. in consultation with partners, advocate for changes that benefit the most affected and the least privileged.
5. in its advocacy, be forthright in telling the truth to those who have the power to effect direct change, and to our constituency.

### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the definitions are as follows:

1. **Advocacy:** Representation to those in government, the corporate sector, the Church, and our constituency, with a view to change or create a law, policy, or decision.
2. **Partners:** Those individuals and organizations overseas and in Canada with whom PWRDF collaborates.
3. **Evidence-based research:** The use of current best objective evidence gathered by PWRDF, its partners, and like-minded organizations that forms the basis for positions and policies on which PWRDF determines there is a need to advocate.
4. **Due diligence:** Action taken to ensure that proposed advocacy is assessed for risk and measured against, and found to be consistent with, existing PWRDF and Anglican Church of Canada policy positions.
5. **Non-partisan:** Free from political party affiliation, bias, or designation.

### AMENDMENT:

This policy may be amended by the PWRDF Board.

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