



***just*generation is the PWRDF youth movement: National Youth Project: A Right to Water**

The Ojibway First Nation community of **Pikangikum** is an isolated fly-in community in Northern Ontario.

92% of the 450 homes have **no** water or waste-water services.

The community is coping with poverty, a lack of community infrastructure, over-crowded housing, and soaring food costs.

Suicide rates are 36 times the national average.

While a new school opened in September 2016...much more needs to be done.

While we are all familiar with the international support that the church extends worldwide, many are less aware of the PWRDF's active partnerships and programs right here in Canada.

What Can You Do?

Progress is being impeded as Pikangikum is still not connected to the power grid. The community is forced to rely on old diesel generators that cannot handle the demand. Access to water is disrupted by frequent power outages.

To help address this we are joining others across the country in an Advocacy Campaign.

- **Letter templates are available from your PWRDF representative and/or Church Wardens.**
- **We encourage you to participate and to encourage friends and neighbours to join in with this effort.**
- **Please feel free to request additional copies of the letters and send them.**
- **If moved to make a donation to this initiative please mark PWRDF donations with the notation 'Clean Water' or 'Pikangikum' on the memo line.**

MORE INFORMATION:

While access to safe water is endemic to a number of remote communities, Pikangikum is the focus of the Right to Water project. The initiative also asks that we deepen our understanding of issues related to water rights. It encourages us to intentionally enter in to developing relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in our own contexts.

With the work of Truth and Reconciliation Commission having come to a close, our church and others have committed to continue on this journey of reconciliation.

Supporting Pikangikum is a meaningful and tangible way to live that out.

For more information on how to get involved please speak to your PWRDF Representative(s) or visit these websites:

www.justgeneration.ca/resources/national-youth-project/

www.justgeneration.ca/uploads/53/life_giving_waters_2016_final.pdf

INAC statement issued on September 13, 2016 by the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Ottawa, Ontario

“There is no debate. All Canadians should have access to safe, clean, reliable drinking water. Unfortunately, this is not the case in far too many First Nations communities. We will never be able to truly renew the nation-to-nation relationship with First Nations until every family in every First Nation community in Canada is able to turn on their tap and drink the water. I want to assure Canadians that our government fully intends to deliver on its commitment to end long-term drinking water advisories on reserves in the next five years but also, ensure that all the communities have sustainable systems.”

While the Government has made significant promises regarding access to water in remote communities it is vital that we continue to advocate for better living conditions and services.

LET’S HOLD THEM TO THEIR PROMISES

Whether you’ve spent much time thinking about it or not, our lives depend on water. Without access to water, none of us would survive.

*Water is SACRED....
Drinking water should not make
anyone feel scared.*

You can learn more about this water crisis by participating and supporting the National Youth Project activities with the children and young people in your church.

*Just as the water streamed over us and renewed us in baptism,
help us to revitalize our social structures so that all people can
enjoy Your mighty waters. Amen.*

Just Generation and Sunday School Children Working and Learning together

justgeneration represents the youth movement of The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) Youth Council. The membership is made up of 16- to 29-year-olds from across the country appointed and elected through the structures of the Anglican Church, as well as by our ecumenical partners in Canada. They are the voices of youth and young adults in our churches.

PWRDF Youth Council Statement of Purpose

- We are youth challenged by our faith, values, and beliefs to create positive transformation in ourselves and in the global community.
- We value the power of youth and grassroots development in building relationships both locally and globally.
- We will share the stories of our partners to inspire youth to be leaders, educators and advocates for living justice.

A Note From Our Bishop:

I am so very pleased to witness the enthusiasm and creativity behind this PWRDF Project.

These efforts will greatly improve the lives of our brothers and sisters living in Pikangikum. Through prayer, advocating and in educating ourselves we can raise both awareness and funding for this desperate need.

Water is fundamental to all of life. Our participation can be living water to them.

I encourage you to join me in supporting the efforts of PWRDF and our youth and children.