A WORD ON GIVING
FROM ARCHBISHOP
LINDA NICHOLLS

“...the first words of the Bible tell us that God created all that exists. God breathes into life everything that lives on the Earth and invites humankind to tend and care for it in mutual partnership.”

What an act of generosity and trust! Even when humankind fails to tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgiving us repeatedly and always ready through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us fresh. The generosity and abundance we experience daily is a gift we have not earned or deserved. Have you noticed how generous gifts like this open our hearts in gratitude, a gratitude that wants to respond? Our best response is to let that same generosity overflow through us into the world so others will glimpse God through us. When we do that we set off a ripple of tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgiving us repeatedly and always ready through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us fresh. The generosity and abundance we experience daily is a gift we have not earned or deserved. Have you noticed how generous gifts like this open our hearts in gratitude, a gratitude that wants to respond? Our best response is to let that same generosity overflow through us into the world so others will glimpse God through us. When we do that we set off a ripple of tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgiving us repeatedly and always ready through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us fresh. The generosity and abundance we experience daily is a gift we have not earned or deserved. Have you noticed how generous gifts like this open our hearts in gratitude, a gratitude that wants to respond? Our best response is to let that same generosity overflow through us into the world so others will glimpse God through us. When we do that we set off a ripple of tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgiving us repeatedly and always ready through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us fresh. The generosity and abundance we experience daily is a gift we have not earned or deserved. Have you noticed how generous gifts like this open our hearts in gratitude, a gratitude that wants to respond? Our best response is to let that same generosity overflow through us into the world so others will glimpse God through us. When we do that we set off a ripple of tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgiving us repeatedly and always ready through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us fresh. The generosity and abundance we experience daily is a gift we have not earned or deserved. Have you noticed how generous gifts like this open our hearts in gratitude, a gratitude that wants to respond? Our best response is to let that same generosity overflow through us into the world so others will glimpse God through us. When we do that we set off a ripple of tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgiving us repeatedly and always ready through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us fresh. The generosity and abundance we experience daily is a gift we have not earned or deserved. Have you noticed how generous gifts like this open our hearts in gratitude, a gratitude that wants to respond? Our best response is to let that same generosity overflow through us into the world so others will glimpse God through us. When we do that we set off a ripple of tend and care, God offers infinite opportunities to repent of our failures and try again, forgive...
A LEGACY OF LOVE
Personal fundraisers an inspiring idea!
By Christine Hills
Public Engagement Program Officer

PWRDF donors have always been generous when it comes to supporting our partners and programs. That support comes in many forms: prayer, reflection, advocacy, volunteering and fundraising. This generosity of spirit is especially apparent in times of great joy, celebration and thanksgiving. Weddings, anniversaries and birthdays are a few of the occasions when our supporters have remembered PWRDF. If you would like to create a personal fundraiser in honour of your special day, we can support you with logos and partner stories. We can even set up a unique online link to make it easier for your friends to donate.

40TH FUN AND SING-ALONG FOR PWRDF
Marque Smith is a musician and long-time supporter of PWRDF. When he turned 40 three years ago, asking friends to donate to PWRDF in lieu of gifts was an easy decision, “I give to PWRDF because I want to help those who would benefit from this organization. I feel that I have abundance and I want to share it.” Using Facebook, Marque set up a fundraising appeal and raised hundreds of dollars for PWRDF. But Marque’s generosity did not end there. He has leveraged his considerable musical talents on many occasions to hold concerts benefiting PWRDF, including a recent one that turned virtual due to the pandemic. Marque’s husband, the Rev. Canon Greg Smith (PWRDF Diocesan Representative for the Diocese of Huron), were gratefully received.

GIFTS OF ABUNDANCE
There may not be a party – but I have so much
Halloween means different things to different people but for Rev. Roslym Macgregor, PWRDF Diocesan Representative for the Diocese of Montreal, it means it’s birthday party time! But in the year of COVID there would be no party, no friends coming over to celebrate, no party hats. Instead, Macgregor invited guests to celebrate with her by keeping health clinics in East Africa safe from COVID-19. Macgregor had a great 74th birthday and quoted the words of a friend, words that she has lived by: “Don’t be afraid to ask for help. You are offering people an opportunity to give and make a difference.”

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS
By Mike Ziemerink
Donor Relations Officer

More and more, families want to acknowledge the death of a loved one with a gift to a favourite charity. A donation is a meaningful way to create a lasting impact. PWRDF receives gifts like this from Anglicans and others across Canada every month.

To support these gifts, PWRDF has an In Memoriam card program. The In Memoriam cards are sent to family members to notify them that a gift has been made in honour of their loved one. You can also celebrate a special event in a loved one’s life by making an In Honour gift. These gifts are great for the parent, aunt, uncle or sibling who has everything. Once you’ve made your gift, PWRDF will send an In Honour card to the recipient letting them know of your gift. These cards can be used for a variety of occasions like birthdays, baptisms, confirmations, anniversaries, Mother’s Day or to recognize your child’s favourite teacher. What a great alternative to a mug or box of chocolates!

In Memoriam and In Honour cards can be requested in a number of different ways. When you make a gift on our website at pwrdf.org there is an option to make a tribute gift. Select 1 would like to dedicate this donation, then fill in the details. Once the gift is processed into our system, PWRDF will send the card directly to your intended recipient, if you are making your donation over the phone or by mail, be sure to let us know that you’re giving in honour or in memory of someone.

Parishes can also order In Honour or In Memoriam cards to have on hand. This way parishioners who want to make a tribute gift can do so – either on their own or through the collection plate – and receive a card from your parish representative right away. This is especially helpful at funerals or memorial services. Ask your PWRDF Parish Representative for more information or contact us directly at pwrdf@pwrdf.org.

“These cards are beautifully designed and easy to order,” says Marianne McQuillan, Head of Donor Relations and Fundraising. “They are a great way to celebrate life, while also supporting a good cause.”
STEWARDSHIP
By Janice Biehn
Communications Coordinator
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struck in March of 2020, ... Cynthia Haines-
Turner hike Gros Morne Mountain in 
Newfoundland; volunteers walked 
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AMCC COVID-19 EXTENSION UPDATE

PWRDF has been in close 
contact with our All Mothers and Children Court 
partners in Burundi, Rwanda, 
Tanzania and Mozambique, 
where the Government of Canada has supported 
COVID-19 prevention measures with a 6:1 match. 
At press time, donors had 
given more than $90,000 to this program. To meet 
our commitment to Global Affairs Canada, we must raise 
$390,000 by June 30, 2021.

In the rolling hills or colines 
of Burund, the funding has 
allowed Village Health 
Workers to continue serving 
remote rural populations while observing pandemic 
protocols. Typically, moms and families would come to the 
clinics to receive child care 
and nutritional supplements, but this is not possible now. 
Instead, VHW staff and 
volunteers are travelling to the 
communities. On a recent 
visit to Gashasha, the team 
reminded everyone about 
handwashing and physical 
distancing. One by one, 
women handed over their 
medical booklets and placed 
themselves and their child on 
the scales, says Lara Mugiud 
of VHW.

Women kept arriving 
throughout the morning, 
having covered quite a 
distance to get there. 
“This saves me a lot of 
time and money,” says Denise, 
24, who had her first baby 
at the Kigutu clinic in January 
2019. “I was a little worried that 
the distribution would stop,” 
says Janice, with five-month-
old Wilson on her lap. “That 
you are coming here is so 
good. Keep coming to us.”

PWRDF SHIFTS RIDE FOR REFUGE INTO HIGH GEAR

By Janice Biehn
Communications Coordinator
A
fter the COVID-19 pandemic 
struck in March of 2020, nobody was sure how the Ride for Refuge 
was going to play out, but now with the 
Ride behind us, we are pleased to announce our most successful 
campaign ever!

Our original goal was to raise 
$25,000 for our partner in Uganda, St. Jude Family Projects. Undaunted 
by the pandemic, the Ride organizers, 
Blue Sea Foundation, created a 
Freestyle category, allowing people 
the flexibility to choose their own 
activity. With two weeks left to go in 
the campaign, we had met the initial goal, then boosted it to $30,000. We 
quickly blew past that target too and 
moved the finish line to $35,000, 
then surpassed that as well, thanks 
to the overwhelming support for 
our participants across Canada. Our 
final target was $40,000, and we are 
profoundly happy we exceeded this goal 
as well with $43,000, our largest 
amount ever, more than doubling 
what was raised last year. Out of the 
128 charities across Canada 
that participated this year, PWRDF 
finished 8th. With the ride freestyle 
option, 55 participants undertook all 
kinds of activities to raise funds while 
staying safe and socially distant.

From the traditional walking and 
cycling to reading Agatha Christie 
mysteries and knitting baby blankets, 
this year’s participants really 
got creative. One of the biggest 
fundraisers was none other than the 
Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, 
who held two Facebook Live. Hymn 
Sings, taking pledges and hymn 
requests raising nearly $3,500. Some participants experienced the rugged 
beauty of Canada’s wilderness. James 
Mesich, a former Youth Council 
member, hiked with his father for 
nine days on the Lake Superior 
Coastal Trail.

PWRDF Board member Cynthia 
Haines-Turner and PWRDF Diocesan 
Representative Mona Edwards hiked 
to the top of Gros Morne Mountain 
in Newfoundland. And PWRDF 
staffer Carolyn Vanderlip and her 
partner paddled their kayak on 11 
different bodies of water in Ontario.

St. Jude Family Projects teaches 
sustainable agriculture techniques to 
mostly women and youth from rural 
Uganda and across Africa, improving 
livelihoods and food security while 
also protecting the environment.

St. Jude’s founder, Josephine Kizza 
Aldeeki, is amazed with the success 
of this year’s Ride for Refuge. 
“I am happy to hear the good 
news,” she said before attending 
Praying with PWRDF on Zoom in 
October. “Thank you for such a 
great opportunity. We appreciate 
the support from PWRDF staff and 
Canadians so much.”

TOWARDS EQUALITY

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PWRDF contributed donated funds to the emergency 
support, allowing local Kenyan partners to innovate in 
providing agriculture support services in Kathonzweni. 
Vegetable seeds were given to families and flexible loans were 
organized through village savings and loans groups so that 
farmers could continue to access credit for planting.

Our Canadian government has rightly taken steps to 
contribute to the global response to a global pandemic. Their 
assistance has helped communities protect their food supply 
chains so that people do not have to fear hunger. When 
Canada gives in this way it is representing the deeply held 
values and character of Canadians on the world stage.

As Paul explained to the church in Corinthians: “Our desire is 
not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, 
but that there might be equality. At the present time your 
plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty 
will supply what you need. The goal is equality.” (2 Corinthians 8:13-14)

We are all in this storm together. When we problem solve 
together – despite the difficulties we face – we will not only 
get through the crisis faster but perhaps we will start to build a 
more equal world. The pandemic has highlighted just how 
important it is to work toward equality across the globe. 
Let us all contribute to realizing that potential as individuals, 
communities and as a country during the pandemic and after we’ve come through this storm together.

Top to bottom: Primate Linda sings for refuge; Rev. Cam Gutjahr, Youth Council members Clare Urquhart and Jessica Steele cycle in Vancouver; Mona Edwards and Cynthia Haines-Turner hike Gros Morne Mountain in Newfoundland; volunteers walked together (but apart) in Niagara.
Thanks to you

ANGLICAN PARISHES ACROSS CANADA ARE GETTING INVOLVED WITH PWRDF – AND MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

Blessing the Animals, Covid-Style

The Ministry of Leeds in the Diocese of Ontario held its St. Francis Day Blessing and Giving-Palooza on October 4. The five parishes of Leeds (Christ Church Athens, Holy Trinity Oak Leaf, St. Luke’s Leeds, Parish of Kitley and Holy Trinity Lombardy) were invited to Holy Trinity Lombardy’s parking lot to honour St. Francis of Assisi, who is known for his care for the poor and love of creation and all God’s creatures. Many people brought their pet or a photo of their pet for a drive-through blessing all done from a safe, physical distance. Thank you to all the volunteers who organized the event using pandemic protocols.

Generous donors gave $1,445 to PWRDF!

A Brush with Greatness

The Rev. Rhondda MacKay is a long-time member of the PWRDF Ottawa Working Group. She is also a budding artist, having taken up painting since retiring as Rector of St. Margaret’s Vanier three years ago. The COVID-19 lockdown gave MacKay even more time to paint. The resulting 60 paintings were on display at Rhonda’s Art Show that ran for a month this summer from her home. Rhondda was delighted to sell 45 pieces to friends and former parishioners. She split half of the total receipts between PWRDF and a local charity, Nova Scotian harpists Ardith and Jennifer. PWRDF Executive Director Wil Postma even recorded a special virtual greeting to welcome everyone.

Thank you Rhondda for putting your talent to such good use!

Strings Attached!

The pandemic restrictions were not enough to keep the parish of St. James in Kentville, N.S. from holding its annual Longest Night concert to benefit PWRDF. This year’s December 21 event went virtual and featured well-known Nova Scotian harpists Ardith and Jennifer. PWRDF Executive Director Wil Postma even recorded a special virtual greeting to welcome everyone.

More Ways to Give

Did you know if you donate stock, you avoid capital gains taxes? To donate stock directly to PWRDF instead of donating the same amount after the stock is sold, you don’t have to pay taxes on the capital gains made if the stock has risen in value since first purchased. You will receive a charitable tax receipt from PWRDF for the market value of the securities. So, if you are making a donation, please consider giving stock or securities as this provides an advantage to you, the donor. The form to donate stocks or securities can be downloaded from our website at pwrdf.org/ways-to-give or call us at (416) 821-3345 or email us at pwrdf@pwrdf.org and we will send you the form or answer any questions you may have.

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