



PLANTING A SEED OF HOPE

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We live in hope," was a favourite saying of my late father, the Rev. Gavin Rumsey. In his sermon marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination, he said, "When you treat others with respect and dignity, it plants the seed of hope in their hearts, and they can live in this world which is so beautiful and so terrible. You give hope, you receive hope. It is a precious gift."

Over the past two years during this pandemic, PWRDF has given and received the precious gift of hope. We have witnessed the resilience and creativity of our development partners as they have adapted to the challenge of COVID-19. And we continue to live in hope, as together with Indigenous partners we implement the new Indigenous Responsive Programs, nurture a new partnership in Haiti, and contribute to global efforts for COVID-19 vaccine equity, among many other initiatives.

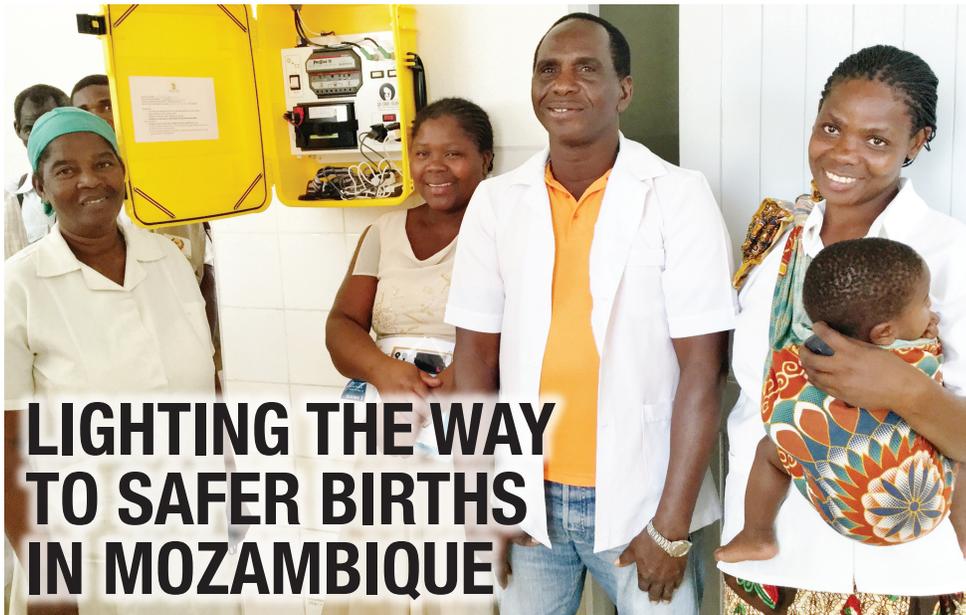
We live in hope as we witness Canadian Anglicans give of their time,

talent and treasure to support those initiatives and as PWRDF raises awareness about climate change-related disasters, both in Canada and overseas.

I write this reflection in the season of Advent, a time of living in hope for the coming of a baby, God incarnate. But you are reading it in the New Year, when, to use the dictionary definition of hope, we look forward with expectation towards a better future.

Writing from prison, Czech dissident, writer and eventual president, Vaclav Havel reflected, "Hope... is not the same as joy that things are going well, or a willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously headed for early success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance of success."

May a seed of hope be planted in your heart and may we together with our partners and the communities they serve, live in hope "in this world which is so beautiful and so terrible."



LIGHTING THE WAY TO SAFER BIRTHS IN MOZAMBIQUE

BY JANICE BIEHN

Moms and babies in rural Mozambique will get a better chance at a healthy birth, thanks to a PWRDF campaign that ran last year from May 1 until October 31, 2021. The Light For Every Birth project reunited PWRDF with the Mozambican health organization EHALE, and We Care Solar in California to bring solar electricity to 50 healthcare clinics.

The success of this project started in 2016. PWRDF was embarking on a historic four-year maternal, newborn and child health program funded by donors and the Government of Canada with a 6:1 match. One of the successes in year one of the program, known as All Mothers and Children Count, was the installation of 30 "solar suitcases" in rural health clinics in Mozambique. The hard plastic boxes open like a suitcase, are installed on the

wall of a clinic, then connected to a solar panel mounted to the roof. Bright, plentiful sunshine flows into the panel and the suitcase, powering a headlamp, a ceiling light, phone charging ports and a fetal Doppler.

Over the years since these suitcases were installed, PWRDF's Mozambique partners saw a dramatic increase in healthy births during the night, and greater acceptance of going to the clinics to have a trained birth attendant. The suitcases are still in perfect working condition. Any repairs that were required were easily made by those who had been trained in 2016.

"People, after they see what the solar suitcases have done to other communities and their impact, they call me and say you have to protect us, you have to bring a solar suitcase to us," said Olinda Magaia, Executive Director at EHALE.

Magaia joined PWRDF for a Zoom celebration of the program's success, and

with former Director of Development Partnerships Zaida Bastos translating, she spoke about the excitement for the new suitcases to be installed. (Due to shipping backlogs, the suitcases took several months to arrive.)

As there was no government match for this program, PWRDF had to be more creative in its approach to fundraising. The cost of each solar suitcase, including shipping and taxes, was roughly \$5,800, for a total project budget of \$290,000. The fact that it was the middle of the pandemic even added to the challenge.

Many supporters took advantage of a new crowd funding feature offered by PWRDF. On the occasion of her 70th birthday, the president of the Board, Valerie Maier, raised more than enough for one suitcase. A couple from Hamilton, John and Deborah Bowen, marked their 50th wedding anniversary by encouraging friends

and family to donate to the cause. They raised enough to buy two solar suitcases. A matching grant of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor encouraged many others to support the campaign knowing that their contributions would be doubled. The Diocese of Toronto, a big supporter for the original All Mothers and Children Count program, came to the table again, this time with a grant from FaithWorks for \$10,000.

Many churches took up the cause as well. PWRDF Parish Representative Dianne Lambert, from St. Thomas Anglican Church in Morden, Man., suggested to Vestry that the parish focus on a specific PWRDF need. Vestry agreed and St. Thomas donated \$1,100. St. John's East Orangeville, a small but mighty parish in Caledon, raised \$11,600, enough for two suitcases. Warden Mark Hauck, also a PWRDF board member, credits clergy leadership and having a campaign with a beginning, middle and end.

"We started in late June by deciding at the parish leadership to undertake this," says Hauck. "We provided information on a Bristol board display in the church and answered any questions from the parish." Near the middle, they invited PWRDF Executive Director Will Postma to speak. "We were able to gather outside and he answered even more questions." Toward the end, the local newspaper picked up the story. "They published a Q&A with our priest, Archdeacon Elizabeth Hardy, and also invited people outside the church to give."

PWRDF also designated its funds from this year's Ride for Refuge to the Light for Every Birth project, bringing in just over \$50,000. Out of the 75 charities that participated across Canada, PWRDF was ranked 10th, with 66 participants spread across 15 teams coast to coast.

Some participants did the classic 25 km bike ride through wet weather conditions. Others hiked, walked and crocheted baby blankets. Primate Linda Nicholls returned with her ever popular Hymn Sing, raising more than \$3,800. PWRDF's Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Umbach, ran all 42.2 kilometres of the virtual Boston Marathon in support of this year's ride, after training all summer.



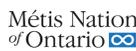
GRANTS ALLOCATED TO INDIGENOUS PARTNERS

In August, PWRDF launched a new grant program to support Indigenous-led organizations supporting their communities, working in Community Health, Climate Action, Empowering Youth and Safe Water. PWRDF is happy to report that three grants have been allocated to Indigenous-led organizations in Eastern Ontario, downtown Winnipeg and Quebec. The Responsive Programs grant was launched with the objective of partnering with more Indigenous organizations to broaden our reconciliation efforts. Since then, donors have given more than \$62,000 to support the grant, including more than \$8,500 donated through the World of Gifts campaign. Grants will be awarded on an ongoing basis. You can give online at pwrdf.org/give-today, then click on Indigenous Programs in Canada.

Here are some details on the first three programs:

Indigenous Food and Farming Practices and Culture Knowledge Recovery Métis Nation of Ontario – Highland Waters Metis Council - \$10,000

- ✓ Community Health
- ✓ Climate Action
- ✓ Empowering Youth



Project goals: To reconnect Indigenous food and farming practices to Indigenous culture and knowledge recovery; teaching the community on land stewardship and protection of nature and the environment.

The Indigenous and wider community will learn about ecosystems, how to steward the land and to reclaim traditional ways of working with plants. The programming will ensure women can attend with children to learn ways to keep them involved in land stewardship.

Métis Nation Ontario will work with the nearby First Nations communities. Chief Doreen Davis from the Shabot Obaadjiwan (formerly Sharbot Lake Algonquins), and the Tyendinaga community will help facilitate family gatherings. This collaboration will ensure participants have access to traditional teachings, space for ceremony

and opportunities to practise the language. The local seed sanctuary in Mohawk territory will also be studied as a model for growing a seed catalogue at the project site.

The program will draw in families from nearby Tyendinaga and Sharbot Lake. Twice-daily workshops will help families regain skills in growing healthy nutritious foods and learn about healing properties of the earth through medicine walks.

Elder-in-Residence and Harm Reduction Program IJustCity, Winnipeg - \$10,000

- ✓ Community Health
- ✓ Empowering Youth



Project goals: To support community members who have experienced intergenerational trauma, are survivors of residential or day schools or who are coping with addiction.

IJustCity supports three drop-in community centres in the core neighbourhoods of West Broadway, the West End and Osborne Village.

The program will fund an elder-in-residence and a Harm Reduction/Outreach



program, to distribute safer drug use supplies on the streets in those three neighbourhoods.

The Elder-in-residence will be present at each of the IJustCity's sites one afternoon per week to build relationships. They will also provide occasional informal programming that may include smudging, drumming, sharing circles and more. The Harm Reduction program worker will travel around the areas directly surrounding each of the three drop-in sites one morning per week, distributing safer drug use supplies and information, and building relationships.

Kahnawà:ke Capacity Development for Future Generations and Community Wellbeing Kanien'keha:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitìhkwà Language and Cultural Center (KORLCC) - \$15,000

- ✓ Community Health
- ✓ Climate Action
- ✓ Empowering Youth



Project goals: To increase the knowledge pool of people skilled in Mohawk language and culture, for a new cultural facility.

KORLCC works to preserve and reclaim the language and culture for the community of Kahnawake, Quebec. Its Ratiwennahírats (Their Words Are Strong) Immersion Program was developed in 2002 to ensure availability of Mohawk speakers. KORLCC also teaches language skills to young people through their Tóta tánon Ohkwári (Grandma and Ohkwari/Bear-name of Grandson) puppet television show, with particular emphasis on health and the environment.

KORLCC is in the planning stages of acquiring a new facility that will also house a Community Theatre and Community Museum. The project will ensure access to local talent with needed expertise and skills (i.e., cultural interpreters, museum curators and playwrights), and Indigenous knowledge keepers.

This Mohawk culture-based and community-led social capital will be at the disposal of future generations.

Participants will learn land-based survival skills, beading, traditional singing, wood carving and silversmithing in an immersion setting. Youth resources in the Mohawk language about health and the environment will also be created.



The theme for the first year of this three-year education focus is Food Security. We began with Rogation and planting the seeds, then Season of Creation, then Harvest and Thanksgiving.

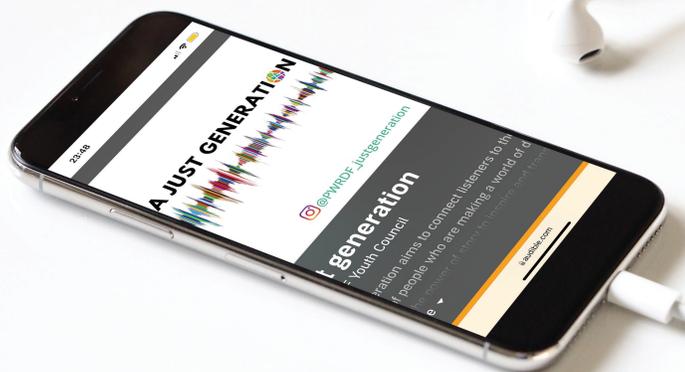
The fourth module is titled "Sabbath: Creation rests" and is now available. This online resource includes a poem from UK theologian Malcolm Guite, a reflection from the Rev. Canon Cathy Campbell on the work of the Diocese of Rupert's Land's Anglican Grow Hope project. Partner stories and videos, scripture readings with discussion questions and creative ways to mark the Sabbath with friends and family round out the resource. To view, visit pwrdf.org/creation-care. The final module, "Preparing and planning," will focus on emergency response and be published in the spring.

NEW RESOURCES INSPIRE HOPE FOR CLIMATE ACTION

PWRDF's Youth Council produces two exciting new resources

Each month, a member of the Youth Council interviews an individual about issues that are prevalent in faith or international development. These have included partners overseas as well as PWRDF staff. The first episode focussed on how women working in the Church have been treated or perceived. None other than Primate Linda Nicholls and Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, shared their incredible perspectives on the matter. To listen visit pwrdf.org/youth-movement.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE IN FOCUS

Given the realities of our world today, the Youth Council felt climate justice is one of the most vital issues to address as we move into the future. Using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) as a focal point, Social Justice in Focus strives to inspire young Anglicans to bring action-based change to their own communities.

Through this resource, 12- to 17-year-olds will learn how the intersection between social justice and faith can guide us into action. With the involvement of local experts, guest writers and members of the PWRDF Youth Council, this carefully constructed resource provides an opportunity for youth to explore Climate Justice in-depth and empower them to work towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world for all. Download the resource at pwrdf.org/youth-movement.



HOPE FOR VACCINE EQUITY FUND



The tree outside Church of the Ascension in London, Ont., is festooned with ribbons for every donation to the Vaccine Equity Fund.

BY MIKE ZIEMERINK

In April 2021, PWRDF launched the Vaccine Equity Fund so that Anglicans across Canada could contribute to the worldwide effort to vaccinate people against COVID-19. As vaccines and now boosters have rolled out across Canada the idea of “paying it forward” has encouraged many to contribute to the Vaccine Equity Fund as they receive their vaccine doses.

“We must ask how we can share the benefits of healthcare and vaccinations many of us enjoy, with others who need it,” said Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, as she encouraged Canadian Anglicans to pay it forward.

Since the fund was initiated, more than \$60,000 has been donated from individuals

and parishes across the country. Funds have been allocated to a vaccine rollout in Liberia and two rollouts in Lesotho (all with Partners In Health), where the challenges of vaccinating people range from cost, location and vaccine awareness.

Individuals supported the effort on social media, including Bishop Jenny Andison, Rector at St. Paul’s Bloor Street in Toronto, Clare Urquhart of the PWRDF Youth Council and Bishop Bruce Myers of Quebec.

Archbishop Anne Germond of the Diocese of Algoma and Metropolitan Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, charged her Diocese at Synod to pay it forward, and the Diocese of Montreal promoted the initiative among their supporters and volunteers as well.

Parishes across the country have also gotten involved, finding creative ways to come together and raise money for the vaccine equity fund, while staying safe and distant. Church of the Ascension in London, Ont., set up a drive-thru fundraiser called “Jabba Dabba Do,” a play on Fred Flintstone’s iconic catchphrase.

“While many of us spent the spring obsessing about when, where and what kind of COVID-19 vaccine we would get, the new Vaccine Equity Fund reminds us we won’t truly be out of the pandemic until everyone on Earth has access to shots,” writes PWRDF parish representative Sandra Coulson.

Coulson challenged people who had received at least one jab in the arm to pay it

forward with a donation to the fund.

“Donors were given a prod by being told the estimated cost of their vaccines,” writes Coulson. “And Ascension promised to tie a brightly coloured ribbon around a tree at the front of the church for every donation, as a sign to the community.”

The challenge also went out to all churches in Huron Diocese’s London Deanery, resulting in some generous gifts, including a major one from St. John the Evangelist Church.

On June 13, the parking lot of Church of the Ascension was turned into a drive-thru where donors could drop off their donations, and even stay for a socially distant chat with friends they had not seen in a while due to churches being closed for worship.

PWRDF also set up a special fundraising page so Ascension parishioners could easily donate online but still have their gifts count toward their fundraiser. The drive-thru event zoomed past its fundraising goal, raising more than \$2,800. Approximately 15% of the donations came through the online page, says Coulson.

PWRDF is grateful for the generous support of donors and volunteers who are giving time and money to make sure vaccines are distributed equitably around the world. Now more than ever, we see how important a global vaccination effort is to ensuring the health and safety of everyone.

Give to this important initiative at pwrdf.org/give-today and choose Vaccine Equity Fund.



In December, in response to the emergence of the Omicron variant, several Bishops from across Canada answered the Primate’s call to record a short video message supporting PWRDF’s Pay it Forward campaign. View the message by hovering your phone or tablet over this QR code.



BREADFRUIT CULTIVATION YIELDS RESULTS

BY JANICE BIEHN

During the pandemic, PWRDF supported several responses in Haiti. One was with Rayjon Share Care Haiti (RSCH), a Samia, Ont.-based charity. The partnership has since grown to support a food security project cultivating breadfruit to be milled into flour. Working with the Haitian Women’s Federation, RSCH aims to increase food security for families in rural Haut de St. Marc, to train and support leaders on breadfruit cultivation within the Haitian Women’s Federation and to combat the negative effects of deforestation and climate change through sustainable agriculture.

PWRDF is supporting the project with \$20,000. It was also featured on the cover of the 2021 World of Gifts guide and at press time, more than \$5,400 had been donated.

Project lead Renaud Thomas is a qualified agronomist with a specialization in the cultivation of breadfruit. He has been working with RSCH since September 2018. The project included restoring and securing mills that had been used for rice and corn. There have been many, many trips up the rocky mountain path to deliver construction supplies to build two cement cisterns. These



Members of the Haitian Women’s Federation hold up a breadfruit sapling.

will serve as reservoirs to both supply the mills’ equipment with a constant supply of water; as well as irrigate the tree nursery.

Thomas reports that a key part of the success has been empowering the women from the Haitian Women’s Federation. For example, in April 2021, 36 participants received preliminary financial training. This training needed to be extended into the federation, because it was essential that leaders from each zone know how to manage project funds, track and report expenses, and create their own plans for

financial management within their respective organizations. The leaders were very motivated to train the other women, but it was a new experience for many of them, so they needed additional preparation to teach others. Thomas and his staff saw this as an opportunity to strengthen the leadership of the federation for the long-term. By the end of June, the training had been extended to all seven member associations in the seven different villages.

In September 2021, the tree nursery foundation was constructed, along with a

shade covering. In November 2021, women with specialized training in harvesting collected the roots and stems that are used to cultivate breadfruit saplings.

Thomas himself trained 14 members of the women’s federation and 11 additional community members. Together they planted one complete bed. (By June 2022, they plan to have 1,000 saplings.) Ready to apply their new skills, the women surprised Thomas by planting another bed on their own.

The women also applied chicken manure from a nearby farm to fertilize the breadfruit saplings. Local volunteers also supported the project by digging a latrine. This was no easy feat, as the terrain is solid rock and the volunteers dug by hand with only a pickax! As Rayjon Share Care noted, “they are supportive friends of the women’s federation leaders, believing in what they are doing and proud to be part of this initiative they know will help their whole community.”

Remaining work includes building a perimeter fence to keep livestock out, and to ensure a plan is in place for the long-term. Eventually the saplings will be transplanted from the tree nursery and into local fields owned by farmers who are collaborating with the federation.

Thanks to you

ANGLICAN PARISHES ACROSS CANADA ARE SUPPORTING PWRDF – AND MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

BY CHRISTINE HILLS



PWRDF wants to hear from you!

Please share your fundraising success stories to inspire others and to spread the word about the good work you have done! Email Christine Hills at chills@pwrdf.org and tell us all about it. Many thanks to all of our donors.



WHEN YOU CAN'T DINE IN, DRIVE-THRU!
Shirin Theophilus, parish representative at **St. Anselm's, Vancouver** has been organizing the annual Reign of Christ Sunday service focussing on PWRDF for many years. When COVID restricted in-person gatherings for the second year in a row, the idea for a drive-thru lunch in support of PWRDF was born. People bought tickets online and on November 21, 2021 parishioners picked up pre-ordered lunches of vegetable biriyani, raita, cabbage stir fry and slices of PWRDF chocolate cake. The event raised \$1,325.



LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PRESERVES LEGACY
Kame Staples, PWRDF Representative for the **Diocese of Calgary**, partnered with parish representatives and Villages Calgary to sponsor a Pre-Christmas Sale on November 14, 2021. Villages Calgary is a Fair Trade shop that has had a relationship with PWRDF for many years. Jan Heath, a beloved member of the Diocese who recently died, started this annual sale and members were pleased to continue this event in her memory. Total sales came to \$3,296.30 of which Villages Calgary donated 15% (\$494.45) of the proceeds to PWRDF.



CREATIVE CARVERS SCARE UP FUNDS
 The **Holy Trinity Pembroke Sunday School** organized their annual spooktacular Halloween Pumpkin Auction in support of PWRDF. The starting bid for each jack-o'-lantern was \$10 and photos were available for purchasers to view and make their bids. Bidding closed on October 28 at 12 p.m. Pumpkins were delivered October 29 with the message "Happy Halloween!!" Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, over \$200 was raised for PWRDF.

CONFIRMING THEIR SUPPORT

The **Confirmation Class of Holy Trinity, Parish of Grand Bay, Newfoundland**, embarked on an Outreach Project as part of their program this year and decided to fundraise for items in PWRDF's 2020 World of Gifts. They raised \$580 and the class chose to use the money for one donkey, 15 kg grain seeds, four goats, fruit and vegetables seeds and 15 chickens. All of this in spite of the parish being shut down for weeks due to COVID. A big shout out to **Andrew, Byron, Shaydon, Olivia, Clark and Colby**.



CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE A SWIMMING SUCCESS
 New parish representatives **Maisie Hoben and Maureen Firth** from **Christ Church Parish in Fredericton** held a "Walk for Water" to raise funds to provide clean water for rural communities in Kenya. Rector Wandlyn Snelgrove launched the fundraiser with a PWRDF Sunday on May 16, 2021. Unfortunately, along with the launch came another church closure due to COVID. Undaunted, on Saturday, June 5, 12 people walked 2 km around Killarney Lake, and those who couldn't participate in person sent donations. The event raised \$1,715, enough to purchase one hand pump well, three water tanks, three well pipes and one donkey from the 2020 World of Gifts.

Thank you

to everyone who makes the work of PWRDF possible. Your ongoing generosity supports partners in Canada and around the globe as we strive to create a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. Thank you also to all the diocesan and parish representatives, bishops, clergy, board members and youth who volunteer their time and enthusiasm as ambassadors for PWRDF. Supporting the work of PWRDF improves the quality of daily life for vulnerable populations by promoting global justice and sustainability.

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