



June 7, 2022



General Assembly 2022

General Assembly is happening right now- GA is a way to see what the PCC has been up to and where we are moving with the direction of the Spirit. Here are some highlights so far:

- As approved at the 2021 General Assembly, the Trustee Board and the Investment Advisory Committee are investigating appropriate investment opportunities in Indigenous enterprises
- Several recommendations were passed that encouraged congregations to get involved in activities to strengthen ecumenical and interfaith relations, including: nurturing ecumenical partnerships; using materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity events; Participating in the National Council of Churches' Korea Peace Appeal; engaging in intentional anti-racism work using resources available through the Canadian Council of Churches and The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations can engage in conversation and dialogue between Christian and Muslim groups, and nurture relationships with Jewish neighbours.
- The National Indigenous Ministry Council summarized what is needed to move forward to healing and reconciliation. It named some of the following needs: the need for more Indigenous people to be represented in the PCC; the need to reconcile Indigenous wisdom and spirituality with the Christian faith; the need to speak against Indigenous-specific racism, hate and violence; the need for sustained funding to enable healing for Indigenous people; and the need to reconcile the church's broken relationship with God and Indigenous people.
- The Assembly was informed of the decision to sell the Knox College properties to the University of Toronto, with Knox College leasing back the academic wing for up to 40 years.
- The Life and Mission Agency took action to support healing connected to repenting of the harm that LGBTQI2+ people, their families and faith communities have experienced because of homophobia and transphobia in the denomination. The LMA is trying to address environmental stewardship by having more online meetings and resources.
- In 2021, PWS&D contributed \$4.6 million towards life-changing development and relief programs. The year (2022) marks 75 years of PWS&D.

Do you have ideas for events at St. Andrew's?

We want to know your plans so we can make space and help advertise what's going on at St. Andrew's. If you would like to plan an event (like a fundraiser, concert, get-together, etc) talk to an elder or ask the office for an "event planning form". These forms will be available in the copy room as well.

After you have your event plans in place then fill out our new "advertising form" so we can make sure that everyone knows about it! The office can help to create emails, posters, facebook graphics, and pass info on to The Link! The new form [found here](#) will help so much because all the info will be accurate and in one place. More info on this can be found in the June Link.

Music for Sunday, June 12th

Johann Sebastian Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E flat major will be the prelude and postlude this Sunday. Bach was known make use symbolism in his music.. This music is in the key of E flat major - a key with 3 flats. The prelude and the fugue are both in 3 sections with three different themes representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In addition the opening theme of the fugue makes the shape of a cross on the music page . This Prelude & Fugue is often called the St Anne ("O God our Help in Ages past"). However, this hymn tune is english in origin and likely wasn't known to Bach. I often play this piece on Trinity Sunday. It is much longer in it's original form . I have shortened the prelude and the fugue to fit the worship service. At the end of every composition Bach wrote he put SDG standing for Soli Deo Gratia - Glory to God alone.

Jamie Kim is singing a solo "Since Christ my soul from sin set free" - one verse, first in Korean and then in English.
-Christine



Concert at Knox Church
Presbyterian World Service and Development
fund-raising concert by "Balm in Gilead"
Thursday, June 16, 7 pm, Knox Presbyterian
Church, 2964 Richmond Rd.

Thank you!

Thank you! Thank you!
A big thank you goes out
for ALL the donations of
socks for the sock drive.
So very much appreciated
by The Mustard Seed.



Summer's almost here, the tents are going up,
Grant's plant nursery is growing, the rose will soon bloom.
Drop in to the laneway, Thursday afternoons, between
2&4 pm for iced tea and conversation starting June 23
Please join us! All are welcome!
Questions? Call Sheelagh 250 385-5157



Interested in singing? Try out summer choir- everyone is welcome!
Meet Christine in the Sanctuary at 9:45 am on Sunday to go over the hymns
for that day.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

