

Synod 2024 - PWS&D info from Guy Smagghe, Director

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To: Synod 2024 Attendees

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Greetings. I am pleased to share with you today the following message from Guy Smagghe, PWS&D Director:

Dear friends,

It was a pleasure to be with you at the Synod meetings in Arnprior. I had the opportunity to interact with a number of you after my presentation and over dinner. Here are some items I would like to share with you as potential follow up ideas for you to strengthen our work as a church through PWS&D to bring about a more compassionate, sustainable and just world.

1. PWS&D has a video you can download and share in any occasion showing the impact of its work in 2023: [2023 Impact Video .mp4 - Google Drive](#)
2. The Gifts of Change catalogue has a section on PWS&D and all of those initiatives help us reach out to those who are most in need, and to help people rise out of poverty. [Gifts of Change](#)
3. PWS&D is part of an appeal for Lebanon at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where funds will be matched by the Government of Canada until November 3rd, see: [Lebanon Crisis Appeal - Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)
4. The book "**Practical Compassion**" can be ordered from our website: [Practical Compassion - Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)
5. **Advent liturgies** for 2024 will be available very soon (by Nov 1st at the latest) here: [Resources - Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)
6. PWS&D offers the option for people to be **monthly donors** – should anyone be interested in setting this up, please contact David DiSera at ddisera@presbyterian.ca
7. **Legacy gifts** – PWS&D has its own legacy fund so we encourage people to consider legacy giving to both the church and PWS&D, as we are set up as a separate fund. PWS&D's legacy fund is called "Loaves and Fishes Fund" and gifts are invested and spent (with interest and market value added) over a period of seven years. [Legacy Gifts - Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)
8. If you would like me to come **speak/preach** in your church on a Sunday (or for a special event) please let me know and we will work at finding a suitable date for that to happen!
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Thank you so much for inviting me to your Synod meetings and I look forward to seeing you again!

Guy



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LINKS:

- 1) 2023 Impact video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d6hRvvDiry65QofcONwN1Ex2TIjqRTpM/view>
- 2) Gifts of Change: <https://presbyterian.ca/donate/gifts-of-change/>
- 3) Lebanon Crisis Appeal: <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/lebanon-crisis-appeal/>
- 4) Practical Compassion: <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/resources/practical-compassion/>
- 5) Resources: <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/resources/>
- 6) Legacy Gifts: <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/legacy-gifts/>