

# DAYSRING DAYBOOK

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## NOMINEE FOR MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Principal Clerk of the General Assembly, Stephen Kendall, has announced that the official nominee for the office of Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly is the Rev. Amanda Currie.



Amanda has been the minister of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, since 2017. Prior to that, beginning in 2003, she was the minister of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon.

Amanda is committed to both denominational service and ecumenical dialogue and cooperation. She has served as clerk of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan, Presbyterian representative for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's National Event in Saskatoon, small group leader at Canada Youth, adult advisor for Saskatchewan Presbyterian Youth, chaplain at Camp Christopher, member of the Assembly Council, and Convener of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Ecumenically, she has served on the boards of Interchurch Health Ministries Saskatchewan and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. She has also been a chaplain and instructor in the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism's Program in Ecumenical Studies and Formation, and she was on the writing team for the 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity international resources. Amanda is currently the Moderator of the Synod of Saskatchewan and Convener of the Camp Christopher Committee. She also serves as a Presbyterian representative to the Governing Board of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Living in Saskatchewan for the last 15 years, Amanda is well aware of the legacy of the Residential School System and the need for Presbyterians to be engaged with our neighbours in the work of reconciliation and responding to the TRC Calls to Action.

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Volunteer actions are the velocity of the heart to serve a community.*

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## A LEAGUE OF VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Recognition Week was observed April 7 to 13

It has been said that volunteers polish up the rough spots in our communities. At Dayspring, we experience the giftedness of a league of volunteers who not only polish up the rough spots but also do new installations and make them sparkle. This group of unpaid workers show up to attend to projects that are often of a replacement or emergency nature.

The league of workers at Dayspring do not want to be named but are willing, ready and able people who lend a hand, and mechanical experience, when required. It is essential that one group of volunteers assist another. This happens when the gifted culinary workers respond with nourishing food. They, also, are nameless but assist the workers who often spend long hours on maintenance projects.

Some of the documented accomplishments of our volunteers include: Assembled and disassembled scaffold to glue the signage to the exterior south wall; fabricated and installed roof top louver; again assembled and disassembled scaffold and painted over water stains on the sanctuary ceiling. They are constantly attending to lighting maintenance: upgraded six fixtures to low energy LED lighting and changed approximately 70 fluorescent tubes and replaced 3 fluorescent lighting batteries.

They repaired seven toilets and purchased and installed one new toilet; did kitchen and furnace maintenance, furniture repairs, door maintenance; changed locks on some doors; and installed three replacement hand sanitizers.

One of the larger projects was to rip up the old carpet prior to installing the laminated flooring throughout most of the building. The sweat labour is not only appreciated but results in a huge saving in labour costs if these jobs were contracted to outside services.

This list is endless because many maintenance projects are always on the "to do" list of the Board of Managers. They will be tackling the same and some new projects over the coming year. We extend thanks to this league of silent volunteers who come and go and never punch a time card, but joyfully work together to attend to various trouble spots. Again, our collective appreciation.



## VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Global Mission program has been designed to allow congregations and individuals to accompany Presbyterian mission partners in Canada and overseas through short-term mission experiences. As you share in the mission of the church you will serve others, enhance your personal growth, learn skills and grow in your faith.

Here is a sample volunteer project - too late to volunteer but watch the website of the PCC (<https://presbyterian.ca/im/missiontrips/>) for other opportunities.



### **Palestine/Israel: A Moment of Truth Witness Tour (May 6-17, 2019)**

**Led by the Rev. Noel and the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, participants in this trip will**

- Participants will meet and worship with local Palestinian Christians
- They will travel to Hebron, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Haifa, Jerusalem and other historic cities
- They will visit Biblical sites in Jericho, the River Jordan, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, The Mount of Beatitudes and Tiberius
- They will meet with leaders and human rights groups from different faith communities to hear their experiences
- They will learn about peace building initiatives being undertaken by partners of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Participants share in paying the cost of tours such as this.

## FROM OUR MINISTER: INWARD, UPWARD, AND OUTWARD

During this season of Lent and Easter, as well as Spring, it can do us a lot of good to be reminded of what Jesus said in one of his many parables, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches" (New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Matthew 13:31-32).

The nature of God is to continuously bring forth growth, similar to the magnitude of the growth seen in the mustard seed when it becomes so large that it is the "greatest of shrubs, becoming a tree."

Sometimes, just while we think in small terms, God surprises us in pleasant and enthralling ways.

Our growth can happen inward as our faith grows while caring for one another, this simultaneously brings us to a growth that goes "upward" towards God, all the while God is sending us out. This is part of God's sending nature. There is always this nature of God, wanting the Good News of Christ's resurrection to spread outward.

This is what is so exciting about being God's people gathered in any given congregation of Christ-followers. Dayspring is one such congregation. We get to go out, to live out the nature of God, being sent ones that make a difference by caring for a world that is hurting.

Our Mission and Outreach Ministry is fueled and excited to do just that. If you want to become involved in this, feel free to allow the spirit of God to direct you in this direction.



*Heinrich*

## YOUTH IN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Some PCC Mission Volunteer projects are designed for youth and young adults, age 18-30. Here is the notice about the 2019 Youth in Mission volunteer opportunity. More information at <https://presbyterian.ca/yim/>.



Looking to participate in God's mission in a new way? Those who are part of the Youth in Mission trip to Guatemala, May 13-26, 2019 will learn how the Presbyterian Church in Canada's mission partners are sharing the good news of the gospel in word and action. They will discover how programs supported by Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development are changing people's lives. They will

- Participate in the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada
- Learn about important cultural, political and economic issues in Guatemala, including what is driving migration to other countries and the impact of Canadian mining
- Worship and interact with local Christians – and learn about their faith journey
- Visit projects empowering women to earn sustainable incomes and develop skills in live-stock management and marketing.
- Participate in educational and recreational activities with the students at the Francisco Coll School in one of the poorest communities in Guatemala City, in the middle of the city's garbage dump
- Learn about fair trade and how it makes a difference

YIM trips are for youth and young adults who have an open mind, a team spirit, a loving heart, an interest in global awareness and a call to serve. They will experience and participate in ministry as they visit communities inaccessible to tourists and enter into deeper relationships with local people.



## JOURNEY'S END!

Cornelius and Susara completed their journey from the northern tip of Aotearoa New Zealand to the southern tip on March 9. Here is what Susara wrote about that accomplishment.

*We have arrived in Bluff. The trail kept on changing because of farming activities and other reasons.*

*This year the total km mark was 2996.6. It was a once in a lifetime experience, sometimes challenging, physically and mentally but with group support and encouragement we made it to the end.*

*In our group that finished together the youngest was 25 and the oldest was 70. We were all happy that we made it to Bluff. There were about a total of 1,000 people doing the Te Ara-roa this year.*

*Every morning we said: "What are we going to do today?" The answer was easy "Let's go for a walk."*



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The Rev. Dr. Heinrich Grosskopf

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