

Parish Script for PWRDF PowerPoint 2020

Slide 1 One piece of the Outreach Mission of “Parish X” is to support the efforts of the PWRDF Huron Committee whose mandate it is to publicize and encourage support for the work of PWRDF (the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund) as a significant piece of the outreach work of the Anglican Church of Canada, helping to meet the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.

Slide 2 Every year Diocesan Synod sets a PWRDF goal for the Diocese of Huron by motion from PWRDF Huron. In 2019 the goal established was \$350,000. I am delighted and grateful to report that thanks to the generosity of the parishes and individuals of the Diocese, the 2019 contribution was \$363,000. Stories of the difference that this gift is making in the lives of people in Canada and around the world are readily available on the PWRDF website. In addition to this total, a special bequest of \$109,000.(as noted) was received by PWRDF Huron from the estate of Shirley Wheeler.

Slide 3 Thanks to this gift (Irene Shirley Wheeler bequest), PWRDF Huron has been able to direct support to PWRDF partner, the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Al-Ahli was able to purchase special urology equipment that will be used to treat kidney stones, an increasing problem among the general population, especially children. Because of contaminated aquifers in Gaza (either by encroaching water from the Mediterranean Sea or other chemicals and minerals), 96% of the water is not safe for drinking. Those who cannot afford to purchase bottled water continue to use the unsafe sources, causing kidney stones as well as a variety of water-borne illnesses. In the summer, as people grow more dehydrated, the problem of kidney stones intensifies. With the arrival of the new urology equipment this month, Al-Ahli Hospital will finally have a way of eliminating kidney stones, and easing the suffering of many Gazans.

Slide 4 As a result of learning about the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem and especially the testimony that PWRDF Huron member, Andreas Thiel, was able to bring back from a Kairos trip to visit the area, PWRDF Huron has chosen to encourage increased awareness of the Diocese of Jerusalem and its partnership with PWRDF, in the Diocese of Huron.

We are doing this by promoting Jerusalem Sunday on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. A resolution of General Synod in 2013 declared the observance of Jerusalem Sunday in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Slide 5 By encouraging a focus on Jerusalem Sunday and the work of PWRDF in the region we hope to be able to supplement the efforts of the Diocese of Jerusalem which supports eleven medical sites in Palestine. *(optional Video is 5 minutes long)*

Slide 6 PWRDF supports partners in Canada and throughout the world who are implementing grassroots solutions relevant to the particular needs and situation of their local communities. This approach empowers communities to take a leading role in their own development, which ultimately moves them closer to a place of sustainability and self-sufficiency.

The development relationship through PWRDF between Canada and the Diocese of Jerusalem is particularly poignant.

Learning with our partners in Gaza, we are made aware that the need for such healing work is the legacy of the displacement of peoples from the land as a result of political decisions of the past and vestiges of colonialism. Ordinary people suffer as a result of this legacy, very often the most vulnerable persons, including women and children. The parallel in Canadian history is self-evident. Stories from Gaza remind Canadians of the need for reconciliation and healing between the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island and others who have arrived on the land, as a legacy of colonialism. Especially, the multiple and complicated effects of the lack of or even denial of the basic right of clean water reminds us of these realities in Canada. There is an opportunity for Christians to be a part of a new, healing relationship with all of the children of God here in Canada as well as around the world. This opportunity is present for Canadian Anglicans through the work of PWRDF.

PWRDF has Indigenous partners in Canada with whom this reconciling work is being made tangible. Increasing this relationship is one of the strategic goals of PWRDF:

Slide 7-12 *(Note: each title is a link, should you wish more descriptive detail)*

Slide 7 [Nuu-chah-nulth language recovery \(British Columbia\)](#) supports community initiatives that contribute to the preservation of the NCN language and culture. The Indigenous Youth Business Strategy program provides access to a loan fund to help Indigenous youth start a business, experience success, create job(s) and develop wealth.

Slide 8 [First Nation Adult and Higher Education Learning Consortium \(Alberta\)](#) develops courses on Cosmology, Blackfoot Epistemology and other Blackfoot Knowledge for online delivery. These courses contribute to understanding among the Blackfoot people of their origins, culture, and language and developing positive self-concepts.

Slide 9 [Pikangikum Clean Water Project \(Ontario\)](#) multi-year project to install clean water and indoor plumbing into homes in this remote community in the far north of Ontario. This partnership has now concluded; although the work continues.

Slide 10 [Indigenous Midwives](#) The Aboriginal Initiatives from Ryerson University is co-implementing the Indigenous Maternal Health and Midwifery Program in partnership with Kinal Antzetik in Mexico and CHIRAPAQ in Peru. During the first year of project implementation, they carried out a research about the

midwifery role in the welfare of Indigenous communities in Canada. They have also developed implementing strategies for Indigenous maternal health in the three countries.

Slide 11 [KORLCC \(Quebec\) language recovery](#)

Kanien'kehaka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa Language and Cultural Centre (KORLCC) works to preserve and strengthen the Kanien'kéha language and increase community access to culturally relevant programs and cultural workshops that promote, reinforce and increase traditions. Almost 500 people (adults and youth) benefitted directly from the KORLCC programs and another 2,500 were estimated to be indirect beneficiaries.

Slide 12 [Mapping the Ground We Stand On](#)

In 2019, PWRDF launched a new five-year strategic plan. The fifth goal is *“Mutual Reconciliation: We will accompany and support First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, guided by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the priorities of Indigenous communities and organizations in Canada.”*

In seeking to advance that goal, PWRDF invested in training nine facilitators from the four ecclesiastical provinces for “Mapping the Ground We Stand On” exercise.

Slide 10 It was the intention of PWRDF Huron at Synod in May 2020 to be propose a PWRDF goal for 2020 of \$370,000 for the people of Huron. This total represents contributions to the general work of PWRDF as well as gifts which may be designated towards PWRDF partner, the Diocese of Jerusalem. This is a challenge for all Anglicans in the Diocese of Huron to support PWRDF as a major outreach of the Anglican Church of Canada.