



# THE NEWS — IN A NUTSHELL

## THIS FALL

We are well into a new academic year here at The Presbyterian College. It is great to be together for worship and study and friendship and prayer. We wanted to give you this glimpse into the life of the college this Fall. More news and details will be shared via social media and email blasts!!



### RETREAT '23

Our annual Fall retreat was held again this year on Lake Mac-Donald in the Laurentians. We had 33 staff, students, and family members in attendance. We shared in rich reflections together on what it means that Christ is our Rock—in both official languages! Musical worship was led by two M.Div. student, Morris Makafui and Andrew Christopher.



### FAITH & WORK

Adrian Langdon, the Director of Programs in our Leadership Centre, is leading a 5-week online study this Fall entitled "Finding Meaning on Monday." It is dedicated to helping participants see their everyday work/vocation as a participation in God's mission of healing for the world. Keep your eyes open for future studies.



### MODERATOR

It was a privilege and delight to welcome the Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the PCC, to the college and to chapel in September. Mary is Nehiyaw (Cree) from Mistawasis Nehiywak, Saskatchewan, and grew up attending Mistawasis Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Fontaine shared with us on the themes of friendship, reconciliation, and peacemaking.



The Presbyterian College is pleased to share that we have received a **Resource Grant** from the **In Trust Centre for Theological Schools**. This grant is helping us acquire resources to support our new French-language Master of Theological Studies degree program. This includes support for library resources, technology, and events. Great news!





## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

The Joseph C. McLelland Library of the college is at the centre of our educational mission and our community life. There is always something new, whether in eBooks or print books.

*The Great Message: The Challenge of Reconciliation for the Church in Cuba Today*, written by pastor Daniel Izquierdo, explores reconciliation from a scriptural point of view and with reference to the Cuban context.



*In Good Time: 8 Habits for Reimagining Productivity, Resisting Hurry, and Practicing Peace*, by Jen Pollock Michel is the Word Guild's 2022 Book of the Year. Michel advocates for a life shaped by the rhythms of presence, attention, rest, rootedness, fruitfulness and generosity. A beautiful vision.

## GOD'S WORD FOR PREACHERS

### REFLECTION FROM PRINCIPAL ROLAND DE VRIES

In his sermon at our opening chapel service this year, Principal De Vries offered reflections on the text of Acts 27. Paul preaches there to his fellow travellers caught in a storm, and shares these words of hope that an angel had spoken to him: "God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." From these words of grace we, in turn, may hear God's word of grace for those who preach:

"My gracious eye is on you, preacher, and when I see you preach I also see your listeners—I see your listeners to save and renew and give them life. My love reaches further than all of your words and all of your creativity and all of your love. Yes, it's a tough gig—you've got to work hard at this speaking and loving. But as you do that hard work, then you should also rest in My love—rest in My love for your listeners. I see them. I am going out to meet them, to bless them, and to love them in the name of Christ my Son."

## CUBA 2024



Students and external participants will travel to Matanzas, Cuba in January 2024, to meet with churches and community groups, and to experience the culture of the Cuban people. Plan to join us in a future year!!

## PLANNED GIFTS



A "planned gift" is a future contribution to an organization that you care about and support. By designating some amount for The Presbyterian College in your will, you can contribute meaningfully to our mission out of your resources. Thank you for considering this as a way to make a difference in the lives of students and in the future of the church.

