

Prayerline

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Each year, PCI sponsors a number of Leaders in Training (LITs) from partner churches while they undertake further study aimed at helping each in their personal development for future ministry and leadership within their church and context. PCI is currently supporting LITs around the world who are studying at various international and UK based institutions. This includes Rev. Thomas Nyang'ama, Rev. David Kawanga and Rev. Brian Aggrey Theu from the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi, who are undertaking PhDs in Divinity and Theology by distance learning through the University of Aberdeen.

- Give thanks for the opportunities PCI has to share in the development of key leaders in our partner organisations.
- Pray for the LITs as they study, that they would be blessed and ultimately be a blessing to their churches and countries.
- Pray for the LITs who will be travelling to the UK for summer schools, that their time here would be beneficial to them, the institution and the partners, and that it would glorify God.

GLOBAL CONCERNS – The International Relations Panel seeks to better understand the particular challenges facing our partners in the Middle East, especially the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon. Standing with the Persecuted Church throughout the world is imperative. The Intercultural Relations Panel encourages the Church to be aware of and welcome those who come to our shores; both refugees and economic migrants.

The World Faiths Panel is currently exploring our increasing exposure to Islam and the best ways of reaching out to Muslim people.

The Stewardship of Creation Panel examines how we can best look after God's creation, presently developing a Biblical basis for the causes and effects of climate change.

- Pray for persecuted Christians, asking God to strengthen and encourage them.
- Pray for the work of the Panels for International Relations, Intercultural Relations, World Faiths and Stewardship of Creation as they help us to grapple with complex issues.

ROMANIA – A team from Abbey Presbyterian Church, Monkstown led by John McCracken will be departing for Romania on 1 August, to lead a discipleship camp for teenagers from all over Transylvania from 5 to 11 August. The team is due to return home on 13 August.

- Pray for the safe and trouble-free travel for the team.
- Pray for the speakers, that they will have clarity in presenting God's Word to the children.
- Pray for the campers, that they will grow to know Jesus more.

KENYA – A team of seven people from Newry Presbytery led by Rev Stuart Finlay are due to arrive in Kenya today, Wednesday, 1 August. They will be travelling north to Tuum on Thursday and Friday where they will visit Stephen and Angelina Cowan and lead the programme at the August youth camps in Tuum from 7 to 17 August. The team is due back around 22 August.

- Give thanks for the team members and for their willingness to serve on the team.
- Pray for all travel arrangements to go well, and for safety for the team, especially for the long return journey by road from Nairobi to Tuum.
- Pray for good health for the team throughout their trip.
- Pray for the sharing of God's Word with the young people at the camps.
- Pray that the team members will be an encouragement to Stephen and Angelina.

KENYA – Stephen Cowan reports that secondary schools have closed in Samburu County a few days early, mainly due to financial constraints.

- Pray for youth events taking place during the school holidays and in-service courses and for good attendance at these.
- Pray that young people will learn to develop their own reputation and work towards their futures, applying the Bible to their lives.

ZAMBIA – The vision of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Zambia Synod is to be 'evangelical, hospitable, strong and self-sustained, united in Christ as one family of the triune God within and beyond the borders of our lands'.

- Pray for the leadership of the Synod and in particular Rev Sevatt Kabaghe, General Secretary, CCAP Zambia Synod.

- Pray too for the life and witness of its congregations throughout Zambia.
- Remember Diane Cusick as she continues to coordinate the Synod's Early Childhood Development work.

NEPAL – United Mission to Nepal (UMN) has been in dispute with Himal Hydro (a construction company in Nepal) regarding the ownership of their Thapathali property in Kathmandu where UMN has their headquarters. The court case is moving forward and UMN has just submitted their response to the case filed against them in the Supreme Court. After more than two decades of contention it looks like the matter will soon be resolved one way or the other. UMN has a vision for continuing to use the property in God's service.

- Pray for a just and fair resolution to the dispute.
- Continue to pray for the work of United Mission to Nepal, whose vision is "Fullness of life for all, in a transformed Nepali society".
- Remember also PCI global mission workers serving in Nepal: Peter & Valerie Lockwood and Peter & Jayne Fleming.

FEBA – Gill Knowles from Feba sends the following prayer requests regarding Feba's work in Central Asia:

- Give thanks for Feba's partners in Central Asia who are using different platforms to reach different people – including the internet and medium wave radio.
- Pray for new believers who often feel like they are the only ones. Pray that the radio programmes in their language will encourage them and build a sense of fellowship with other believers.
- Pray for local home groups who meet together using the audio resources from the radio station and from the website. Pray that they would grow in confidence and draw close to God and each other.
- Pray for the programmes for women and families. Massive inequality between men and women in this part of the world means that many women have very little freedom in making everyday decisions. Pray that the programmes for families will lead to the growth of strong family units with a renewed appreciation for each other. Give thanks for the programmes helping women to thrive in the midst of restrictions.
- People listen to online radio in different places, sometimes when they are driving. In this part of the world, car drivers with empty seats often offer lifts to others as informal taxis. Pray for these passengers who hear Feba's partner's radio station while taking informal taxi rides.

Prayer Resource Changes

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) will be launching a new prayer resource this September entitled 'Let's Pray'. This will be issued by email on Thursday mornings and will contain prayer requests on various aspects of the work of PCI including Global Mission.

Prayerline will cease at the end of August and we encourage people to continue to pray for PCI's Global Mission work through this new publication. Those currently subscribed to receive Prayerline by email each week, should note their email address will automatically be transferred to the new 'Let's Pray' mailing list.

In order to maintain a regular focus on PCI global mission workers, we would encourage you to sign up to receive one or more of the Monthly Bulletins written by each of our global mission workers.

The Bulletins provide up to date news and prayer requests and we can send you all of them, or whichever one(s) you choose. Simply email global@presbyterianireland.org stating which Bulletin(s) you would like to receive by email. The Bulletins are also available online at www.presbyterianireland.org/gmwbulletins.

Sincere thanks to all those who have supported our partners and global mission workers over the years through Prayerline.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Uel Marrs

Secretary Council for Global Mission
