

Mission Possible Calendar

"YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD."
- Mahatma Gandhi

As an individual, a family or a group, youth or other, read and discuss each day's scripture, and decide on an action. BY L. JUNE STEVENSON

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

DECEMBER 2007



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1st ADVENT SUNDAY

John 3:16

Focus your thoughts on mission. What is mission? How can you "do" mission? Write your own definition individually or as a group.



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John 10:10b

Go through all your winter clothes: select scarves, mitts, jackets, hats to take to a local shelter or Out of the Cold program.



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John 6:48

Begin your Christmas baking. Plan enough to share with others: a shut-in, a soup kitchen ... and so on.



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John 8:12

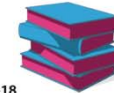
As you get out Christmas lights and decorations, put aside those you no longer need and donate them to a local shelter or Out of the Cold program.



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John 14:6

Learn about the PCC's Ministries with Aboriginal Peoples (see the February 2007 *Record*), and send a Christmas greeting to each ministry.



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James 2:14-18

Make plans to study a mission project in the New Year and order materials. The 2007-2008 PCC study on Guatemala is available from The Book Room.



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Matthew 10:42

PWS&D partners work to improve access to clean water in places like Malawi and Tanzania. Think about conserving water by turning off the taps while brushing your teeth.



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Isaiah 58:6

Pray for the Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy for Correction Services Canada, which advises on spiritual care to inmates.



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Matthew 25:14-16, 20-21

As an individual or a group, decide on an amount of money i.e. \$10, and determine to double or triple it by year's end for a mission project.



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Isaiah 65:21

Presbyterians help people build new homes through working with Habitat for Humanity. Contact Habitat to see what you can do in your area.



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Mark 4:37-39

Make a donation to PWS&D so that funds are available for natural disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes and monsoons.



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Matthew 24:6, 7

PWS&D provides food relief for isolated areas of Afghanistan. Look for news about Afghanistan in the newspaper and make a poster.



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Matthew 26:11-13

The most extravagant gift we can give each other is love. Make someone in your family a handmade gift or a "love" coupon that promises you will do something special for them.



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Luke 14:21b-23

Discuss plans for sharing a dinner at Christmas time with a stranger, a foreign student—someone who will be alone.



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Psalms 146:5-10

Light a special candle for those who will spend this Christmas season in hospital, in exile, prison or refugee camps.



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Luke 6:22-23, 27

Amnesty International monitors instances of torture and human rights abuses around the world. Find examples of abuse in newspapers and pray about each one.



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Luke 10:33-37

Share something of what Christmas means to you—like Christmas cake, an ornament, cookies—with a neighbour and ask about their culture, traditions and beliefs.



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Psalms 72:6

With help from CFGB members and matching grants from CIDA, PWS&D was the lead agency for programs worth over five million dollars. Plant a spring bulb to share with someone next year.



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Proverbs 2:6-9

Purchase Fair Trade coffee for your Christmas celebrations and tell your guests about it.



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Proverbs 1:2-7a

The PCC has many university chaplains. Say a special prayer for their work and for those students who are unable to make it home for Christmas.



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Matthew 25:34-36, 40

Do you know someone who is disabled, sick or shut-in? Phone them, or visit them with a gift or card.



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Matthew 1:23

In the remote Cariboo-Chilcotin region of B.C. Shannon and Jon Wyminga have a ministry of presence among the Nakw First Nations Reserve. Who can you be "present with" today?



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Luke 2:8-12

Many people are without shelter tonight, and on the city streets. Call Roger Hunter of PCC Boarding House Ministries and ask how you can help out at this Christmas season.



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CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 9:6

As you celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, pray for peace in the world and in the hearts of people everywhere.



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John 1:1

For excellent stories of mission read PCC publications such as the *Record*, *Glad Tidings* and *The Presbyterian Message*. Subscribe now!



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Proverbs 18:16a

For next year, order the catalogue *Gift of Change: Something Extra* from the PCC Book Room that will provide alternate gift suggestions to help spread the love and caring of Jesus Christ.



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Ephesians 4:11-12

Investigate twinning with another group. Examples: have your presbytery twin with a Han-Ca (Korean) Presbytery; or your congregation twin with a native congregation.



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Revelation 21:1-4

Help PWS&D call on Canada to stop cluster bombs. See the website for Mines Action Canada.



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Proverbs 13:23

Find a local soup kitchen to volunteer in or get involved with food bank work.



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Isaiah 58:7

In Malawi the PCC works with local partners to combat HIV/AIDS, improve agriculture and livelihood, and boost nutrition and health. Contribute to the PCC's "Towards A World Without AIDS".



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Joel 2:28

Today, dream dreams for the future of humankind. Write a poem, prose or an encouraging letter to someone in need.



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Isaiah 65:17-21

Make a list of practical things you can do this year to make your neighbourhood and your city a better place for everyone to live in.



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John 6:27

Get ready to use the "talent money" you doubled or tripled. Study Something Extra Projects and choose one such as a gift of livestock to support.



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Matthew 28:18-19

Support the work of PCC International Ministries with volunteer teachers like Murray Garvin, in Yu Shan Theological College and Seminary in Taiwan.



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EPIPHANY

Matthew 2:13-15

Jesus and his family were refugees. Pray for Glynis Williams, Action Réfugiés Montreal, in her work helping refugees find safety and support.