Faith in Action- Risking Something New Together

2:30 p.m. BC · 3:30 p.m. AB, SK · 4:30 p.m. ON

Every congregation has a distinct culture. We each live our enduring principles in unique ways. Every member has interests, skills, and passions that influence where we focus our energy and how we put our individual or congregational mission plan into action.

During the mission-design process, we learned that congregations scattered across the country often feel isolated and unsupported. They asked for ways to connect congregations with shared interests so they can exchange ideas, learn from one another, and offer mutual support and encouragement.

To respond to this request, we have identified three focus areas. The three focus areas are intentionally broad, flexible, and meaningful. Together, these areas align with our Enduring Principles, Mission Initiatives and Aurora Belt Mission Strategies.

Our Shared Approach

While immediate relief and remediation remain important, more than 70% of our effort should focus on prevention and addressing root causes through greater awareness and lasting change. Congregations may choose to lead an initiative of their own or partner with other congregations or existing local groups whose work aligns with Community of Christ's identity, message, mission, and beliefs.

1. Economic Injustice

Possible initiatives include:

- School food programs
- Clothing collections
- English as a Second Language programs
- After-school programs
- Responses to homelessness

2. Social Violence

Possible areas of focus include:

- Human trafficking
- Racial prejudice
- Xenophobia
- Domestic violence

3. Sacredness of Creation

Possible areas of focus include:

- Environmental justice
- Climate change
- Forest or park ministry
- Community gardens
- Sacred walks

An Invitation to Journey Together

We invite you individually or with your congregation to begin this journey alongside others interested in the same issues.

Join a breakout room—Economic Injustice, Sacredness of Creation, or Social Violence—during Saturday afternoon's **Risk Something New** discussions. In this 20-minute conversation, share what you are already doing, explore an idea you would like to try, or offer lessons from a past experience. Come ready to listen, connect, and discover a group that could become a partner on your Faith in Action journey.

Over the coming year, we hope you will inspire, encourage, and support one another. We also look forward to hearing about your shared Faith in Action journey at the 2027 conference.

Here are some links that may be helpful on the topic of your choosing.

Advocacy & Social Justice Organizations

- Oxfam Canada: Focuses on gender equality, women's rights, anti-racism, and economic justice through advocacy, campaigns, and global/local programs. https://www.oxfam.ca

- Inter Pares: Promotes a just economic system that values human dignity, supports community control over resources, and fights tax havens and corporate human rights violations. https://interpares.ca/economic-justice/

- **Canadian Centre for Women Empowerment (CCFWE)**: Addresses economic abuse and financial inequity, offering tools like the Support Tool for Economic Abuse Recovery (STEAR) app and financial empowerment programs for survivors. https://ccfwe.org/

- **Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)** and **Unifor**: Use social justice funds to support anti-poverty campaigns, fair wages, workers' rights, and community organizations. https://www.unifor.org/resources/social-justice-fund

Research, Policy & Community Networks

- **The Canadian Poverty Hub**: A comprehensive research library mapping out data on basic needs, income inequality, food insecurity, and demographic impacts. https://povertyhub.ca

- **Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA)**: Publishes independent research and proposals like the Alternative Federal Budget, which outlines frameworks for a Canada Liveable Income and improved disability/poverty supports. https://www.policyalternatives.ca

- **Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking** https://ccteht.ca

- **Canadian Poverty Institute**: Provides research, education, and community-driven solutions for poverty reduction across Canada. https://www.povertyinstitute.ca/

Government Programs & Resources

- Government of Canada Poverty Reduction Strategy: Outlines federal investments and tracks progress via the National Advisory Council on Poverty.

Resource Database https://www.canadaconfesses.ca/resources

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change.html