

MISSION MOMENT – Sunday, January 4

The United Nations has officially confirmed famine in Gaza, with millions of civilians facing devastating food shortages. The ACT Alliance Palestine Forum declares with urgency: “This famine must be stopped. The international community cannot remain silent while the people in Gaza are starving, and it adds its voice to the voice of international agencies to reiterate the call for an immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition.” Despite the obstacles to humanitarian access, PWS&D continues to respond through ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, providing food and other critical assistance wherever possible. More immediate humanitarian support is urgently needed to prevent more widespread suffering and loss of life.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 4 We pray for the Church Doctrine Committee as it continues to reflect on reconciliation within the Church and with Indigenous peoples. May their study and dialogue deepen our collective understanding.

Monday, January 5 We pray for Knox College students as they begin the Winter semester. We pray that they may be guided with wisdom and perseverance, and that they may continue to find joy in learning and strength in community.

Tuesday, January 6 (Epiphany) Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, January 7 We pray for the eight new French-speaking students in Practical Theology at The Presbyterian College, Montreal as they complete the second week of orientation to the program.

Thursday, January 8 We pray for Sophia Kim as she begins an internship with the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

Friday, January 9 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they serve congregations calling new ministers.

Saturday, January 10 We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble, Chaplain at St. Andrew's Hall, as she provides hospitality, pastoral care and witness to staff and students at St. Andrew's Hall and across the UBC campus at this busy time of year.