

Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in Rwanda

After the 1994 genocide in which 1 million Tutsi and moderate Hutus lost their lives, Rwanda was left with virtually no infrastructure and an impoverished and traumatized population. Since then Rwanda has made tremendous progress in many areas of social welfare, and the government is working to diversify the economy to minimize dependence on subsistence agriculture. The poverty rate has been reduced by 12 percent in recent years, but the country still struggles with widespread poverty. The PC(USA)'s principal partner in Rwanda, the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda (EPR), known in French as the Eglise Presbytérienne au Rwanda (EPR), has called on us to walk with them as they continue to address inter-ethnic tensions, struggle to train clergy, and build capacity of congregations to support their pastors. Through partnership with EPR, World Mission especially seeks to assist in the training of theological students and strategic church leaders, encourage denominational staff as they shift from French to English as the national language of Rwanda, support the powerful post-genocide work done by church leaders in peace building and conflict resolution, and encourage congregations and presbyteries to become more and more financially self-sufficient. Our mission co-workers in Rwanda assist in training theological students, in teaching English, and in addressing strategic issues of women and children.



Working with our partners in Rwanda

Although our ministries with our Rwandan partners are diverse, all of them serve to strengthen the witness of God's presence and make a transformational impact on the lives of the people. Rwanda is a place where we are working with partners in ministries to address all three of our critical global initiatives. They include:

- **Sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.** We are strengthening the outreach of our partner church by helping it train new ministers. This fast-growing church is experiencing a severe clergy shortage.
- **Engaging in ministries of reconciliation.** We stand with our partners as they work for reconciliation in the aftermath of the genocide. Repairing the breach between rival ethnic groups continues to be a challenge. We also support our partner church's efforts to address gender-based violence.
- **Addressing the root causes of poverty.** We work with our partners in education and community development ministries.

Support your mission co-workers in Rwanda



Rev. Mary Catherine (Kay) Day

Kay prepares men and women for pastoral ministry by teaching English and practical theology at the Protestant Institute of Arts and Sciences (PIASS), a joint project of the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda and four other Protestant denominations. The school places a special emphasis on equipping students to facilitate reconciliation, mutual respect, and societal development in Rwanda, which is still scarred by the 1994 genocide. Kay is deeply involved with her students and the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda. “I am humbled that my small gifts can help build his kingdom in Rwanda as the people are strengthened to rebuild their country,” says Kay. Home presbytery: Pittsburgh; *E200502, D507524*



Nancy Collins

As regional liaison for East Central Africa, Nancy facilitates PC(USA) relationships with partner churches and institutions in Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia. Her special focus is on partners’ work related to evangelism, leadership development, and church growth. Nancy also provides support for other mission personnel in the region and assists PC(USA) congregations and presbyteries that want a relationship with partners in East Central Africa as well as helping to facilitate current partnerships. Home presbytery: Southern New England; *E200471, D506149*



Christi Boyd

Christi serves as the Regional Facilitator for Women and Children’s Interests in Rwanda as well as in three other French-speaking African countries—Congo, Madagascar, and Niger,—and in one non-French-speaking country, South Sudan. She works where African women’s and children’s interests meet Presbyterian World Mission’s critical global initiatives of poverty alleviation, evangelism, and reconciliation. Christi accompanies global partners as they seek to strengthen their ministry to women and children and remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities, and she engages with Presbyterian constituencies in the US who wish to come alongside and promote those efforts. Home presbytery: Mid-Kentucky; *E200314, D506075*

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