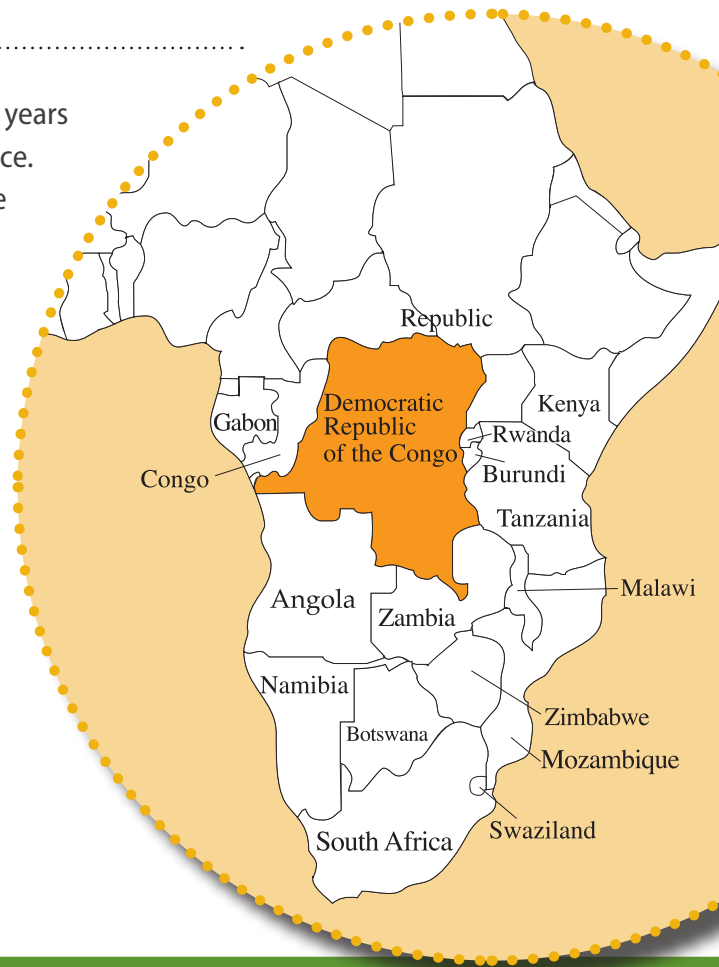


Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Presbyterian World Mission engagement in the Congo goes back 125 years and by God's grace the seeds planted then bore fruit in abundance. Today they accompany two Presbyterian denominations that were founded from that early work, the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) and Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) as well as the Protestant umbrella organization, the Church of Christ in Congo. In partnership we collaborate in a large variety of ways: addressing challenges to access to quality education in nearly 1,000 Presbyterian schools with over 220,000 students; training of pastors and elders to address the spiritual and social needs of the community; and promoting the well-being and rights of women, including widows and survivors of the sexual violence that has grown to epidemic proportions in areas where militias operate. We support training of church leaders in ministries such as reconciliation, community transformation, and micro-savings programs.



Working together with our partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Presbyterian World Mission works with our partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to respond to the needs of our partner churches, strengthen their witness to God's presence, and make a transformational impact on the lives of the people. Our ministries with our partners are diverse as we work together to address all three of our critical global initiatives. They include:

- **Addressing the root causes of poverty.** We seek to empower people through education, through ministries that restore and maintain health, through a variety of programs designed to strengthen the lives of women and children, and through ministries that help people realize their potential for transforming their communities.
- **Sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.** We are strengthening the outreach of our partner churches by helping them to train rural pastors. These churches are experiencing a severe clergy shortage. We are also helping our partners to extend their ministry and witness to new regions and to show God's love to marginalized and stigmatized communities through Community Health Evangelism. We are helping to build capacity for ministries of reconciliation to heal divides in families, communities and the church.
- **Engaging in ministries of reconciliation.** We support our partners in their efforts to address gender-based violence, which is widespread throughout the country, including working with the ECC Department of Women and Families to address sexual violence, and we stand with partners as they seek effective ways to minister in a difficult environment.



Ruth Brown

Ruth is a food security and development specialist working with the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC). She assists the CPC development staff and program implementers as they seek to expand and strengthen services throughout the Kasai region. She and her Congolese coworkers help church members and communities build and maintain coalitions, assess community conditions, and implement and evaluate programs that promote health, education, justice, and peace, such as Community Health Evangelism. An important aspect of reaching these community development goals is the training provided by Ruth and her CPC colleagues. Home presbytery: Presbytery of the James; *E200528, D507542*



Dr. John Fletcher and Gwenda Fletcher

John is a surgical consultant to the eight hospitals related to the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC). He works with the hospitals' staffs to improve their surgical knowledge, skills, judgment, and techniques as well as supervising medical students and serving as a surgeon at the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai (IMCK). Gwenda, an education consultant, assists the CPC's Education Department in its efforts to enhance the quality of education in the church's 702 elementary and secondary schools and in building connections between the Congo Mission Network and CPC's educational work. The Fletchers and their Congolese colleagues work to help the people of Congo experience the abundant life Jesus promises. Home presbytery: Grand Canyon; *E200529, D501278*



Rev. Bob Rice and Kristi Rice

Bob and Kristi work with the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC). Bob and Kristi help the Department of Evangelism as it seeks to strengthen and expand the impact of the church. The department's priorities include equipping laity for greater engagement in and support of the church, strengthening the training of rural pastors, improving affordable access to Bibles, producing print and radio material for spiritual education and evangelism, facilitating discipleship and Christian education, and promoting reconciliation in communities. Kristi also contributes to CPC's micro-savings and loan program. Home presbytery: Synod of the Pacific/San Francisco; *E200429, D507528*



Dr. Martha Sommers

Martha serves as a medical education consultant at the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai. She trains doctors, nurses, interns, and residents who will serve in Christ's name in one of the most underserved populations in the world: Congo, which is ranked at the very bottom of the Human Development Index. Martha has been under appointment by the PC(USA) since 1997. Home presbytery: John Knox; *E200526, D507157*



Dr. Larry Sthreshley and Inge Sthreshley

Larry works with partner churches and organizations to help them build capacity for health ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. His work with Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) has helped partners run large, internationally funded health programs that have positive impacts on health. Larry says his goal is to help the church "effectively demonstrate the love of Christ through health ministry." Inge works with both IMA and the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa with nutrition and community garden programs to alleviate urban hunger and malnutrition. She also supports the management and development of the Methodist Presbyterian Hostel. Home presbytery: New Hope; *E200412, D505045*



Rev. Jeremy Garbat-Welch and Luta Garbat-Welch

Luta serves as the PC(USA) Africa Community Health Facilitator in Malawi, where she is based, and in four other countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Zambia. She helps African partners develop sustainable community health programs and implement Community Health Evangelism. Jeremy, a clinically trained hospital chaplain, shares his expertise with Presbyterian clergy in Malawi. “We are called to serve God by living holistic lives of faith and health and sharing God’s message of wholeness with others,” they write. “We hope that through our lives and work that we will help others live lives of wholeness and healing for others and the world.” Home ecclesiastical body: Hurstbourne Christian Church, Louisville; E200515, D507577



Christi Boyd and Jeff Boyd

As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff facilitates support for the relationships, programs, and activities of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. He also resources PC(USA) mission personnel and helps connect partner churches with PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry in the region. Christi serves as the Regional Facilitator for Women and Children’s Interests in Congo and in three other French-speaking African countries—Madagascar, Niger, and Rwanda—as well as 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 accompanying global partners as they seek to strengthen ministries impacting women and children and to remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities. Christi 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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