

# Engage - Pray the world

## Praying for the World: a Seven –Week Course

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[http://www.worldinprayer.org/class/Praying\\_for\\_World\\_Class.pdf](http://www.worldinprayer.org/class/Praying_for_World_Class.pdf)

Engage with the world and with our own spiritual lives and with God through prayer. This is a free online resource for individuals or small groups who wish to begin to wrestle with praying for the world. Heart, mind, soul, God and neighbor are engaged in this resource. The resource is free for personal or church use. Simply tell them how you use the material: [worldinprayer@aol.com](mailto:worldinprayer@aol.com)



## World News This Week in Prayer

Thursday of every week, this site posts prayers responding to world headlines for the week. This is a free resource responding to the world in prayer.

**World in Prayer** is a ministry of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Lodi, California, USA, and is written by a team of writers representing different denominations throughout the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom

## ENGAGING AS COMMUNITY



**“The times in which we live are perhaps more challenging than many of us are willing to admit”... “It’s natural that we would feel anxiety or despair, trying to cope with what looks like chaos, sensing our limits and our vulnerabilities.”**

**“It’s when things get most difficult that we begin to ask existential questions: Is life an ordered system where good triumphs and justice prevails”...?**

**“To be positively engaged in today’s world, it helps to feel connected, worthy, and happy to be alive, and to know we are not powerless. To know we are actively making a contribution to the world, be it in our family, community, or civil society, gives us a sense of hope and energy...”**

From *Sustainable World Sourcebook* compiled by sustainable World Coalition, 2010

# Toward Daring Discipleship



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Heart, Mind, Soul, God & Neighbour

## Engage

**Verb** (edited from Wiktionary)

1. To pledge, pawn
2. To guarantee or promise (to do something.)
3. To bind through legal or moral obligation
4. To engross or hold the attention of someone.
5. To fascinate or win over someone.
6. To employ or obtain the services of someone.
7. To reserve or arrange the use of.
8. To cause to mesh or interlock.
9. To enter into (an activity), to participate (construed with in).
10. To keep busy or occupied.
11. To attract, to draw into conversation.



# HEART, SOUL, MIND... GOD AND NEIGHBOR

## Queen's Bush Rural Ministries

<http://www.farmersincrisis.ca/>  
519-369-6774



*Engage your community to reflect on Canadian food production, and support of local producers. Engage your children and youth to connect with the creator through food ethics and production. Buy local. If you don't live on one... visit a farm! Invite your congregation to offer 1% on 1 month's food purchase to Queen's Bush.*

### "Helping Farmers Survive Crisis with Dignity"

Queen's Bush Rural Ministries seeks to respond to farmers in need by offering short-term assistance through a telephone-based referral service. Here, working one-on-one with farmers, they offer support, advice, resources and referrals. Seeking to respond to agricultural, emotional, relational, physical, legal or spiritual needs, they offer personal support, advocacy, and educational programming.

Check out an article from the Post:

<http://www.thepost.on.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?archive=true&e=702059>

"Last year, the church's 40<sup>th</sup> General Council passed a resolution on agricultural land and local food security that called on congregations to foster connects between their local food producers and consumers and to understand the process of food production "from seed to plate."

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## The Dondi Project

<http://www.dondiproject.com/index.htm>



**ENGAGE YOUR TEEN-AGED MALE DRUMMERS!**

**ENGAGE YOUR AGING ROCK STARS!...**

**THIS IS A PROJECT TO GATHER YOUR CHURCH MEN ... OF ALL AGES... TO ENGAGE IN MISSION TOGETHER !**

In 1914 the **Lutamo School in Dondi** was established by Canadian missionaries. A generation of leaders were trained at this school, which was closed and later destroyed because of the civil war which erupted in 1975.

As a result of the war 500,000 died, thousands of people were displaced and wounded in mind and body, and the infrastructure of a nation was destroyed.



The United Church of Canada's Men's Ministries Network has initiated a project to fund the rebuilding of this school. The Dondi project will work towards the goal to raise a million dollars over the next year. "**By fall 2010 the Dondi Project pledges to have found 1,000 Canadian men of ALL AGES who will each find 10 men, who will each find 10 men,**" who are **willing to:** learn, donate, find others to join them, and join thousands of others in a drumbeat that will carry a rhythm of generous Celebration from Angola and across Canada offering new hope.



**Dondi drumathon:**

<http://www.dondiproject.com/downloads/Dondi%20Project-Drumathon%20Description.pdf>



**THIS REQUIRES...**

## URGENT ACTION!



*Engage your letter-writers extraordinaire suffering from withdrawal in this tech world... engage your small group ministries ... challenge your computer addicted correspondents, and retired found-pen specialists.*



*Here is a ministry to unite you!*

Letter writing may be becoming a lost art in some parts of our society... but communication is not!

**Urgent action** letters and emails remain an important vehicle for social change and accountability.

**Urgent actions** are one way that we can all engage in protesting a violent situation, or petition for justice for individuals, groups or communities.

Partner churches and organizations around the world rely upon our letter writing. Responses of protest and advocacy are vital when people are threatened by unjust systems. These systems behave differently when they know they are under international scrutiny, and those who are vulnerable or threatened find letters of solidarity a powerful assurance that they are not alone or forgotten. **Our letters become a vehicle of hope.**

Urgent actions requiring response are found on the UCC website at [www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction) or on the Kairos website at: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/get-involved/urgent-actions/>