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| **Let’s Pray**  | **Sun 17 Jan** - **Sat 23 Jan** 2021 |

**Saturday 23 January**

* **General Council |** *Pray for ongoing wisdom and discernment for the Church Leaders as they continue to interpret the ever-changing legislation and regulations and then disseminate guidance with regard to the pandemic to churches.*
* **Training in Ministry |** *Assistant ministers have training in Union one day per month during their assistantships. Training covers preaching, pastoring, leadership, resilience and having a close walk with God. Pray that assistants would be more equipped for future ministry even as they serve in congregations.*

**Friday 22 January**

* **Social Witness |** *Pray for strength for the residents and staff of our homes and units, that they would remain healthy, both physically and emotionally. We thank God for his guidance in all that we do, and pray we would have the wisdom and patience to commit all our plans to him.*
* **Centenary |** *As the island of Ireland moves into a year of events to mark the centenary of the changed constitutional landscape, pray that these would provide an opportunity for honest reflection, positive civic engagement, and healing within communities.*

**Thursday 21 January**

* **Ken Doherty (Chaplain, Mater Hospital, Belfast) |** *Give thanks that there is hope in the form of vaccines against Covid-19, and that the vaccination process has begun. Pray for all frontline medical staff, support staff in our hospitals, indeed all healthcare professionals, patients and their families.*
* **Aughentaine Presbyterian Church |** *Give thanks for God’s care and protection and for how he has kept the congregation together despite Covid-19. Pray for wisdom and knowledge to navigate the months ahead.*

**Wednesday 20 January**

* **Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann (Global mission workers, Malawi) |** *Give thanks for the publication of the book that Volker edited on the laity's role in the Malawian church. May the contributions help the church to reflect further. Pray too for good health for the Glissmann family.*
* **Hungarian Reformed Church |** *Pray for the work and witness of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine which continues in different ways due to Covid-19 restrictions.*

**Tuesday 19 January**

* **John McCandless (community outreach worker) |** *Pray for John as he continues to seek ways to share God’s love with people in the Albertbridge Road and lower Castlereagh Road areas of East Belfast.*
* **Home Mission |** *Give thanks for the recent installations of Rev Philip Poots in Carndonagh, Greenbank, Malin and Moville, and Rev John Hanson in Ballyhobridge, Clones, Newbliss and Stonebridge. Pray that they will
settle well into the congregations and begin to build relationships and minister to local people.*

**Monday 18 January**

* **James and Heather Cochrane (global mission workers, Portugal) |***Give thanks for a good week of team planning. Pray that Comunidade Pedras Vivas would continue to be guided by God and keep focused on making Jesus known. Pray too for calmness and patience in the midst of challenging days.*
* **Leaders-in-training |** *Pray for students**from overseas partner churches whose studies are supported by PCI, as many of them are adjusting to studying online in areas where internet connection is poor.*

**Sunday 17 January**

* **Moderator |** *Pray for all school and college students (and for their families) particularly those in exam years as they face uncertainty and anxiety as to how they will be assessed and how decisions regarding their
future will be made.*
* **Joyful worship |** *Today as we worship, ask God to help us know real joy in him, overflowing in prayer and praise and response to his Word.*