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**Layperson**

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**Question:** “What priorities would you name for your time as Moderator and how do you envision offering leadership in these areas?”

**Statement About Priorities and Leadership**

Our story of faith is one the world needs to hear, about Christians that are relevant, inclusionary, and living their faith in today’s society.

I have two plans for how working together we share the Good News and the good news of how we’re living it out.

Firstly a weekly social media schedule;

Saturday a sermon for use in congregations without ministers, transcending congregational silos, highlighting the amazing Faith Leadership we have, while making it accessible for those who cannot attend on Sundays.

Monday - Mindfulness Moment affirming God’s love

Tuesday - Facebook Live suggesting action from Sermon reflections

Wednesday – Worldview focus on Canada’s Indigenous Communities.

Thursday- Celebration video or story offering a thankful moment for the hands and feet working for Heaven on Earth thanks to Mission & Service grants around Canada and beyond, highlighting for all the impact as United Church of Canada we continue to have in this world.

Secondly a #MyChristianity campaign that invites progressive Christians to share their inclusive and loving God.

My year-one priorities for actions are twofold: “Adults go Back to Bible Camp.” Out of this hilarious and intentional time together adults will have an opportunity to say how the church can re-shape to meet their spiritual needs. The second a social justice action worship that invites the non-Christian community to engage with us in making Canada a better place. Building national themes adaptable to local contexts.

From these conversations and gatherings, with intentional listening, we can set priorities for the years to come.