

Thank you to Rev. Dr. J. Dorcas Gordon for leading us in worship this morning.

The Rev. Dr. J. Dorcas Gordon served at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto from 1994-2020 in a number of roles: as Director of the Toronto School of Theology's Doctor of Ministry Program (1994-1999), then as Principal and Associate Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Knox College (1999-2017) and finally as Interim Director of the Toronto School of Theology (2018-2020). Presently, she is Principal Emerita at Knox.

Between 2012-2019 with her husband, Noel, she led six Presbyterian study tours to Palestine/Israel, in addition, on two occasions spending sabbatical in Jerusalem. Since October 7, 2023, she has visited the West Bank and East Jerusalem three times and will facilitate a Canadian solidarity delegation this April. She has ongoing involvement with Canadian and Palestinian organizations committed to justice and peace.

Dorcas was in Team Ministry at St. David's with her husband, Noel from 1984-1992, They have four adult children and eight grandchildren.

Thank you to Guy Smaaghe for joining us this morning and for his presentation following worship.

Guy serves as the Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development. He has been with the agency since 1997. Guy has a Masters in Political Economy of Development from the University of Toronto. He has travelled extensively to partner project locations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Malawi, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haiti, and recently in Nepal and Jordan.

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