

# Learning Pilgrimage Delegation – Asia

*The United Church of Canada Learning Pilgrimage delegation to Asia will be visiting Mission and Service partners in the Philippines in May 2025.*

## Wonder Chimvinga



From Zimbabwe's sun-drenched plains to rural Canada's serene landscapes, Wonder's journey reflects faith and quiet resilience. Ordained and experienced, his 2022 move to lead Pine River United Church (Ripley, ON) was a courageous leap into the unknown. Behind his gentle smile lies a story of perseverance, shaped by trials, theological growth at St. Andrews, and a deep commitment to serving God. With his wife and three children, Wonder bridges his African heritage with his Canadian calling, embodying depth, purpose, and trust in God's guidance. His story invites others to find their place in God's unfolding narrative of grace.

## Sophie Fitzgerald



I attended Memorial University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts in French and English. I am returning in the fall to obtain my Bachelor of French education Intermediate/Secondary. I was born and raised in St. John's, Newfoundland, and my home church is Gower Street United. My involvement at the church started at a very young age and since then I've participated in many GO Projects across Canada, including Saskatchewan and Halifax. This past March I was also blessed to attend the Minority Youth Forum held in Okinawa, Japan. Also, I attended Rendez-vous this past July as a guest speaker and was a part of the ecumenical learning community. I am a dedicated

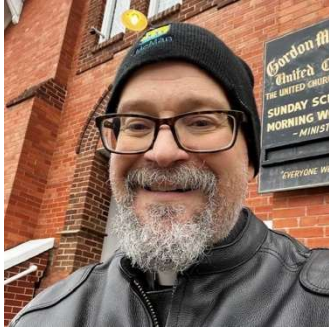
respite worker passionate about supporting individuals with physical and mental disabilities, fostering inclusivity and compassionate care for all.

## Aidan Legault



Aidan (he/him) is a candidate for ordained ministry currently serving Westminster United Church in Orangeville, on the Treaty 19 lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and the traditional lands of the Atterwonderon Nation. A lifelong United Churcher, Aidan's passion for environmental and social justice has guided his commitment to building safe, inclusive, and sustainable communities in both his vocational and personal work. Outside of his pastoral ministry, Aidan volunteers on the organizing committee of Orangeville's Pride festival and is an avid collector of literature and disco music.

## The Rev. Dave Pollard



The Rev. Dave Pollard is an ordained minister serving Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church in downtown Medicine Hat, AB. Dave has a long association with partnership work in The United Church of Canada. As a child his home congregation championed the Mission and Service fund and challenged its church school kids to raise money, and to be informed of our work around the world.

This early exposure was not lost on him in seminary. In 2001 Dave was sent as an overseas theological intern to our partner the Church of North India, serving the Diocese of Bhopal and meeting folks who had deep knowledge and understanding of our partnership work in that part of the world, and who expressed deep affection for The United Church of Canada.

Dave is a member of the Chinook Winds Regional Council Executive and has served in many parts of the church from camps, to congregations, and through the General Council. Dave and his spouse Tara parent 15-year-old twins Ed and Kate and as a result, are very active in the Air Cadet movement and competitive volleyball in southern Alberta.