



# Knox Good News

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus  
with all people  
through worship, service, and care

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## Lectionary Readings

### January 24 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah calls Nineveh to repent
Psalms 62:5-12	Be still, my soul, and wait for God
1 Corinthians 7:29-31	The time is short for the present form of the world
Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John

### January 31 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15–20	God will raise up a prophet after Moses
Psalms 111	The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom
1 Corinthians 8:1–13	Concerning food offered to idols
Mark 1:21–28	A man with an unclean spirit is healed in Capernaum



## Minutes for Mission

### Your Generosity Has a Worldwide Impact: Mambud's Story

We don't always know the extent of the good we do even when we are giving generously. When we make a gift, we hope to have an impact but often can't foresee how many lives we touch or how far our care extends. Mambud Samai's story is a tangible example of how your gifts through Mission & Service send ripples of compassion across continents. Mambud, a pastor, lives in Sierra Leone, where an estimated 27,000 citizens became amputees during the civil war that raged between 1991 and 2002. To support amputees he visited in rehabilitation camps after the war, Mambud turned to soccer, his country's favourite sport. He founded a soccer league for amputees called the Single Leg Amputee Sports Club of Sierra Leone to help restore hope. Now 350 members strong, the league isn't just about helping amputees overcome discrimination, restoring their pride, and providing therapeutic support. As if these alone aren't amazing. Two years ago, Mambud decided he wanted to make an even bigger difference. So, he flew all the way to the Asian Rural Institute (ARI for short), a unique school in Japan that your Mission & Service gifts support. Thanks to generous supporters like you, ARI trains thousands of leaders like Mambud from all over the world to grow food, tend livestock, and be effective change agents in

their community. After graduating from the nine-month program at ARI, Mambud returned to the soccer fields of Sierra Leone with a new goal: to develop teaching farms where people can learn to grow food sustainably and support themselves financially by selling that food at market. Mambud and members of the Single Leg Amputee Sports Club of Sierra Leone now run an educational farm, and there are plans to convert more of Sierra Leone's fertile land into gardens and teaching centres. In a country where the average person lives just 43 years, Mambud's extraordinary leadership and the skills he learned in Japan save lives. From Canada to Japan to Sierra Leone—Mambud's story is just one example of how your gifts do a world of good.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please help transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world through our shared Mission & Service. By supporting leaders like Mambud with education and training, your generosity helps change lives around the world. Thank you!

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

**WPCU Bible Study 2021** - A daily Bible study on the theme of the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **Mon. Jan. 18-25 from 12:15-1:00pm CST** (except Sun. Jan 24 at 1:00pm CST). Hosted by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches, this study is free and open to all. A different Christian leader will guide us each day as we explore the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9). The 2021 theme calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-2021-tickets-135920448721>

**WPCU Online Ecumenical Service** - You might also want to register for the WPCU Online Ecumenical Service planned by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism (Montreal) on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3pm (Eastern). The service is bilingual. Register to receive the Zoom or YouTube links at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvWflnQX5\\_1870OoiXcWKWgmDkwGJXY5mYZH\\_SNJXq9Njp-GA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvWflnQX5_1870OoiXcWKWgmDkwGJXY5mYZH_SNJXq9Njp-GA/viewform)

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