

Is the Democratic Republic of the Congo Beyond Hope?
A Film and Discussion Series at FPCE
March 24, 7:00; April 28, 7:00; May 16, 11:00

The Democratic Republic of the Congo's war against militias and neighboring countries has caused the loss of 5.4 million people in the last 10 years and the violent injury of over 600,000 women and children. Despite this crisis, the Congolese Presbyterian churches are still running 705 schools, supporting many women's programs and sustaining medical centers. How is this possible? Come to be inspired by a people of great faith and incredible endurance.

Wednesday: March 24 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Topic: "Can Children Survive and Become Educated in the Congo?" See "Street Children of Kinshasa", a film about the Congo's impact on children, and hear a panel discuss conditions in the Congo and empowerment through education. Panel: Denise Drane, professor at Northwestern University and Jan Sullivan, former Special Services Director.

Wednesday: April 28, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Topic: "Can Violence Be Stopped in the Congo?" Come to see a film about the women of the Congo and hear about efforts to stop the violence and empower women. Conveners: Caryl Weinberg, FPCE's Mission Director and Tom Sullivan, retired Social Service Administrator.

Sunday: May 16, 11:00 a.m. -- "Can the Congo's Doctors Conquer the Three 'Ms' (Malaria, Malnutrition, Micro-organisms)?" View a video and hear about the Congo's health challenges and its Presbyterian health ministries. Presenter: Amy McAuley, M.D. and President-Elect of the Presbyterian Medical Benevolence Foundation Board.