

250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY DANCE PROJECT



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About the 250th Anniversary Community Dance Project

In 2026, we mark a significant moment in our shared history:
250 years since the founding of the
Presentation Congregation.

To honour this milestone, we invite communities across the world to participate in a creative, prayerful project that reflects who we are and what we stand for.

This initiative encourages communities to use **movement** and **dance** as a form of **prayer** and **reflection**, allowing **faith, culture, and justice** to be expressed through the body.

Across the Presentation family, spirituality is lived out in diverse ways, shaped by local traditions, rhythms, and stories. This project aims to create space for those **unique expressions** to be shared while remaining connected through our **common values** and **charism**.

There is no requirement to use a specific song or piece of music. Communities are warmly encouraged to choose their own music — whether traditional, contemporary, instrumental, or sung — that best reflects their culture, spirituality, and local context. Music, like movement, is a powerful way of **expressing identity** and **meaning**, and each contribution should feel **authentic** to the people taking part.



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Participation does not require formal dance training or polished performances. What matters most is **authenticity** and **intention** – movement that arises naturally from your **community's context** and expresses your **hopes, commitments**, and sense of **belonging** within the Presentation story!

Rather than gathering all contributions into a single production, each community's video will be shared individually over the course of the anniversary year.

This approach allows time to appreciate each contribution and to **celebrate the richness of our global family** as the year progresses.

We encourage Justice Contacts, Sisters, Presentation People, and community members of all ages to take part in this collective expression of gratitude and renewal. As we look back on 250 years of courage, service, and faith, this project also invites us to look forward — recommitting ourselves to **dignity, justice, and compassion!**

Please ensure that all video submissions are sent by
31 May 2026 to:
250th.pres.anniversary@gmail.com



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Practical Guidelines for Video Submissions

- **Video length:** Each video should be between 3 and 5 minutes.
- **Orientation:** Please film your video in horizontal (landscape) format.
- **Music:** You are free to choose music that reflects your culture and spirituality. ***Please ensure you have legal ownership or permission to use the music***, as well as any imagery included, because the videos will be shared on IPA social media. We need to be 100% sure that all submitted content respects copyright laws.
- **Participants:** Any group size is welcome – involve those who feel called to take part.
- **Setting:** Choose a space that is meaningful to your community, indoors or outdoors.
- **Focus:** The emphasis is on expression and prayer, not technical perfection.

Thank you for contributing to this special anniversary.

Together, we will honour our shared journey and celebrate 250 years of Presentation life in a way that is creative, inclusive, and deeply meaningful.