

Bdecan Ministry Team
Fall Presbytery Meeting
October 10, 2026

The NFL fans have revived the Ice Bucket challenge for ALS, where a person will donate to ALS then challenge another person to do the same followed by the person dousing themselves in ice water from a bucket. Even the NFL teams are getting in on the fun. In 2014, when the first ALS challenge was started, the Bdecan Ministry Team was trying to raise money for the Bdecan Church's youth and outreach salary. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA. had given us a large amount of seed money but it wasn't enough to pay the salary for the year. As we started to tell the story to groups and people, Hunter PW had some money that had been sitting in an account and hadn't been touched in years. They voted to donate it to the Ministry team and in the process thought it would be great to challenge other PWs, individuals, and churches to either match or increase their donation. It was through this challenge that the Ministry Team was able to raise enough money the first year to pay the salary. This was the start of the great partnership that is now in its 16th year.

As word has spread of the partnership, not only have the monetary donations increased but donations to the clothing closet, backpack giveaway, winter wear giveaway, as well as groups doing VBS and hands-on work at the church and pantry have all increased as well. The networking and relationships that have developed are extraordinary. People that continue to give in whatever ways they can are definitely the hands and feet of God. Blessings abound.

The winter wear giveaway will be held on October 24th at the Tokio Rec Center from 11am to 1pm. We have been blessed with financial donations as well as winter wear and blankets for this giveaway. We are always looking for people to assist during the giveaway by setting up and helping during the event. This is also a great opportunity to meet and network with not only the people of Bdecan Church but also with the people of the Spirit Lake Reservation. A huge thank you to all who have donated or volunteered over the years!

Submitted by,

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