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- ❖ Place M & S envelopes for all occasions in the pews or in a conspicuous place. Don't forget M & S envelopes for children.
- ❖ Use the World Development and Relief envelopes and can labels.
- ❖ Post information about online giving or the Direct Giving program.
- ❖ Advertise the In Celebration, In Memoriam, or Perfect Gift program. Call 1-800-465-3771 for details.
- ❖ Suggest PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) for your congregation. Visit the PAR pages on the United Church web site for more information:
<http://www.united-church.ca>
- ❖ Support the work of the church by purchasing United Church bulletin covers. Sponsorship programs allow members to supply covers in celebration of an event.
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Mission & Service Dollars at Work in Hamilton Conference

2008



**HAMILTON
CONFERENCE**

The United Church of Canada

For more information about the Mission and Service Fund or Mission Support Grant funding, contact Judith Johnson or Elenore Le Grand at the Hamilton Conference Office: 905-659-3343 or by e-mail: jjohnson@hamconf.org or elegrand@hamconf.org.

In 2008 the Mission and Service Fund supports 20 mission units in Hamilton Conference through \$448,295 in mission support in the following ways:

- Ethnic ministries
- Native ministries
- University chaplaincies
- Outreach ministries
- New Initiatives

Consider inviting a representative from some of these mission units to speak to your congregation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The M & S Fund provides resources, staff support, leadership training, and, in some cases, financial support for the following:

- 3,821** Ordained ministers as of October 1, 2005
- 271** Diaconal ministers (ordained and diaconal
Includes those working in pastoral charges and other church appointments; includes those retained on the roll or those retired)
- 164** Lay pastoral ministers (93) and lay pastoral ministers-in-training (60) (includes those retired)
- 139** Staff associates
- 288** Candidates in training for the ministry
- 397** Inquirers (those considering ministry)
- 40** Interns (31 pastoral charge, 9 alternative, 5 St. Andrew's, and 6 student supply)
- 11** Theological centres, schools, and programs
- 4** Educational centres
- 29** Congregations sponsoring refugees
- 2,615*** Church schools
- 2,286*** Pastoral charges
- 3,473*** Congregations
- 60** Ethnic ministries congregations
- 573,424*** United Church members (approximate)

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS

- 303,643*** Contributors to local expenses
- 143,139*** Contributors to **M & S Fund**
- \$373,918,661*** Raised for all purposes
- \$30,335,930**** **M & S** contributions from all Sources (this includes \$2,142,054 from UCW)

figures current as of July 2007

** indicates 2005 figure*

*** indicates 2006 figure*

**2008 M & S Fund
Objective:
\$31,500,000**

THE MISSION & SERVICE FUND SUPPORTS...

Theological Education & Ministry Support

Includes activities and resources related to

- Theological school & education centres
- Support for faith formation & ministry
- Recruiting candidates for the ministry
- Chaplaincy (e.g., prison, hospital, campus)

Canadian Ministries

Includes activities & resources related to

- Supporting congregations (e.g., mission support grants)
- Canadian ministries outside congregations (e.g., outreach ministries, halfway houses)
- Supporting church development (e.g., rural, marginalized, transitional, and new church development)
- Worship, baptism, confirmation & church membership
- Stewardship and interfaith education, education for mission & justice
- Faith development with children, youth and adults
- Maintaining properties
- Institutions and outreach programs concerned with education
- Medical institutions and community health
- Emergency relief in response to disasters in Canada
- Ethnic, French and Aboriginal ministries

Ecumenical Relationships, Global Mission and Social Justice Advocacy

- Supporting the work of overseas partners
- Ecumenical and interfaith relationships
- Overseas personnel, internships and exchanges

Resource Production and Distribution

- United Church Resource Distribution
- Video production
- AVEL, the church's audiovisual educational lending library
- Graphics
- Year Book and statistics
- Communications (e.g., public relations and the website)

Support for Program – Finance, Facilities and Information Technology

General Council

Other

Group Insurance Payments

ETHNIC MINISTRIES

NATIVE MINISTRIES

CAPE CROKER PASTORAL CHARGE, Bruce Gerry Hofstetter, Pastoral Charge Supervisor
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This pastoral charge in the north end of Bruce Presbytery relies on Mission Support Grant funding for a church presence in this native community. As other religious groups have left the Reserve due to lack of personnel, folks increasingly look to the United Church of Canada for spiritual guidance and community involvement. The ability to have a church presence in the community, with the ability to combine United Church and traditional belief systems, especially with rites of passage such as funerals, weddings, etc., is very important to the community.

- \$44,057

MISSISSAUGA CHINESE UNITED CHURCH

Halton

Christopher Chin Hung Cheung, Minister
905-273-9336

An new church development congregation which meets at Westminster United in Mississauga, providing a church community for Chinese United Church folks.

- \$7,500

NEW CREDIT-DELAWARE PASTORAL CHARGE

Erie

Sheena Marini, Minister

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On the Six Nations and New Credit Reserves, the United Churches have welcomed and encouraged a blending of beliefs and culture, so that all may feel included.

In Native Ministry we must try to find a balance between Christianity and honouring the unique culture of our First Nations sisters and brothers. We must not only respect the community's Traditional values, but embrace them.

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New-Credit-Delaware (cont'd.)

The Seven Grandfather Teachings (Honesty, Courage, Kindness, Humility, Wisdom, Love, Respect) are the same morals that Christians aim to live by. The United Church is called upon by the community on many occasions because of our commitment to "Right Relations" and our non-judgmental attitude.

- \$41,592

SAUGEEN PASTORAL CHARGE

Maggie McLeod, Minister

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Saugeen Pastoral Charge provides a place to gather and be reminded of God's spirit and God's will in worship and in work.

In seeking to be helpers in the healing of mind, body, spirit and emotions to those who are hurting and striving for wholeness and balance, the congregation reaches out to all people of their community. They offer a ministry presence to a variety of celebrations and events within the wider community. The congregation is committed to strengthening relationships and building partnerships, both ecumenically and with neighbouring non-native communities. In affirmation and celebration of God's love for all people, they strive to empower others to embrace their identity and God given gifts.

- \$49,725

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCIES

BROCK UNIVERSITY PROTESTANT ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY, Niagara

H. Donald Brown, Treasurer

905-892-0260 E-mail: brown@brocku.ca

This protestant ecumenical chaplaincy is supported by United, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations. They serve students, faculty and staff.

- \$12,000

SUPPORTED BY THE MISSION AND SERVICE FUND IN 2007

Canadian Ministries

- 164** Pastoral charges receiving core funding
- 90** Community outreach and social support Programs
- 52** Hospital, nursing home, community and University chaplaincies
- 16** Ecumenical advocacy organizations

Overseas Ministries

- 25** Overseas personnel, with language, training, Airfare and salaries paid for by the M & S Fund
- 147** Indigenous churches, Christian councils and agencies that minister in partnership with The United Church of Canada
- 39** Countries in which The United Church of Canada supports ministry, training, development or relief projects
- 10** Global ecumenical partners

M & S FACTS

- ❖ M & S supports work with overseas personnel and partners
- ❖ M & S supports hospital and university chaplains.
- ❖ M & S is a unified fund that supports all the work of the church.
- ❖ M & S provides grants to Canadian outreach programs.
- ❖ M & S funds resource production for worship and ministry.

THE HOPE CENTRE, Niagara
Lynn Stout, Resource Development Manager
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This centre provides community services such as youth recreation, counseling, housing support, referral and food distribution in the Welland area.
- \$9,000

NEW INITIATIVES

GREY BRUCE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY,

Bruce
Angela Schmidt, Coordinator
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The Grey Bruce Chaplaincy Council is starting a Supervised Pastoral Education Unit accredited by CAPPE, to be offered at the Regional Hospital – Grey Bruce Health Services in Owen Sound. We are offering one-time shared start-up funding.
- \$2,000

NIAGARA COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY, Niagara

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As a new initiative in 2008, the Niagara College Chaplaincy provides on-campus ecumenical chaplaincy services for students and the greater college community through: individual spiritual guidance and counseling that nurtures personal faith development and ongoing development of interfaith partnerships and community outreach initiatives (celebration, worship, social events).
- \$21,500

SIX NATIONS UNITED CHURCH OUTREACH, Erie

George Montour,
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This new initiative funding will support the development of a vision within the Six Nations of providing a holistic outreach in establishing right relations between aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities through programs of spiritual, physical, mental and emotional healing. It will support both Hamilton Conference and All Native Circle Conferences.
- \$25,000

CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO AND CAMPUS MINISTRY AT WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, Waterloo

Paul Ellingham, Chaplain
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This United Church campus ministry serves the student, staff and faculty communities through many channels of involvement at both campuses. Campus minister Paul Ellingham regularly organizes study tours for students to travel to Central America and interfaith events in an effort to open communication and facilitate understanding between the many groups represented on the university campuses.
- \$34,000

McMASTER CAMPUS MINISTRIES COUNCIL (MCMC), Hamilton

Carol Wood, Ecumenical Chaplain
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The McMaster Campus Ministries Council/Ecumenical Chaplaincy participates in the life of McMaster University by maintaining an office that is open to any member of the community for counseling, advocacy and support. The Chaplain coordinates seasonal worship for Advent and Lent, as well as a weekly dinner/discussion for students. The Council helps to organize speakers, retreats and exam hospitality. The chaplain serves on a number of committees and groups, including Research Ethics Board, the Anti-Violence Network and the Poverty Initiative.
- \$11,200

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY, Waterloo

John Bothwick, Chair of ECM Board
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This ecumenical chaplaincy is part of a multi-faith team where Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Muslim faith leaders work together to meet the religious needs of the campus. Programs and events include Peace Week, Faith Week, inter-faith presentations, pastoral counseling, meditation classes and more. The ministry is open to students, staff and faculty.
- \$17,000

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

UNITED CHURCH OUTREACH

CHALMERS COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE,

Waterloo

Barbara McDowell, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors
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The outreach ministry at Chalmers United Church provides friendship, support, meals, life skills training, referrals, food, clothing and other necessities to approximately 200 disadvantaged people each week in downtown Guelph.

- \$5,000

COMMUNITY MINISTRY, Waterloo

Marilyn Shaw, Director 519-743-6309

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This community outreach ministry in downtown Kitchener seeks to bring the people of this ethnically and culturally diverse neighbourhood together to address mutual needs and concerns.

\$5,000

FIRST-PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH, Hamilton

Bill MacKinnon, Minister

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Funding (in partnership with the City of Hamilton, Public Health Services) supports the hiring of an outreach minister to work with those persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who are marginalized by mental illness, income and social isolation. This is a capacity-building endeavour, unique in Canada, whereby a congregation formally partners with municipal government to bring services to the downtown community.

- \$10,000

QUEEN'S BUSH RURAL MINISTRIES, Bruce

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Located in Teeswater, this agency serves a wide area in both Hamilton and Toronto Conferences. It provides referral to counseling and financial advice to farm and rural families in crisis.

- \$4,000

WESLEY URBAN MINISTRIES, Hamilton

Paul Johnson, Executive Director

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For over 50 years, Wesley Urban Ministries has been one of the United Church's largest, most diverse urban ministries. Today we continue our vital role by providing a number of programs and services for the individuals and families most marginalized in Hamilton. By providing shelter, food, skills, knowledge and supports, Wesley Urban Ministries is decreasing the barriers that keep so many in our community from reaching their full potential.

- \$108,696

NON-UNITED CHURCH OUTREACH

BETHLEHEM NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSING

PROJECTS OF NIAGARA, Niagara

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Bethlehem Projects of Niagara is the only organization in the Niagara Region that offers supportive, transitional and permanent housing for women, men and families. They help people facing issues of poverty abuse, homelessness and family breakdown to rebuild their lives through in-house and community supports.

- \$6,500

THE BRIDGE (HAMILTON) FROM PRISON TO COMMUNITY, Hamilton

Ron Crawford, Executive Assistant

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This Hamilton-based group offers support, encouragement and guidance to ex-offenders, empowering them with positive life skills for a new journey back into the community and to their loved ones. Support is also offered to their families as well as to victims and their families.

- \$6,000