

Opportunities to Serve Hamilton Conference - The United Church of Canada

MISSION STRATEGY & SUPPORT (MS&S) COMMITTEE

Committee Mandate

To encourage and support the development of mission strategies and goals in Presbyteries, congregations and United Church Outreach Mission Units in Hamilton Conference (*see: Hamilton Conference Financial Resource Handbook, p. COM-HC2, pp. 1-2*)

To consider Presbytery approved requests for grants, loans or financial assistance in a variety of categories

To ensure that such financial assistance is undertaken with clear purpose and sound stewardship

To recommend to Hamilton Conference Executive the distribution of Hamilton Conference Mission Support Grants

The responsibilities of this committee are:

- to work within the available funds and the policies and criteria for their application
- to live with the decisions of the committee and of Conference staff support

Chairperson

- to work in cooperation with the Presbyteries, Hamilton Conference staff and Executive, and Congregational, Educational and Community Ministries Unit
- to attend or be represented by a committee member at National Mission Support Consultation each May

Reporting Relationship

The Chairperson will communicate concerns of the committee through the Conference Minister for Congregational Support to the appropriate Committee, to the Executive of Hamilton Conference or General Council Executive and write a report for the Annual Meeting of Hamilton Conference to be included in the Record of Proceedings.

Gifts, Skills and Experience Needed:

Members will treat all people with justice and dignity. It helps to be already familiar with the Mission Support Grant process or the Mission Committee at the Presbytery level. Have a readiness to learn, willingness to ask questions, ability to see the broad picture, interest and enthusiasm for the Outreach Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Committee members will be open to the leading of the Spirit, active participants in a local pastoral charge or ministry, familiar with the polity of The United Church of Canada, predisposed to collaboration and teamwork, sensitive to diversity issues and differences in learning styles and passionate about the mission and ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Orientation and Training Available:

Sharing the duties of the Mission Strategy and Support Committee. Be familiar with the Hamilton Conference Financial Resources Handbook. Incoming Chairperson will have served at least one year on the Committee.

Membership:

This committee will usually consist of fourteen members,, including

Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and two representatives from each Presbytery. The Secretary will be appointed from within the Committee. Staff Support will be provided by the **Conference Minister for Congregational Support.**

Expectations and Terms:

Members will serve a three year term, which may be renewed once. The committee will normally meet four times per year at the Conference Office, by conference call and email exchange.

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~ Recommendations by Screening Committee ~

The Hamilton Conference Screening Committee has reviewed the job descriptions and associated material submitted by the above named committee and offers the Human Resources Committee these comments.

Reviewed On: 11/28/03

Risk Assessment: NO Risk

Appropriate Screening Steps:

Other Recommendations: