



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

FOUNDATION

2017 Annual Report



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— MARK 12:31





"Giving to the church has been part of my life for as long as I can remember," says **Susan Marrier**. "As a child, when I was first given an allowance – *the great sum of one dollar* – I was expected to save 10¢ and put a dime in the Sunday school offering every week. Giving was never something I had to think about; tithing is simply something I've always done."

Singing in the Cherub Choir at age six, through Susan's 35 years as an organist and choir director, she remained involved in the church, coming to Canada in 1967 to be director of a large music program at St. Paul's United in Thunder Bay, ON. Susan and her husband, Larry, were aware of needs that extended further than the music could carry. They saw how the church changed lives through local ministry, and also through the work of the wider church.

Susan is now making plans through the legacy program of The United Church of Canada Foundation so she can continue to give long after her death.



Nettie Hoffman's mother was a Methodist deaconess and her father was a Methodist before becoming a United Church minister. When her parents lived in Quebec's Eastern Townships during the depression, whenever someone was ill they would drive them to the hospital in Montreal, a long, challenging, journey. This is but one example of the generous, pious living that surrounded Nettie and shaped her.

Nettie believes that instead of practicing "ingrown Christianity," our sense of connection must extend to those beyond our immediate circles. Put simply, Nettie believes that if one's family already has enough, we must look further afield. Our giving focus is then freed to be directed towards others, both now and through our legacies.

Today, Nettie gives to the Church through life insurance. Nettie has also set up an endowed fund at the Foundation that will be activated by a gift through her will. Through Nettie's gifts, she reaches outward, touching lives across the country and around the world each and every day.

From grassroots-driven, locally responsive projects that assist children living in poverty; emboldening new seniors' ministries; to programs that enrich theological and congregational education, Nettie's gifts make a big difference.

Continued support from generous individuals and church organizations across the country for the long-term work of the church through the Foundation made 2017 a great year.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the support the General Council has shown since the Foundation's inception, including the 2013 transfer of its long-term assets.



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The **United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor's Wellness Centre – Youth Transitional Shelter** supports at-risk youth in the community of Windsor, Ontario. The Downtown Mission helps youth who are actively using, express concerns with mental health, and are currently homeless. Downtown Mission staff, in collaboration with other local services, works to get the youth safely housed in a stable environment and provide support with food, clothing, furniture and connections to classes and workshops. Stephen Drouin, a youth who has been impacted by this program said "I was pretty much a youth in crisis, and didn't have much stability. WYC helped me get out of crisis." He added that WYC gave him, "a foundation and now I'm giving back to the community."

Mamawe Ota Askihk – Sharing Life Together Here on Earth, was a week-long intergenerational gathering of settler and Indigenous people focused on relationship-building and skill-sharing through the **Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre (Beausejour, MB)**. The festival gathered all members of the community, newcomers and original, to share in various workshops, ceremonies, and feasts to celebrate and reclaim the "homebred, the homespoken, the homegrown, and the homemade." Erica Young and Rob Smith, coordinators of the event reported "it was a beautiful week all in all and the list of positive aspects is long. The learning and sharing that flowed throughout the whole week was rich... participants came with much to teach and all [were] interested in learning from each other. The schedule of activities we had prepared invited people into working together in a way that led to reminiscing and storytelling."



Financially Speaking: The Year In Review

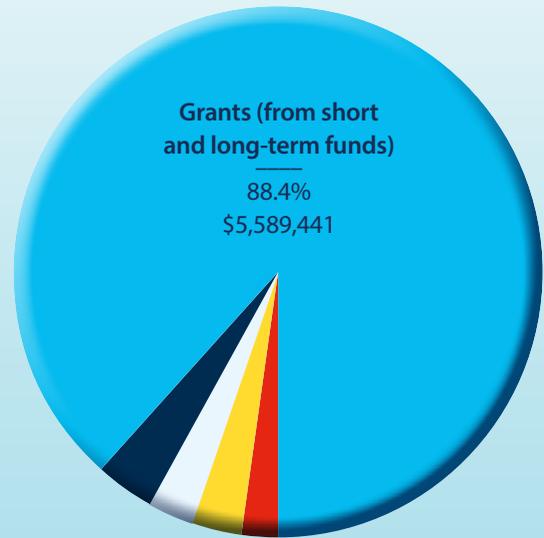
Sources of Donated Revenue

\$7,122,508



Expenditures

\$6,322,233



Investments

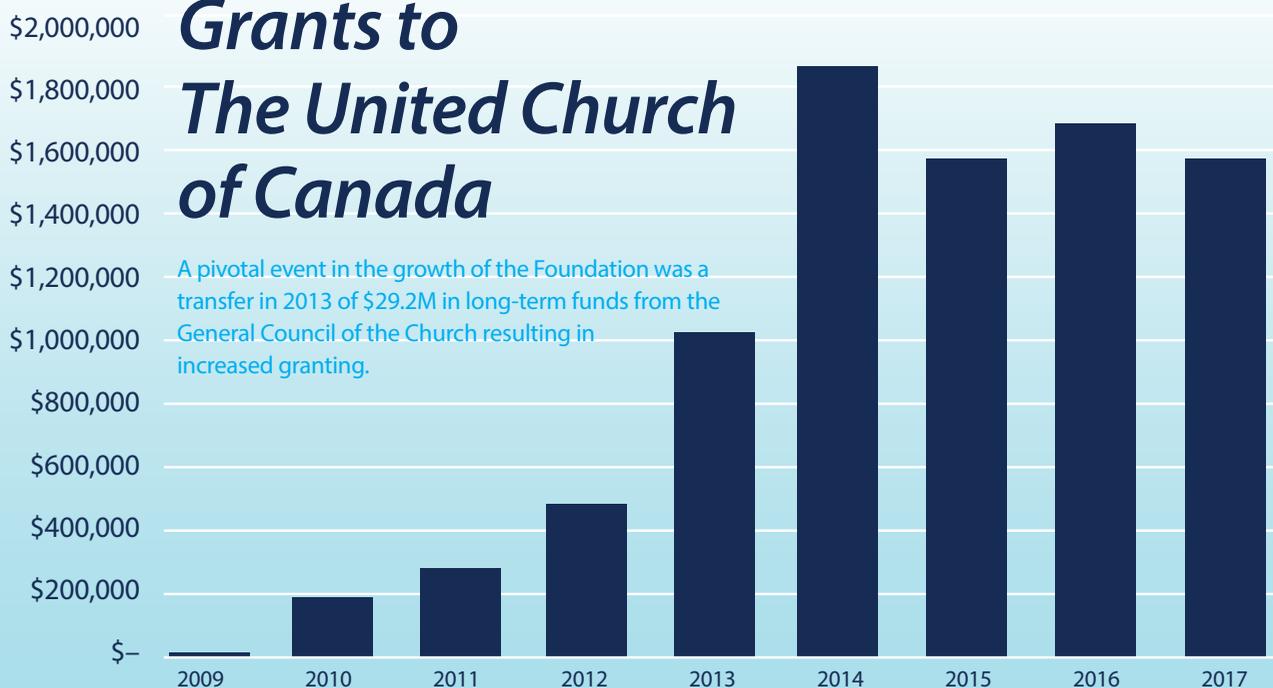
	2017	2016
Investment income	\$ 5,124	\$ 2,417,238
Change in fair market	\$ 5,611,731	\$ 1,277,946
Value of investments*	\$ 5,616,855	\$ 3,695,184

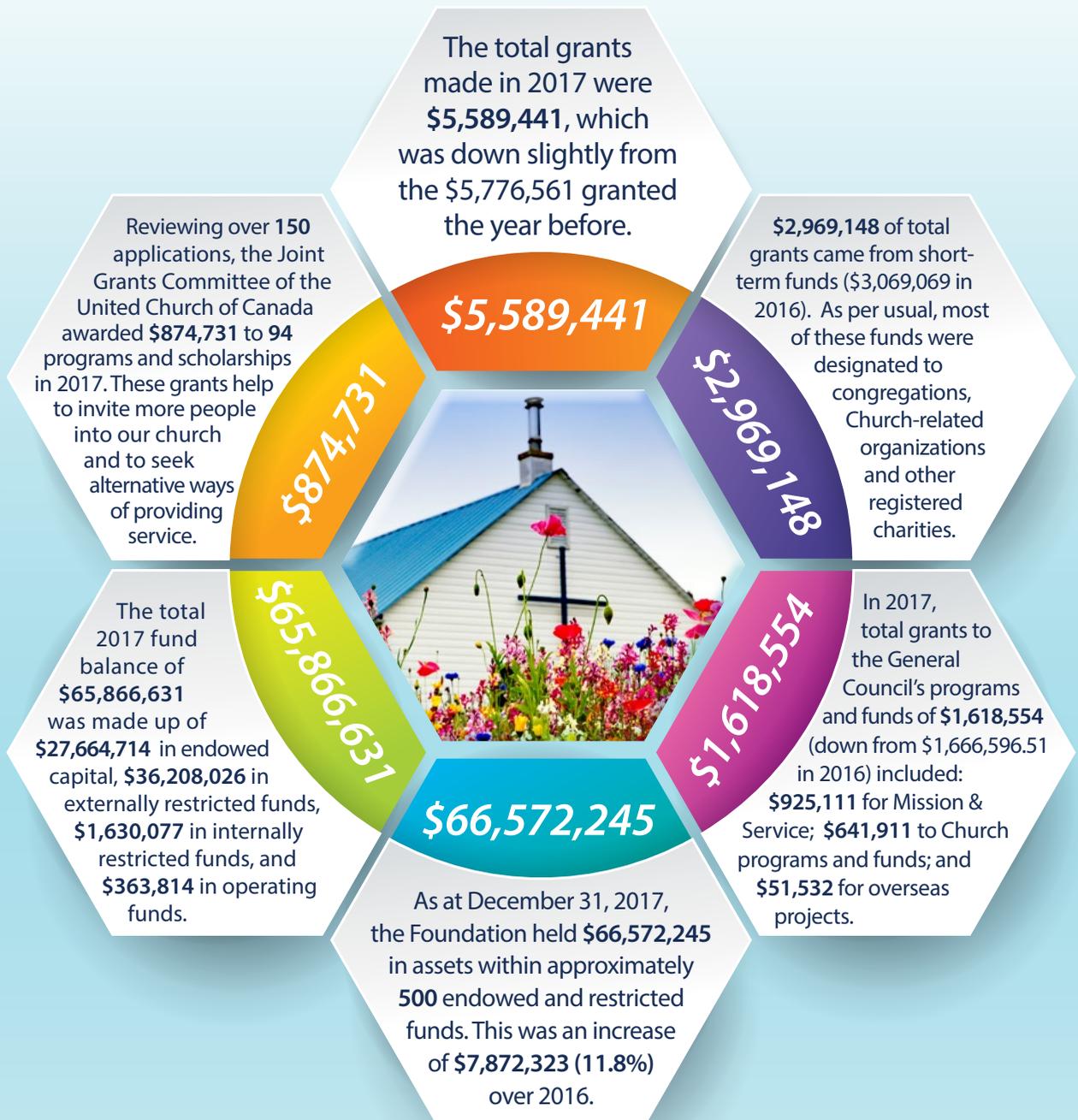
*Note: the change to Fiera's EFT Fund resulted in significant change in fair market value realized in 2017.



Grants to The United Church of Canada

A pivotal event in the growth of the Foundation was a transfer in 2013 of \$29.2M in long-term funds from the General Council of the Church resulting in increased granting.





Direct Investing Program

As of December 31, 2017, there were 145 (up from 135 in 2016) congregations and church-affiliated organizations with a total of \$53.6M (up from \$48.5M in 2016, a 9.5% increase) directly invested with Fiera Capital.

In early 2017, the fund in which the Foundation's assets are invested in at Fiera Capital changed from the Fiera Balanced Fund to Fiera's Balanced Endowment Foundation and Trust (EFT) Fund. The Balanced EFT Fund has a stricter ethical screening and

the Foundation's Investment Committee and Board are pleased with this change. In 2017, Fiera's balanced funds were over 98% compliant with both the Foundation's and United Church's Socially Responsible Investment Policies.



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