



Thanks to the generous members of the United Church and the General Council Office, we are pleased to announce the following grants made through:

The Seeds of Hope Granting Program:

59 grants were awarded through 2019 Spring round of the Seeds of Hope Granting program at the United Church of Canada Foundation totaling \$405,100.

Children, Youth, and Young Adult Programs

From the Camping Trust Fund

- \$2,000 to **Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre** (St. John's, NL) in support of "Camp Refresh" Beachfront Chapel Construction. This project will construct a new chapel on their property, on the beach overlooking the water that is wheelchair accessible. They also aim to improve the condition of the ground in the area by levelling and compacting it so that it is accessible for motorized wheelchairs.

From the Leadership Fund

- \$1,300 to **Melrose United Church** (Hamilton, ON) in support of Ignite Youth Ministries (IYM). Melrose United Church, in partnership with Westdale United Church, is planning to launch Ignite Youth Ministries that will support the spiritual and personal growth and leadership of young people (Grades 6 to 12) in their faith communities as well as the broader community. IYM will also work with both the Melrose and Westdale churches to help identify ways that youth can become more active participants in both churches.

From The Alfred J. Mitchell Fund

- \$2,500 to **Sparrow Lake Camp** (Severn, ON) in support of Staff Mental Health & Faith Formation Training & Support. Sparrow Lake Camp have decided to take strong action to reinvent the camp's training and staff mental health support. The program they will implement would involve connecting with professionals and reworking their staff-training program in order to centre it on the concept of mental health and well-being, as well as on the goals of the UCC camping program.



From The Wesley C. Smith Fund

- \$7,000 to **Camp Cosmos** (Montreal, QC) in support of Youth Leadership Program. The Youth Leadership Program is a program will create a group of Counsellors and Shadows in Training (CITs and SITs). This group of youth, aged 14-17, will be mentored by staff and receive five days of pre-camp training as well as additional training throughout the summer.
- \$4,000 to **Camp Menesetung** (Goderich, ON) in support of In-House subsidized 1:1 camper support for families. This will offer 1:1 support opportunities, enabling families to send their kids with physical or mental exceptionalities to camp.

From The Living Spirit Fund

- \$15,000 to **Leadership Development Camp** (St. Jacobs, ON) in support of EQUIP (Young and Young Adult Leadership Development Program). The vision of EQUIP is to invest in the leadership and faith development of young people. The goal is to create engaging, ongoing, and attainable opportunities for young people to be mentored as Christians and leaders.

From The Watkins Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk

- \$9,500 to **St. Columba House** (Montreal, QC) in support of Enhanced Academic Perseverance Program. This will expand their after school program to include a new aspect that focuses on wellness and mental health for at-risk, elementary aged children. Children will be offered art, music, and drama therapy as well as yoga and meditation on a weekly basis over the school year.
- \$2,000 to **Cave Springs Camp** (Jordan Station, ON) in support of Cave Springs Integration Program. This is a pilot project to integrate children with disabilities into the camp so they may fully experience the camp offerings.
- \$10,000 to **Massey Centre for Women** (Toronto, ON) in support of Rebuilding Lives for at-risk Young Moms and Children. This project will support at-risk pregnant and parenting adolescent moms (aged 13-24) to rebuild their lives after facing intimate partner violence. It will offer social worker support, individualized psychotherapy sessions, and workshops around recognizing unhealthy relationships. Ultimately, the project will help these young moms have healthier relationships and safer environments for themselves and their children.
- \$8,000 to **St. Andrew's United Church** (Brantford, ON) in support of Soup for the Soul School Kid's Lunch Program. This is a lunch program for school-aged kids who are from impoverished families unable to provide a lunch to send with their children to school.



From The Wesley C. Smith Fund, and the Watkins Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk

- \$16,000 to *Squamish United Church* (Squamish, BC) in support of Spirit Kids Summer Childcare Program. This program provides a summer childcare program at a cost that allow lower income families have the childcare they need at a rate they can afford.
 - \$10,500 from the Wesley C. Smith Fund
 - \$5,500 from the Watkins Fund

From The Leadership Endowment Fund, and the Living Spirit Fund

- \$7,000 to *North Bramalea United Church* (Brampton, ON) in support of Young Adult Leadership, Discipleship Path. Over the past three years, North Bramalea has worked hard at growing their young adult ministry (ages 18-30). They have over 80 young adults actively involved in their church. This next step involves investing in their young adults in ways that encourage them to exercise their leadership in their church and beyond. They plan to do that by emphasizing and encouraging the call to grow in Christ through small groups, discipleship courses and leadership retreats.
 - \$4,800 from the Living Spirit Fund
 - \$2,200 from the Leadership Endowment Fund

From The James Robertson Memorial Trust Fund, the Wesley C. Smith Fund, the Davey Family Endowment Fund, the Living Spirit Fund, the Brian and Belva Piercy Fund, the Jean Moore Endowment Fund, and the United Church of Canada Foundation's General Fund

- \$25,000 to *Tatamagouche Centre* (Tatamagouche, NS) in support of Youth Leadership & Justice Initiative. The Youth Leadership & Justice Initiative will remove barriers, and provide leadership opportunities for youth and young adults (Y&YA) to learn, be mentors/mentees, and take leadership as part of Tatamagouche Centre's ministry for personal and social transformation.
 - \$10,000 from the James Robertson Memorial Trust Fund
 - \$1,600 from the Wesley C. Smith Fund
 - \$1,500 from the Davey Family Endowment Fund
 - \$6,000 from the Living Spirit Fund
 - \$3,000 from the Brian and Belva Piercy Fund
 - \$1,150 from the Jean Moore Endowment Fund
 - \$1,750 from the United Church of Canada Foundation's General Fund

Events

From The William Naylor Trust Fund, and the Living Spirit Fund

- \$6,000 to *St. Andrew's United Church* (Markham, ON) in support of YourSong FREE Song writing Workshops & Concerts. This is a series of free song writing workshops (with subsidized meals and transportation) where individuals of diverse ethnicities, religions, socioeconomic status and age, gather to learn song writing from local musicians. Each series of workshops will culminate with a free concert, open to the community, where the participants can perform their songs



onstage and have their performances professionally recorded. The workshops will provide an environment where each participant is recognized as having inherent value and each participant is seen, heard and accepted by teachers, volunteers and fellow participants.

- \$3,300 from the William Naylor Trust Fund
- \$2,700 from the Living Spirit Fund

Faith Formation & Congregational Ministry

From The Faith and Mission Fund

- \$3,250 to *Highland Hills United Church* (Minden, ON) in support of Ministry Explorations. The project will explore opportunities for different expressions of worship and experiencing faith and spirituality to serve not only their congregation, but also local communities.

Housing Programs

From the Ina Grafton Gage Fund

- \$50,000 to *The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor* (Windsor, ON) in support of Building Hope. This project will create transitional housing to reduce the community's homeless crisis.

Peace, Justice, and Leadership Programs

From the Davey Family Fund

- \$5,000 to *Coverdale Courtwork Society* (Halifax, NS) in support of Positive Release and Drop-in Program. The program is designed to support women and girls who are being released from provincial and federal prison. Often when the institution has successfully reintegrated women into the community there follows a very critical time when women need additional support to maintain their status in the community. The Positive Release and Drop-in Program will play a beneficial role at this crucial point. Women will be provided a release kit which includes bus tickets, a booklet of resources, a meeting with a staff/volunteer person to connect them with supports such as income assistance and housing, a grocery card, and a bag filled with personal care products and other essential items that will address their health needs.

From The United Church of Canada Foundation's General Fund

- \$30,000 to *Shining Waters Regional Council* (Oro-Medonte, ON) in support of Canadian Circle of Courage & Renewal Facilitator Preparation Program. This project will prepare Circle of Trust® (Courage to Lead) facilitators in Canada, for certification by the Center for Courage & Renewal (CCR). Facilitator Preparation will be responsive and appropriate to the needs of diverse Canadian leaders, communities and ministries. The number and diversity of well-equipped Canadian facilitators will increase through this financially accessible two-year preparation



program, including a mutual discernment retreat, two training retreats and a year of mentoring. Former Moderator Mardi Tindal and Mike Saver of Toronto are lead trainers, joined by Brian Braganza with Tatamagouche Centre and John Fenner who coordinates the CCR Facilitator Preparation program.

- \$750 to *Église Unie de la Grâce United Church* (Chelsea, QC) in support of Bilingual Camp Awesome. Grace United Church, in partnership with an Anglican neighbour at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, would like to offer a bilingual faith-based summer camp for children in the Chelsea community. To do this, they are working with the regional United Church “Camp Awesome” program, in which youth and young adult leaders create a week of camp and offer it in nearby churches. This would be the first bilingual Camp Awesome.

From William Naylor Trust

- \$1,500 to *Tatamagouche Centre* (Tatamagouche, NS) in support of Denominational Capacity Building. Their ASPIRE Education Design and Facilitation program will help to equip regions 14 and 15 to meet new challenges through enhanced leadership training.

From the Brian and Belva Piercy Fund

- \$7,500 to *Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre* (Beausejour, MB) in support of Healing Circles for Residential School Survivors. This project will provide students in their ministry training program with the recourse to start/continue their healing journey

The Kingscourt United Church Endowment Fund

- \$3,000 to *Green’s Harbour Pastoral Charge* (Trinity Bay, NL) in support of First United Memorial Peace Garden. This project will erect a peace garden in memory of all members of First United Church who have passed on, as well as the church itself, which was demolished in 2017. The garden will also contain the first cenotaph for the community of Hopeall.

The Brian and Belva Piercy Fund, and the Peace and Justice Fund

- \$2,400 to *Christ First United Church* (Mississauga, ON) in support of Called to Transform: Creating Faithful Communities for those with Cognitive Impairment and their Caregivers. Christ First UC will create a support group for families and individuals who experience cognitive impairment that will be ongoing and a culture of welcome and acceptance and a church community that is safe, loving and deeply inclusive.
 - \$2,200 from the Peace and Justice Fund
 - \$200 from the Brian and Belva Piercy Fund

The Jean Moore Endowment Fund

- \$10,000 to *Cloverdale Pastoral Charge* (Surrey, BC) in support of the Intercultural Connection Project. This project will develop an intercultural ministry project that engages newcomers of all ages and backgrounds.



- \$5,000 to **St. Paul's United Church** (Saskatoon, SK) in support of Sutherland Inn from the Cold. The congregation's neighbours are 1/3 new Canadians, 1/3 self identified First Nations and 1/3 low-income families. St. Paul's will prepare and offer a safe inclusive space for next winter. They have the space already where they host a weekly soup lunch for those in need of a warm meal, the opportunity to practise language skills or those in need of companionship.
- \$6,250 to **Southminster United Church** (Niagara Falls, ON) in support of a Project Care Co-ordinator: Thrift Shop/Community Lunch/Drop In. These funds will help hire a project co-ordinator to oversee and integrate the three ministries to maximize the resources and programs.

The Peace and Justice Fund

- \$4,600 to **House of Lazarus Matilda Resource Centre Inc.** (Mountain, ON) in support of Linking Hands Drop-in Centres. Linking Hands will offer a weekly drop-in program in two locations for people living with mental illness, addictions, poverty and/or hunger. The program will provide a healthy breakfast, practical supports such as toiletries, socks, underwear, and mittens, clothing and emergency food supply. Services such as dental care, income tax assistance, and hairdressing, and agencies such as the Legal Clinic, Canadian Mental Health Association, and Eastern Ontario Health Unit will offer services to those attending. The goal is to break social isolation, provide resources and offer a healthy meal to promote a healthy life style and provide much needed support.

Seniors Ministries

From The Ann Baker Fund

- \$7,500 to **North Bramalea United Church** (Brampton, ON) in support of Alpha for Seniors. Alpha is a Christian basics course that both reaches new people as well as helps grow people in faith who have been around the church for years. They have been pleasantly surprised how people of all ages have been blessed by this initiative. The basic program involves 12 weeks plus a retreat weekend. Each session includes a free dinner, inspiring and informative video and a small group discussion.

From The Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults

- \$8,000 to **Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre** (St. John's, NL) in support of Improving Life Through Better Eating Options. This project aims to hydroponic growing so they will be able to grow their own produce to provide to their members. They will also offer fresh fruit to all three of the programs operating at the Centre. They currently serve over 200 meals weekly and wish to introduce fresh fruit to reduce the high levels of sugar in their food.



- \$2,000 to ***Cedar Park United Church*** (Pointe-Claire, QC) in support of Soul Food Ministry. This project will feed hungry spirits and stomachs, decrease social isolation and increase the sense of belonging amongst people of all ages and backgrounds.
- \$1,250 to ***Castlegar-Kinnaird Pastoral Charge*** (Castlegar, BC) in support of a Hearing Loop for Community Members with Hearing Loss. Participants in Sunday services are growing in age and number, and the congregation has learned that the increased background noise is becoming a problem for people with hearing loss. A hearing loop would allow people with hearing loss to dial up the amplified sound without raising the volume of background noise, and allow all participants in Sunday services to feel welcomed.
- \$10,000 to ***Case United Church*** (Mount Hope, ON) in support of Case Community Centre. Case United Church has a vision of becoming a community hub for seniors in their area. With already popular seniors programming, they will hire a part-time coordinator to help them “to love and serve others” by identifying needs in the neighbourhood and assisting them in developing programs and organizing workshops to promote the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health of older adults.
- \$10,000 to ***Our Place Society*** (Victoria, BC) in support of Seniors Social Inclusion Program. The Seniors Social Inclusion Program supports seniors aged 55+ who are accessing services at the Our Place Drop-In Centre, or who are living in supported or transitional housing provided by Our Place. Started in 2018 as a pilot project to connect impoverished seniors with social inclusion services, the program focused on meeting basic needs due to the complex nature of the multi-barriers faced by the participants. New requests from participants have arisen to access multi-faith spiritual care, advanced health care and end-of-life planning, and support navigating systems. The aim of this grant is to expand this pilot beyond its original mandate to meet the immediate and pressing needs of homeless, isolated and marginalized seniors.
- \$9,000 to ***Delhi United Church*** (Delhi, ON) in support of Pay It Forward Café. The Pay It Forward Café will be a much needed community hub. It will specifically address the needs of seniors, the un/underemployed and those who find themselves using the food bank. They will offer regular lunches, more nutritious food options for families and individuals as well as meal preparations, a freezer ministry, a sharing closet and a place to gather in hope and welcome.
- \$575 to ***Sprucedale United Church*** (Chatham, ON) in support of Ukulele Activities. This is an outreach program providing free Ukulele lessons to adults (mostly seniors) to be able to provide entertainment to local Retirement and Nursing Homes in the community as well as other churches and community activities.

From The Ann Baker Fund for Innovative Seniors' Ministry, and the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults

- \$15,390 to ***Middleton United Church*** (Middle Musquodoboit, NS) in support of Connecting Seniors Through Thoughtful Food. This project will build social and intergenerational programming for isolated seniors to help connect them with their new garden, to each other



and to others in the community. The garden will offer a welcoming place for reflection, shade and opportunity for invitational programming designed by the seniors themselves.

- \$10,000 from the Ann Baker Fund
- \$5,390 from the Watkins Fund

Research, Scholarship, & Academic Awards

From the Rowntree Scholarship

- **Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg** (Saskatoon, SK) in support of her Language Matters: Preaching and Intercultural Ministry in the United Church of Canada study. The project aims to study the preachers whose mother tongue is not English or who have an accent different from the Canadian norm and serve Anglo congregations, including ministers newly admitted to the UCC. This project will gather these marginalized preachers to share their experiences in the pulpit, name their challenges and lift up their unique gifts to the church. It will raise awareness of this intercultural and inter-lingual reality so that congregations, and other bodies (Office of Vocation and other appropriate courts) might better appreciate and support these preachers in ways that are conducive to intercultural ministry.

From the Bill and Anna Jentsch Endowment Bursary

- **Emily Morrison**
- **Catherine Tovell**
- **Tracy Crick-Butler**
- **Elizabeth Cunningham**
- **Michelle Armstrong**
- **Sheryl Johnson**
- **Kristin Philipson**
- **Laura Hermakin**
- **Kelly Hudson-Lewis**
- **Carol Many Chief**
- **Elise Feltrin**
- **Christine Johnson**

From the Victor Blatherwick Memorial Bursary

- **Sheryl Johnson**

From the Clifford Elliott Spirit of Saskatchewan Award

- **Laura Hermakin**
- **Hati Mvundura**

From the W. Norman McLeod Scholarship

- **Tracy Crick-Butler**
- **Sherpherd Munikwa**
- **Paul Walfall**

From the Elizabeth White Bursary

- *Xueping (Maggie) Ma*
- *Sheng Ping Guo*
- *The Chinese Association of United Church Canada*

The New Ministries Fund:

14 grants were awarded in the 2019 Spring round from The New Ministries Fund totaling \$331,000.

Second Instalment

- \$16,000 to *St. Andrew's United Church* (Calgary, AB), in support of Calgary Queer Church. Second year of a two-year grant;

Third Instalment

- \$25,000 to *Bashaw United Church* (Bashaw, AB), in support of Rising Spirit. Third year of a three-year grant;
- \$25,000 to *Toronto South West Presbytery* (Toronto, ON), in support of Ministère protestant de Toronto/ French Protestant Ministry of Toronto. Third year of a three-year grant;
- \$25,000 to *Westmount Park United Church* (Westmount, QC), in support of Living Church. Third year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to *Camino de Emaús United Church* (Montreal, QC), in support of Camino de Oro Project. Third year of a three-year grant.

New Grants

- \$25,000 to *Trinity United Church* (Thunder Bay, ON), in support of Trinity Live,.
- \$25,000 to *The United Church of Canada Church in Mission Unit* (Toronto, ON), in support of Zimbabwe Western and Eastern Mission.
- \$25,000 to *Grace United Church* (Barrie, ON), in support of Youth and Music Ministries. \$25,000/year for three years.
- \$25,000 to *Kingsway Lambton United Church* (Toronto, ON), in support of the Kingsway-Lambton's Fresh Start project. \$25,000/year for three years.
- \$25,000 to *MacKay United Church* (Ottawa, ON), in support of the Kindness of Jazz project. \$25,000/year for three years.
- \$25,000 to *Ste. Genevieve United Church* (Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC), in support of ORA grief workshops. \$25,000/year for three years.
- \$15,000 to *Stittsville United Church* (Stittsville, ON), in support of a Spiritual Growth Animator. This is a three year grant of \$15,000 in year one, \$10,000 in year two, and \$5,000 in year three.
- \$25,000 to *Wild Rose United Church* (Calgary, AB), in support of Spiritual Wellness Ministry and Wellness Hub. \$25,000/year for three years.
- \$25,000 to *New Vision United Church* (Hamilton, ON) in support of creating a Live Music Venue/ New Vision Social Enterprise Discretionary Business Trust.



If you have questions about these awards, would like to apply for a grant, find out if your project is eligible for funding, or would like to learn more about the Foundation, please contact us at 1-866-340-8223 or by email at grants@united-church.ca