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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:

*14 grants were awarded through 2021 Fall round of the Seeds of Hope Granting program at the United Church of Canada Foundation totaling \$121,700.*

### Children, Youth, and Young Adult Programs

#### **From the Wesley C. Smith Fund**

- \$5,000 to **The GO Project** (Oro-Medonte, ON) in support of the *GO Out of the Box - Pre Recorded Sunday School* project. In partnership with UCRD, The Go Project are expanding their Sunday School and Youth Group curriculum resources even further to include a Pre-Recorded Sunday School subscription that includes weekly videos, activities, discussion suggestions, and original story cartoons. Curriculum is written by trained Christian educators, ministers, and Sunday school leaders. All resources are written with UCC theology with the pedagogy to understand a story and integrate it into your life and to see children as spiritual discerners.

#### **From the Peace & Justice Fund, the Living Spirit Fund, and the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund**

- \$5,000 to **Humber Valley United Church** (Etobicoke, ON) in support of the *Youth with A Cause (YWAC)* project. To support Humber Valley Youth group and other local youth groups to help youth in need by providing lunches (and dinners) to homeless youth in downtown Toronto; and by providing education opportunities about social justice issues affecting youth.
  - \$1,300 from the Peace & Justice Fund
  - \$1,000 from the Living Spirit Fund
  - \$2,700 from the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund

### Events

#### **From the James Robertson Memorial Trust Fund**

- \$10,000 to **Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre** (Beausejour, MB) in support of *Return of the Buffalo Monthly Reunions 2022*. Return of the Buffalo offers summer retreats, and, as of fall of 2021, monthly reunions, for Indigenous families who are trying to avoid child apprehensions, are



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working toward reunification, or are recovering from the trauma of apprehension and separation. The Return of the Buffalo retreats get people on the land and return them to Spirit... "We have seen phenomenal impacts in relationships between partners, participants' relationship with self, and their relationships in community". --Jackie Anderson, project partner.

## Faith Formation & Congregational Ministry

### **From the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund**

- \$6,800 to **1JustCity** (Winnipeg, MB) in support of *Let Justice Flow*. Let Justice Flow is a twelve-session program that will offer a transformative educational experience enabling participants from United and Anglican churches to link faith and social justice and put their learnings into action. As part of the program, participants will volunteer at 3 of 1JustCity's sites and will plan and implement a program in their congregations that will strengthen the connection with 1JustCity.
- \$20,000 to **Montreal City Mission/La Mission communautaire de Montreal** (Montreal, QC) in support of *New Wineskins*. St. James United & MCM are currently involved in redeveloping the SJU building site through EDGE and the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC). The future of the United Church in downtown Montreal, and indeed in other cities and regions, depends on broad visioning. New Wineskins will tap into the wisdom of young adults - churched, interfaith, spiritual but not religious, etc. to envision church for a post secular age through discussion forums, environmental projects, neighbourhood outreach, ritual.

### **From the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults, and The United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund**

- \$25,000 to **Hillhurst United Church** (Calgary, AB) in support of *Expanding Music Beyond Sunday: Music and Artist in Residence*. The Music and Worship Arts Resident will offer diverse, inspiring, and original music to explore what music looks like beyond Sunday worship to promote spiritual growth in various ministries (including children, youth, seniors). The Resident is responsible for inviting and collaborating with musicians from diverse backgrounds, such as Indigenous, LGBTQ2IA+, and BIPOC artists, in a way that engages and educates congregants. Additionally, the Resident will find ways for musical participation in intergenerational and multi-cultural capacities.
  - \$5,000 from the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults
  - \$20,000 from the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund



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## **From the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund, and the Wesley C. Smith Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk**

- \$9,900 to **Crescent Fort Rouge United Church** (Winnipeg, MB) in support of the *Post-pandemic, Hit Refresh!* project. Crescent Fort Rouge embraces the idea that things will never go back to the way they were pre-pandemic. Indications are that virtual is here to stay and that the walls of the church need to be broken down even further. CFRUC wishes to research, design, develop, and equip themselves to sustain a need centred ministry to community children, youth and their families that would be both in-person and also virtually delivered.
  - \$4,300 from the Wesley C. Smith Fund
  - \$5,600 from the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund

## Peace, Justice, and Leadership Programs

### **From the Davey Family Fund**

- \$6,000 to **Brunswick Street Mission** (Halifax, NS) in support of the *Program Equipment Purchase project*. Brunswick Street Mission needs to purchase equipment to improve Food Bank, Breakfast Program, Outreach and Client Navigator Program. Food Market is moving to a choice model, the freezer will show clients the available perishables more clearly. Client Navigator Program requires a television promoting upcoming programming, in various languages for clients. Outreach requires a secure cell charging station for clients.

### **From the Peace & Justice Fund**

- \$1,000 to **Emmanuel United Church** (Cowansville, QC) in support of the *Emmanuel Welcome Project/Projet Bienvenue*. For many years Emmanuel has welcomed new arrivals into the Cowansville area and community of faith. Families arriving as immigrants, refugees or asylum seekers are living significant transitions and bravely leaving so much behind. To support their new transitions, they have discerned the need of a welcome package that includes new, clean and gently used bedding, new pillows, sheets, towels, quilts and handwoven bed covering, along with vouchers to purchase items from local supporters and sponsors.

### **From the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults**

- \$15,000 to **Edson United Church** (Edson, AB) in support of the *Feeding the hungry project*. Edson United Church plan to cook and deliver two meals every two weeks to approximately 120 people with 80% being seniors. The rest are either people experiencing homelessness or those who are at risk of being homeless. Part of the reporting of this project will include their findings



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on food insecurity in rural Canada and how a local congregation can respond with service and advocacy.

### **From the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund**

- \$5,000 to **Wellington Square United Church** (Burlington, ON) in support of the *Meal Bag Program - Transitional Housing Ministry*. The Transitional Housing Meal Support Program will provide emergency food, prepared meals, and other needed items to those living in transitional housing (shelters, emergency hotel program) in the Halton Region. This program will operate through volunteer drivers delivering the meal boxes twice per week, to eliminate accessibility barriers for residents. This new program targets those within this framework who are in emergency transitional housing and do not have access to cooking infrastructure.

### **From the Jean Moore Endowment Fund, and the Davey Family Fund**

- \$5,000 to **Davenport Perth Community Ministry** (Toronto, ON) in support of *Tracing Gete-Onigaming Routes*. Tracing Gete-Onigaming Routes is continuing their storytelling project which started in 2017. They are reframing the 2021 storytelling project to reflect on the context of how COVID-19, has forced community members to find new ways to sustain themselves amongst spaces of food insecurity and marginalization. This project is intergenerational, as seniors share their stories with young people, building connections and conversation in dialogue. They plan to engage in artistic forms which includes film.
  - \$4,800 from the Jean Moore Endowment Fund
  - \$200 from the Davey Family Fund

### **From the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund, and the Ann Baker Estate Trust for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults**

- \$2,500 to **St Paul's United Church** (Petrolia, ON) in support of the *Petrolia Community Refrigerator project*. Petrolia Community Refrigerator is a project targeting "food insecurity". Their church is sponsoring the start-up by providing access and utilities. The motto is "Take What you Need", "Leave What You Can". People in need can access the refrigerator 24/7, and people of the community can drop off food items anytime. They have support and approval by the Town of Petrolia, County of Lambton and their local LHU (Lambton Health Unit).
  - \$1,000 from the Anne Baker Estate Fund
  - \$1,500 from the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund



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## From the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund, and the Davey Family Fund

- \$5,500 to **Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre** (Beausejour, MB) in support of *Drilling of new Well for sustainable water supply*. The Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual centre is needing a new deeper well for a sustainable water supply so that they can rely on clean drinking water, and stop buying bottled water.
  - \$500 from the Davey Family Fund
  - \$5,000 from the United Church of Canada Foundation General Fund

## The New Ministries Fund:

**8 New Ministries grants were awarded in the 2021 Fall round from Embracing the Spirit totaling \$170,000.**

### **First Instalment**

- \$20,000 to **Trinity United Church** (Montreal, QC) in support of *L'Église Sainte-Claire an Online French Ministry project*. First year of a two-year grant.
- \$20,000 to **Eglinton St. George's United Church** (Toronto, ON) in support of *Flourish House*. First year of a three-year grant.
- \$5,000 to **The United Church of Canada Korean Network** (Toronto, ON) in support of *The Growth and Development of The United Church of Canada Korean Network*. First year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to **Naramata Centre Society** (Naramata, BC) in support of *Creating Online Paths to Spiritual Learnings and Practices*. First year of a two-year grant.

### **Second Instalment**

- \$25,000 to **Pearce Williams United Church Christian Centre** (Fingal, ON) in support of *Outdoor Ministries Institute Canada*. Second year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to **The United Church of Canada EDGE unit** (Toronto, ON) in support of *The HUB Ministry*. Second year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to **Trinity United Church** (Napane, ON) in support of *Trinity LIFE Ministry*. Second year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to **Beaconsfield United Church** (Montreal, QC) in support of *Refugee Integration and Support Program*. Second and final installment of a two-year grant.

***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](mailto:grants@united-church.ca)***