



Your Impact Easter 2026

This Easter, Ensure Your Ministry is Your Legacy

If you're anything like me, you look forward to hearing all of the amazing stories of impact and change that come as a result of gifts to Mission and Service. The reason that Mission and Service is so effective—and has been effective for the past hundred years—is because when people make gifts to Mission and Service, they know that their money is going to help people make a difference. That's true whether those gifts are impacting local ministries here in Canada, or changing lives in countries across the globe – and whether those gifts are made each year, or are legacy gifts.

Year-in and year-out, gifts to Mission and Service – made by donors like you, alongside hundreds of legacy gifts – have transformed and saved lives, inspired people to live with meaning and purpose, and helped to build a better, more sustainable world.

Now, it is time to consider what your legacy could accomplish. By leaving Mission and Service a legacy gift in your will, you can create a meaningful, impactful difference in the lives

of Canadians and our global neighbours for years and years to come!

I invite you to read the incredible stories of impact here in this report, and to imagine what a portion of your estate could do to ensure that these ministries can continue to be supported and to do good work for future generations.

If you are interested in learning more about making a legacy gift to Mission and Service, please visit centennialcampaign.ca for more information, and to contact The United Church of Canada Foundation, who will answer any questions you may have.

Have a blessed and wonderful Easter,



Sarah Charters
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Giving Kids Across Canada the Camp Experience



All across Canada, United Church Camps run programs that connect visitors of all ages to the natural world that God has made for us. If you've ever been to camp, then you'll know just how impactful they can be:

children learn to be self-sufficient, to be self-assured and confident in their abilities. We learn new skills, explore Mother Nature, and – most importantly – have fun while doing it!

Mission and Service is proud to be a supporter and partner of United Church Camps across our country. This year, Mission and Service has already granted more than \$230,000 to 15 different United Church Camps.

In doing so, Mission and Service is ensuring that our camps have the resources they need to offer spots to children who wouldn't be able to otherwise afford to go to camp. Mission and Service grants helped camps make important upgrades and repairs to their facilities and grounds, and bring in new and transformational programming that provides campers with unique insights and perspectives.

Increasingly, United Church Camps have become places of welcoming and belonging. Queer youth – who can be (wrongfully and harmfully) told that the Bible preaches against their existence – are discovering that United Church Camps are places where they can go to reaffirm their faith and be reassured that God loves them, just the way they are.

In Small-town New Brunswick, the Church is the Centre of Community

In Chipman, New Brunswick – along the Salmon River, in a town where the sawmill runs steady and neighbours greet each other by name – community isn't an idea. It's a way of life. For over 126 years, Chipman United Church has been woven into that life. Not on the edges of town, but at its heart.

They'll tell you they're small. Mostly seniors with a handful of youth – four who now help lead worship. A small but excellent choir. Nothing flashy.



Each month, about sixty meals are prepared and delivered through the LIFT program – feeding children, seniors and others in need in the community. The church hall opens to community groups and sports programs. Hot chocolate is poured at the Christmas parade. Members serve across town – in service clubs, outreach programs, wherever there's a need. Showing up isn't an event here, it's a habit.

A few years ago, when some members could no longer get to church, the congregation decided to bring church to them. They hoped maybe twenty people would watch online. Instead, thousands tuned in.



Now prayer requests arrive by email. First names are spoken aloud on Sunday mornings. A painting of the sanctuary – created by a late member – is being turned into cards to send to people who need a reminder that they belong.

Mission and Service helps support communities like Chipman – so that churches in small towns continue to anchor the places around them.

In places like Chipman, church isn't separate from community, it's part of the reason the community feels like home.

Preparing for Climate Resiliency Around the Globe

Mission and Service does incredible work across Canada, but your gifts have global impacts, too! In Zambia, Mission and Service has partnered with Women for Change for more than 30 years, working to share knowledge and resources across more than 1,500 communities.

In Zambia, climate change is threatening millions of lives. In areas where historically, there has been little rain, there are now floods. Other regions where there used to be floods now experience droughts.

Shadrack Chembe, the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at Women for Change, says that while women are impacted by climate change, they are often left out of the decision processes surrounding what to do about it. Women For Change organizes and mobilizes women to come together to have a greater say at the table, and to better share critical information. Involving women in decision making makes the solutions more sustainable, easier to implement, and increases participation.

For example, Women for Change helps families across multiple communities buy and share different seeds. Poor farmers are often locked into planting only a single crop, leaving them vulnerable to climate change. But by banding together, farmers can share resources and become more resilient to shifting climates.

“We are grateful for The United Church’s support,” says Chembe. “The church has really been there for many years, helping us build awareness and resiliency. It’s been a real partnership.”

Your gifts through Mission and Service support long-term, life-changing work through committed partners like Women for Change. Thank you.



A Prayer for Easter Meditation

Jesus's first act after being baptized was to go out into the Wilderness for forty days, to reflect on his coming ministry. Today, we pray for our own time in the Wilderness, and that discernment will find us there.

God of the wild Wilderness,
In the hustle and bustle
of the year, you are there:
Quiet, waiting, patient.

Help guide us to the quiet centre,
So we know what we can do,
How we can help,
And how we can live out your work.

Help us follow Jesus
Into the Wilderness, and then
Out into the grander world.


Amen.


Transform lives.
Inspire meaning
and purpose.
Build a better world.




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