

Grants for Mission and Ministry Available in 2010
DEADLINE FOR SPRING APPLICATIONS APRIL 15, 2010

Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults

The Watkins Fund for Senior Adults is a bequest to The United Church of Canada from Reginald W. Watkins for the purpose of work with senior adults.

Grants from the fund are available to United Church pastoral charges, United Church outreach ministries and United Church corporations to support innovative initiatives in seniors' ministry in the following areas:

1. Grants for feasibility and planning studies that can assist United Church *congregations and* institutions in planning for capital projects directed towards increased accessibility, and/or the development of new facilities to enable new directions and programs for senior's ministry. Grants in this area do not normally exceed \$10,000. Funding for capital programs to create accessibility should come from other sources.
2. Seed money or start-up funds for new programs and new directions within existing programs. Grants normally do not exceed \$20,000 for one year with the expectation that on-going support will come from other sources.
3. Grants for structural changes and upgrading of existing facilities to United Church institutions including congregations, outreach ministries and senior's homes. Normally this is a onetime grant not exceeding \$20,000. Applicants must demonstrate how the grant contributes to the fostering of senior's ministry in the institution. Grants in this area will not normally be given for capital expenditures that are specifically related to accessibility to the building.

Applicants will be eligible for one grant from only one of the three categories above in any given year.

In all three areas above, priority will be given to projects which:

- Are first time applications
- Advance or enable innovative programs for seniors;
- Involve senior adults in planning and carrying out the program or project;
- Help senior adults as far as possible to be self-determining whatever their situation;
- Provide opportunities for senior adults to use their knowledge and skills;
- Help senior adults to grow in faith, insight, and self-esteem.

Watkins Fund/ Wesley C. Smith Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk

The Watkins Fund for the Poor is a bequest to The United Church of Canada from the estate Reginald W. Watkins for the purpose of work with the poor. The Smith Fund is a bequest to The United Church of Canada from the estate of Wesley C. Smith for work with neglected children.

Grants from the fund are available to United Church pastoral charges, United Church outreach ministries and United Church corporations to support innovative ministry with the poor **or** with children *at risk* in the following areas:

1. Grants for feasibility and planning studies that can assist United Church *congregations* or institutions in planning for initiatives related to innovative projects with the poor. Grants in this area do not normally exceed \$5,000.
2. Grants for feasibility and planning studies that can assist United Church congregations or institutions in planning for initiatives related to innovative projects with at risk children. Grants in this area do not normally exceed \$5,000.
3. Seed money or start-up funds for pilot projects that explore new directions in overcoming poverty Grants normally do not exceed \$10,000 for one year with the expectation that on-going support will come from other sources.
4. Seed money or start-up funds for pilot projects dealing with at risk children. Grants normally do not exceed \$10,000 for one year with the expectation that on-going support will come from other sources.

Applicants will be eligible for one grant from either category 1. or 3. and also one grant from either category 2. or 4. in any given year.

Priority will be given to projects which are first time applications, that:

- Advance or enable innovative programs for the poor and/or *at risk* children
- Involve individuals who will benefit in planning and carrying out the program or project;
- Provide opportunities for individuals to use their knowledge and skills;
- Help people to grow in faith, insight, and self-esteem.

Rowntree Scholarship:

A Scholarship for Reimagining the United Church of Canada

The Marjorie F. Rowntree Fund together with the Chester Rowntree Fund offers *an amount not to exceed* \$30,000 annually for research that explores, draws together and reflects on fresh expressions of The United Church of Canada in our changing social context.

Criteria:

Applications will be based on existing and innovative expressions in ministry in either an operative or design stage. This ministry must contribute to an understanding of the church transformed for more effective and faithful ministry in the changing social context of Canada, including the focus on intercultural ministry. The grant will provide opportunities to an individual (or individuals) in a leadership and design role in this ministry to undertake focused writing time, travel and consultation, leading to a written report.

The project will:

- 1) Focus on research that explores ministry models and innovations that provide imaginative resources for the United Church and United Church ministries to more richly engage God's mission in the world.
- 2) Explore emerging practice as well as current writing in their area of focus
- 3) Include contexts of new ministry development, ministry renewal/re-development, new forms of ministry partnership
- 4) Make connections between the area of exploration and the United Church context and outlining potential implications for United Church ministries, polity and practice.
- 5) Potentially include hands on experimentation (creation of *new* ministries or experimenting with new models *in existing ministries*)

Successful applicants would submit a written report of their findings.

The Rowntree Scholarship Fund will assist the United Church of Canada in benefiting from research that explores and draws out implications from the experiences of ministers and ministries that will help the church of the future effectively minister within the new and emerging Canadian reality.