2011 Seeds of Hope Grants from The United Church of Canada and The United Church of Canada Foundation

To date in 2011, through the Seeds of Hope granting program, the church and Foundation distributed 14 grants totalling $139,500. The details of the good work undertaken by various congregations and outreach ministries that received funding are below.

Seniors' Ministries

Grant from the church's Ann Baker Fund for Innovative Seniors' Ministry of The United Church of Canada

- *$6,200 to George Street United Church, St. John's, Newfoundland, for the Respecting Our Past & Securing Our Future project*
  Seniors and youth will work together to offer interpretive tours of the church, including developing story boards and print material.

Grant from the church's Watkins Fund for Innovative Seniors' Ministry

- *$20,000 to First United Church, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, for Parkview Apartments Incorporated*
  First United Church's building is undergoing renovations that will include adding seniors' housing. The connection between the housing and the church will expand the seniors' ministry at First United.

Children's Ministries

Grant from the Foundation's Living Spirit Fund

- *$15,500 to Naramata Centre, Naramata, British Columbia, for the Wayfinding Program*
  The Wayfinding Program supports youth in their transition to adulthood.

Grant from the Foundation's Brian & Belva Piercy Fund

- *$5,000 to Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, for a Social Justice Youth Training Program*
  The program will train youth in facilitation, conflict management, educational design, youth engagement, service learning, and workshop development and implementation.

Faith Exploration

Grant from the church's Rowntree Scholarship

- *$30,000 to Davidson United Church, Davidson, Saskatchewan, for the project Understanding Rural Spirituality: Re-imagining models for rural and remote ministry*
  In conjunction with various partners, Davidson United Church will undertake research to determine what people who do not participate in their regular services need to fulfill their spirituality and how Davidson United can leverage its assets to contribute to that fulfillment.

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Social Justice and Outreach

Grants from the church's Watkins/Wesley C. Smith Fund for Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk

- *$5,000 to Eden Community Food Bank, Mississauga, Ontario, for a Food Delivery Program*
  The program will deliver food to people who cannot otherwise access the Food Bank's services.

- *$2,500 to First Pilgrim United Church, Hamilton, Ontario, for the Community Crossroads Program*
  Community Crossroads provides critical support, socialization, and recreational activities for isolated individuals.

- *$4,000 to Shellbrook Area Ministerial Food Bank, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, for the Food Bank*
  The Ministerial Food Bank is an ecumenical effort to break the cycle of hunger and poverty in the Shellbrook area.

- *$13,800 to St. Paul's United Church, Riverview, New Brunswick, for the Y Alternative Suspension Program*
  The program targets at-risk youth suspended from school for a week or less, and provides an environment that encourages self-esteem, the acquisition of social skills, and promotes self-respect and respect for others in addition to tutoring assistance.

- *$10,000 to Wesley Urban Ministries, Hamilton, Ontario, for the Transitions to Home project*
  Transitions to Home helps homeless and at-risk-of-homelessness people find and maintain stable and affordable housing.

Leadership/Education

Grants from the church's William Naylor Trust

- *$2,500 to Knox United Church Winnipeg, Manitoba, for Intercultural Ministry Development*
  Knox United Church sent delegates—most of whom were immigrants and refugees themselves—to the 2011 Behold! conference on intercultural ministry. They will share their experiences at the conference widely upon their return.

- *$5,000 to Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, for the Engaged Spirituality Program*
  Engaged Spirituality is a series of workshops aimed at developing right relations with the Creator, self, one another, and the earth.

Grants from the church's James Robertson Memorial Trust and the Foundation's Living Spirit Fund

- *$15,000 to The United Church Chaplaincy at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, for Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries*
  Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries will create awareness of mental illness in Christian communities and help develop understanding and caring for all those affected.

Other

Grants from the Foundation's Living Spirit & Davey Family Funds

- *$5,000 to AfricaFiles, Toronto, Ontario, for the New Vision project*

The New Vision project will redesign AfricaFiles' website to make it interactive and will feature a special section containing writings from current African Studies students. An anthology of the work of the students will be published.