




A song of gratitude



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
FOUNDATION

2016 Annual Report



**God is creative and self-giving,
generously moving in all the near and distant
corners of the universe.**

**Nothing exists that does not find
its source in God.**

*Our first response to
God's providence is gratitude.*

**We sing
thanksgiving.**

Excerpt from 'A Song of Faith'



WE ARE
EXTREMELY
grateful

In 2016, individuals and church organizations across the country continued their immense generosity and support for the long-term work of the church through the Foundation.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the support the General Council has shown since the Foundation's inception, including the 2013 transfer of its long-term assets.



DONOR
STORY

We are so grateful for...
Catherine Jean Moore

Catherine Jean Moore, was a great supporter of Mission & Service, and never missed an opportunity to speak up about its importance. Her voice rang not only through the church but could be heard throughout Presbytery. Jean loved her church. Even into her seventies, Jean ran the *1811 Seniors Club* at Canadian Memorial. And then, when most other people would likely relax or retire, she decided it wasn't too late to begin taking courses at the Vancouver School of Theology. Jean even thought it would be 'cool' to join the Church's finance committee and she became an active member when she was in her nineties. It goes without saying that Jean Moore loved her church. Before she died last year at the age of 100, Jean made a very generous bequest to The United Church of Canada Foundation to ensure voices for peace are heard at Canadian Memorial and across the country.

If you care about your church as much as Jean did about hers, don't be quiet about it; speak up!



DONOR
STORY

We are so grateful for...
Saint Columba House

Saint Columba House is a community ministry in the neighbourhood of Pointe-Saint-Charles in Montreal and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2017. As a community ministry of The United Church of Canada, Saint Columba House is not merely providing programs for Pointe-Saint-Charles' population. Their approach is to empower and involve citizens in groups and actions which directly involve their lives.

There is a lot to do at Saint Columba House. In celebration of their 100th anniversary we are grateful for their exceptional work and pleased to help establish an endowment fund with the Foundation to create stable, perpetual support for its work.



GRANT
STORY

We are so grateful for...
**Oak Table Community
Ministry**

In 2016, the donors to the Foundation helped fund **Oak Table Community Ministry's (Winnipeg, MB) APPLIED Literacy**: an App-based adult literacy program. Many of Oak Table Community Ministry's elderly guests struggle with basic literacy. They created a project that allowed these guests to learn to read in an entertaining, safe and new way that is not intimidating. Teaming up with their younger guests, the seniors learn to read by using their favourite iPad Apps. They focus on the words that they need to understand daily: the bus schedule, instructions in a doctor's office, a grocery list, or social media so they can reach out to family and friends.



GRANT
STORY

We are so grateful for...
Burin Pastoral Charge

In 2016 the donors to the Foundation also helped a growing ministry for youth between the ages of 12 and 25 at **Burin Pastoral Charge (Newfoundland, NL)** led by Rev. Simon Muwomo, a minister from Zambia. They wanted to find a way to engage youth outside the four corners of the church where they would feel it to be a comfortable space. They chose a coffee house and launched the project and called it *Coffee House Two 52*. Here, they spoke and invited local bands to play. This was a great success that had 25 youths attend the first meet up and went on to have 45 attend the next. This youth ministry does not only entertain youth but also provides them a solid foundation of faith.

YOUR
GENEROSITY IS

music to our ears



\$5,776,561

The total grants made in 2016 were \$5,776,561, an increase of 16.6% over the \$4,817,740 which was granted in 2015.

\$1,134,044

Reviewing over 150 applications, the Joint Grants Committee of the United Church of Canada awarded \$1,134,044 to 79 programs and scholarships in 2016. Because of your generosity, this represents a significant increase over the \$841,656 granted in 2015.

**Over
\$3 million**

Over \$3 million of total grants came from short-term funds (a \$680,000 increase over 2015).

Most of these funds were designated to congregations, Church-related organizations and other registered charities.

\$7,303,325

Total income in 2016 was \$7,303,325 (\$4,565,489 in 2015). This included \$4,636,009 in donations and \$2,417,238 in investment income. Moreover, **\$1,201,984** net of grants was added to long-term funds, both new and existing.



\$1,666,596

In 2016, total grants to the General Council's programs and funds of \$1,666,596 (up from \$1,586,333 in 2015) million included: **\$1,214,867** for Mission & Service; **\$427,625** to Church programs and funds; and **\$24,103** for overseas projects.

\$58,699,922

As at December 31, 2016, the Foundation held \$58,699,922 in assets within approximately 500 endowed and restricted funds. This was an increase of \$3,210,152 (5.6%) over 2015.

Direct Investing Program

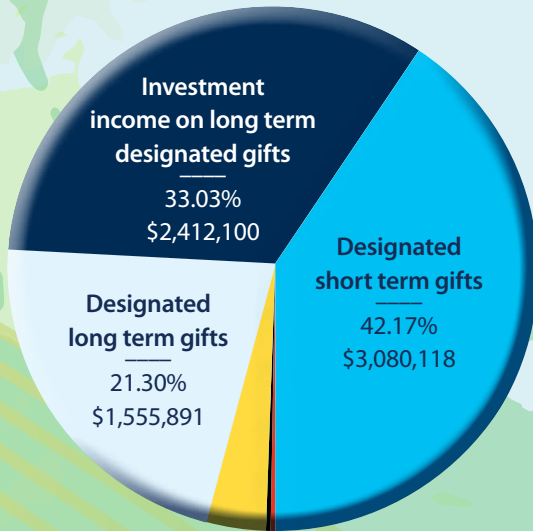
As of December 31, 2016, there were 135 (up from 115 in 2015) congregations and church affiliated organizations with a

total of \$48.5M (up from \$40.6M in 2015, a 19.4% increase) directly invested with Fiera Capital. In 2016, Fiera's balanced funds were

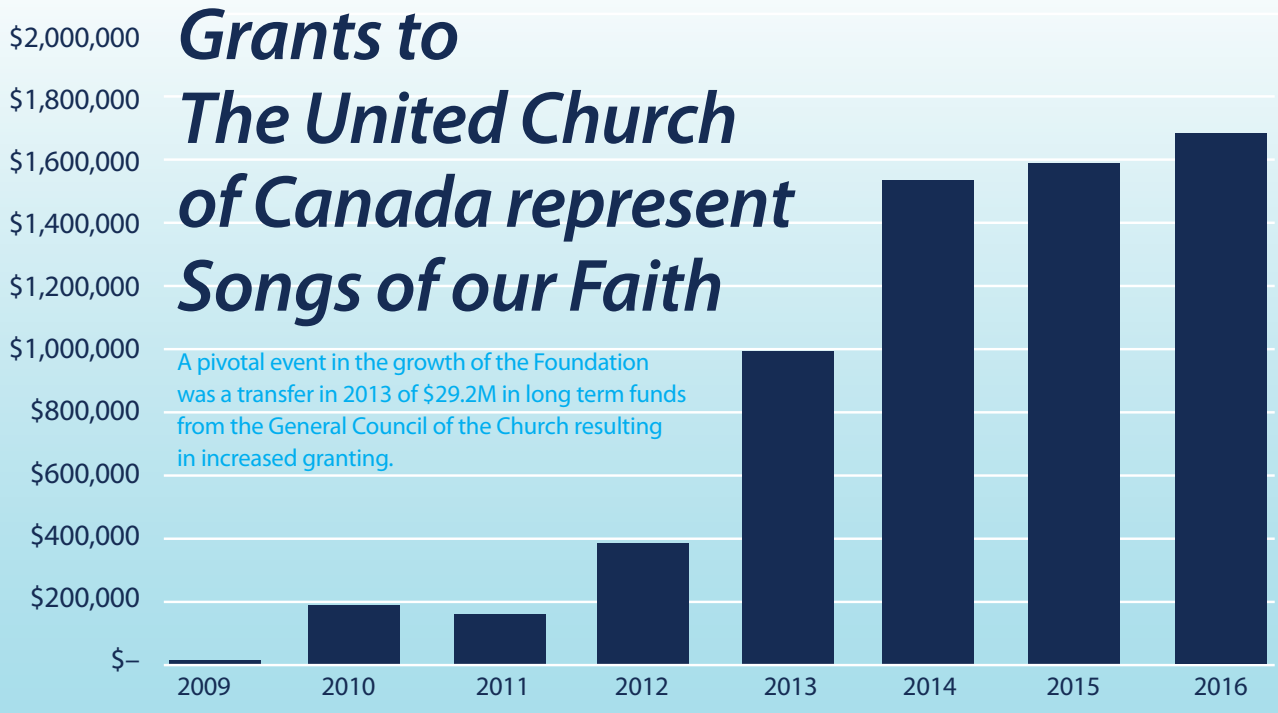
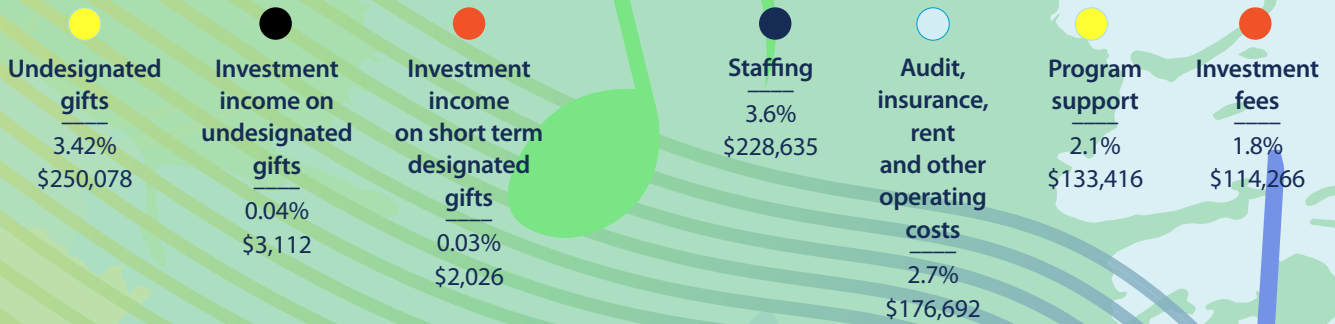
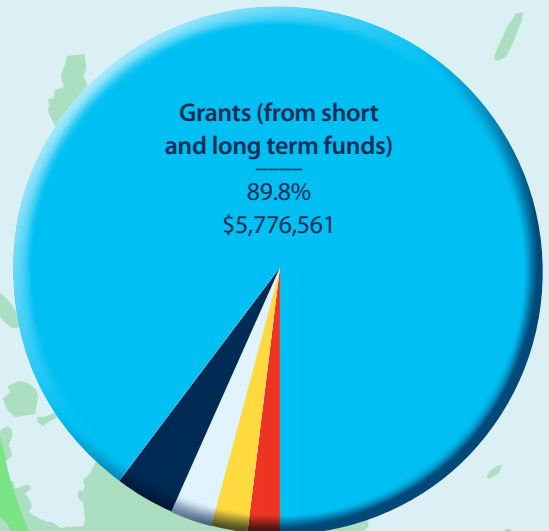
over 98% compliant with both the Foundation's and United Church's socially responsible investment policies.

Excellent stewardship hits the right note

Types of Revenue



Expenditures



The United Church of Canada Foundation provides service and support to all courts of the church and United Church related institutions and organizations. The Foundation facilitates gifts of stocks, mutual funds, etc., provides grants for innovative and unique programs and projects run by United Church-related organizations and facilitates the long-term support of all courts of the church and their mission and service.

The United Church of Canada Foundation 2016-2017

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