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2008 Annual Report

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FOUNDATION/
FONDATION DE L'ÉGLISE UNIE DU CANADA

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The Foundation is grateful to all its donors for all they do to support innovative ministries across Canada and ensure a vibrant future for the United Church. Below is a listing of Personal Endowment Donors, Covenant Donors and Sustaining Friends of the Foundation. For a complete list

of donors to Foundation endowment funds in 2008 please visit our website www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you notice an error, please accept our apologies and notify us so we may correct it.

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In memory of Sharon Blank
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the opportunity for women in
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* Covenant Donors, indicated with an asterisk, have given \$10,000 or more to the Foundation's Living Spirit Endowment Fund, Sustaining Fund, and/or Mission Focus Funds. Personal Endowment donors, indicated with † have created their own endowment fund(s).



2008 GRANTS

The following organizations received grants from Personal Endowment Funds at the request of the donors in 2008:

Augustine United Church, Winnipeg, MB
Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, ON
Brussels United Church, Brussels, ON
Canadian Crossroads International
Lundy's Lane United Church, Niagara Falls, ON
Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada
Oxfam Canada
St. Andrew's United Church, Port Moody, BC

The following organizations received grants through the Seeds of Hope program in 2008. For more information about the projects supported by these grants, please visit our website www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca:

Calgary Presbytery, Calgary, AB
Five Oaks Education & Retreat Centre, Paris, ON
Knox Metropolitan United Church, Edmonton, AB
Madoc Trinity United Church, Madoc, ON
Montreal Presbytery, JGER Committee, Montreal, QC
Pathways United church Mission, Richmond Hill, ON
St. Paul's United Church, Edmonton, AB
Wesley Urban Ministries, Hamilton, ON

It is with pride and pleasure that The Board of Directors of The United Church of Canada Foundation presents the following information to you. We hope you find it as exciting as we do. We encourage you to visit the Foundation's website, www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca or call toll free 866-340-8223 to learn more about how the Foundation helps people like you support the future of the United Church.

The Board of Directors greatly appreciates the wisdom and work of the Financial Services Unit

and the Financial Stewardship Unit of the United Church of Canada; in particular, the work of the Gift Planning Unit, Doug Flanders (Director, Major & Planned Gifts), and the Gift Planning Consultants: Jane Harding (British Columbia), Pam Harrison (Newfoundland and Labrador/Maritime Conferences), Kathryn Hofley (Prairie Region), Deb Hopper (Toronto Conference), Heather McLean (London/Hamilton Conferences), Paul Sales (Montreal & Ottawa Conference), and Keith Stam (Bay of Quinte/Manitou Conferences).

GO PROJECT RESOURCE "EXPRESSIVE ARTS FOR CREATING COMMUNITY"

In 2007 Jessie Negropontes and Chris Giffen undertook a radical ministry, The Go Project, and travelled across Canada stopping along the way. Their journey was an experiment in Faith, Justice and the Arts that inspired and strengthened youth and young-adult ministry across Canada.

The process Jessie and Chris developed for leading dynamic worship services has proven to be so successful that they received many requests to document and share their work so the Church can learn and benefit more widely from their experiences.

Jessie and Chris say "it's a false assumption that all elders are resistant to change, and that all young people want to abandon tradition. Worship shouldn't be a piecemeal attempt to please various age groups." With some support from the Foundation, they created a simple "how to" guide so that congregations and church groups can use and adapt the creative and inclusive vision of ministry Jessie and Chris espouse. Their resource book is about "risking creativity in order to find meaning in our story again" and is available at playbelongtransform.ca.

KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

"We made a memorial gift to The United Church of Canada Foundation's Living Spirit Endowment Fund as the best way for us to remember Dorothy's parents, Isaac



We find this an appropriate way to recognize Mom and Dad's lifelong support of the United Church.

and Minnie Bourne. They were faithful church-going people and life members of Gower Street United Church in St. John's, Newfoundland. He was pleased to be appointed as a Chapel Steward, a term used by the Methodists. She was a keen member of the Women's Mission Society and kept up to date through the Missionary Monthly magazine. Later on they were especially supportive of the church's new Young People's Band, which played at Isaac's funeral service.

"The Living Spirit Endowment Fund makes annual gifts to current projects of the United Church as opportunities arise each year. Because our gift is a way for projects to receive money every year as the Fund continues to grow, we find this an appropriate way to recognize Mom and Dad's lifelong support of the United Church."

— Kenley & Dorothy MacNeill, Nova Scotia

Foundation Financial Summary

at December 31, 2008

BALANCE SHEET

	2008	2007
Assets		
Marketable securities	\$ 1,787,692	\$ 1,609,917
Cash	355,841	525,558
Accounts & contributions receivable	55,333	40,888
Prepaid expenses	1,959	18,889
Capital assets	384	907
Total assets	\$ 2,201,209	\$ 2,196,169
Liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued charges	\$ 366,393	\$ 602,056
Deferred Revenue	0	0
Fund Balances		
Operating fund	\$ 77,530	\$ 52,792
Gift funds	335,603	558,908
Endowment funds	1,787,692	1,583,562
Capital fund	384	907
Total, liabilities & fund balances	\$ 2,201,209	\$ 2,196,169

ENDOWMENT REVENUES

	2008	2007
Donations to endowment funds	\$ 420,120	\$ 475,652
Investment income net	76,347	151,825
Total Endowment revenues	\$ 496,467	\$ 627,477

GIFT FUND REVENUES

	2008	2007
Gift Fund donations	\$ 1,630,123	\$ 1,876,403

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

	2008	2007
Seeds of Hope grants	\$ 74,550	\$ 61,175
Gift Fund grants	1,623,477	1,876,120
Total grants since inception	\$ 4,300,725	\$ 2,602,698

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2008	2007
Operating donations	\$ 3,400	\$ 4,352
Sustaining grant from UCC	290,000	297,500
Investment income & fees	164,432	139,706
Total operating revenues	\$ 457,832	\$ 441,558
Salaries and benefits	\$ 157,405	\$ 206,714
Fund development & investment programs	133,071	158,694
Transfer to Seeds of Hope grant program	30,000	40,000
Administrative expenses	84,908	54,074
Total operating expenses	\$ 405,384	\$ 459,482

Audited statements are available upon request.
This statement is un-audited.

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WESLEY URBAN MINISTRIES YOUTH HOUSING PROGRAM

The Youth Housing Program provides youth at risk of homelessness and homeless youth with a two-staged, one-year supportive housing program, while developing their life management skills, stability, economic independence, education, and social development. As a result of living in stable, safe housing at Wesley Youth Housing, youth are finally, for the first time, able to focus on something other than where they are going to sleep and what they will eat. They are developing vital skills necessary to move to independent living in the community.

This innovative approach requires commitments and contributions from each youth: they each contribute a small amount of funds toward their housing; they attend school, and are often employed



while participating in the program. This type of housing provides the unique options and skill development the youth need to ensure their future housing, independence and self-sufficiency. Participants develop critical life skills such as grocery shopping, hygiene and interpersonal skills, time and financial management, cooking and nutrition. Donors to the Foundation covered the cost of furnishing and maintaining one of the rooms in the housing complex.

SUMMARY OF GIFT FUND ACTIVITY IN 2008



Number of donors: 122
 Total number of funds: 223 of which 67 were new
 Number of beneficiaries: 174
 Total \$ received: \$ 1,630,712
 Total \$ distributed: \$ 1,623,477

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITY IN 2008

Total number of clients: 74 of which 19 were new
 Total number of accounts: 79 of which 21 were new
 Total \$ under investment: \$ 16,196,504

WHAT OUR DONORS ARE SAYING

"I want to tell you that I found it very easy dealing with the Foundation in making my idea of a gift of stock a reality. I knew that stock could be donated, but I didn't know how to do it or how my congregation, the recipient, could deal with it. The Foundation made it a simple process, and you responded promptly to all my emails. I am very glad that we have the United Church of Canada Foundation." — Anonymous Donor

"Thank you very much for helping us make this gift of stock to our congregation. It has been a very simple thing to do, thanks to you. We had been hitting one brick wall after another with our bank, and were at the point we thought this wasn't possible. Thank goodness someone told us to try you." — Joan McBride

OUR INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Fiera Capital is the Foundation's Fund Manager. The performance of Fiera's Balance Fund that the Foundation is invested in was in the top 25% of similar funds in 2008. The fund is 96% compliant with The United Church of Canada's Social Investment Policy and has a very low management fee of 1% per year. The five year rate of return at Dec. 31, 2008 was 4.51%. Visit the Foundation's website, www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca to find out how your congregation could benefit through the Foundation's investment program.

Yes, I will support the future of the church

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I am enclosing a gift of \$ _____ to be used for (the amount may be divided as you wish):

- The Living Spirit Endowment Fund \$ _____
- The Faith and Mission Fund \$ _____
- The Leadership Fund \$ _____
- The Peace and Justice Fund \$ _____
- The Theological Education Fund \$ _____
- The Sustaining Fund \$ _____

I would like more information on becoming:

- A Sustaining Friend Covenant Donor
- Creating a Bequest Gift Funds
- Personal Endowment Funds