

The United Church of Canada Foundation

Fondation de l'Église Unie du Canada



*“Endowed by the Generous,
Enduring for Generations,
Enabling God’s Mission”*

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of The United Church of Canada Foundation is pleased to present this report of its activity in 2009 as part of The United Church of Canada’s Annual Report. The purpose of the Foundation is captured by the mission statement above. We seek to enable God’s mission now and into the future in a number of ways:

- through personal endowment funds where donors set up an endowment to support ministries, mission activities, and other charitable acts that are important to them (a minimum of \$50,000 must be established over time for such endowments)
- through the Mission Focus Funds established by the Foundation to enable a variety of ministry activities through Seeds of Hope grants
- through the Congregational Investment Program, which allows congregations to have reserve funds managed through the Foundation with Fiera Capital, the Foundation’s Fund Manager
- through individual gift funds that allow people to give a special gift (cash, securities, or other immediate gifts) to a congregation, outreach ministry, or mission partner



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Staff at the Foundation work within the Financial Stewardship Unit of The United Church of Canada. The Acting President since July 1, 2009, is Bill Steadman, also the Executive Minister of Financial Stewardship. He took over that role from Gary Magarrell. In 2009 Sarah Charters was the Donor Relations Manager until the end of July. Since then Jason Novelli and later Jamie Wilder have filled the role during Sarah’s maternity leave.

Regional contact with donors primarily occurs through the Financial Development Officers of the church, under the leadership of Doug Flanders, Director of Major and Planned Gifts (1-800-268-3781 ext. 2027, or dflander@united-church.ca).

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Every Kid Choir after the Dead Man's Bones show.

Every Kid Choir

NOBODY COULD HAVE predicted the great partnership that would blossom when Montreal City Mission (MCM) moved into St. James United Church in 2005. In an effort to bring both ministries closer together, they started the Every Kid Choir, blending MCM's expertise in reaching out to vulnerable refugee and immigrant populations with St. James United Church's exceptional music program.

Since that time, children from different cultures, faiths, and social backgrounds have come together to sing songs that speak of hope and love. Before they knew it, the Every Kid Choir was performing at important social justice events throughout Montreal; it has come to embody hope for the biblical vision of peace and justice.

In 2010 Montreal City Mission is celebrating 100 years of "Justice in the city—Un Montréal pour tous." The United Church of Canada Foundation was pleased to make Every Kid Choir a 2009 Seeds of Hope grant recipient.

Summary of Gift Fund Activity

Number of donors:	90
Number of beneficiaries:	142
Total received:	\$823,777
Total disbursed:	\$744,934

Summary of Investment Program Activity

Number of clients:	76
Total number of accounts:	83
Dollars under investment:	\$17,061,004

Donors to the Foundation

Number of donors to the Foundation in all programs:	146
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Seeds of Hope

As of July 1, 2009, the Foundation entered into a new relationship with The United Church of Canada. Part of that agreement was the establishment of a Joint Grants Committee to oversee the allocation of funds from the Foundation endowment funds and the United Church's trusts and endowment funds. The grants made in 2009 are below. As both parties move into this agreement, more grants will be available year by year.

2009 Seeds of Hope Grant Recipients

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Project Description	Grant Amount	Source of Funding
Brunswick Street Mission, Halifax, Nova Scotia	Out of the Cold Emergency Winter Shelter	A "shelter of last resort" providing 15 beds and a sustained response to homelessness, poverty, and marginalization, November–April.	\$9,000	\$1,000 – Peace & Justice Fund \$8,000 – Living Spirit Fund
Saint Columba House, Point Saint Charles, Quebec	Sexual & Reproductive Health Awareness Day Conference	Community-wide education with a special focus on youth and parents, inviting 14- to 19-year-olds to submit safer sex messages as posters, videos, song, or art.	\$2,400	\$2,400 – Peace & Justice Fund
Wesley Urban Ministries, Hamilton, Ontario	Wesley Youth Housing Program	Aiming to move street-involved or homeless youth to safe, affordable housing and to train them with skills for independence and self-sufficiency.	\$7,500	\$5,000 – Davey Family Fund \$2,500 – John Abraham Fund
Montreal City Mission, Montreal, Quebec	Every Kid Choir	Drawing together children from diverse backgrounds to sing songs of peace and praise, the choir hopes to broaden children's acceptance of difference and be a visible symbol of intercultural peace.	\$5,000	\$4,600 – Brian & Belva Piercy Fund \$400 – Peace & Justice Fund
Carlington Community Chaplaincy, Ottawa, Ontario	Mentoring Moves Mountains	Training volunteers who provide one-on-one mentoring for adults living in a multicultural, multi-faith social housing community who request to participate.	\$8,800	\$8,800 – Living Spirit Fund
Sparrow Lake United Church Camp, Alliston, Ontario	Leaders-in-Training Building	Helping build a dormitory and meeting space for 24 Leaders-in-Training and two staff in time for the camp's 100-year anniversary.	\$10,000	\$9,900 – Living Spirit Fund \$100 – Davey Family Fund

Foundation Financial Summary

BALANCE SHEET	2009	2008
Assets		
Investments	\$ 2,015,040	\$ 1,787,692
Cash	372,238	355,841
Accounts & contributions receivable	48,274	55,333
Prepaid expenses	2,225	1,959
Capital assets	—	384
Total assets	\$ 2,437,777	\$ 2,201,209
Liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued charges	\$ 307,637	\$ 366,393
Fund balances		
Operating fund	111,461	45,862
Gift funds	3,639	878
Endowment funds	2,015,040	1,787,692
Capital fund	—	384
Total, liabilities & fund balances	\$ 2,437,777	\$ 2,201,209
ENDOWMENT REVENUES		
Donations to endowment funds	\$ 122,368	\$ 420,120
Investment income	42,274	76,347
Total endowment revenues	\$ 164,642	\$ 496,467
GIFT FUND REVENUES		
Gift Fund donations	\$ 827,568	\$ 1,630,123
GRANTING ACTIVITIES		
Seeds of Hope grants	\$ 48,100	\$ 74,550
Gift Fund grants	824,310	1,623,477
Annual total	\$ 872,410	\$ 1,698,027
Total grants since inception	\$ 5,173,135	\$ 4,300,725
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating donations	\$ —	\$ 3,400
Sustaining grant from The United Church of Canada	145,000	290,000
Investment income & fees	162,817	164,432
Total operating revenues	\$ 307,817	\$ 457,832
Salaries & benefits	\$ 106,502	\$ 157,405
Fund development & investment programs	82,717	133,071
Administrative expenses	94,725	84,908
Total operating expenses	\$ 283,944	\$ 375,384

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