



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
**FOUNDATION**

2018 Annual Report



*Love your  
neighbour as  
yourself.*

— MARK 12:31





## Mii-gi-we-Zha-way-nim-Manitoo

Kind Spirit that Gives Unconditionally

In the fall, Trinity-St. Paul's United Church Centre for Faith & the Arts in Toronto hosted **James Carpenter**, a Traditional Healer with Anishnawbe Health, who conducted a naming ceremony for a new endowed fund established at The United Church of Canada Foundation.

Creator offered the name **Mii-gi-we-Zha-way-nim-Manitoo**, which means *Kind Spirit that Gives Unconditionally* for the fund.

The Fund was established by an active member of Trinity-St. Paul's United, deeply committed to being an ally with the Indigenous community. Additionally, her Estate will make a gift to the

Fund when she dies. It is her hope that others journeying on the reconciliation path will also make gifts to support this work.

Grants from the Fund will be shared between The United Church of Canada's Healing Fund (20% of grants), and Anishnawbe Health Foundation (80% of grants).



First set up in 1994 with an initial gift of \$100, the **Anna Jentsch-Bill Endowment Bursary** now provides annual awards of up to \$5,000 to women in lay, ordained, or diaconal ministry in their theological studies, continuing education, or other professional development activities.

Among other extremely generous gifts, Anna donated her house to Mount Carmel-Zion United and established the Anna Jentsch-Bill Endowment Bursary for women in ministry. Anna's gift may have started small but it's had an incredible impact. In 2018, Anna's fund supported 12 women with \$41,000 in bursaries. One of these women supported was the **Rev. Ursula Wiig** (see page 4 for details).

In 2010, a couple from Peterborough established an endowment fund that would provide scholarships for **Indigenous students** pursuing post-secondary education. In 2018, after the donors made annual gifts for a number of years, the Fund

reached its granting threshold and made its first grants in 2019.

The Fund now provides yearly scholarships that are available to Indigenous youth aged 18-29 years who are enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. Priority is given to students demonstrating

both financial need and academic excellence. Recipients are eligible for multiple years.

We are so grateful to the donors for their vision of a world with more support for education, particularly for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

### Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2018, the Foundation held **\$66,953,135** in assets within approximately 500 endowed and restricted funds, an increase of **\$380,890** over 2018.

The Foundation holds:

- **\$28,620,947** in endowed capital;
- **\$34,950,790** in externally restricted funds; and
- **\$1,835,043** in internally restricted funds.



## Grant Us This Day

In 2018, the Joint Grants Committee reviewed over 200 applications and the Foundation's Board awarded **\$1,197,420.67** (\$874,731 in 2017) to 113 (94 in 2017) programs and scholars. The programs these grants support represent a tremendous amount of energy in our community for living out God's mission, examining new ways to invite more people into our church and to seek alternative ways of providing service.

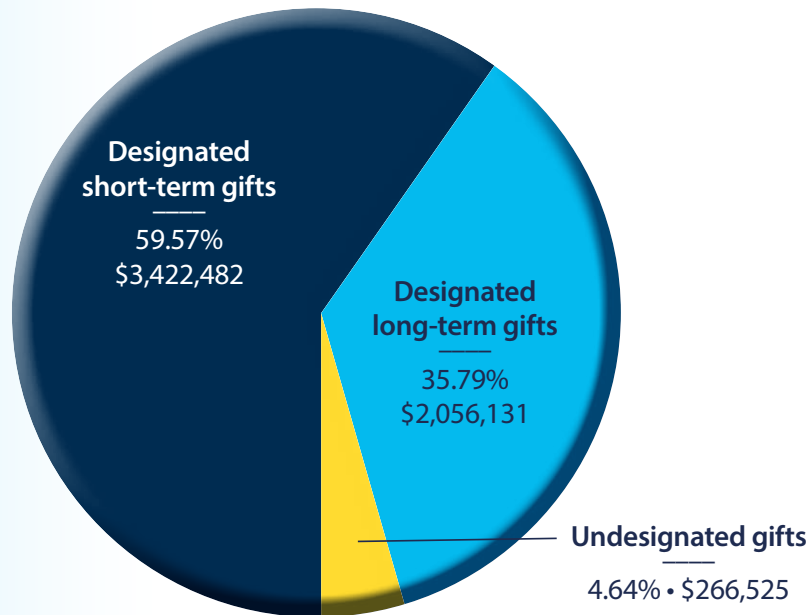


**Bedford House** in Peterborough, Ontario is heading into year two of a *Bridges Out of Poverty* project. This successful endeavour creates a social network of middle-class mentors and low-income individuals. They share and expand their resources and supports to deal with the complex challenges presented by living in poverty. This project recalls a time when neighbours often crossed class and cultural barriers in order to learn from and support one another. This project helps grow the connection between people who will lean on each other and lift one another up, improving lives on both ends of the scale. The connection supports the participants in improving their financial management skills, making an even bigger difference. Your generosity is what makes this possible.

The **Downtown Eastside Spiritual Empowerment Program**, is a program where Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver School of Theology, and First United Church Community Ministry teamed up to extend the world-class care of Vancouver General Hospital outside the facility doors. Taking to the streets, visiting parks, health clinics, injection sites, and community agencies, the Spiritual Care Team attends to the specific health needs of the residents or homeless in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. This program has had over 1,100 encounters, many of which were life-saving. Not only did it have a direct impact on the people receiving care, but on the people providing it as well. They discovered the deeper layers of issues underneath drug and alcohol problems while learning the profound value of relating through soft eyes and a gentle voice. They also learned the power of spiritual and emotional care in such a setting when provided through genuine, unconditional and nonjudgmental listening. For some, the word used to describe the general impact of their participation was "transformative."

**Rev. Ursula Wiig** received an **Anna Jentsch-Bill Bursary** which helped her attend the 2018 International Rural Church Association Conference in New Zealand to explore the question, *What will be the new shape of rural ministry?* Rev. Wiig serves in ministry about 130 kms south of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. There were nearly 100 people in attendance at the event which included presentations, worship, organized cultural evenings, and tours to local rural churches. Over and above all "it was just good to have the opportunity to share experiences, hear some inspiring stories, and pick up helpful resources."

### 2018 Sources of Donated Revenue \$5,745,138

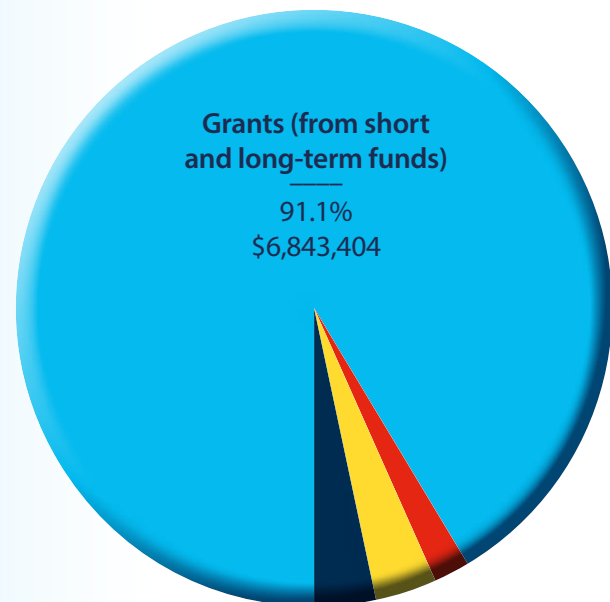


**Fiera/ Investment**  
In late 2018, Fiera Capital announced it would be selling its retail business to Canoe Financial with the transaction closing in early 2019. The move affected the 145 United Church investors with monies placed with Fiera.

Canoe is committed to offering the same kind of service to United Church organizations that Fiera has since 2006.

Please contact the Foundation for more information on resources to assist with the management of long-term funds.

### 2018 Expenditures \$7,505,899



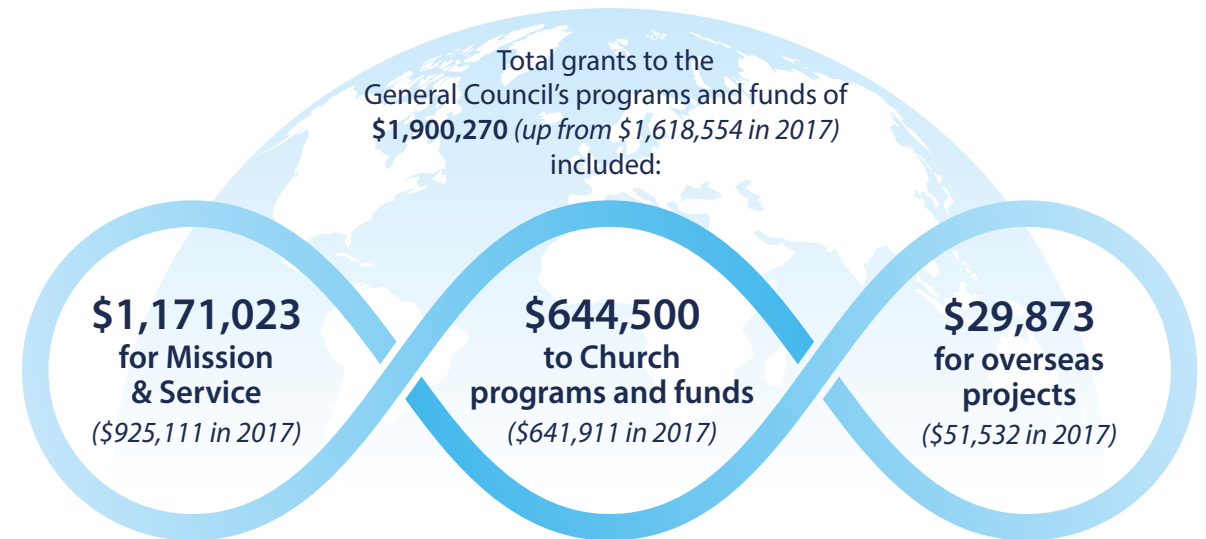
- **Charitable Activities**  
3.5%  
\$260,304
- **Management & Administration**  
3.5%  
\$261,864
- **Fundraising Expenses**  
1.9%  
\$140,327

# Total Grants made in 2018 were \$6,843,404

*This is an increase of \$1,133,718 or 18.4% from 2017.*

\$3,386,467 of these grants came from short-term funds (\$2,969,148 in 2017). Most of these funds were designated to congregations, Church-related organizations and other registered charities.

*Continued support from generous individuals and church organizations across the country for the long-term work of the church through the Foundation made 2018 a great year. 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.*



### 2018 Beneficiaries \$6,843,404



Beneficiary Type	Number	Amount
Congregations	274	\$3,563,760
UCC: General Council Office, Conferences & Presbyteries	7	\$1,953,230
Camps	9	\$294,867
Community Ministries & Ecumenical Partners	32	\$288,349
Theological Schools & Retreat Centres	12	\$139,821
Other	186	\$603,377



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