



Thanks to the generous members of the United Church and the General Council Office, we are pleased to announce the following grants made through:

The Seeds of Hope Granting Program:

42 grants were awarded through 2021 Spring round of the Seeds of Hope Granting program at the United Church of Canada Foundation totaling \$310,050.

Children, Youth, and Young Adult Programs

From the Camping Trust Fund

- \$5,400 to **Camp Shagabec Committee** (Saskatoon, SK) in support of the Gender-Neutral Washrooms project. They are planning to install a gender-neutral washroom area while completing upgrades to their current washroom facilities. The gender-neutral area will provide campers with access to a toilet, sink and shower in a safe space that is entirely private and not connected to either the girls or boys washroom. This space will also double as their wheelchair accessible washroom.

From the Wesley C. Smith Fund

- \$10,000 to **The United Church of Canada and The Hub Community Network** (Toronto, ON) in support of The Hub Community Network. Led by young people for young people The Hub is a community network that transplants the vibrancy of the UCC summer camp experience and then reverses the traditional model of 'church' by planting home churches with camp leaders that meet weekly and then gathering the wider community together for large events throughout the year. The project will help empower young people to experience community, connection, and the justice-rooted, inclusive and liberating love of Christ.
- \$2,000 to **Camp Menesetung** (Goderich, ON) in support of the Live Out Loud Program. The Live Out Loud program is an intentional way in which Camp Menesetung is teaching staff and campers about the intersections of faith, social justice and spiritual growth. Through the Live Out Loud Program Camp Menesetung aims to create a space where every camper can be their authentic, full selves at camp.
- \$7,000 to **Camp Cosmos** (Montreal, QC) in support of the Youth Leadership Program. Throughout the summer their camp staff have the support of a group of Counselors and Shadows in Training (CITs and SITs). This group of youth aged 14-17 are mentored by staff and receive five days of pre-camp training as well as additional trainings throughout the summer.



The goal of the Youth Leadership Program is to provide youth from underserved communities a valuable first work experience. Participants are paid a weekly stipend.

- \$7,500 to **St. George's United Church** (Courtenay, BC) in support of Comox Valley Youth. Last year they applied for and received a grant for an ecumenical and theologically progressive engagement with youth in the Comox Valley by way of a joint Youth Ministry program with a half time Minister. This pilot project ran 8 months (Sept-April) and is a shared ministry between St. George's United Church and St. Peter's Anglican Church, with participation from all theologically progressive mainline churches in our area, and beyond. This grant will allow them to continue this work in a new phase.
- \$2,500 to **Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp** (Camp Kidston) (Bedford, NS) in support of Camp Kidston Wilderness Adventure Camp. Camp Kidston will be creating a youth wilderness-based camping session that focuses on four key pillars: Youth Leadership; Wilderness Adventure Camp; Skill Development; and Environmental Awareness. This unique program will offer youth the opportunity to experience the natural world through wilderness camping, while also building their leadership skills. Ultimately, this will allow participants to develop a deeper sense of environmental awareness and empower them to action for a better world.
- \$6,200 to **Maison Saint Columba House** (Montreal, QC) in support of the Cook To Connect (C2C) project. Cook to Connect, a new project, will teach applied food literacy and cooking skills education to 36 at-risk youth over a 9-month period. At-risk youth will be taught how to plan, budget, shop and prepare nutritiously, affordable meals. They will each have access to their own cooking section and with the guidance of our head chef be taught how to prepare a meal. Each participant will leave the session with food they have prepared and cooked.
- \$3,000 to **Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council: Ukulele Church** (Sackville, NB) in support of the Ukulele Church: Summer Camp project. Ukulele Church is offered by Catherine Stuart and Linnea Good, sponsored by the Atlantic Regions of The United Church. It happens through zoom on Sundays. Using the Ukulele, Biblical Storytelling, Art as a process and worship, it is church for children and their adults, focusing on children 6-12.

From the Watkins Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk

- \$10,000 to **Squamish United Church - The CUP Wholeness Centre** (Squamish, BC) in support of "Adventure of the Spirit" Summer Camps. They would like to offer outdoor summer camp opportunities for children in the community of Squamish. They have had unbelievable success in offering wellness-based day camps that invite students into nature. They plan on building upon these smaller camps to offer week-long Adventure of the Spirit summer camps that immerse the youth in lessons that connect them with the earth. Being in nature soothes the soul and opens children up to take risks and build connections.



From the Watkins Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk, and The Wesley C. Smith Fund

- \$10,000 to *Massey Centre for Women* (Toronto, ON) in support of the Housing Stabilization and Financial Literacy project. Massey Centre will develop and implement an ongoing workshop series that can assist adolescent moms (16-24 years) break the cycle of poverty for them and their babies by teaching them: Financial literacy: Responsible banking, debt, credit, money management, understanding bills, filing for OSAP, accessing community resources, taxes; Housing stabilization: Tenant and landlord rights/responsibilities, handling evictions, finding/maintaining housing. Workshops would be available virtually, and in-person when safe. A recorded series would be available for staff training, and external presentations.
 - \$9,500 from The Watkins Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk
 - \$500 from the Wesley C. Smith Fund

Events

William Naylor Trust

- \$4,600 to *United Theological College* (Montreal, QC) in support of UTC Learning Circle for UC Admission Ministers. The United Theological College proposes to offer a five-day residential Learning Circle to take place October 10-14, 2021, designed to create a learning community, orient participants to the ethos and key values of the United Church of Canada, and introduce relevant components of United Church history and theology, learners will be United Church Admission Ministers and some United Church theology students who are preparing for ministry, as well as resource people. This grant will help reduce fees for attendees to take part.

Faith Formation & Congregational Ministry

From the Living Spirit Fund

- \$10,000 to *The United Church of Canada - Ministries in French Unit* (Toronto, ON) in support of the Video-capsules informatives pour les Francophones au Canada project. Ministries in French wants to reach out into the non-church affiliated, secular francophone population in Canada. A Leger Marketing Survey conducted by Ministries in French in 2019 has indicated main interests of Quebecers today regarding Life and spiritual questions. The proposed project wants to address these identified interests by offering free 5 min video-clips. Using a funnel-model, interested viewers are then directed to other more substantial proposed content, webinars and eventually courses.



- \$3,000 to ***Bowen Island United Church*** (Bowen Island, BC) in support of Come In and Sit Down. Come in and Sit Down, like in hymn # 395 in Voices United, will be an invitation to the Community of Bowen Island to accept their hospitality through the creation of a welcoming outdoor space. Their church will be a welcoming destination for young families, those seeking connection in Community; those seeking solitude and beauty; those wishing to join in a community meal or to read a story to their children under the apple tree.

From the Faith and Mission Fund

- \$4,000 to ***Église Unie St. James United Church*** (Montreal, QC) in support of EDGE - tracing the journey to the St. James-Montreal City Mission Community of Friends project. Today, creative approaches to reimagining ministries is critical. This project seeks to assign key elements of success and vigilance experienced by St. James United Church and Mission City Mission through their shared EDGE experience. They wish to provide a multidisciplinary model for use by other organisations who may wish to do explore this type of initiative.

From the Living Spirit Fund, and The Brian & Belva Piercy Fund

- \$30,000 to ***Saint-Marc United Church*** (Ottawa, ON) in support of the Église Unie Saint-Marc United Church Congregation Community Action Project. The project will greatly support and enhance the congregation of St Marc's United Church who are predominantly from French speaking countries in the world and the Odawa Native Friendship centre's Social Justice program. Both organizations wish to fully occupy the facility in order to offer much needed services to both respective communities. Therefore, they are seeking financial support to employ an experienced project manager and a part time building consultant to begin planning and implementation.
 - \$11,700 from the Living Spirit Fund
 - \$18,300 from the Brian & Belva Piercy Fund

Environmental Programs

From the Jean Moore Endowment Fund, and The Environmental Endowment Fund

- \$12,500 to ***Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre*** (Beausejour, MB) in support of the Replacement of Geothermal Water Furnace project. The Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre is needing to replace their Geothermal Water furnace. The current furnace is 20 years old and is starting to require a lot of maintenance. They have recently replaced the fan blower motor and main circuit board. The Geothermal Water furnace is in their main meeting hall where Learning circles with students in the ministry training program are held.
 - \$10,800 from the Jean Moore Endowment Fund
 - \$1,700 from the Environmental Endowment fund



From the Living Spirit Fund

- \$750 to *Old Windham United Church* (Simcoe, ON) in support of the Giving Gardens project. They will be planting two 24x4x1' raised gardens and planting them with seasonal vegetables. They will be setting up a rotational schedule for watering, weeding, general maintenance of the garden throughout the summer. At harvest time, they will be putting the produce in hampers, giving it to Church Outserving and helping distribute hampers to those in need in their community.

Peace, Justice, and Leadership Programs

From the Peace and Justice Fund

- \$5,000 to *Fort Saskatchewan Community of Faith* (Fort Saskatchewan, AB) in support of Anti-Racism Awareness. To raise the awareness about the historical reality of African Slavery in Canada and its ensuring effect on the society to the present times. To raise awareness about the importance of the emancipation Canada. The project will seek to publish writings offered from various writers about the importance of commemorating Emancipation Day along with opportunity for personal reflections.

From the Jean Moore Endowment Fund

- \$10,000 to *United Theological College* (Montreal, QC) in support of the UTC-Dio Strategic Plan (United Theological College-Montreal Diocesan Theological College. The United Theological College and Montreal Diocesan Theological College in Montreal are entering a period of strategic alliance to explore and plan for the creation of a combined United-Anglican college in Montreal preparing students from a wide range of backgrounds for ministry in English and French. This grant will support the exploration and a Strategic Planning process in the 2021-2022 academic year.

From the Living Spirit Fund

- \$8,000 to *Our Place Society* (Victoria, BC) in support of their Chapel Renovations & Volunteer Support project. The triple pandemic (COVID, fentanyl and economic) has resulted in the call on their spiritual care team to provide more services for the immediate and pressing needs of people experiencing homelessness, isolation, mental health, and addiction issues. As a result of increased needs and COVID-19 protocols requiring physical distancing, the spiritual care team is required to expand into a larger, multifunctional space as well as recruit, train, and manage a larger team of volunteers. This grant will help them create this new space and allow the Volunteer Coordinator staff time to revise volunteer materials, and recruit/train/steward spiritual care volunteers.



From the Watkins Fund for Innovative Programs and Projects in Addressing Poverty and Children at Risk

- \$10,000 to ***Brunswick Street Mission*** (Halifax, NS) in support of Nutritious & Dietary Food Options for Food Bank & Breakfast Program (including proteins). Both the Food Bank and Breakfast Programs are experiencing increased numbers, including new Canadian families and people wishing to secure meals with dietary restrictions. Protein and dietary restrictions and requests include vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and Halal. In order to best support all people looking to fight hunger and food insecurity they want to adapt their programs to include these new features which will improve the food options available to people in need.

Seniors Ministries

From the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults

- \$20,000 to ***Grace United Church*** (Brampton, ON) in support of Connecting Downtown Seniors @ Grace. Grace United recognizes a need made more severe by COVID-19, as seniors are reluctant to use public transit, for a seniors' centre within walking distance in Downtown Brampton. They will create a neighbourhood drop-in centre at their Community Hub, Grace Place, that will bridge the gap between individuals and organizations who will provide programming, support, and opportunities for seniors to reduce this isolation while improving their health and wellness.
- \$13,800 to ***Parham United Church - Friends of the North Misiway*** (Parham, ON) in support of the Youth Engagement Project. This project will provide opportunities for the youth of Moosonee and area to build skills and their sense of self and community through intergenerational activities. These include placements researching and providing activities for children of parents/caregivers on site, and in the afterschool program workshops with elders sharing traditional skills and knowledge consolidating what they have learned by helping in a two-week summer camp for children.

From the Ann Baker Fund

- \$10,000 to ***Women of the Dawn Counselling Centre*** (Regina, SK) in support of the Elders in Isolation. The Moshum and Kokum Project is to revive, restore, protect, monitor, preserve, enhance and promote the traditional such as Cultural and Spiritual beliefs. The program will feature an orientation to traditional First Nation medicine and learning activities that include First Nations cooking, traditional healing and the Medicine Wheel Concept. Participants will receive hands on training and experiences from the Elders and guest speakers who are passionate about defending and enhancing their traditional healing and culture.



From the Ann Baker Fund for Innovative Seniors' Ministry, and the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults

- \$25,000 to *Montreal City Mission - La Mission communautaire de Montreal* (Montreal, QC) in support of the Mental Health Within Newcomer Families project. Mental health challenges are frequent among newcomer seniors and impacts the extended family. By developing a holistic approach to this issue, they hope to provide support, information and new perspectives on dealing with these problems while fostering a dialogue within the entire family, raising awareness, removing stigma and developing a fresh approach to the subject of mental health. Their three-pole approach: *individual, family, community*, will focus on personal assistance, workshops and public advocacy.
 - \$5,000 from the Ann Baker Fund for Innovative Seniors' Ministry
 - \$20,000 from the Watkins Fund for Innovative Ministries with Senior Adults

Research, Scholarship, & Academic Awards

From the Rowntree Scholarship

- \$20,000 to *St Paul's United Church* (Orillia, ON) in support of the *Eco-Commoning: A 21st Century Renewal of the UCC's Social Gospel*. We live in an unprecedented time of global transformation as we recognize the limitations of western modernity and its shaping of religion, culture, economics and politics. Nearly a hundred years ago, the UCC was deeply engaged in critiquing the political economy and advocating for a social gospel/social welfare alternative that helped shape 20th century Canada. The UCC is again called to engage in deep culture shifting as we imagine our theology and ethics as part of 21st century efforts to understand a new common good. This project seeks to help the UCC understand the changes and align its efforts with this transformative task. Most of this culture-shifting will be represented in ministry of UCC congregations. Everything from worship to building administration deserves a rethink and encouragement to imagine its function differently. St. Paul's imagine a group of UCC ministers/leaders engaged in this critical thinking and experimenting in their congregational and community settings.

From the Anna Jentsch- Bill Endowment Bursary

- *Rev. Jaylynn Byassee*
- *Rev. Linda McLaren*
- *Ms. YunJung Kim*
- *Rev. Young Seo*
- *Rev. Laurie Milito*
- *Ms. Eun Jung Oh*
- *Rev. Anna Constantin*
- *Ms. Yujene Oh*

From the Victor Blatherwick Memorial Bursary

- *Mr. Morgan Bell*
- *Rev. Samuel Grottenberg*



From the Clifford Elliott Spirit of Saskatchewan Award

- *Mr. Morgan Bell*
- *Rev. Oliver Dingwell*

From the W. Norman McLeod Scholarship

- *Rev. Oliver Dingwell*
- *Rev. Samuel Grottenberg*

From the Elizabeth White Bursary

- *Ms. Sandy Hwang*
- *Ms. Wing Yi Wong*

The New Ministries Fund:

8 grants were awarded in the 2021 Spring round from The New Ministries Fund totaling \$163,000.

Third Instalment

- \$25,000 to ***Grace United Church*** (Barrie, ON), in support of *Youth and Music Ministries*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to ***Kingsway Lambton United Church*** (Toronto, ON), in support of the Kingsway-Lambton's *Fresh Start project*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to ***MacKay United Church*** (Ottawa, ON), in support of *the Kindness of Jazz project*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to ***Ste. Genevieve United Church*** (Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC), in support of *ORA grief workshops*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$5,000 to ***Stittsville United Church*** (Stittsville, ON), in support of a *Spiritual Growth Animator*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to ***Wild Rose United Church*** (Calgary, AB), in support of *Spiritual Wellness Ministry and Wellness Hub*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$8,000 to ***Tamil United Church*** (Scarborough, ON), in support of *Tamil United Church*. This represents the second year of a three year grant. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.
- \$25,000 to ***The United Church of Canada Church in Mission Unit*** (Toronto, ON), in support of *Zimbabwe Western and Eastern Mission*. This represents the third and final year of a three-year grant.



3 New Ministries grants were awarded in the 2021 Spring round from the Embracing the Spirit granting program totaling \$70,000.

First Instalment

- \$25,000 to ***St. Andrew's United Church*** (Halifax, NS) in support of the *Transformational Leadership Initiative*. First year of a three year grant.

Second Instalment

- \$25,000 to ***Visions United Church*** (Moncton, NB) in support of *Northeast Moncton Community Hub*. Second year of a three year grant.
- \$20,000 to ***Burton Avenue United Church*** (Barrie, ON) in support of *The Listening Post Barrie*. Second year of a three year grant.

If you have questions about these awards, would like to apply for a grant, find out if your project is eligible for funding, or would like to learn more about the Foundation, please contact us at 1-866-340-8223 or by email at grants@united-church.ca