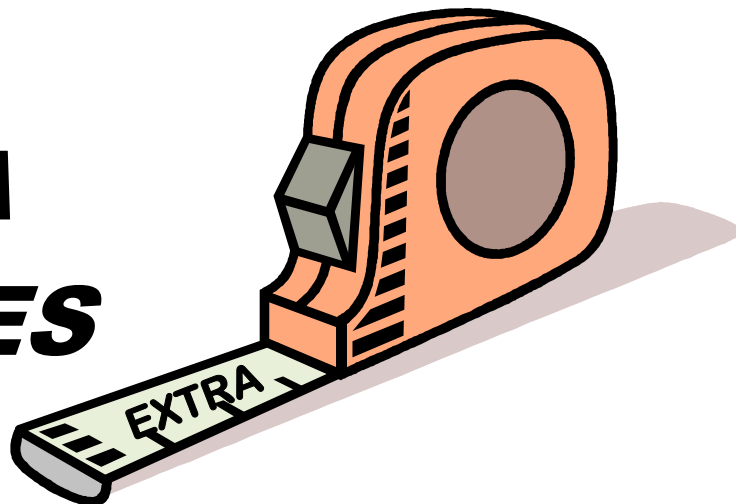


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***THE EXTRA
MEASURES
INITIATIVE***



Get a closer look! Would you like to get more involved with our Mission and Service partners in the United Church of Canada. Hamilton Conference is part of a pilot project called Extra Measures! Our Conference will be working in partnership with the Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit (JGER) at our General Council Office and the Mission and Service fund. The Extra Measures program represents an opportunity for those who would like to get more directly involved with mission and outreach both in Canada and around the world.

How does the Extra Measures Initiative Work?

The Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit receives project proposals from global partner organizations throughout the world and from within Canada. Our Conference will receive projects that in turn will be made available to congregations and presbyteries willing to take up the challenge of providing the needed funding. Participating congregations and presbyteries will be challenged and invited to educate themselves about the work of the partner and take action, when necessary, to support partners through advocacy in Canada and beyond.

What about Mission and Service Fund?

Congregations, presbyteries, and other groups who take on an Extra Measures Project will be asked to commit to maintaining their current level of M&S giving. We believe that when our Hamilton Conference people come to understand first hand the incredible work being done all around the world by our global partners, it can only result in a deeper appreciation for and commitment to the Mission and Service Fund. Five projects will be available; four overseas and one in Hamilton Conference. Congregations can do a solo project or they could partner with another congregation or presbytery. Below you will find a brief description of the projects. Please contact Peter Hartmans at the Hamilton Conference Office for more information: 905-659-3343 Ext. 227 or phartmans@hamconf.org .

- 1) Roof repair of seminary students' residence in Nicaragua: \$3,500
- 2) Youth Conference and Training Centre in Tanzania: \$27,436
- 3) Tshologelong "Place of Hope" recovery programme for street children in Botswana: \$13,076
- 4) Maintenance and fuel for a new or used vehicle (funded by other partners) in Nairobi, Kenya: \$5,000
- 5) Hamilton Conference Project: Toolkit Project: \$20,000

...see overleaf for more details...

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1:Project: Tshologelong “Place of Hope” Recovery Programme for Street Children

The Context:

Botswana Christian Council was established in 1966 bringing together most of the churches in Botswana. Botswana has been dramatically affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Many children live on the street—the result of parents being unable to financially provide for them, having been orphaned and left with no family or social network to care for them or escaping to the streets from negative home environments. Providing adequate psychological, physical and social care to orphans is an ongoing challenge.

Botswana Council of Churches (BCC) is a non-profit organization, committed to the principles of equality, justice and peace. In 1993 BCC established the Tshologelong Recovery Program for Street Children. The word ‘tshologelong’ means ‘place of hope’. This reception centre offers support services to children and provides a space for them to meet with counsellors and street educators.

Skills and Leadership Development:

Youth from the program were active participants in regional and national youth forums focusing on issues ranging from HIV/AIDS to life skills training to advocacy training around the rights of children. March was named the month of Youth Against AIDS. Tshologelong youth offered leadership for local programs and also participated in regional and national programs. Workshops were held on crime prevention among youth and with parents to help build parenting skills.

The Tshologelong participated in nationally organized child labour workshops and were asked to facilitate a session on children living and begging on the streets.

Through developing “circles of support” the Tshologelong Programme will also assist vulnerable children who are in schools. Work developing and refining the concept began in Fall 2007.

They also provide street education programmes, skills training and reintegration support.

Tshologelong Youth Statement:

We are not the source of problems: We are the resources that are needed to solve them.

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Tshologelong children & youth participate in the activities of June 16 – African Child

Suggested Extra Measure Initiative goals:

Food = **\$3,907**
School fees and uniforms= **\$1,823**
Books and school supplies= **\$781**
Electricity, Water and Telephone= **\$1,876**
Transportation= **\$781**
Educational and child development camps= **\$1,042**
Administration= **\$1,823**
Instruments and tools= **\$1,563**
Training for parents and guardians= **\$1,042**
Sports and recreation= **\$1,042**

Total Extra Measure Initiative Cost: \$13,076

2: YEFOFO:

Conference and Training Centre: Youth Employment and Food Production Foundation
Location: Tanzania, Africa

Many rural communities in Tanzania are struggling daily with the ripple effects of national debt, inadequate government support, and health crises that manifest at a local level in a lack of resources and poverty. Drought and lack of access to land are also major factors in crop and livestock failure. Drought comes not only as a natural phenomenon of inadequate rainfall and floods but also due to poor land management practices that strip the land of its capacity to produce. The brunt of these food shortages is borne by vulnerable groups such as women, youth and children who historically have had less access to society's resources. The United Church has been in partnership with YEFOFO since it was formed in the 1980s.

Total Extra Measure Initiative Cost: \$27,436

3: Organization of African Instituted Churches, Nairobi, Kenya.

Support of ongoing maintenance and fuelling of a new or used vehicle to increase the capacity for engaging with regional membership and chapters

The Organization of African Instituted Churches was founded in Egypt in 1978. The International Headquarters of the OAIC is located in Nairobi Kenya. For more information see: <http://www.oaic.org/>

Total Extra Measure Initiative Cost: \$5000

4:Moravian Church of Nicaragua, Sanctuary Roof Repair.

For more than 35 years, the United Church has worked closely with the Moravian Church of Nicaragua and its development office (now known as ADSIM). The Moravian Church is Nicaragua's largest Protestant church; most of its 100-plus congregations are located in the Atlantic coast regions.

Hurricane Felix crashed ashore on Nicaragua's northeast coast. The eye of the storm passed through Sandy Bay, about 14 km north of Bilwi (the regional capital that was formerly called Puerto Cabezas).

The roof was damaged by the Hurricane Felix (2007) and remains unusable.

Total Extra Measure Initiative Cost” \$2400

5: Toolkit Project:

Partnership History with the United Church of Canada

Wesley Urban Ministries, for over 53 years, has partnered with the United Church of Canada and its mission. Wesley Urban Ministries continues to be the largest and most complex outreach ministry funded by The United Church of Canada.

Background

Currently, Wesley Urban Ministries does not have a formal public education package that we are able to utilize to work with and educate congregations, businesses, organizations, partners and groups and the public as a whole on the issues of poverty and homelessness and how they can aid in helping those affected by poverty. We believe, the most effective vehicle to reach this large audience is through the development of a toolkit for businesses and organizations to use within their establishments.

The Project Purpose and Objectives

Wesley Urban Ministries will develop an Educational Toolkit for congregations, businesses, organizations, partners and groups to use within to build awareness about homelessness, poverty, available resources, and issues faced by those financially or otherwise marginalized.

The Benefits

Workplaces, organizations, community groups and congregations will gain an enhanced understanding of the issues faced by those experiencing poverty and homelessness. Congregations, businesses, organizations, partners and groups will improve their policies and programs for supporting those who are experiencing difficulties faced as a result of poverty and/or homelessness.

The Cost

To develop the toolkit and its content, Wesley Urban Ministries will require \$7,500

To print 5,000 toolkits, Wesley Urban Ministries will require \$9,750

To distribute/implement the toolkit, Wesley Urban Ministries will require \$2,750

Total Extra Measure Initiative Cost: \$20,000