

MISSION STRATEGY AND SUPPORT

The Mission, Strategy and Support Committee meets, under the authority of The Hamilton Conference Executive, to discern and allocate requests for Mission Support Grants, Investment in Mission and Ministry Grant, requests to the Capital Assistance Fund, requests to the Church Modernization Fund, and requests to the Technical Support Grant Fund. We are composed of members from each of the six presbyteries of Hamilton Conference.

The total available funding from the national Mission and Service Block grant for 2016 was \$235910.00. We are deeply thankful and appreciative of the generous supporters of the Mission and Service Fund who have made these gifts for the work of the Spirit. One of the most difficult challenges we face is that the requests for Mission Support dollars were \$46,000.00 more than we had available to grant. This meant difficult decisions in our allocation meeting. We were delighted to be able to make the following disbursements:

McMaster Campus Ministries Council	5,000.00
Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy	5,000.00
Guelph Ecumenical Campus Ministry	5,000.00
Nations Uniting	35,360.00
New Credit/Delaware Pastoral Charge	40,817.00
Cape Croker United Church	40,817.00
Saugeen Wesley United Church	44,695.00
Wesley Urban Ministries	60,000.00

Eight applications were made to the Investment in Mission and Ministry Fund. We were able to approve four of these requests in the following amounts:

Skylight Festival	10,000.00
Community Ministry	6,000.00
Tobermory United Church	10,000.00
Mount Forest United Church	4,000.00

The Committee takes seriously the funding limitations of the IMM Fund and we would encourage any potential applications to thoroughly read the application forms and ask questions in advance.

The Mission, Strategy and Support Committee vets applications on behalf of the National Church for several funds. We were pleased to be able to send forward two applications for the Capital Assistance Fund, four applications to the Church Modernization Grant and one application for the Technical Support Grant.

As a committee we were delighted to hold our June 2016 meeting on site at Cape Croker United Church, one of the Mission Support Grant sites. It was awesome to see the work of this community living out the work of the Spirit. We are hopeful that as we move forward we are able to visit all of our Hamilton Conference Partners.

We would not be able to do our work without the amazing support of Kim Uyede-Kai and Ruthanna Mack at our Hamilton Conference Office. On a personal level I also need to thank each member of the Committee for dedicated work that is often difficult. If anyone is interested in being part of this passionate committee that seeks ways to live out the Spirit through the generous gifts of folk across the church please speak to any member of the Committee.

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