

Stewardship Updates!

Equipping for God's Mission

Mission & Service:

2018 Minutes for Mission videos

- There are 27 videos available at the [YouTube playlist](#). There is a link below each video in order to download the video so you can use it later, without Internet access. For a USB Flashdrive with all the videos (English & French) and some other media to help inspire people about Mission & Service, please contact Ruth Noble ruble@united-church.ca 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3037 at the General Council Offices.



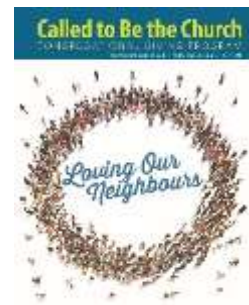
2017 Mission & Service year end Information

- The final numbers are being totalled and will soon be released! Thank-you for your ongoing support! Check out the Stewardship Toolkit for up to date Mission & Service numbers all year long! <http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/2017>

Congregational Giving:

Called to be the Church: Loving Our Neighbours

- The new version of our United Church giving program Called to be the Church has been released and sent to EVERY congregation or Pastoral Charge across the country. You can also download it at the Stewardship Toolkit web-site. <http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/loving-our-neighbours> This is also where you will find the Called to be the Church: Loving Our Neighbours videos, training materials, and on-line extras. More resources are being added, so check back.



United Church Foundation: Grants

Spring 2018 Seeds of Hope Granting Cycle Is Open!

- The spring 2018 Seeds of Hope granting cycle is now open and accepting applications! Applications are due by 8:00 p.m. ET on April 15, 2018. Submission by email is preferred. Seeds of Hope grants will be available Canada-wide for all types of projects! Don't miss out, visit the United Church Foundation website for more information. <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-information-overview/>



Scholarships

- This year The Foundation is also offering a variety of scholarships including the McGeachy Senior Scholarship, the Roy M. Davidson Trust Award, and the W. Norman McLeod Scholarship. Scholarship applications are due March 15. More information and application forms are

available here: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships-overview/>

Great ideas!

Web-site donation page

- Looking for ideas on adding a donation page to your web-site. Here's a great example from Crossroads United Church, in Delta, BC. <http://crossroads-united-church.ca/donate/> It has a clear link to their mission and makes the steps for giving clear and easy.

Customize your donation forms on Canada Helps

- Customised pages raise more money! Find out more, and how you can do this, here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/for-charities/donate-now/>

Webinars for Church Treasurers

- March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13 @ 7pm Eastern Time. Join us for a series of 90 minute workshops to help unravel some of the crucial responsibilities of being a Church Treasurer. Each of our Presenters works with Treasurers every day to help them comply with standard practice in Canadian charities, and keep records that are clear, helpful to the Boards/Councils they serve, and enhance the ministry of their congregation. Each program is self-contained; come to as many as is convenient for you. We offer a discount if you sign up for all four! Get information on each session here: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars-for-church-treasurers>

Boundaries Refresher -- Finances & Gifts

- March 8, 2018 noon ET. This "refresher" course is for those who have already taken the Introductory course, either online or in a face-to-face setting offered by one of our Conference staff. In this 2-hour course we'll continue to reflect the concept of personal and professional boundaries, and how that can help enhance the ministry we are engaged in. The case studies in this program will focus on finances and gifts, and the ways that our approach to these issues can impact the pastoral relationship. Church leaders are sometimes offered gifts by grateful parishioners; how ought we handle this? Church leaders sometimes find themselves in personal financial difficulty; what resources are available to us? Church leaders are responsible for congregational finances too; how can we ensure that appropriate financial practices are in place so that the ministry of our congregations is enhanced and not jeopardized? Get more information and fees here: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/boundaries-workshops>

Interesting Links

Spending money to raise money?

- An interesting TEDx talk out of the US. Are we rewarding ourselves for spending as little as possible to raise funds in order to support our mission, and therefore choking ourselves off of potential resources?
https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_pallotta_the_way_we_think_about_charity_is_dead_wrong?source=email&utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

Don't forget me!!!

If you are looking for encouragement, new ways to think about stewardship, resources, help to implement Congregational Giving, Mission & Service, Planned Legacy Giving, United Church Foundation and investing opportunities for your congregation, and personalised support to help grow strong generous thankful disciples, then contact me and let's talk.

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