

Stewardship Updates!

Equipping for God's Mission

Mission & Service: (<http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/mission-service>)

- From the individual members and participants, through congregations and Pastoral Charges, Presbyteries, Conferences, and the General Council; ALL WE DO, as The United Church of Canada, is Mission & Service. Find out more about what that looks like in the annual report [2017 Year in Review](#) document. <https://www.united-church.ca/news/2017-year-review>
- Last year, in the early fall, each Pastoral Charge that was ahead from the previous year with their Mission & Service sharing received an email from me to thank them and ask if they had ideas or stories to share about why they were ahead. It was well received, so I plan to do it again! Watch your In-Box!
- Be sure to send in what your Pastoral Charge has received for our Mission & Service. I would hate to not thank-you, simply because you had not yet transferred the Mission & Service gifts to the National Office! Why not learn the habit of Monthly Remittance?
- Wondering how your Pastoral Charge compares to others for Mission & Service? Look here and find out!! [Hamilton Conference](#). [London Conference](#).



Remit #4 update:

- After 3 years of discussion and meeting and remit, General Council 43, meeting in Oshawa from July 21-27, enacted changes to the funding of the United Church in remit #4. According to the General Council 43 web-site, "There will be one assessment model to fund the denominational and regional councils that is more equitable and transparent, and fairly recognizes rural and smaller congregations' financial constraints. The denominational council will assess pastoral charges to cover the costs of governance and support services. Governance and associated support services at all levels of the church will be funded through assessments. A consistent, revenue-based assessment formula (4.5 percent) will replace the more than 30 different formulas currently in place. **Mission & Service donations will be used solely to fund the church's ministry and mission.** (emphasis added)" Read more [here](#).
- More detailed information from prior to General Council 43 can be found [here](#).

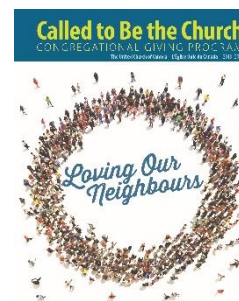
Congregational Giving: (www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca)

Called to be the Church: Loving Our Neighbours

- Many congregations choose to use our United Church Giving program to be the Church, in the fall. Will you be one of them? All you have to is a pinch of courage and a dash of willingness!!
- Download as much as you need! Click to:
 - [Download the whole Program](#)
 - [Download the Planning Workbook](#)
 - [Download Welcome and Quick Start Guide](#)
 - [Register NOW](#)

Great summer reading to help your fall annual giving program.

- For an inspiring video, sharing stories of congregations that have successfully used Called to be the Church, check this out! <https://goo.gl/BNHYgZ>
- If doing Called to be the Church on your own seems like too much for your congregation, then talk to your neighbouring congregations and work on it together. Sharing the planning and the workload makes it easier for everyone and is just plain good stewardship! Everyone wins!



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United Church Foundation: (<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/>)

- Thanks to the generous members of the United Church and the General Council Office, we are pleased to announce the following grants: [Spring Granting Summary](#) There are some great ideas in here that maybe you could use!
- The Fall 2018 Seeds of Hope granting cycle is now open! Completed applications must be received by 8 p.m. Eastern on October 15, 2018 to be considered by the Joint Grants Committee. Please visit the How to Apply section for more information. Please note that the fall 2018 round will only provide grants for seniors' programs and projects, and lectureships and events. Grants for all project types will be available again in the spring 2019 Seeds of Hope round. Applications are available [here](#).

Great ideas!

Webinars:

- **How to Ask from the Pulpit** - September 26, 2018 1-2:30pm ET / 10-11:30am PT. Back by popular demand! Take part and receive a free book! <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/pulpit-ask-2018>
- **A Giving Program That Works – Loving Our Neighbours 2018** - April 25, 2018 1-2:30pm ET / 10-11:30am PT - October 10, 2018 1-2:30pm ET / 10-11:30am PT. Inspire! Invite! Thank! <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/a-giving-program-that-works-loving-our-neighbours-2018>
- United-in-Learning is in the process of finalizing the Fall line-up of webinars, and starting to plan for Spring 2019. If you have a suggestion about webinar topics or leaders, they'd be thrilled to hear it. please click [HERE](#) to email Stephen Fetter at the General Council Office.

Interesting Links

- Good. Evil. Heroes. Villains. Adventures. Conquests. Battles lost. Battles won. How are you telling your story? [Click here for help](#)
- Not for the faint of heart!! This TEDx talk got me thinking about the nature of worship and inviting giving. Imagine worship as street theatre?? I'd love to hear your thoughts. [Click here to watch.](#)

Don't forget me!!!

If you are looking for encouragement, new ways to think about stewardship, resources, help with anything in this newsletter and personalised support to help grow strong generous thankful disciples, then contact me and let's talk.

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