

# Mission and Service at a glance



The chapel at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology, Matanzas, Cuba, an M&S partner.

## WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE UNITED CHURCH?

The United Church's New Creed captures the church's mission: We are called to be the church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, and to proclaim Jesus.

We respond to this calling in many ways. Our collective efforts beyond our local church and community are the Mission and Service work of the church. This work is carried out around the world by Mission and Service global partners and across Canada by congregations, community ministries, Conferences, presbyteries, and the General Council.

**Together we support this work by pooling our financial resources through the Mission and Service Fund.**

## WHY A UNIFIED FUND?

For more than 85 years we have shared and supported all the work of the United Church. This shared responsibility includes pooling our money to fund our worship life, our partnerships, and our relationships with other faith groups. This united response is financially supported through the Mission and Service Fund. We know that a unified fund that supports all our work is effective, stable, fair, economical, and flexible.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

This year, responding to input and questions, we are providing a new picture of what programs the Mission and Service Fund supports within the total General Council plan for 2011. The pie chart on the next pages shows how our givings are supporting six program areas of Mission and Service work.

We will be focusing the Mission and Service revenue entirely on these programs and services. We will use other sources of investment and trust revenue for the leadership and governance operations of the General Council Office. In addition, the management of group insurance and staff pensions will be self-funded through these programs in 2011. Priorities and needs may change from year to year, and this information will change annually to reflect those changes. The program expenditures include the common office services required for program delivery, such as finance, IT, and communications.

Our 2011 objective is to provide \$31,100,000 from M&S revenue along with \$6,300,000 in additional donated funds to support \$37,400,000 of Mission and Service work. The additional donated funds are designated to specific programs and activities and come from the Morrison Bequest fund, Emergency Fund donations, grants from trusts and endowments, designated gifts, investment income, and government co-financing.

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# Funding Vital Mission and Service

## GENERAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP \$7.9 MILLION, 0% OF M&S FUNDS

### 8 Pension and Group Health Insurance Services: \$3.7 million, self-funded

Providing pension and group health insurance support for ministers and church employees.

### 7 General Council Leadership and Governance: \$4.2 million, funded from investment and other income

Providing, supporting, and enabling denominational and identity connections across the church through the role of the General Council Office, including the General Council and the Executive of the General Council.

## FUNDING PRIORITY WORK \$9 MILLION, 24% OF M&S FUNDS

### 6 Conference Leadership: \$4.4 million, 12% of M&S funds

Funding to support Conference staff as they provide leadership and resources to presbyteries, ministry personnel, and local ministries. Each Conference is a vital expression of the work of today's church as it becomes the church of the future.

### 5 Support to Local Ministries: \$4.6 million, 12% of M&S funds

Providing Mission Support Grants to congregations that need short-term operating support as they grow or transition in ministry. Supplying core operational funding where required, providing loans and capital funding, and sharing resources and expertise with local ministries to address important issues.

## FORECASTED 2011 MISSION (\$37.4 MILLION)



Mission and Service partner CESE supports a woman's clothing co-operative in Salvador, Brazil.

# Service Programs

## MISSION AND SERVICE EXPENDITURES



### JUSTICE, WITNESS, AND RIGHT RELATIONS \$15.4 MILLION, 41% OF M&S FUNDS

**1 Global Mission and Service:**  
\$10.5 million, 28% of M&S funds  
Acting for peace and justice by providing core operational and emergency funding to Mission and Service partners around the world to build their capacity and ability to carry out God's mission in their communities. This work is undertaken in cooperation with a range of global partners in the regions of Africa and the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, and the Caribbean and Latin America.

**2 Community and Justice Work:**  
\$4.9 million, 13% of M&S funds  
Supporting community and justice ministries, partnering to engage marginalized communities, and seeking right relationships across Canada. This includes the caring work of hospital and university chaplains, the Aboriginal Healing Fund, programs related to Indigenous justice and right relations, and support for Canadian ecumenical partners.

### DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP \$13 MILLION, 35% OF M&S FUNDS

**3 Theological Education and Ministry Support:**  
\$5.5 million, 15% of M&S funds  
Educating and equipping our leaders for the church that we are becoming. Education for a range of ministries, including funding for theological schools, training for lay leadership, educating ordained and diaconal clergy, and providing student education bursaries. Providing ongoing support to ministers and congregations in pastoral relations.

**4 Faith Formation:**  
\$7.5 million, 20% of M&S funds  
Forming the whole people of God and developing leadership for broader ministry. This area includes work in ministries related to children, youth and young adults, Aboriginal peoples, French, stewardship, and intercultural and diverse ministries.

The inner pie chart shows where the money is spent. The outer ring shows where the funding for this work comes from.

\*Your M&S donation is combined with additional donated funds, including the Morrison Bequest fund, Emergency Fund donations, grants from trusts and endowments, designated gifts, investment income, and government co-financing.

# Here's What Your Mission and Service Gifts Support

## IN CANADA

- 119** Pastoral charges receiving core funding
- 75** Community outreach and social support programs
- 43** Hospital, nursing home, community, and university chaplaincies
- 23** Ecumenical advocacy and interfaith organizations

## OVERSEAS

- 31** Global mission personnel, with language training, airfare, and salaries paid for by the M&S Fund
- 108** Churches, Christian councils, and agencies that minister in partnership with The United Church of Canada
- 32** Countries in which The United Church of Canada supports ministry, training, development or relief projects
- 10** Global ecumenical partners

## 2010 RESULTS

In 2010 United Church congregations and supporters raised \$29,413,000 from gifts to the Mission and Service Fund. This revenue was combined with an additional \$2,378,000 in Mission and Service legacy revenue to provide a total of \$31,791,000 to support the Mission and Service work of the church.



Southdale Chaplaincy

Faith and Missy have fun at the Senior After School program offered by Mission and Service partner Southdale Chaplaincy in London, Ontario. For 20 years the chaplaincy has been providing programs for school children and low-income families in the Southdale public housing complex.