

Seeking Mission Theme 2013–2015 Proposals

What do you think the 2013–2015 mission theme should be?

Tell us what you think and invite others, committees, and networks to respond as well. While the new mission theme “Are We Healthy? Working toward Wellness and Well-being” has just been launched in May, we have begun the process of soliciting input for the next mission theme.

The mission theme is a two year United Church focus on a particular mission area. Two editions of *Mandate* magazine, and sometimes additional resources, are used for different types of education and engagement around the theme. When developing a recommendation for a new mission theme, the Mission Theme Consultation Group uses the following criteria as a guide.

The new mission theme should

- have an achievable focus that can encourage both in-depth study and involvement and simple activities
- present new and challenging ideas
- be relevant to the United Church, and reflect links with ecumenical and international issues; it can have a specific geographical or thematic focus
- appeal to a relatively broad cross-section of the United Church, including youth and children
- over the years, reflect a balance in the themes selected (both thematically and geographically)

The Mission Theme Consultation Group, made up of elected members and General Council Office staff, is requesting submissions for the next mission theme by October 1, 2011. Please use the submission form to send in proposals.

You can send your responses by e-mail, surface mail, or fax to:

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1962–63:	The Christian Movement in East Asia
1963–64:	The Christian Movement in South Asia
1964–65:	Brazil and Trinidad
1965–66:	The Christian's Calling
1966–67:	Contribution of the Church to Canada
1967–68:	Japan
1968–69:	China (Mainland China)
1969–70:	Reconciliation in a Broken World (Canada)
1970–71:	The Americas (Adult and Youth) How the Word Gets Around (Children)
1971–72:	Africa
1972–73:	India
1973–74:	Mission Today I—general philosophy and method
1974–75:	Mission Today II—relationships at home, community and world
1975–76:	People and Systems
1976–77:	Canadian Concerns: Christian Response
1977–78:	Caribbean Crescent
1978–79:	Human Rights
1979–80:	Japan
1980–81:	Partners in the Gospel
1981–82:	Faith and Justice
1982–83:	South Pacific
1983–84:	Jesus Christ the Life of the World
1984–85:	Korea
1985–86:	Dialogue with Native Peoples
1986–87:	First Nations: A Global Dialogue
1987–88:	Creation in Crisis: Rural life in Canada and Africa
1988–89:	South Africa
1989–90:	Canada's Cultural Mosaic
1990–91:	Gospel, Culture & Media: Where do we get our values?
1991–93:	Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women 1991–92: The Feminine Face of Poverty 1992–93: Women and Men in Dialogue
1993–95:	Mission into the 21st Century
1995–97	Work, Money and Meaning
1997–99	Uprooted Peoples
1999–2001	Jubilee
2001–2003	Children: Is Anybody Listening?
2003–2005	Overcoming Violence: Seeking Reconciliation and Peace
2005–2007	Living in Right Relationship
2007–2009	Challenging Empire: A Call to Community
2009–2011	Living for the Earth: Choosing Creation over Empire
2011–2013	Are We Healthy? Working toward Wholeness and Well-being