

African and Middle Eastern Mission & Service Partners 2016

29 partners in 8 countries

In Africa and the Middle East the United Church works with Mission & Service partners on urgent issues affecting people's daily lives. Priorities are sustainable livelihoods, community access to food and markets, and the right of communities to determine what food to grow locally and how, as well as access to land and safe water in the context of land grabbing, issues of resource extraction, such as mining, and working for justice and peace.



Richard Wainwright/Act for Peace

A child has a blood sample taken by a midwife working for the Near East Council of Churches (NECC) on a house-to-house screening project to screen all children under five in Shijaia, Gaza, for anemia and malnourishment. He was subsequently diagnosed with anemia, given emergency iron supplement drops, and referred to the clinic for follow-up.

High rates of anemia and malnutrition in Gaza have become worse following the 2014 conflict. The United Church of Canada works in partnership with Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) Gaza (Near East Council of Churches) to assist Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. DSPR Gaza provides primary health care services, vocational training opportunities, and humanitarian support to Palestinian communities.

REGION WIDE

- All Africa Conference of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees[†] (humanitarian relief, food security, health care, refugee rights)
- Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (pan-African ecumenical training institute)
- Organization of African Instituted Churches (council of Indigenous African Churches)
- Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) (interfaith work)

- World Student Christian Federation, Africa Region (ecumenical student movement)

ANGOLA

- Evangelical Congregational Church of Angola (denominational church)
- Department of Social Assistance Projects – Evangelical Church of Angola (development organization)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Église du Christ au Congo* (ecumenical organization, theological training, women and families, human rights)



The PRENAO Light School, a ministry of Mission & Service partner Église du Christ au Congo (ECC) located in Goma in the volatile North Kivu province, provides education to 141 primary school and 26 secondary school orphans. Here students welcome visitors from ECC Kinshasa and The United Church of Canada in June 2015. In addition to running a primary school staffed by largely volunteer teachers in a simple wooden structure, PRENAO provides trauma healing and economic support for some 35 rape survivors and 80 widows.

KENYA

- Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children's Rights (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- National Council of Churches of Kenya* (ecumenical organization)
- Pembizo Christian Council (ecumenical organization)

TANZANIA

- Christian Council of Tanzania (ecumenical organization)
- Morogoro Women's Training Centre† (justice issues, women's empowerment and skills development)

ZAMBIA

- Council of Churches in Zambia (ecumenical organization)
- People's Action Forum† (rural political and economic empowerment)
- United Church of Zambia (denominational church)
- United Church of Zambia Theological College (theological training)
- Women for Change (women's education, empowerment, and skills development)

ZIMBABWE

- Christian Care† (relief and food security)
- Institute for Theological Reflection Today (skills training for church leaders)
- United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe (denominational church)
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ecumenical organization, women, youth, mission and evangelism)

ISRAEL/PALESTINE

- Jerusalem Center for Women (empowerment of Palestinian women)
- Jerusalem InterChurch Centre (ecumenical organization, visitor education)
- Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center (conflict resolution, community empowerment, women's rights)
- Defence for Children International—Palestine (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- Sabeel (ecumenical, theology, hosting pilgrimages for transformation)

LEBANON

- Middle East Council of Churches* (ecumenical organization)

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Asian Mission & Service Partners 2016

22 partners in 5 countries

In Asia the United Church works with Mission & Service partners who are identifying and addressing human rights abuses wherever they occur, as part of building a world of justice for all. Critical issues for the region include peace building and upholding the rights of communities to healthy environments in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. Mission & Service partners' work also includes sustainable community development and addressing food security. The United Church also supports Mission & Service partners responding to humanitarian crises.



Church of North India

The problem of human trafficking in India is tied to widespread poverty, gender discrimination, lack of economic and social opportunities, and displacement. Mission & Service partner the Church of North India (CNI) has launched an anti-human-trafficking program aimed at young people between the ages of 13 to 18, who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation. The program includes education and livelihood support. Shown are CNI workers sharing information about the program with the community during the awareness campaign.

REGION WIDE

- Asian Muslim Action Network (interfaith work)
- Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology (education and theology)
- Christian Conference of Asia (ecumenical formation, leadership development, development and service)
- World Student Christian Federation, Asia Pacific Region (youth development, education, human rights)

CHINA

- Amity Foundation[†] (social services)
- China Christian Council (ecumenical organization)
- Zi Teng (women's empowerment)

INDIA

- Astha Sansthan (organization building)
- Church of North India^{*†} (denominational church, anti-human-trafficking)
- Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (advocacy, human rights, education)



NCCP and ACT

A fisher mends his net in front of new houses in the community of Fereras, Philippines, built with the support of Mission & Service partner the National Council of Churches of Christ in the Philippines (NCCP). The homes replace those lost in Typhoon Haiyan in 2013 and are part of the NCCP-ACT Haiyan Reconstruction Program.

JAPAN

- Asian Rural Institute (sustainable agriculture and livelihood)

PHILIPPINES

- Cordillera Peoples Alliance* (Indigenous rights)
- Ecumenical Bishops' Forum (human rights, peace development)
- Ecumenical Voices for Human Rights (human rights)
- Institute of Religion and Culture (justice education)
- National Council of Churches in the Philippines (ecumenical organization, human rights, education, humanitarian relief)
- United Church of Christ in the Philippines† (church, human rights work)

SOUTH KOREA

- Ecumenical Forum for Peace, Reunification, and Development (peace and reunification)
- Korean Association of Women Theologians (theological training and advocacy for women)
- Korean Women Workers Association (women workers' rights)
- National Council of Churches in Korea (ecumenical organization)
- Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (church, human rights, peace)

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Caribbean and Latin American Mission & Service Partners 2016

31 partners in 9 countries

In the Caribbean and Latin America the United Church works with Mission & Service partners to secure community access to food and sustainable agricultural practices, to provide education for young children and adults, and to build and sustain safe water supplies. Partners work to promote respect for human rights, including women's and Indigenous people's rights, as well as the right to a healthy environment in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The United Church also supports Mission & Service partner work responding to humanitarian crises and, with others, advocates for strong development and aid policies that support people and communities in crisis.



CEPALC

Work with children and youth is a priority for **Mission & Service** partner Latin America Centre for Popular Education (CEPALC) in Bogotá, Colombia. More than 150 children like these in 26 neighbourhoods take part in workshops that use art and drama. The workshops educate the children in the rights of the child and Indigenous history in Colombia and promote attitudes and behaviours that challenge patriarchal and authoritarian patterns in society.

REGION WIDE

- Caribbean North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) (North-South dialogue, youth leadership training)
- Latin American and Caribbean Communication Agency (ALC) (ecumenical communication)
- Latin American Council of Churches (CLAI) (ecumenical organization)
- Regional Ecumenical Advisory and Service Centre (CREAS) (institutional capacity building)
- World Student Christian Federation, Latin America and Caribbean Region (ecumenical organization, youth and student movement building)

BOLIVIA

- Joining Hands for Life (UMAVIDA) (development and ecology)
- Union of Domestic Workers, Cochabamba (FENATRAHOB) (women workers' rights)

COLOMBIA

- Latin American Centre for Popular Communication (CEPALC) (children, youth, women, grassroots education and empowerment)
- Colombian Methodist Church* (denominational church, peace, anti-poverty)



Just before attending an international ecumenical conference for peace in El Salvador in March, Moderator Jordan Cantwell, left, and 18 other United Church people made a visit to the Santa Marta Economic and Social Development Association (ADES), a **Mission & Service partner**. They were welcomed by ADES president Vidalina Morales, centre, who received the gift of a Seeding Life campaign poster in recognition of ADES's work training small farmers in soil conservation and organic agriculture. Also shown is Jim Hodgson, the United Church's Latin America Regional Program Coordinator.

COSTA RICA

- Ecumenical Research Department (DEI) (social and theological research/training)
- Latin American Biblical University (UBL) (theological education and training)

CUBA

- Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (CCRD) (community development)
- Cuban Council of Churches (ecumenical organization, development, emergency response)
- Evangelical Seminary of Theology, Matanzas (theological education and training)
- Martin Luther King Centre (popular education/theological reflection, citizen participation and community development)
- Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba (denominational church)

EL SALVADOR

- Emmanuel Baptist Church* (church, community development, peace building, leadership training)
- Santa Marta Economic and Social Development Association (ADES)* (community development, human rights, ecology)

GUATEMALA

- Ecumenical Forum for Peace (peace and reconciliation)
- Guatemala Conference of Evangelical Churches (CIEDEG) (gender, Indigenous justice, rural development)
- Women's Network of Maya Presbyterians (empowering rural Indigenous women, income-generation projects)

HAITI

- Karl Lévêque Cultural Institute (ICKL)[†] (community organizing, economy of solidarity, popular education)
- Methodist Church of Haiti (church, education, community development)

NICARAGUA

- Development Institute of the Moravian Church (ADSIM)[†] (rural development, disaster relief, HIV/AIDS)
- Los Quinchos School for Child Street Vendors[†] (children, education)
- Moravian Church in Nicaragua[†] (church, women and youth, community building, inter-culturalism)

PERU

- Andean Women's Association (rural community development, Indigenous women's rights)
- Centro Esperanza (Centre for Hope), Chiclayo (youth, women, and children's empowerment)
- FEDEPAZ (human rights organization)
- Proceso Kairos (women and theological reflection, building local leadership)
- Faculty of Theology and Religion, Recinto University (theological education)

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Canadian Mission & Service Ministries 2016

These lists show community ministries and chaplaincies selected to receive support in 2016. Some 100 ministries and programs will be supported across Canada.



Footprints 4 Autism of Whitby, Ontario, offers respite care and programming for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Mission & Service has supported this program for four years.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR CONFERENCE

St. John's

- Bridges to Hope (Cochrane Street Food Aid) (support for low-income people)
- Deaf Ministries
- East District Chaplaincy (pastoral care for patients in health care facilities and inmates in a penitentiary; support for students at Memorial University)
- Emmanuel House (residential treatment program for at-risk adults)
- Naomi Centre (emergency shelter, support for young women)

Other communities

- Gander Hospital Chaplaincy (pastoral care for patients in hospital and seniors in care facilities)
- Grand Falls Hospital Chaplaincy (pastoral care for patients)

MARITIME CONFERENCE

Includes Bermuda, the Gaspé Coast, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island

Halifax

- Brunswick Street Mission (programs for people in poverty)
- Dalhousie University Campus Ministry (spiritual and social justice ministry with students)
- Fairview United Family Resource Centre (support for parents and children)
- GO Project, St. Andrew's United Church (summer youth ministry)
- Out of the Cold (emergency winter shelter, St. Matthew's United Church)
- St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (support programs for parents and children)

Springhill, NS

- Spring House, Concilio (spiritual retreat centre for inmates)
- St. Luke's Renewal Centre (hospitality house for families visiting inmates)

New Brunswick

- Centenary-Queen Square Adult Care Centre (Saint John) (support for seniors and disabled adults, day care for children at risk)
- Fredericton Council (campus chaplaincy at UNB)
- St. Croix Wellness and Renewal Centre (Oak Bay) (addresses gaps in service regarding physical, mental, and spiritual health issues)

Other communities

- Eastern Guysborough Breakfast Program (for children in rural communities)
- New Dawn Community Development Educational Foundation (Sydney, NS) (creates educational opportunities related to community economic and social development)
- Tatamagouche Centre
 - Aboriginal Peace & Friendship Project (fostering peace and justice between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people)
 - Breaking the Silence Project (solidarity program with Guatemala)

SYNODE MONTRÉAL & OTTAWA CONFERENCE

Includes the Province of Quebec and Ontario from Ottawa down to the Seaway Valley

Montreal Region

- Comité d'aide aux réfugiés (support for refugees)
- Concordia Multifaith Chaplaincy Ministry (campus ministry)
- Corporation Culturelle Latino-Américaine de l'Amitié Outreach Ministry (COCLA) (support for Latin-American newcomers and refugees)
- McGill University Chaplaincy (campus ministry)
- Montreal City Mission (self-help and advocacy)

- St. Columba House (self-help and advocacy)
- Union United Outreach (local outreach and self-help)

Mountain, ON

- House of Lazarus Matilda Resource Centre (outreach, food bank, medical clinic)

Ottawa

- Algonquin College Ecumenical Chaplaincy (campus ministry)
- Carlington Community Chaplaincy (local outreach, self-help, and chaplaincy)
- Centre 507 Association of Ottawa (drop-in, self-help, and local outreach)

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE

Includes eastern Ontario from Pickering to Brockville, north to Deep River, across to “The Narrows” at Orillia

Belleville

- Quinte Deaf Fellowship (weekly services and pastoral care for the Deaf community)
- Spiritual Care Services, Quinte Health Care (Belleville, Trenton, Prince Edward County, North Hastings hospitals) (chaplaincy)

Oshawa

- Back Door Ministry (community outreach and advocacy)
- Rouge Valley Health System Chaplaincy Services

Other Communities

- Footprints 4 Autism (Durham Region) (provides respite services for families with children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder)
- Kawartha Lakes Food Source (Lindsay) (supply food to organizations that provide food to individuals in need)
- Kingston Community Chaplaincy (provides social and spiritual services to newly released convicts and their families)
- Lakeridge Health Port Perry Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy)
- Minden Food Bank
- North House Shelter (Beaverton, ON) (secures housing and social services for homeless people)
- Places for People (Lindsay Presbytery) (rents homes, provides social services to disadvantaged people)
- Trent University Chaplaincy (Peterborough) (campus ministry)

TORONTO CONFERENCE

Includes City of Toronto and the counties of Dufferin, Peel, Grey, Muskoka, Simcoe, and York

Toronto

- Anglican United Refugee Alliance (formerly WGRR) (encourages churches to support refugees)
- Davenport Perth Community Ministry (community ministry, reading support for young children, worship services)
- Fred Victor Centre (housing and services for people experiencing homelessness and poverty)
- GO Project, Islington United Church (summer youth ministry)
- Interchurch Health Ministries (fosters health, supports parish nursing)
- Jane Finch Community Ministry (community development, pastoral care, advocacy)
- Massey Centre for Women (housing and support for

- pregnant and parenting teens and their children)
- Mount Sinai Hospital (hospital chaplaincy)
- Rouge Valley Health Systems (hospital chaplaincy)
- St. Matthew’s Bracondale House (non-profit housing for seniors, families)
- Toronto Christian Resource Centre (self-help, drop-in, housing)
- Toronto East General Hospital (hospital chaplaincy)
- Toronto Urban Native Ministry (worship, pastoral care, advocacy)
- University of Toronto Ecumenical Chaplaincy (campus chaplaincy)

Other Communities

- Grey Bruce Health Care Chaplaincy Council (Owen Sound) (hospital chaplaincy)
- The Journey Neighbourhood Centre (Brampton) (neighbourhood outreach, including after-school and reading programs)
- Muskoka Chaplaincy Association (Huntsville) (chaplaincy for hospitals and long-term care facilities)
- Queen’s Bush Rural Ministries (Dobbington) (crisis support for farm families)

HAMILTON CONFERENCE

Includes south-central Ontario from the Niagara Peninsula to Port Dover, north to the Bruce Peninsula, including Waterloo, and south-east to Mississauga

Hamilton

- McMaster University Campus Ministry (St. Catharines) (chaplaincy)
- Wesley Urban Ministries (support for those who are marginalized)

Other Communities

- Brock University Campus Ministry (St. Catharines) (chaplaincy)
- Nations Uniting (outreach ministry for those seeking to reconnect with their traditional teachings, Residential School survivors, and others seeking healing)

LONDON CONFERENCE

Includes southwestern Ontario and Algoma

London

- East London United Church Outreach Cluster (programming, chaplaincy, and advocacy for those living in poverty)
- London Community Chaplaincy
- Western University Chaplaincy

Other Communities

- Operation Sharing (drop-in centre and counselling)
- Ridgetown Campus Chaplaincy Program (Ridgetown campus of the University of Guelph)
- Travelling Summer Day Camp and the GO Project (Stratford) (summer youth ministry)
- Welcome Friend Association’s Rainbow Camp (Thessalon) (residential camping environment for LGBTQ youth and their siblings)
- The Windsor Youth Centre (responding to physical and spiritual needs of street youth)

Four afternoons a week, St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry, Winnipeg, offers a drop-in, a safe place for a sandwich, coffee, and conversation.



MANITOU CONFERENCE

- Daisy Chain Drop-in Centre for Women (South River)
- Nipissing District Community Homeowners Action Group (North Bay) (resources to help move low-income families from rental accommodation into affordable homes)

CONFERENCE OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Brandon, MB

- The Counselling Centre (strives to restore mental and emotional wholeness to marginalized people)

Winnipeg

- North End Stella Community Ministry (provides holistic healing in the Aboriginal community)
- Oak Table Community Ministry (pastoral care, information, and recreational opportunities for street people, transients, and residents)
- Rainbow Ministry (support, advocacy for lesbians and gay people and their families)
- St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry (inner-city advocacy, self-help)
- West Broadway Community Services (services and programs for a low-income neighbourhood)

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Regina

- Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry (RAPM) (support for people with low incomes; anti-poverty education and advocacy)
- South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy

Saskatoon

- Chaplaincy Society, University of Saskatchewan
- Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy
- River Bend Integrated Community Ministries (services to reduce poverty, education, advocacy, pastoral care)

ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Includes Alberta, northern British Columbia, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories

Calgary

- Pastoral Care Ministry (support, training for pastoral care volunteers in United Churches)
- University of Calgary, United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry (chaplaincy)

Edmonton

- Bissell Centre (meeting medical, housing, and clothing needs of those living in poverty; advocacy; literacy programs)
- Inner City Pastoral Ministry (worship, pastoral care, support, advocacy)
- University of Alberta Faith Lift Campus Ministry (chaplaincy)

Other Communities

- Medicine Hat College Ecumenical Campus Ministry
- University of Lethbridge Ecumenical Campus Ministry (chaplaincy)

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Includes British Columbia except for the northern area included in Alberta and Northwest Conference

Vancouver

- First United Church (inner-city ministry)
- Longhouse Council of Native Ministry (worship, pastoral care, food programs, outreach)

Victoria

- Our Place Society (transitional housing, meals, support)

ALL NATIVE CIRCLE CONFERENCE

Includes presbyteries with congregations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec

- Regina Native Outreach Ministry (support and self-help)
- Thompson Outreach (worship, intercultural ministry, support, and pastoral care)
- Winnipeg Outreach Ministry