

African and Middle Eastern Mission & Service Partners 2017

30 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.



The Morogoro Women's Training Centre helps women develop knowledge, skills, and confidence so they can lead the social and economic development of their families, communities, and country. Here, women learn nutritional skills. Launched in 1979, the centre is a project of the Christian Council of Tanzania, which is supported by **Mission & Service**. Most of the women who come to the centre are from rural areas and they take their experience and what they learn home to share with their communities.

REGION WIDE

- All Africa Conference of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees* (humanitarian relief, food security, health care, refugee rights)
- Ecumenical HIV/AIDS Initiative to Assist African Churches (WCC)
- 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)



Zahida, a refugee from Syria, does laundry in front of her family's shelter in the village of Jeb Jennine in Lebanon. ACT Alliance is a global coalition of church and church-related organizations engaged in development, humanitarian assistance, and advocacy. A **Mission & Service** partner, ACT Alliance works directly with those impacted by a humanitarian crisis, such as the ongoing war in Syria. When disaster strikes, ACT Alliance responds with life-saving food, shelter, water, and sanitation.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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

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* (WCC) (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 2017

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. The work of **Mission & Service** partners includes sustainable community development and addressing food security. The United Church also supports **Mission & Service** partners responding to humanitarian crises.



Alan Hall

The highlands of Luzon are famous for rice terraces sculpted along mountain slopes by Indigenous farmers. Here, **Mission & Service** partner, the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA), struggles to protect the ancestral domain of the Cordilleran peoples on the western part of Philippines' largest northern island. Founded in 1984, the CPA plays a significant role in protecting the human rights of Indigenous communities, including the right to make decisions about their traditional lands.

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)



The National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK) is a fellowship of eight Korean churches supported by **Mission & Service**. The Council works for unity and cooperation, encouraging the development of a society where God's love and peace is fully realized. Since the 1980's the NCCK has been working for peace, reconciliation, and the reunification of the Korean peninsula. Ribbons, pictured above, symbolize the work towards peace and reconciliation.

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)
- Institutes 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 2017

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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 also work to promote respect for human rights, including women's and Indigenous peoples' 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.



Educating children is a **Mission & Service** priority. Above, Luis Fariñas, director of Los Quinchos School in Managua, Nicaragua, recently welcomed Melissa Carter to the staff of teachers. Carter is a Canadian teacher from Markham, Ont. who was appointed as a Companion in Mission at the school. Los Quinchos School educates about 1,000 children in the San Judas neighbourhood of the Nicaraguan capital.

REGION WIDE

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

COLOMBIA

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

COSTA RICA

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



Mission & Service partner Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba supports several community outreach projects, including the Weavers of Hope Project. Here, weavers Flora Lovio Acosta, Elena Alonso Echevarría, and Rosa González show some of their work. This project and others improve the quality of life for participants, their families, and their community.

CUBA

- Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (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 (community development, human rights, ecology)*

GUATEMALA

- Ecumenical Council of Guatemala
- Guatemala Conference of Evangelical Churches (gender, Indigenous justice, rural development)*
- Women's Network of Maya Presbyterians (empowering rural Indigenous women, income-generation projects)

HAITI

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

NICARAGUA

- Development Institute of the Moravian Church (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 Community Ministries 2017

These lists show community ministries and chaplaincies selected by Conferences to receive **Mission & Service** funding in 2017.



Derek Ford

Our Place offers greater Victoria's most vulnerable citizens a place to call their own, and live, share, and grow together. Here, Jill and Mark enjoy lunch at Our Place Society where 1,600 meals are served daily to those in need.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR CONFERENCE

St. John's

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

Other communities

- West District Chaplaincy (pastoral care to patients in Corner Brook, Gander and the surrounding area)

MARITIME CONFERENCE

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

New Brunswick

- Centenary-Queen Square Adult Care Centre (Saint John, NB) (support for seniors and disabled adults, day care for children at risk)
- Fredericton Council (ecumenical campus chaplaincy at the University of New Brunswick)
- Intergenerational Event at Chipman Gasperaux Pastoral Charge (year-round supervised programs for youth K-12)
- St. Croix Wellness and Renewal Centre (Oak Bay, NB) (wellness support to seniors and various therapies for children at risk)

Halifax

- Brunswick Street Mission (food and educational programming for people in poverty)
- Dalhousie University Campus Ministry (spiritual and social justice ministry with students)
- Fairview United Family Resource Centre (education and advocacy for parents and children)
- GO Project, Hope United Church (summer youth ministry)
- Out of the Cold (sustainable housing help, drop in centre)

- and emergency winter shelter St. Matthew's United Church)
- St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (support programs for parents and children)

Springhill, Nova Scotia

- St. Luke's Renewal Centre (hospitality house for inmates and their families)

Other communities

- Tatamagouche Centre
 - Aboriginal Peace & Friendship Project (fostering peace and justice between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)
 - Breaking the Silence Project (solidarity program with Guatemala)

MONTREAL & OTTAWA CONFERENCE

Includes Québec and Ontario from Ottawa south to the Seaway Valley

Montréal Region

- Comité d'aide aux réfugiés (support and advocacy for refugees)
- Concordia Multifaith Chaplaincy Ministry (multi-faith campus ministry)
- Corporation Culturelle Latino-Americaine de l'Amitié Outreach Ministry (support for Latin-American newcomers and refugees)
- McGill University Chaplaincy (ecumenical campus ministry)
- Montreal City Mission (advocacy and education for women and children)*
- St. Columba House (advocacy and education for at-risk women and children)*

Ottawa

- Carlington Community Chaplaincy (social housing help and pastoral care)
- Centre 507 Association of Ottawa (drop-in, self-help, and recreational and educational programming)

Mountain, Ontario

- House of Lazarus Matilda Resource Centre (clothing help, educational program, food bank, and medical clinic)

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 (chaplaincy in the Belleville, Trenton, Prince Edward County, North Hastings hospitals)

Kingston

- Kingston Community Chaplaincy (provides social and spiritual services to newly released convicts and their families)

Oshawa

- Back Door Mission for Relief of Poverty (advocacy for those living in poverty)

- Rouge Valley Health System Chaplaincy Services (hospital chaplaincy)

Other Communities

- Bedford House Getting Ahead Project (educational support for those living in poverty)
- Durham Youth Housing & Support Services (housing support for at risk youth)
- Footprints 4 Autism (Durham Region) (provides respite services for families with children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders)
- Kawartha Lakes Food Source (Lindsay, Ont.) (supply food to food banks and school breakfast programs)
- Lakeridge Health Port Perry Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy)
- Minden Food Bank (supply food to schools, Meals on Wheels programs for Seniors, Good Food Box)
- North House Shelter (Beaverton, Ont.) (secures housing and social services for homeless people)
- Places for People (Lindsay Presbytery) (rents homes, provides social services to disadvantaged people)
- Seeds of Change (Emmanuel United Church, Peterborough, Ont.) (safe space for art, spirituality and social justice)
- Trent University Chaplaincy (Peterborough, Ont.) (campus ministry)

TORONTO CONFERENCE

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

TORONTO

- Anglican United Refugee Alliance (formerly WGRR) (promotes refugee sponsorship and hospitality)
- Davenport Perth Community Ministry (community engagement, reading support for young children, food and arts programming)
- Fred Victor Centre (housing and services for people experiencing homelessness and poverty)
- GO Project, Islington United Church (summer youth ministry)
- Jane Finch Community Ministry (social housing, pastoral care and 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 (food program for seniors)
- Toronto Christian Resource Centre (self-help, drop-in, housing)*
- Toronto Michael Garron Hospital (hospital chaplaincy program for Indigenous patients)
- Toronto Urban Native Ministry (worship, pastoral care, advocacy)*
- University of Toronto Ecumenical Chaplaincy (campus ministry)

Other Communities

- Grey Bruce Health Care Chaplaincy Council (Owen Sound) (hospital chaplaincy)
- The Journey Neighbourhood Centre (Brampton, Ont.) (neighbourhood drop ins including after-school and reading programs)
- Muskoka Chaplaincy Association (Huntsville, Ont.) (chaplaincy for hospitals and long-term care facilities)

- Queen's Bush Rural Ministries (Dobbington, Ont.) (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, Ont.)
- Wesley Urban Ministries (food, housing and advocacy for those who are marginalized)*

Other Communities

- Brock University Campus Ministry (St. Catharines, Ont.) (campus ministry)
- Nations Uniting (ministry for those seeking to reconnect with their traditional teachings, residential school survivors, and others seeking healing)
- University of Guelph Campus Ministry

LONDON CONFERENCE

Includes southwestern Ontario and Algoma

London

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

Other Communities

- Operation Sharing (drop-in centre and counselling)
- Ridgetown Campus Chaplaincy Program (campus ministry at University of Guelph)
- Welcome Friends Association's Rainbow Camp (Thessalon, Ont.) (residential camping environment for LGBTQ+ youth and their siblings)
- The Windsor Youth Centre (responding to physical and spiritual needs of homeless and at-risk youth)

MANITOU CONFERENCE

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

CONFERENCE OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Brandon, Man.

- 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)*
- St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry (inner-city advocacy, self-help)*

- West Broadway Community Services (food support and programs for a low-income neighbourhood)*

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Regina

- Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry (support for people with low incomes; anti-poverty education and advocacy)
- Southern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (chaplaincy for three Regina hospitals)

Saskatoon

- Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (chaplaincy for three Saskatoon hospitals and surrounding area)
- River Bend Integrated Community Ministries (services to reduce poverty; education; advocacy; pastoral care) *

ALBERTA & 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

Edmonton

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

Other Communities

- Medicine Hat College Ecumenical Campus Ministry
- University of Lethbridge Ecumenical Campus Ministry

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

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

Vancouver

- First United Church (advocacy and education for homeless of the East End of Vancouver)
- Longhouse Council of Native Ministry (worship, pastoral care, food programs, education)

Victoria

- Our Place Society (Victoria) (transitional housing, meals, advocacy)

ALL NATIVE CIRCLE CONFERENCE

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

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

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