African and Middle Eastern Mission & Service partners 2018

27 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.

On a mountaintop in West Pokot County, Kenya, the Jerusalem Secondary School for Girls offers education to those who have escaped child marriage and female genital mutilation. The school is a program of Mission & Service global partner Organization of African Instituted Churches, which offers hope of a better future to young women in Kenya.

REGION WIDE
- All Africa Conference of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (pan-African ecumenical training institute)
- Organization of African Instituted Churches (Indigenous churches working for human rights)*
- Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) (interfaith work)
- World Student Christian Federation, African Region (ecumenical student movement)

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

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
- Eglise du Christ au Congo (women and families, human rights)
GLOBAL PARTNERS

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

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

ZAMBIA
- Council of Churches of 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 and empowerment)*

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 (programs for women and youth)

ISRAEL/PALESTINE
- Defence for Children International (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- Jerusalem Centre for Women (empowerment of Palestinian women)
- Sabeel (hosting pilgrimages for transformation)
- Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre (conflict resolution, community empowerment, women's rights)

LEBANON
- Middle East Council of Churches (ecumenical organization)

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Asian Mission & Service partners 2018

21 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.

Zhou Jian, left, is lead baker at Mission & Service global partner Amity Foundation’s Bakery of Blessings. The bakery only employs people with developmental disabilities. When Jian came to the bakery as a 33-year-old man, he had only lived in institutions; now he and the other bakers proudly produce mouth-watering bread, cookies, and cakes.

**REGION WIDE**
- Asian Muslim Action Network (interfaith work)
- Asia Women’s Resource Centre (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 (community development)
GLOBAL PARTNERS

• Church of North India (denominational church, anti-human-trafficking)
• Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (advocacy, human rights, education)

JAPAN
• Asian Rural Institute (sustainable agriculture and livelihood)*

PHILIPPINES
• Cordillera People’s 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 (NCCP) (comprehensive rights-based program and women’s desk)
• United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) (human rights and community work)*

SOUTH KOREA
• Korean Association of Women Theologians (theological training and advocacy for women)
• Korean Women Workers Association United (women’s issues)
• National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK), Women’s Dept. (ecumenical organization)
• Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea (humanitarian work and migrant workers’ program)

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Mission & Service global partner United Church of Christ in the Philippines works within the community to rebuild homes after the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines offers hope to those affected through education programs, hunger relief, and human rights advocacy.
Caribbean and Latin American Mission & Service partners 2018

24 partners in 7 countries

In the Caribbean and Latin America, the United Church works with Mission & Service partners to secure community access to food and sustainable 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.

REGION WIDE

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

COLOMBIA

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

COSTA RICA

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

The Rev. Miguel Tomas Castro is the pastor of San Salvador’s Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Rev. Castro has been working for peace and reconciliation in El Salvador. Your gifts for Mission & Service support this important peace work. For the story of The United Church of Canada’s involvement, see page 10.
Mission & Service’s generous global partner, the Methodist Church in Haiti, was able to build a new secondary school in Duplan in the hills above Port-au-Prince after the devastation of the earthquake in 2010. The school is bursting, with 215 students and 19 staff.

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

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

**GUATEMALA**
- Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala (peace, reconciliation, and ecumenism)
- Guatemala Conference of Evangelical Churches (gender, Indigenous justice, rural development)*
- Women’s Network of Maya Presbyterials (empowering rural Indigenous women, income-generation projects)

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

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

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Canadian Mission & Service community ministries 2018

These lists show community ministries and chaplaincies selected by Conferences to receive Mission & Service funding in 2018.

When people enter Mission & Service-supported ministry Bissell Centre in Edmonton, they are greeted like family. Volunteers, staff, and guests all come together as a family to share in a meal.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR CONFERENCE

St. John’s
• Bridges to Hope (Cochrane Street Food Aid, support for low-income people)*
• Cochrane St. Community Outreach Centre (supportive housing, poverty reduction)
• Deaf Ministries (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 surrounding area)

MARITIME CONFERENCE

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

New Brunswick
• Centenary Queen Adult Day Care Centre (Saint John, N.B.) (support for seniors and adults with disabilities, day care for children at risk)
• Chipman GasperauxPastoral Charge (intergenerational event for youth K-12)
• Fredericton Council (ecumenical campus chaplaincy at the University of New Brunswick)
• St. Croix Wellness and Renewal Centre (Oak Bay, N.B.) (wellness support to seniors and various therapies for children at risk)

Halifax
• Brunswick Street Mission (food and educational programming for people in poverty)
• Coverdale Courtwork Society (advocacy for at-risk women)
• Dalhousie Campus Ecumenical Chaplaincy (spiritual and social justice ministry with students)
• Fairview United Family Resource Centre (education and advocacy for parents and children)
• Hope United GO Project (youth programs)
• Out of the Cold, St. Matthew’s United Church (sustainable housing help, drop-in centre, emergency winter shelter)
• St. Paul’s Family Resources Institute (support programs for parents and children)

Other Communities
• Tatamagouche Centre, N.S.
  • Aboriginal Peace and Friendship Project (fostering peace and justice between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)
  • Breaking the Silence Project (in solidarity with Guatemala)

SYNODE MONTRÉAL & OTTAWA CONFERENCE
Includes Quebec and Ontario from Ottawa south to the Seaway Valley

Montreal Region
• Comité D’Aide Aux Réfugiés (refugee support and advocacy)
• Concordia University Multifaith Chaplaincy (multi-faith campus ministry)
• Corporation Culturelle Latino-Américaine de l’Amitié Outreach Ministry (support for Latin American newcomers)
• 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
• Algonquin College Ecumenical Chaplaincy (ecumenical campus ministry)
• Carlington Community Chaplaincy (social housing help and pastoral care)
• Centre 507 Association of Ottawa (drop-in, self-help, and recreational and educational programming)
• Ottawa West-end Chaplaincy (advocacy for those living in poverty)

Other Communities
• House of Lazarus Matilda Resource Centre (Mountain, Ont.) (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
• Belleville Presbytery Deaf Ministry (weekly services and pastoral care for the Deaf community)
• Quinte Health Care Ecumenical Chaplaincy (chaplaincy in the Belleville, Trenton, Prince Edward County, and North Hastings hospitals)

Other communities
• Back Door Ministry for Relief of Poverty (Oshawa) (advocacy for those living in poverty)*
• Bedford House Getting Ahead Project (educational support for those living in poverty)
• Footprints 4 Autism (Durham region) (respite care for families of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders)
• Kawartha Lakes Food Source (Lindsay, Ont.) (supplies food to food banks and school breakfast programs)
• Kingston Community Chaplaincy (Kingston) (advocacy for and support of inmates)
• Lakeridge Health Port Perry Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy)
• Minden Food Bank (supplies food to schools, Meals on Wheels programs for seniors, Good Food Box)
• North House Shelter (Beaverton, Ont.) (secures housing and social services to disadvantaged people)
• Places for People (Lindsay, Ont.) (rents homes, provides social services to disadvantaged people)

TORONTO CONFERENCE
Includes Toronto and 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)
• Islington United Church, GO Project (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)
• Michael Garron Hospital Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy program for Indigenous patients)
• Mount Sinai Hospital Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy)
• St. Matthew’s Bracondale House (food program for seniors)
• Toronto Christian Resource Centre (chaplaincy)*
• Toronto Urban Native Ministry (chaplaincy)*
• University of Toronto Ecumenical Chaplaincy (campus ministry)

Other communities
• Grey Bruce Health Services (Owen Sound, Ont.) (hospital chaplaincy)
• Journey Neighbourhood Centre (Brampton, Ont.) (after-school drop-in centre)
• 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

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CANADIAN COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Hamilton
- McMaster University Campus Ministry (campus ministry)
- Wesley Urban Ministries (food, housing, and advocacy)*

Other Communities
- Brock University Campus Ministry (Saint Catharines, Ont.)
- Nations Uniting (traditional teaching, residential school survivors)
- University of Guelph Campus Ministry (Guelph, Ont.) (campus ministry)

LONDON CONFERENCE
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 (Woodstock, Ont.) (drop-in centre, counselling)
- Ridgetown Campus Chaplaincy Program (campus ministry at the University of Guelph)
- Welcome Friends Association Rainbow Camp (outdoor ministry for LGBTQ+ youth and their siblings)
- 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.) (helpline and services for women survivors of sexual assault)
- Nipissing District Community Homeowners Action Group (North Bay, Ont.) (resources to help move low-income families from rental accommodation into affordable housing)

CONFERENCE OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO
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. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry (inner-city advocacy, self-help)*
- West Broadway Community Services (food support and programs for low-income neighbourhood)*

Other Communities
- The Counselling Centre (Brandon, Man.) (strives to restore mental and emotional wholeness to marginalized people)

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
- Ecumenical Chaplaincy, the University of Saskatchewan
- Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (chaplaincy for three Saskatoon hospitals and surrounding area)
- River Bend Integrated Community Ministry (services to reduce poverty, education, advocacy, pastoral care)

ALBERTA & NORTHWEST CONFERENCE
Includes Alberta, northern British Columbia, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories

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

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

Other communities
- University of Lethbridge Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Alta.
- Medicine Hat College Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Alta.

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

Other Communities
- Our Place Society (Victoria) (transitional housing, meals, spiritual care, advocacy)*

ALL NATIVE CIRCLE CONFERENCE
Includes presbyteries with congregations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec

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

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