African and Middle Eastern Mission & Service partners 2019

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, 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.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

REGION WIDE
- All Africa Conference of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (refugees, advocacy)
- Middle East Council of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Pembizo Christian Council (LGBTQI+ advocacy and support, human rights)
- 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)

ANGLA
- Department of Social Assistance Projects – Evangelical Church of Angola (development organization)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
- Église du Christ au Congo (women and families, human rights)*

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)
GLOBAL PARTNERS

ZAMBIA
• Council of Churches of Zambia (ecumenical organization)
• People’s Action Forum (rural, political, and economic empowerment)
• Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (pan-African ecumenical training institute)
• United Church of Zambia (denominational church)*
• United Church of Zambia Theological College (theological training)
• Women for Change (women’s education and empowerment)*

ZIMBABWE
• Institute for Theological Reflection Today (skills training for church leaders)
• United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe (denominational church)
• Zimbabwe Council of Churches Masvingo Christian Care (relief and food security)

ISRAEL/PALESTINE
• Defence for Children International—Palestine (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children’s rights)
• Jerusalem Centre for Women (empowerment of Palestinian women)
• Sabeel (hosting pilgrimages for transformation)
• Wi’am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center (conflict resolution, community empowerment, women’s rights)

LEBANON
• Middle East Council of Churches (ecumenical organization)
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Asian Mission & Service partners 2019

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.

REGION WIDE
• Asian Muslim Action Network (interfaith work)
• Asian Rural Institute (sustainable agriculture, livelihood)*
• 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)
• Church of North India (denominational church, anti-human-trafficking)*
• Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (advocacy, human rights, education)*

Catherine Christie, at right, crossing the Korean Demilitarized Zone. Christie is a former overseas ministry personnel who marched for peace in Korea.
PHILIPPINES
• Cordillera People’s Alliance (Indigenous rights)*
• Ecumenical Bishops’ Forum (human rights, peace development)
• Ecumenical Voices for Human Rights (human rights)
• National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) (comprehensive rights-based program and women’s desk)
• Regional Ecumenical Council in the Cordillera (ecumenical organization, advocacy, Indigenous rights)
• United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) (human rights and community work)*

SOUTH KOREA
• Ecumenical Forum for Peace and Development in Korea (reconciliation and reunification)
• Korean Association of Women Theologians (theological training and advocacy for women)
• Korean Women Workers Association (women’s issues and migrants)
• National Council of Churches in Korea (ecumenical organization, women’s empowerment, peace and reunification)
• Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (humanitarian work and migrant workers’ program)

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Two young girls at a safe house for children. The house is operated by the United Church’s partner, The Church of North India.
Caribbean and Latin American Mission & Service partners 2019

27 partners in 8 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)
- 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)*
- Ecumenical Roundtable for Peace
- 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)

A program coordinator with the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue in Cuba speaks to the Very Rev. Gary Paterson, former Moderator of The United Church of Canada.
GLOBAL PARTNERS

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
• Karl Lévéque 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’s education)
• Moravian Church in Nicaragua (church, women and youth, community building, interculturalism)

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Canadian Mission & Service Community Ministries 2019

Robyn Brown-Hewitt, a chaplain with Dalhousie Multifaith Services in Halifax.

• 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
  - Breaking the Silence Project (in solidarity with Guatemala)
  - Aboriginal Peace and Friendship Project (fostering peace and justice between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)

FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS
Includes New Brunswick and P.E.I. and parts of Nova Scotia and Quebec

New Brunswick
• Centenary Queen Adult Day Care Centre (Saint John, N.B.) (support for seniors and disabled adults, day care for children at risk)
• Chipman Gaspereaux Pastoral Charge (intergenerational event for youth K-12)
• Fredericton Council (ecumenical campus chaplaincy at the University of New Brunswick)
• Hope United GO Project (youth programs)
• Moncton Hospital Chaplaincy
• St. Croix Wellness and Renewal Centre (Oak Bay, N.B.) (wellness support to seniors and various therapies for children at risk)

QUEBEC
• Chaplaincy Quebec

NAKONHAKA
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)*
CANADIAN COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS

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)

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

EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO

- 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)
- Minden Food Bank (supplies food to schools, Meals on Wheels programs for seniors, Good Food Box)
- Quinte Health Care Ecumenical Chaplaincy (Belleville) (chaplaincy in the Belleville, Trenton, Prince Edward County, and North Hastings hospitals)
- Places for People (Haliburton County) (rents homes, provides social services to disadvantaged people)

SHINING WATERS

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)

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

Other Communities
- Brock University Campus Ministry (Saint Catharines, Ont.)

WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS
Guelph and surrounding area
- Grey Bruce Health Services
- University of Guelph Campus Ministry

ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED
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 Downtown Mission (food and shelter support)

CANADIAN SHIELD
- 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)
- Welcome Friends (Rainbow Camp offers a safe place for LGBTQ2+ youth and their siblings)

PRAIRIE TO PINE
- The Counselling Centre (Brandon, Man.) (strives to restore mental and emotional wholeness to marginalized people)
- 1 Just City (Winnipeg) which includes: 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), North End Stella Community Ministry (provides holistic healing in the Indigenous community)*

LIVING SKIES
Regina
- Regina Downtown Chaplaincy (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
- The Micah Mission (restorative justice for inmates, newly released inmates, and their families)
- 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)*

Other communities
- Parkland Restorative Justice (Prince Albert, Sask.) (working with offenders to reintegrate into their communities)

CHINOOK WINDS
Calgary
- McClure Food Pantry
- Pastoral Care Ministry (support, training for pastoral care volunteers in United Churches)
- University of Calgary, United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry (campus ministry)

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

NORTHERN SPIRIT
Edmonton
- Bissell Centre (meeting medical, housing, and clothing needs of those living in poverty; advocacy and literacy programs)*
- Edmonton City Centre Church
- Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action
- Inner City Pastoral Ministry (worship, pastoral care, and advocacy)
- Jellenik Society (addiction recovery home)
- University of Alberta Faith Lift Campus Ministry (campus ministry)

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN
- First United Church Mission (Vancouver, B.C.) (advocacy and education for homeless people of the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver)*
- Our Place Society (Victoria) (transitional housing, meals, spiritual care, advocacy)*

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS CHURCH
- Chapel of the Delaware (community gathering for residential school survivors)
- Nations Uniting (gathering space for residential school survivors, education program for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)
- Regina Native Outreach Ministry (education and self-help)
- Thompson Outreach (worship, support, and pastoral care)
- Winnipeg Outreach Ministry (advocacy and education)

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