

**Conference Chair, Stewardship Report
Montreal and Ottawa Conference Executive Retreat
November 8-9, 2018**

Minister and American author Edward Everett Hale is quoted as saying these wise words.

*"I am only one,
But still I am one
I can't do everything
But still I can do something;
And because I can't do everything
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."*

That is stewardship! Faith in action. God Love – Love People.

Mission and Service

"Gifts with Vision" the Mission and Service giving catalogue has been delivered to all the churches and is also on line www.giftswithvision.ca

- page 6 - A chance to help Montreal City Mission "Every Kid Jam." Providing the space and instruments for musical expression for local and refugee youth.
- Page 12 – Saint Columba House has two beehive on its rooftop garden. Your gift contributes to garden and beehive supplies, and funds one community member to learn bee care in a workshop with a beekeeper.
- Page 16 – Send a Kid to Camp. United Spirit Camp Esprit Uni. For some children, a week at a United Church camp is their only chance to attend a camp.

There are so many gifts featured in this catalogue for you to choose from. Supporting Indigenous projects, Canadian Mission and Service partners and Global gifts.

"Mandate – Mission and Service special edition," page 30 features a story about a small town Ontario church that raises big money for Mission and Service. Sitting along the St. Lawrence River next to the Prescott-Ogdensburg Bridge to the United States bridge.

"Mission and Service at a Glance – 2018," features a new section of the pie chart of Mission and Service programs. For the first time there is a section 7 dedicated to Indigenous Ministries and Justice. This increases everyone's knowledge of the work previously included under other sections.

Mission & Service donations will be used solely to fund the church's ministry and mission. David Armour Philanthropy Unit has a video out on youtube called "Mission & Service In Changing Times," to help explain.

As the conference closes and my time as Mission and Service Support comes to an end, remember that the work of Mission & Service partners can only continue because of us. Support from our congregations and congregations across the whole United Church make vital ministry possible.

Our gifts for Mission & Service change lives daily. Because we give to Mission & Service, thousands of meals are served, unemployable people find new hope in work programs, Indigenous projects that continue to smooth the path toward a new relationship, and people in need of housing find places of shelter.

We have done so much with our Mission & Service givings. Imagine with me what could be accomplished if more people joined us and gave for Mission & Service!

Mission & Service is like a stone dropped into a pool of water: the ripples span out from that rock, creating a reaction in the entire pool. Mission & Service is like that rock. The ripples of support spread across communities in Canada and in other parts of the world!

Thank you for being part of that giving with me.

“United Church Emergency Appeal” continues for millions of people at risk of starvation in parts of Africa and the Middle East.

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Prayer for Extreme Hunger

Creator, We pray, with others around the world,
for those facing extreme hunger and starvation in
South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, Kenya, and Yemen.

Redeemer, Let us be part of a world response that cares for all people in need with love.
Sustainer, Help us, with others, answer the call to end famine and eradicate poverty. Amen.

—Alydia Smith

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**Stewardship**

## **United In Learning**

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### **Webinars for Church Treasurers**

**November 27, December 11**

*(Please click on the dates to see the start time in each of Canada's time zones)*

Course Description

Back by popular demand!

Last Spring's series was so strongly appreciated that we've invited Erik and Clyde back for four more topics that will help strengthen the skills of Church Treasurers and the committees who work with them. Join us for a series of 90 minute workshops to help unravel some of the crucial responsibilities of being a Church Treasurer. Each of our Presenters works with Treasurers every day to help them comply with standard practice in Canadian charities, and keep records that are clear, helpful to the Boards/Councils they serve, and enhance the ministry of their congregation.

Each program is self-contained; come to as many as is convenient for you. We offer a discount if you sign up for all four!

### **November 27 -- Remit Implementation & the New Assessment Process**

The structures of the church are changing on January 1, and with it the ways that pastoral charges contribute to the financial costs of our denomination. For some pastoral charges, our assessments will go down; for others they'll be going up. This webinar is an opportunity hear about the impact this change in policy will have on your own pastoral charge and what you need to do for administration

Cost: \$9.99 each

As the Conference Chair, Stewardship and Mission and Service support I have been given the opportunity and privilege to visit churches, UCW meetings and Presbyteries in Eastern Ottawa and Quebec where I feel like a cheerleader for Mission & Service, as well as Stewardship. The researching, studying, writing and editing of my message every time I have done a presentation, or answered questions on the phone or e-mail has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I can't imagine myself having done anything else.

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