

**Toronto Conference 2018 Mission Support Grant Criteria and Principles**

- 1) Primary consideration will be given to applicants whose vision and goals are consistent with that of The United Church of Canada.
- 2) Priority Funding:
  - a. The first priority will be Indigenous ministries. For 2018 it is recommended the consultation will utilize no less than 50% and no more than 60% of the available mission support grant funding for these ministries with any shortfall to be shared by the four presbyteries and Toronto Conference.
  - b. The second priority will be outreach ministries (including chaplaincies).
  - c. The third priority is local ministry units.
- 3) Retain previous commitments/agreements with respect to shared ecumenical ministries and the Tamil United Church Mission but funding will be on a declining basis.
- 4) Applications will be evaluated based on sources of income and their availability to source other funds.
- 5) Recognizing the increase of intercultural ministries - the development and funding of these ministries will be the responsibility of the presbyteries.
- 6) Maintain historic and symbolic United Church of Canada relationships.
- 7) Congregations and presbyteries within the bounds of Toronto Conference are encouraged and challenged to support Toronto Conference-based United Church of Canada affiliated ministries.
- 8) A core principle for mission support grants will be applicants that address unmet needs in the forms of service and care, particularly for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized.
- 9) Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate the ongoing support of other levels of the United Church – congregations, UCWs, presbytery, Conference, and/or General Council. This can be measured in terms such as presbytery financial support, wider congregational financial support, volunteer hours given. Evidence of this commitment would be done as a narrative and become part of their application.
- 10) Mission support grants are intended to support mission and ministry, not physical plant or capital funding projects. These grants are meant to be ‘mission support’ not life support.

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