



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Canadian Memorial Church

& Centre for Peace

STEWARDSHIP 2012



Planting the Seedlings of the Future



Hello Friends,

Canadian Memorial is making a difference at home, in Vancouver, and abroad. The sacred vocation of helping people grow in love, compassion, and justice, has never been more important. We are helping people to awaken to this vocation and to assume more responsibility for the future of our Earth community.

Every week I hear stories of people who are waking up to the urgency of our challenge: a planet in peril, growing economic disparity between the very rich and the poor, personal feelings of alienation and a deep desire to connect with a community that cares about the spiritual roots of these crises.

The image of the seedling on the front of this brochure is the future that we hold in our hands. My stepson, David, has given much of his adult life as the owner of a reforestation company to planting seedlings. His challenge lies in training a crew that cares enough to plant the young trees in such a way that optimizes their chance to mature. It helps if they can envision, as he does instinctually, the forest that will grow up and benefit future generations—of humans, yes, but also the air, the soil, birds, and all manner of wildlife.

This is our challenge, responsibility, and privilege as well. Stewardship is really about cultivating a community of people who can hold a vision of the future in their minds and hearts with such clarity that they plant seedlings of tomorrow with tender loving care and commitment today. There is nothing more important than this vocation.

This takes people who are willing to be transformed by the same Heart and Mind that was in Jesus, and then to reorient and realign their resources, material and spiritual, in the service of the vision that Jesus called “The Kin(g)dom of God”—the world that arises when people’s lives are transformed by Love.

We ask that you consider prayerfully your commitment of generosity to the future that God has placed in our tender hands.

In Christ,
Bruce Sanguin
Minister

A Message from the Board Chair



My recent participation on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee has reminded me what an amazing place Canadian Memorial United Church is. We have talented people with a myriad of gifts, which are offered in service to the church and its many ministries.

Stewardship involves utilizing and developing the resources we have – people, property and financial assets. In our busy world that often means making heartfelt donations to something we love. In other cases, and not to be overlooked, it offers an opportunity to volunteer our time for a worthy cause or passion.

From my own standpoint, since getting involved as a volunteer at Canadian Memorial I have experienced satisfaction and fulfillment beyond anything I enjoyed in my business life.

We ask you to consider what you can contribute to help us attain our vision for the future. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Blessings,
Russ Quinn
Board Chair

CANADIAN MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

The Ministries of Canadian Memorial are a reflection of who we are, what we do, and the values we are committed to:

Who We Are

We are called by God to be an open-hearted, open-minded community, teaching and practicing *Evolutionary Christian Spirituality*

What We Do

- Support each other to evolve spiritually
- Nurture loving community
- Celebrate the sacred mystery of life
- Respond compassionately to the suffering in all life
- Invite and welcome spiritual seekers of all backgrounds
- Communicate evolutionary Christian spirituality to the world

We Are Committed To

- Discernment: We open to sacred Wisdom in our decision-making
- Authenticity: We cultivate authentic, loving relationships
- Diversity: We embrace ecological, personal, cultural, and religious diversity
- Peace and Justice: We promote peace and justice for ourselves, in our relationships, in our world, and with all creation
- Sustainability: We strive to live ecologically and spiritually sustainable lives
- Creativity: We manifest Spirit through innovation and creative expression
- Generosity: We give abundantly of ourselves
- Joy: We cultivate joy in our relationship



MINISTRIES of CANADIAN MEMORIAL

Your generosity helps fund the following ministries at Canadian Memorial:

WORSHIP SERVICE

Music & Choir
Church Décor
Lay Readers
Prayer Leaders
Children's Church
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CMUC COMMUNITY

Hospitality, Welcoming
Community Coffee Time
Newcomers Luncheon
Connection & Education Circles
Children & Family Ministries
Youth & Young Adults
Maple Group
Special Events & Concerts
Library

GENEROUS HEARTS

World Development and Relief
UCC Mission & Service
First United Church
In from the Cold
Vancouver Street Meals



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Board
Stewardship Team
Finance Team
Ministry & Personnel
JNAC
Office Hospitality
Communications: Website,
Marketing & Publicity

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

Gardening
Property Team

PASTORAL CARE

Visitation and Teleministry
Prayer Team
Healing Ministry
Flower Donation/Delivery
Card Ministry
Knitting
Heart & Soul
Transportation
Stories
People with Animals
Over 90 Club
Blue Christmas Service
Our Community
Healing Voices
Hearing Devices
Services in Senior Residences

MINISTRY TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY

12 Steps
Be the Change
Environment Team
Peace & Social Justice Team
The Township Project

FINANCING OUR FUTURE

Our numbers are growing and so is our budget! In June, the congregation approved an operating budget of \$593,251 for the 2011/12 financial year. Donations from the congregation cover about 50% of projected costs, which include personnel, building maintenance and repairs, worship and the many ministries of Canadian Memorial.

Other revenue sources include Vancouver Foundation, building rentals, weddings, memorials, fundraising, and bequests. In the case of a shortfall, we may use income from the Legacy Fund.

The Stewardship Team has a long-term vision of Canadian Memorial becoming self-supporting, so that donations equal expenses. One step toward this goal would be to meet the cost of Personnel (staff salaries and benefits), which represents 70% of the budget. Please review your level of giving to see how you might contribute to fulfilling this vision.

WAYS YOU CAN ALLOCATE YOUR GIVING

CMUC GENERAL FUND

Giving to the General Fund supports our overall operating costs and ministries of Canadian Memorial, as defined in the 2011/12 budget, including but not limited to:

- Salaries, Benefits, & Staff Resources
- Children, Youth & Nursery
- Church & Office Supplies
- Music Ministry & Supplies
- Gardening & Facilities Maintenance
- Furniture & Equipment
- Utilities, Telephone, & Alarm System
- Insurance & Accounting
- Presbytery & Conferences



CMUC CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

This year we are providing a separate line so that you might choose to support our growing Children's & Youth ministry. This support will provide opportunities for new curriculum, activities for all ages, and parent support.

CMUC GENEROUS HEARTS FUND

Every year at the Congregational Meeting in June, the congregation chooses those missions to be funded by the Generous Hearts Fund.

The following allocations were approved for 2011/2012:

- **First United Church** -provides support to the residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, targeting many of the most marginalized in our society.
- **In From the Cold** — we provide a monthly hot meal at First United Church, in a caring and supportive environment for the men and women who come for dinner.

- **Vancouver Street Meals** – working with Directions Youth Services Centre, we provide lunch bags once a month for the Street Youth Job Action program.



We also contribute goods and products, such as soap, socks, sleeping bags and regular deliveries of milk. Since 2008, CMUC has funded a Street Meals Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to youth workers who are training for a career in youth services.

- **World Development and Relief** – designated funding from individuals and the United Church of Canada for overseas development projects, emergency relief efforts and rehabilitation. These community-based programs focus on agriculture, water access, community health, education, child care and HIV/AIDS prevention

CMUC - OTHER

You may designate funds to a specific Missions or Ministry of your choice to support an area of Canadian Memorial

CMUC LEGACY FUND

Canadian Memorial Church and Centre for Peace has been blessed with gifts from those who have left a legacy to support its ongoing work.

The Legacy Fund was established to support programs consistent with our Mission and Vision, temporary shortfalls in revenue, and periodic major capital expenditures. Unallocated bequests from the congregation over \$15,000.00 are deposited to the Legacy Fund which is professionally managed under the guardianship of the trustees.

You can also allocate your giving to:



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MISSION AND SERVICE:

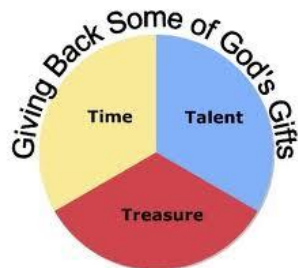
Designating to Mission and Service supports the administrative and operational expenses of the United Church. As well, some of these funds are allocated to the World Development and Relief and other Missions of United Church.

(See M&S insert for details on how these funds support ministry world-wide.)

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is based on the belief that God is the Creator and all things belong to God. We are the trustees of God's gifts, accountable to God and one another for their use.

We give back to God a portion of our time, talent and money to sustain and grow our church and ensure that it thrives for the future.



*"When we believe in a Faithful God,
we respond as Faithful Stewards."*

~ Brenda Watts

PERCENTAGE GIVING GUIDE

(Adapted from the United Church of Canada)

		If you give monthly:			
Annual After-tax Income	Monthly Income	2% of Income	3% of Income	5% of Income	10% of Income
\$15,000	1,250	25.00	37.50	62.50	125.00
\$20,000	1,667	33.34	50.00	83.33	166.67
\$25,000	2,083	41.68	62.50	104.17	208.33
\$30,000	2,500	50.00	75.00	125.00	250.00
\$35,000	2,917	58.34	87.50	145.83	291.67
\$40,000	3,333	66.66	100.00	166.67	333.33
\$45,000	3,750	75.00	112.50	187.50	375.00
\$50,000	4,167	83.34	125.00	208.33	416.67
\$55,000	4,583	91.66	137.50	229.17	458.33
\$60,000	5,000	100.00	150.00	250.00	500.00
\$65,000	5,417	108.34	162.50	270.83	541.67
\$70,000	5,833	116.68	175.00	291.67	583.33
\$75,000	6,250	125.00	187.50	312.50	625.00
\$80,000	6,667	133.34	200.00	333.33	666.67
\$85,000	7,083	141.68	212.50	354.17	708.33
\$90,000	7,500	150.00	225.00	375.00	750.00
\$95,000	7,917	158.34	237.50	395.83	791.67
\$100,000	8,333	166.68	250.00	416.67	833.33

You may use this Giving Guide to help estimate your donation.

*Honor the Lord with thy substance,
and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.*

~ Proverbs 3:9

HOW DO I GIVE?

PAR - Debit or Credit Card

Regular and consistent giving helps both you and Canadian Memorial better manage monthly cash flow. This is facilitated by using PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), an automatic debit from your chequing account or charge to your VISA or MasterCard. You must complete and sign a PAR authorization form where you can allocate amounts to the CMUC General Fund, Other designated work, or UCC Mission & Service. Printed PAR cards are available at the office or in the sanctuary for those who wish to place them in the offering plate during our weekly collection.

Envelopes - Cheques or Cash

For those who prefer to make a donation at Sunday Worship, please request a set of numbered envelopes by email to office@canadianmemorial.org. This allows us to record your gifts for the purpose of issuing you an annual tax receipt.

Online Giving –Regular or One-time Gifts

Go to <http://canadianmemorial.org/get-involved/stewardship>, and click on the "Donate Now!" button to make an instant donation! *CanadaHelps.org* will e-mail you an official tax receipt and deposit the funds, less a 3% service charge, into Canadian Memorial's bank account. *(We don't issue a second tax receipt for gifts given through this link.)*

The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.

~ Nelson Henderson



"In All Things Give Thanks" - sermon by Bruce Sanguin

It's difficult enough to remember to be thankful when things are going our way. But the real challenge is learning gratitude in the midst of all circumstances.

Gratitude in all things is the sign of a mind that is deeply grounded in a deep trust and celebration of Spirit's eternal and unceasing presence - in good times and in bad.

Gratitude opens us into a devotional orientation toward life and toward the animating Spirit of life. And devotion is an ego-buster. The small and contracted self that lives so much in fear and so much with the illusion of self-sufficiency is driven to its knees. There it dies. It dies to separateness. It dies to old stories of insufficiency and inadequacy. It dies from sheer exhaustion at having tried for so long to make it on its own.

But there arises from this death, a renewal, an awakening to the Whole of Reality that sustains us, to the love that is there if we're really ready to ask for it; there is an awakening to the Grateful Self that is as large and expansive as this universe, and that is comprised of the memory and contribution of every living creature, and every form of consciousness that has ever inhabited this planet.

The grateful mind is born of a deep identification with a generous universe. To realize that we are one with a generous universe, is to become a living, conscious expression of this generosity, now showing up in, through, and as us. It becomes a pleasure and privilege to represent this flow of generosity.



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