



March 2015

Dear Friends of The United Churches of Langley Pastoral Charge,

You have blessed God's mission with generous gifts and increased your Mission and Service giving in 2014. Thank you!

In 2014, the people of The United Churches of Langley Pastoral Charge contributed **\$86,468** for the Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada. This is part of the national Mission and Service total of **\$26,604,710**.

Your gifts on the offering plate, through Pre-Authorized Remittance, from United Church Women, and sent directly for Mission and Service truly make a tangible difference in people's lives.

Your generosity enables a strong annual Mission and Service Fund. Together, we support ongoing ministries and sustain trusted partnerships for the healing of the world. Specifically, in 2014 we enabled

- ❖ 99 global partners in 25 countries acting for peace and justice
- ❖ community and justice work across Canada with 75 community ministries and 39 chaplaincies
- ❖ theological education and ministry support at six theological schools and four education centres
- ❖ faith formation and leadership support, including over 100 outreach programs for youth
- ❖ leadership in your Conference and the other 12 Conferences
- ❖ grants for 86 congregations in transition or remote areas

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to all the people of the United Church. Our generosity with BOTH the local church AND Mission and Service is a sign of compassion, builds community, and offers hope.

Our work as The United Church of Canada is as important as ever. Every gift to the church's Mission and Service is used wisely. Thank you for encouraging generous giving for God's mission through Mission and Service and for making it a regular part of your life of faith.

Blessings,

Gary Paterson (The Right Reverend)
Moderator
The United Church of Canada

Well done!!

Please share this letter with your community of faith, Board/Council chair, Mission and Service Enthusiast, treasurer, stewardship chair, and UCW.

Encl.: Certificate of thanks for the pastoral charge's contribution for Mission and Service



GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

**Heartfelt thanks for giving for Mission and Service.
Please continue to give generously for the local church AND Mission and Service.**

Dear friends in ministry,

I am celebrating today the generous people of The United Church of Canada who give for their local church AND for Mission and Service. Enclosed is your Certificate of Thanksgiving for 2014 Mission and Service and a message of gratitude.

Suggestions on how to make the most of this opportunity:

- ❖ Read the letter during worship and other gatherings.
- ❖ Make the moment a party—sing a glad song, eat cake, pray with thanksgiving.
- ❖ Insert the letter or certificate in your bulletin.
- ❖ Include the certificate and letter in your newsletter or other publication.
- ❖ Send copies of the certificate and letter to your leaders.
- ❖ Send a copy of the certificate and letter as part of your thank you to individuals who contributed.
- ❖ Display the certificate in a prominent place where people gather.
- ❖ Scan the certificate and letter or request a pdf copy at ms@united-church.ca.
- ❖ Post the certificate and letter on your website.
- ❖ Take a picture of your community with the certificate and share it with us on www.facebook.com/GodsMissionOurGifts.
- ❖ Post the certificate and letter on Facebook.
- ❖ Tweet a photo of your community with your certificate.

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Need resources for Mission and Service and stewardship programs? Check out www.united-church.ca and www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca.

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Blessings,



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