

# Stewardship Update

## God's Mission Our Gifts

January 2022

### Stewardship Team Approves New Mandate

**We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

The Stewardship Team recognizes **stewardship as a call to partnership**—partnership in ministry with God, our families, our communities, and our world to care for God's creation and all those who inhabit it.

**We are called to be the church.**

We acknowledge the need **to establish and develop healthy relationships** as the most important part of living out our mission as followers of Jesus. These relationships inspire our generosity and respect, not only toward our neighbours, but also toward creation. Living out our call to mission requires recognizing and sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent, treasure, tissue, and terrain. We give generously because we have received abundantly.

The Stewardship Team ensures that stewardship leadership and education are accorded proper emphasis in the life and work of both the Regional Council and its communities of faith. In this capacity, the Team serves to encourage and help communities of faith discover and deploy their spiritual gifts and personal resources in local ministries and beyond; to nurture stewardship leadership and education; to engage communities of faith with respect to our spiritual relationship to resource consumption; and to challenge the larger community to live with respect in creation.

### Stewardship Team —Who Are We?

Carolyn Ruda, Chair  
Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts Officer  
Dave Charles, Gananoque  
Charlotte Hoy, Addison  
Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, UCW Rep  
Nancy Hazen, Nepean  
Ray Lebeau, Rockland  
Paul Sales, Orleans

### Looking for Something?

#### Stewardship Toolkit

Looking for resources to promote stewardship in your community of faith?



The former Stewardship Toolkit is being incorporated into the United Church website, with a **new name: Called to Be the Church.**

Look for *Called to Be the Church: The Journey* on either the home page <https://united-church.ca/> or <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/called-to-be-the-church>

### Gifts with Vision

#### Amazing News! Thank You!!!

Since the pandemic struck, you have helped raise over \$500,000 in emergency gifts to support Mission & Service partners. Your



generosity helps deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs.

Through our [Gifts with Vision](#) catalogue, we have provided over 8,360 full vaccinations to those who need them most across the globe.

**Altogether, that's over \$750,000 in COVID relief. Amazing!**

Thank you!

## Mission & Service

### Did You Know?

Your gifts to the United Church Mission & Service support many local and regional missions and programs.

Every year, approximately 75% of donations to the United Church's Mission & Service funds are distributed among organizations and missions across Canada to support local community and justice work, theological education and faith formation, and local ministries, as well as the National Indigenous Church.

For 2022, **EOORC will receive \$135,520 from Mission & Service for Mission Support grants**, which will support:

Algonquin College Chaplaincy	\$ 5,550
Alwyn Pastoral Charge	\$ 3,500
Camp Lau-Ren (Deep River)	\$ 20,000
Carlington Community Chaplaincy	\$ 7,000
Centre 507	\$ 30,670
Golden Lake Camp	\$ 15,000
House of Lazarus, Mountain	\$ 36,300
Ottawa West End Chaplaincy	\$ 2,500
Rideau Hill Camp, Manotick	\$ 15,000

**Share this good news  
with your communities of faith!**

Encourage your members to help us change the world through Mission & Service!

## Where to Get Help

**God's Mission Our Gifts e-Newsletter.**

One of the best ways to stay up to date about stewardship news, events, and resources is to sign up for *God's Mission Our Gifts*, the regular stewardship e-newsletter from General Council. Stay up to Date! Click here so register: [E-Newsletters | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](#)

**Roger Janes, EOORC Stewardship and Gifts Officer**

Roger is our Philanthropy Unit staff support person for EOORC. Roger is ready to answer any of your congregation's stewardship-related questions -- or he'll help you find the answers. See his profile at <https://eoorc.ca/about-us/staff/roger-janes/>

### Your Stewardship Team

We are all here as well to help answer your questions about stewardship programs and resources for your congregations. To get started, contact Carolyn Ruda, Stewardship Team Chair, at [carolynruda@gmail.com](mailto:carolynruda@gmail.com).