

EOORC Stewardship Team Meeting Report March 2022

Mission and Service donations were up in 2021 compared to 2020. This is something that has not happened in quite a few years. Our givings make a positive difference across Canada and around the world, including in our own communities. Thank you to all who supported the work done by our Mission and Service partners by giving so generously.



Coaching and support to meet your stewardship needs is now being offered through United in Learning webinars.



Create a stewardship team of 3-5 people from your Community of Faith (including your minister or key lay leader, where possible), and spend some focused time with a Stewardship Specialist and teams from other congregations. Be inspired by a program with a proven track record and

receive personalized coaching and on-going support that reflect your congregation's unique mission, focus, and resources.

Sign up your stewardship team for any of the following dates.

- Cohort 2a: Tuesday April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm –Vicki Nelson
- Cohort 2B: Tuesday, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 from 6:00 pm-8:00pm – Roger Janes
- Cohort 4a: Wednesday April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18 from 9:30-11:30 pm –Vicki Nelson

As these Cohorts become full more will be added. If these dates do not work for your church check back in a couple of weeks. After completing the four weekly sessions, you're learning team will schedule a Support Session with a stewardship coach from your region. Prior to that Support Session you will receive a customized Stewardship Analysis Report based on information you contributed before the module began. Use the recommendations included in the Stewardship Analysis Report, along with your learnings from the weekly sessions, to set your goals and create the plan for your next steps on the stewardship journey. Ongoing support and accountability are provided, thereafter, depending on your need.

The wonderful thing is **Called to be the Church: The Journey** is offered free to your Community of Faith, provided to you by Mission and Service

Called To Be The Church: The Congregational Giving Program

The Philanthropy Unit is offering a two-week coaching session for those who want to get the best use out of Called to Be the Church: The Congregational Giving Program.

In the past people just received the complete program (in paper format). The program was meant to be complete and ready to use. Today, the program is available in electronic format (or paper copies can be ordered for free from UCRD), and Stewardship Teams are given the option to sign up for a two-week course that goes over the Giving program, offers best practices tips and ongoing support. More information can be found [HERE](#).



Ukraine Emergency Appeal

As of March 29th **\$386,000.00**, has been raised for the Emergency Appeal for Ukraine. Right now, people urgently need shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention and that is what our partner ACT Alliance is providing. However, the good news is that when this conflict is over, they (and we through them) will still be there helping the Ukrainian people rebuild their country.

Spanning 127 countries, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church. Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts.

Also, there is another one of our Mission and Service partners – the Canadian Foodgrains Bank who is currently working in Ukraine and in surrounding countries including Slovakia, Poland, Romania, Germany, and the Czech Republic.

Thank you for all the ways you express compassion and care and for faithfully supporting Mission & Service. By acting together, we can be there as a worldwide church community when and where it matters most.

What is new on the regions Stewardship and Gifts page

United Church camps in our region are looking forward to the 2022 camping season after two summers of having to be closed because of Covid. Rideau Hill Camp and Camp-Lau-Ren both receive grants from Mission and Service, and you will find their videos posted on the Stewardship and Gifts page. Just in time for Camping Sunday April 24th.

