

MISSION SUPPORT AND GRANTS RESOURCE TEAM

Introduction

The CSRC Grant Team is pleased to present its report on the awards made in 2025. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to provide meaningful support to churches and individuals across the Canadian Shield Region — helping to advance outreach initiatives, Pastoral Charge grants, affirming ministries, modernization projects, community partnerships, camping programs, youth events, and individual bursaries. It is a privilege to play a part in the faithful and creative work happening throughout our region.

Our Team

The Grant Team is made up of five members, including the Chair, drawn from a variety of backgrounds and communities across the region. Our work is greatly strengthened by the prudent, knowledgeable, and tireless staff support provided by Melody Duncanson-Hales and Diane Matheson-Jimenez, for which we are deeply grateful

Our team members during 2025 included:

- Nancy Rouble
- Susan Siczkar
- Christine Paul (*Resigned in March 2025*)
- Al Cruthers
- Sarah Drouin (*New member in 2025*)
- Dave Clarke, Chair

2025 Grant Summary

We thank The United Church of Canada and the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive for their support to us for the following awards approved in 2024:

Grant Category	#	Amount
Mission & Services Grants	4	\$38,000.00
United Church of Canada Capital Programs Grants & Growth Grants	5	\$21,500.00
Canadian Shield Regional Council Grants	19	\$77,159.73
Total Grants	27	<u>\$136,659.73</u>
Donation for Youth Ministry		-\$468.09
Total Net Spending		<u>\$136,191.64</u>

2025 Grant Awards

2025 Mission and Service Grant Awards: (approved at Regional Council Support to Communities of Faith Commission)

Mission and Service Grants, funded by generosity to the Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada, are administered and awarded within each region to offer support to communities of faith and outreach ministries of the United Church. The Canadian Shield

Regional Grants Team develops contextual criteria, invites applications, reviews information and offers award recommendations to the Support to Community of Faith Commission.

Pastoral Charge Grants

Social Outreach Grants

		Welcome Friends - Rainbow Camp	\$10,000.00
		Camp McDougall	\$20,000.00
Hearst Shared Ecumenical	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	Elder Abuse Prevention, Daisy Chain*	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>		<u>\$35,000.00</u>

Budget for Canadian Shield MSG	\$45,000
Total Approved	<u>\$38,000</u>
Remainder held for emergent needs	<u>\$7,000</u>

United Church of Canada

Capital Assistance Programs - \$6,500.00

The purpose of the Capital Assistance Fund is to provide financial assistance for the renewal and development of congregations, camps, education centres, community ministries, and chaplaincies. Assistance is available in the form of loans and targeted grants for eligible pastoral charges/congregations and other ministries that would otherwise be unable to undertake or complete these projects. These programs include Technology Support Grants, Church and Manse Modernization Grants, and Capital

Assistance Loans. The CSRC Grants team reviews applications and recommends awards from The United Church of Canada.

- **St James in the Valley – Technology Support Grant - \$1,500.00**
- **Chapleau UCC - Church Modernization Grant - \$5,000.00**

Growth Initiative Funds - \$15,000

Seed grants to support Communities of Faith within Canadian Shield Region in developing ministries of growth and sustainability. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to support ministry in the following areas:

- Ministry with new Canadians,
 - Visioning and strategic planning for sustainability, and
 - Formal collaborative ministry with other communities of faith
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- **St Paul’s UC Thunder Bay - \$5,000.00**
 - **St. Andrews UC Sudbury - \$5,000.00**
 - **Grace U C Sudbury - \$5,000.00**

Canadian Shield Regional Council Grants

A variety of modest grants to support faith communities and individuals in mission, outreach, faith formation, lay leadership development, youth and camping ministries, continuing education and support to networks and clusters are available to members of the Canadian Shield region. The Grants Team sets criteria for these programs, reviews requests and awards funds. If you have a project, a ministry, an event, or continuing education goal that could use financial support, please contact [Diane Matheson-Jimenez](#), staff support to the Grants Team.

Camping:

- Camp McDougall, - \$50,000
- St Paul's UC Thunder Bay - \$2,500
- Trinity United Church, North Bay - \$2,500
- Two Bible Camp Internships Trinity UC, North Bay, Family Camp - \$2,000
- Hannah Lake Women's Retreat - \$2500
- Grace UC, Sudbury - \$247.73

Regional Cluster Grant:

- 8 North Bay Area Churches - \$500

Intercultural Fund:

- Black History Exhibition - \$500
- Black History Exhibition Travel - \$750

100th Anniversary Grants:

- 51 Communities of Faith - \$5,100

Affirming Ministry Grant

- Little Current UC - \$1,500

Individual Bursaries:

- 1 Education for Ministry bursaries - \$500
- 1 Health, Joy and Excellence bursary - \$500
- 1 Affirming Ministry Honorarium - \$250
- 3 Learning Grants - \$769
- 18 Camping Bursaries - \$6,550.00
- 1 Youth Ministry Grant \$493

Donation:

- Received from Dave Robinson from Memorial Golf Tournament North Bay - \$486.09

Impact

Through these grants, we have been privileged to support a wide range of initiatives across our region — strengthening congregations, deepening community connections, and extending the reach of our shared ministry. Each grant tells its own story of faith in action, reflecting the creativity, dedication, and commitment of those who carry the United Church's mission forward in their local contexts.

Looking Forward

As we look ahead to 2026, the Grant Team remains committed to the faithful stewardship of these resources and to walking alongside our churches and ministry personnel as they do this vital work. We warmly invite applications from across the Canadian Shield Region and are genuinely grateful for the trust placed in us to support ministries that matter — both to local communities and to the broader life of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
On behalf of the CSRC Grant Team
Dave Clarke, Chair