

## Some Funds Which Are Available

The Mission Strategy Ministry Team can assist your congregation identify areas of possible funding to help explore, develop and implement new or expanded ministry and mission opportunities. These include:

### **The Ottawa Presbytery Mission Strategy Fund:**

The Ottawa Presbytery has set aside funds for the specific purpose of assisting United Church congregations and projects to plan and implement new or expanded ministries.

### **Scrivens/Bailey Fund for Youth Ministry:**

Funds are available through the Ottawa Presbytery and Montreal and Ottawa Conference to assist United Church ministry programs specifically for youth.

### **Street Related Ministries Fund.:**

Funds are available through the Ottawa Presbytery to assist United Church ministry programs specifically for those lacking adequate housing, income, support structures or community.

### **Church Extension Loans**

Loans are available to assist with construction of new or expanded facilities for ministry and other opportunities to provide space for ministry programs.

### **General Council: New Ministries Formation Fund**

The United Church provides seed money for innovative ministries through The Vision Fund, assistance with some building repair through the Capital Assistance Fund, and in some cases, support for ministries with Mission Support Grants through the Mission and Service Fund.

### **The United Church Foundation Seeds of Hope Fund:**

This fund supports several innovative ministry projects each year.

## For More Information:

**Contact the Ottawa Presbytery Office**

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Looking for ways to help your church thrive?

Seeking a clearer vision for your church?

Wanting to discern God's call  
to renew the mission of your church?

Have an idea for a new type of ministry?

## The Ottawa Presbytery Mission Strategy Ministry Team



The Ottawa Presbytery is committed  
to helping congregations  
live out their mission  
by providing resources and assistance  
for planning and implementing  
new or expanded ministries.

## **Some Ways The Ottawa Presbytery Mission Strategy Ministry Team Can Assist**

### **Consultation**

We can initiate and participate in conversations among groups of congregations who are exploring similar issues with regard to their present and future ministry and mission.

### **Resources**

We can provide a variety of materials, names of consultants and other assistance which can help your congregation explore and implement your vision for ministry to which God is calling you. This may include developing new and innovative expressions of mission and ministry in order to meet the clearly identified needs of the community being served.

### **Financial Support**

We can assist your congregation in accessing various United Church funds which can help you to develop and implement new or expanded ministries within your congregation and community.

### **Partnerships**

We can help you identify and consult with potential church and community partners in order to explore options for the future ministry of your congregation in cooperation with others.

## **Some Resources Available Through EDGE**

The EDGE Network of the United Church of Canada provides a wide variety of resources, consultants and support to congregations in order to address present issues and explore ministry opportunities for the future. There is a fee for many of these services, but some financial assistance may be available. Services include but are not limited to the following:

### **Webinars:**

Live internet conversations and over 100 recorded webinars are available on a wide range of topics including leadership, fundraising, worship, small groups and so much more.

### **Consultants:**

Consultants are available to assist congregations with visioning, coaching, exploring new ministry opportunities, identifying assets, assessments of possibilities for use of property, and developing business and management plans.

### **Buying United:**

An opportunity to save money by joining with others in group purchasing of supplies and services.

### **IMNA Report (Identify Mission and Needs Analysis):**

An online tool offered through EDGE to help congregations identify current gifts and identify clear and vital avenues for mission into the future. This service provided by Armstrong Research.

### **Church Development:**

Assistance can be provided to explore new opportunities for faith development, worship and new locations for ministry, including the use of the Natural Church Development process ([www.ncd-canada.com](http://www.ncd-canada.com)).

### **Environics:**

Demographic information for your area can be collected and analyzed using the Environics research company.

**These and other services can be found at The EDGE Network Web Site:** <http://www.edge-ucc.ca/>