GRANTS AND MISSION SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Scripture Micah 6:8 God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the God require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Mandate The purpose of the Grants and Mission Support Committee, as stated in the terms of reference, is as follows:
operates under the Shining Waters Regional Council of the United Church of Canada to review funding applications and support local ministries

Reviews grant applications, consults with applicants, and recommends funding priorities for regional ministries.

Members: Dan Clark, John Joseph Mastandrea (chair), Paul Rose, Robin Thomson, Bruce Chappell, Ken Clarke

Staff: Kathleen Jones, Jody Maltby

Congregational Funding Program
Principles Guiding the Congregational Funding Program
A new funding program for congregations was approved by the Regional Council at a special meeting held on December 9, 2025. It is based on the pre-existing process of the Grants and Mission Committee and the Regional Priorities (which can be found in the Regional Council Policy: sw_policies_Regional_Council_policy.pdf). It will also be guided by the following principles, which together ensure that available resources are administered in ways that are faithful, strategic, and effective in supporting the ongoing ministry of congregations.: Ad Hoc Committee Funding Principles

SWRC Grant for Communities of Faith: Congregational Ministry Programs

In the Review of Ministry and Funding Priorities 2025, communities of faith identified support to congregations with ministry programs as a priority. Grants of up to $10,000 are available to support congregations for specific initiatives – such as starting a new youth program, launching a seniors' program or engaging in community outreach.

SWRC Grant for Communities of Faith: Congregational Capital Projects

Grant applications are normally submitted by mid-April each year for recommendations to be made by the end of April. However, in exceptional circumstances, where a capital expense occurs after April 15 and would create undue hardship, applications will be considered on an "as needed" basis. Contact Kathleen Jones: kijones@united-church.ca for the application

In the Review of Ministry and Funding Priorities, communities of faith identified support to congregations with unexpected capital expenses as a priority. Grants of up to $10,000 are available to support congregations with specific capital expenses.

Shining Waters Regional Council was pleased to provide a total of **$1,232,055** in funding to support the following ministries (attached)

The breakdown of which ministry received which grant can be found on our website - https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/communities-of-faith/grants-and-funding/

Mission and Service Grants
Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation (PTCC) Grants
Toronto Southeast Presbytery, Major Capital Fund
Shining Waters Regional Council Grants

Camp Big Canoe	Abiona Centre	Davenport Perth Community Ministry
Camp Simpreseca	Anglican United Refugee Alliance	Jane Finch Community Ministry
Camp Lake Scugog	Bloor Street Refugee Outreach	Regent Park Community Ministry
Sparrow Lake Camp	Ecumenical Chaplaincy, University of Toronto	
	Filipino Christian Fellowship	
	Fred Victor Centre	
	GO Project	
	Good Tree Korean Mission	
	Grace Place Outreach	
	Hospice Muskoka	
	Ministère Protestant Francophone de Toronto	
	Moorelands Community Centre	
	Roncesvalles Outreach	
	Runnymede United Church	
	Stonegate Community Ministry	
	Tamil United Church Mission	
	The Journey Neighbourhood Centre	

	Wesley Mimico Food Program	
	Weston King Neighbourhood Centre	

Blessings in Service

John Joseph Mastandrea Co-Chair