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TO: Treasurers/Directors/Board Chairs of Mission Support Units

FROM: Division of Finance and Administrative Resources and Financial Accountability,
Investments and Trusts Team

DATE: July 14, 2025

RE: APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 MISSION AND SERVICE FUNDING

Deadline for 2026 applications is September 19, 2025

It is that time of the year again for thinking about your ministry's financial needs with respect to 2026 Mission and Service Grants. At this point, we have the understanding that the Mission and Service Grants to the Region will remain the same as last year. In saying that, it is important for you to know that in order to provide the granting that you received in 2025, we did have to use Mission and Service reserves. We ask that you prayerfully hold the Mission and Service limitations in mind as you discern your budgetary needs for 2026.

We are asking that you complete your Mission and Service Grant application and submit it by September 19, 2025 (note this date is later than the date indicated on the form). This will ensure we are prepared when we receive updated information from General Council. Please note: You will only receive the electronic version of the form and all documents pertaining to these grants. If you require printed copies, please advise the office.

Before sending your 2026 application, please remember:

- 1. Obtain Board/Council approval and signatures for your application before sending.**
- 2. Include your Revenue Canada (CRA) Registered Charity number and proof of charitable status.** These are the business numbers issued by Revenue Canada used when issuing tax receipts to individuals and organizations. To obtain this information, go to: [CRA List of Charities basic search](#). Search for charity name. Print the page of information which is entitled "Charity's Detail Page". ***This page must be attached to the Mission Support Grant application or the request will be considered incomplete.***
- 3. Include all of the following financial information:**
 - 2024 Financial Statements & Annual Reports
 - 2025 Budget and Current Financial Statement to date
 - 2026 Proposed Budget
 - Copy of signed Auditor/Independent Review for 2024 (if you received Mission Support in 2025)

4. **Pastoral Charges and Community Ministries receiving more than 60% of their funding from the United Church are required to follow as a minimum the "[Minimum Salaries for Ministry Personnel](#)".** This describes minimum amounts for travel and allowances, etc.
5. **This grant is made possible through Mission and Service. Please be prepared to provide a story, 200 words in length, with photos if requested.** These stories may be used by the General Council Office in a number of United Church publications.

Please consider carefully your request for 2026 funding and **fully complete** your application. *Incomplete applications could result in delayed decisions.* Please contact the Regional Council Office for more information or assistance.

Application Forms must be approved by your governing body and returned to:
Regional Council Office, 320 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9 or
Via email (preferred) to apiercey@united-church.ca
**** No later than September 19, 2025****

LINKS:

- 2026 Mission Support Application Form (including Policy & Procedures): <https://ucceast.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/mission-service-grant-form.docx>
- [Auditor/Independent Review form](#)
- CRA List of Charities – Basic Search:
https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/hacc/srch/pub/dsplyBscSrch?request_locale=en
- 2025 Salary and Allowances Schedule: <https://united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/compensation-and-benefits/ministers-salary-schedule-and-cost-living-groups>

Copy: Brenda Andrews, Division of Finance and Administrative Resources
Todd Rose/Randy Purchase, Financial Accountability, Investments and Trusts Team
Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister