

Hunter Church Building Fund

History

The Hunter Church Building Fund (“the Fund”) was first established by a statute of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in 1876, amended in 1896, 1969, and 2024, following the terms of a bequest from the estate of Charles D. Hunter to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (now the United Church of Canada) for churches located in Nova Scotia.

The Fund is administered by Trustees who review applications and, based on a congregation’s need, award grants that may cover up to 50% of the project cost. Grants never exceed 50% of funds raised by the applicant congregation.

Grants in 2025

In 2025, Hunter Fund Trustees were pleased to be able to award grants totaling \$374,536.79 to 13 congregations/communities of faith.

Application Process

Application forms must be obtained from the Region’s Property Committee and returned to them for initial review. The Region then forwards applications to the Fund trustees for final determination. Please note: Hunter Fund forms were revised in 2025 and only applications submitted on revised forms will be considered. All others will be returned.

To ensure adequate time to review grant applications, applications for “Regular” grants (up to \$20,000) must be submitted to the Property Committee no later than March 15, September 15, or November 15 for the Trustees’ meetings in April, October and December. “Special” grant applications (exceeding \$20,000) are considered once a year, in December. Grants are paid after the congregation has provided proof that the approved project has been completed and that all service providers have been paid.

Appreciation

Hunter Fund Trustees are honoured to preserve responsible stewardship of the Fund and to follow its historical mandate of providing grants to Nova Scotia congregations/communities of faith. We appreciate ongoing consultations with, and the support of, the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region’s Property Committee, as well as the administrative support and advice of the staff of the Region.

Respectfully,

Rev Dr Wayne Smith

Wayne Smith (Rev Dr)

Secretary

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