The Hunter Church Building Fund

Incorporation recorded in Nova Scotia Statutes
1876-C 81, as am., 1898-C 179, 1969-C 133, 2024-C 13

The Hunter Church Building Fund was first established in 1876, under the terms of a bequest from the estate of the late Charles D. Hunter to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church. Grants from the Fund are available exclusively to congregations in Nova Scotia.

The Hunter Fund was incorporated by statute of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, the *Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Hunter Church Building Fund*. Preceding the formation of the United Church of Canada by 49 years, the Hunter Fund marked its 150th anniversary in 2026.

The Fund is administered by Trustees from across Nova Scotia who, based on a congregation's need, award grants that cover up to 50% of a project's cost, or 50% of the funds raised by the applicant congregation, whichever is higher. However, grants never exceed 50% of whatever the congregation has raised. Only after the Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region has received and approved an application is it submitted to the Fund Trustees for consideration. The current Trustees are:

Rev. Derek Elsworth, Interim Chair	Rev. Kevin Cox, Trustee
Rev. Dr. Wayne Smith, Secretary	Ms. Darria Langill, Trustee
Ms. Sandra Barss, Treasurer	Rev. Angela MacLean, Trustee
Rev. Helene Burns, Trustee	Mr. David Williamson, Trustee

The Trustees consider applications for Regular Grants in mid-April and mid-September and meet in mid-December to consider applications for Special Grants. Regular Grant awards typically range between $5,000 and $20,000, while Special Grant awards may be significantly higher. The needs of smaller congregations are usually prioritised over those from larger congregations, as are roof, window, and heating system repairs.

All Grant Applications must be received on the most recent version of the Grant Application, Form 100, approved by the Trustees (last revised in September 2026), and all Applicants are strongly advised to read the Procedures and Guidelines, Form 100A, to ensure they comply with all requirements. Grants are paid in full (we do not make partial payments) only after the project has been completed and the Project Completion form, Form 400, and copies of all associated "Paid" invoices are received by the Hunter Fund Secretary.

The Hunter Fund encourages congregations to submit applications for Grants to assist with necessary capital projects for their sanctuaries and halls.

The Trustees do not consider applications for assistance with work on manses.