

Stewardship Updates!

Equipping for God's Mission

Mission & Service:

- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS TO MISSION & SERVICE IN 2019!**

Together we transformed lives, strengthened communities and grew Faith. Did you know that 133 Pastoral Charges grew their M&S Giving in 2019!! Wow!! Awesome work. Thank you to all individuals who contributed to our common ministry! And a Special Shout out to all who lifted up M&S, shared inspiring stories and invited others to share their gifts!



- **New Mission & Service Stories posted!**

Together we make a tremendous difference in the lives of people – near and far. Share these online stories about how we are supporting the most vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic: [Mission & Service Stories of Faith](#). Read during online worship services, share in Newsletters, on your website, or in an e-mail to members.

JUST
RELEASED!

- **How about some Minutes for Mission Videos to share during online worship?**

- See: <https://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada>

- **Opportunity to Support Global Partners in a very Challenging Time**

Some of you have been asking how our Mission & Service Global Partners are doing and if you can make a special gift to help out some of the world's most vulnerable people at this time. Later this week we will be giving individuals an opportunity to offer such support through a Special Appeal. All donations will be forwarded to our partner ACT Alliance. Stay Tuned for the official launch.

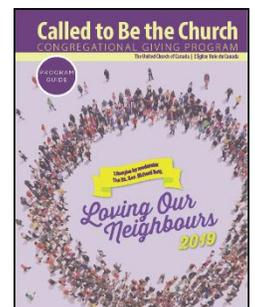
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Congregational Giving:

- For those who would like support or ideas on how to adapt our **Called to Be the Church Resources** in 2020 for use during the pandemic, please contact me by [e-mail](#) or telephone (below).

- Interested in writing a **Stewardship Letter** to your members thanking them for their support and inviting them to generosity? Contact me to receive a template you can use.

- Are You having a **Time of Offering** in your Online Worship? If not, how about adding an inspiring invitation to generosity (a great time to tell a story of how your charge is doing their mission in these new circumstances), instructions on methods people can use to give in their context, and a thankful dedication prayer?



- One of our Stewardship Best Practices is to *make it easy for people to give*. Here is some important information on ways to give: [Generosity in Unprecedented Times](#)
- **Treasurers Workshops**, led by Eric Mathiesen, continue to be very helpful and very popular. The plan is to continue them for a while. People can attend the live events on Wednesdays at 8 pm (Atlantic Time), or watch the recording when it is convenient. For more information, and to participate, see: [Congregational Finances During the Pandemic](#).
- **Updated Canada Helps Info Sheet is now available** It is not online yet, so if you are interested in exploring Canada Helps and using it as a tool for receiving gifts, send me an e-mail and I will forward it to you.

[The United Church of Foundation](#)

- [\\$3M GRANT TO THE UNITED CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19](#)
- Nervous about your pastoral charge's Investments. You may find this letter very helpful: [A Note from an Investment Partner](#)

[How about a Couple of Great Articles?](#)

- [7 Ways COVID-19 Will Transform the Church](#)
- [Can our congregation survive on online donations?](#)

[Don't forget me!!!](#)

While in-person visits and workshops are suspended at this time, please know that I am here as a Stewardship Resource for you. I am available by telephone, e-mail and Zoom and would be excited to participate in online consultations with individuals and groups and to continue to share resources in the areas of Congregational Giving, Mission & Service, Planned Legacy Giving, United Church Foundation and investing opportunities for your congregation. Please don't hesitate to be in touch. **Rev. Roger Janes**, *Stewardship & Gifts Officer, Regions East*.
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