

Hunter United Church Building Fund

The year 2020 saw less building activity, no doubt, because of the pandemic. We were able to financially assist Nova Scotia United Churches as they dealt with building repair emergencies or made necessary renovations to their church buildings to meet new challenges in their respective ministries. From steeples to solar panels, our churches continued to be beacons of light in our communities; and the Trustees of the Hunter Church Building Fund were pleased to be able to offer financial assistance with these projects.

Normally, the Trustees would meet in person in May, October, and December. In 2020, we met in June and December, via Zoom.

Ms. Louise Gosbee retired at the completion of her term and we thanked her for her many years of service. Ms. Darria Langill of Truro became our newest trustee, beginning in 2021.

At the request of the Executive Minister of the UCC Eastern Region, the trustees approved a \$100,000 short term note to Region 15 to secure loans to United churches who might have financial needs caused by the pandemic. As of the spring of 2021, a loan request was not forthcoming.

We received grant applications after they were reviewed by Region 15's Property Committee. Appreciation to Mr. Ron Patterson, Chair of Region 15 Property Committee, for his close liaison with our Secretary. Understandably, the pandemic brought fewer applications to the Board. Eight grants were approved during the year 2020 totalling \$144,000.00 (one hundred forty-four thousand dollars.)

Application forms for Hunter Grants can be obtained by going to the Region 15 Web Page (applications). The Property Committee, (a sub-committee of the Finance Committee) receives and reviews all applications before they are forwarded to the Secretary of the Hunter Fund.

An audited Financial Statement for 2019 was satisfactorily completed by William Foster, CPA, of Dartmouth.

Applications, both Regular and Special, will continue to be received and considered for the year 2021. We recognize the many challenges that congregations are facing in these unprecedented times and would encourage Nova Scotia churches to make an application through Region 15's Property Committee.

Trustees:

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Ms. Louise Gosbee (Retired May 2020)

Ms. Darria Langill (Jan 2021)

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Respectfully Submitted,

Trent Cleveland-Thompson, Secretary

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