

*Certificate of Thanksgiving • Témoignage de reconnaissance*

**Prince Edward Island Presbytery**

*of/du*

**Maritime Conference**

*is recognized for giving/pour son don de*

**\$360,873**

*in 2016 for the Mission & Service of  
The United Church of Canada*

*You are the salt of the earth.  
You are the light of the world.  
(Matthew 5:13a, 14a)*



*en 2016 pour Mission & Service  
de l'Église Unie du Canada*

*Vous êtes le sel de toute la terre.  
Vous êtes la lumière du monde.  
(Matthieu 5, 13a, 14a, PDV)*

*Jordan Cantwell*

*The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell, Moderator • La pasteure Jordan Cantwell, modératrice  
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Dear Friends in Christ

*You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13a,14a, NRSV)*

Thank you for all you do to live out Jesus' teachings of abundance. What an amazing version of the salt and light story the people of The United Church of Canada tell with our lives! God's compassionate, hope-fulfilling, community-strengthening presence is made real by our generosity. Today, I am especially thankful for your generosity for Mission & Service in 2016. I am grateful to the people of Prince Edward Island Presbytery who gave \$360,873 for Mission & Service. This is part of the Conference total of \$2,761,238. Together, across the whole church, we gave **\$25,322,586** in 2016 for Mission & Service.

Mission & Service giving means that families needing food and care are welcomed and fed, people who are sick in hospital are visited and accompanied, people needing justice declare their call for rights with a supportive community, and people needing housing find shelter and security. It also means that students receive bursaries for their journey to becoming ministers, churches testing innovative ministry ideas get funding and coaching, people from the margins find a welcome and a home in our church, and searchers find spaces of belonging.

We make these great things happen through Mission & Service and through the ministry of our local church. Thank you for generous giving for Mission & Service that changes the world. You are the salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. You are God's light-bearers that bring out God's colours. On behalf of our neighbours whose lives are changed, thank you.

Blessings,

Cheryl Curtis  
Manager, Mission & Service Giving

Encl.: Certificate of Thanksgiving

P.S. Today is a great day to share the new Mission & Service music video—the bonus track on the Minutes for Mission 2017 DVD and at <https://youtu.be/7cS6fBWRSLc>.





# Mission & Service

Thank you for being generous!

April 2017

Dear friends in ministry,

Thank you for all you do to live out Jesus' teachings of abundance. What an amazing version of the salt and light story the people of The United Church of Canada tell with our lives! God's compassionate, hope-fulfilling, community-strengthening presence is made real by our generosity. Enclosed is your Certificate of Thanksgiving for 2016 Mission & Service and a message of gratitude.

Ideas for celebrating your Mission & Service giving:

- ❖ Celebrate generosity in a worship service.
  - See week 3 and 5 of the *Called to Be the Church* congregational giving program for ideas.
- ❖ Read the letter in worship and at other gatherings
- ❖ Make the moment a party—sing, eat, pray, dance.
- ❖ Insert the letter or certificate in the bulletin.
- ❖ Use the thanking bulletin insert available at [www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/2016](http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/2016).
- ❖ Include the certificate and letter in your newsletter or other publication.
- ❖ Send copies of the certificate and letter to your leaders.
- ❖ Send a copy of the certificate and letter as part of your thank you to people who gave.
- ❖ Display the certificate in a prominent place where people gather.
- ❖ Post the certificate and letter on your website.
- ❖ Share Mission & Service "thanking" bookmarks (order from [ms@united-church.ca](mailto:ms@united-church.ca)).
- ❖ Post the certificate on social media and share it on [www.facebook.com/GodsMissionOurGifts](http://www.facebook.com/GodsMissionOurGifts)

Thank you for generous giving for Mission & Service that changes the world. Our generosity with BOTH the local church AND Mission & Service enables us to carry the presence of God with love and hope into the world. Please continue to give generously to the local church AND Mission & Service.

Looking for resources for Mission & Service and congregational giving programs?	Phone: 416-231-7680 or 1-800-268-3781 E-mail: <a href="mailto:m&amp;s@united-church.ca">m&amp;s@united-church.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:steward@united-church.ca">steward@united-church.ca</a> Mission & Service giving program resources: <a href="http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca">www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca</a> Philanthropy e-news: <a href="http://www.united-church.ca/communications/newsletters/signup">www.united-church.ca/communications/newsletters/signup</a>
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