

Mission Through Property Team

The Mission Through Property Team (MTP) of the East Central Ontario Regional Council shall assist the East Central Ontario Regional Council meet its responsibilities as outlined in The Manual C.2. The Mission Through Property Team shall exercise specific responsibilities to serve, support and provide oversight of the financial responsibilities of the East Central Ontario Regional Council and of the financial viability and property matters of the Communities of Faith. Details of these responsibilities can be found on the ECORC website as the Property and Finance Policy. Other policies can also be found here pertaining to the Sale of Property and the Manse Policy.

With the new guidelines from General Council re the sale of property ECORC policies are under review. The General Council direction is not to sell off property assets but rather to consider them for Housing Development by the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) there by retaining the asset for the mission work of the Church. ECORC currently has four properties under review for this development opportunity.

Your ECORC has approved nine Mission Support Grants for 2022 totaling \$116,000 as follows:

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| • Greenwood - Bedford House Community Ministry | \$20,000 |
| • Places for People, Haliburton County Inc | \$1,000 |
| • Quinte Health Care Corporation Spiritual Health Services | \$5,000 |
| • Abbey Retreat Centre | \$5,000 |
| • Grand River Spiritual & Educational Resources | \$8,000 |
| • Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre | \$6,000 |
| • Camp Qui-Mo-Lac | \$35,000 |
| • Quinte Deaf Fellowship Belleville | \$30,000 |
| • Old Hay Bay Church | \$6,000 |

The Doing Mission Together grants have not been awarded yet.

The Mission Through Property Team has proposed the creation of an **ECORC COF Assistance Fund** to be used for:

- 50% for capital improvements, emergency repairs and/or upgrades to COF physical buildings or properties
- 50% for Community of Faith ministry activities such as outreach projects, stewardship projects, youth initiatives, networking initiatives and Community clusters etc.
- Assistance to be provided in the form of grants/loans from the investment income from the fund. At the direction of the ECORC the principal may also be used to fund special initiatives or projects.
- Applications must come from COF will be received by the Mission through Property Team three times per year (Feb 15th, May 15th, Sept 15th)
- The Maximum per application will be \$5,000.

With all the financial stresses of these COVID times many COF's have had great difficulties and many are looking at their futures forcing them to consider amalgamations and/or disbandment's. It is our

hope that this new fund may provide some support for emergency bricks and mortar issues and as well provide a way to assist with COF new ministry activities.

As we start to reopen many of our places for worship, I hope that our COF's will start to see better times ahead. Just remember that the ECOR Mission Through Property Team is there to assist you in what ever way we can.

Respectfully submitted by Ted Meyers, Chair