**“*I came so that they might have life, life in all its fullness*!” John 10 :10b**

**WHAT IS GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME?-**

In Canada, Guaranteed Livable Income refers to a federal program of cash transfers which ensures a dignified and decent life for all Canadians. Those whose earned income falls below a set amount would be “topped up” by the GLI program.

*GLI is based entirely on earned income- there is no other qualifying criteria people need to meet.*

**WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT GLI?**

* Guaranteed Livable Income would lift over a million and a half people in Canada, out of poverty, *over 50 % of whom are the* ***working*** *poor*.
* Guaranteed Livable Income has a proven track record (see the Mincome program in Manitoba in the 1970s) of reducing health care costs- particularly related to emergency room visits as a result of mental health crisis.
* Guaranteed Livable Income provides security and predictability for people who are precariously employed, artists, contractors and those whose jobs are impacted or eliminated by technology.
* Guaranteed Livable Income supports entrepreneurship, retraining, and the upgrading of education because people do not need to be employed in order to meet their basic needs.
* Guaranteed Livable Income acts as a safety net for people who need to prioritise care for their loved ones- eg young children or older parents over a paid job.
* Guaranteed Livable Income provides necessary resources to all who need them, but trusts that individuals, and NOT government know how best to use those resources to meet their own needs.
* Guaranteed Livable Income could replace many already existing income support programs, creating greater efficiency, reducing bureaucracy, and the “intrusive” nature of the state.
* Guaranteed Livable Income in every jurisdiction where it has been tried does not result in people “getting paid for doing nothing”.
* Guaranteed Livable Income recognizes that provincial income assistance programs are woefully inadequate for people to live on.

**To Learn More and to Get Involved in Supporting Guaranteed Livable Income in Canada**

* Join the GLI Network of the East Central Ontario Region of the United Church of Canada.

[G.L.I Network - East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada (ecorcuccan.ca)](https://ecorcuccan.ca/networks/networks/)

* Read Eveleyn Forget’s *Basic Income for Canadians: From Pandemic Emergency to Financial Security for All* James Lorimer and Company Ltd.
* Read Jamie Swif and Elaine Power’s *The Case for Basic Income: Freedom, Security, Justice* Between the Lines Press