

# African and Middle Eastern Mission & Service partners 2020

## 28 partners in 7 countries

In Africa and the Middle East, the United Church works with **Mission & Service** partners on urgent issues affecting people's daily lives. Priorities are sustainable livelihoods, community access to food and markets, and the right of communities to determine what food to grow locally and how, as well as access to land and safe water in the context of land grabbing, issues of resource extraction, such as mining, and working for justice and peace.



Palestinian children at a Middle East Council of Churches Day Care Centre in Jordan. The Middle East Council of Churches works with displaced Palestinians, offering employment and education help.

## REGION WIDE

### Africa region ecumenical bodies

- All Africa Conference of Churches (ecumenical organization)
- Organization of African Instituted Churches (Indigenous churches working for human rights)
- Pembizo Christian Council (LGBTI+ advocacy and support)
- Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA) (interfaith work, capacity building)
- World Student Christian Federation, Africa Region (ecumenical student movement)

### Middle East region ecumenical bodies

- MECC Department of Services to Palestinian Refugees (community development and capacity building, refugee support)
- Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) (ecumenical organization)

### ANGOLA

- Department of Social Assistance Projects—Evangelical Church of Angola (development organization)
- Evangelical Congregational Church of Angola (denominational church)



Jennifer Muthoki, who works with students at the World Student Christian Federation, Africa Region.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Église du Christ au Congo (women and families, human rights)

### KENYA

- Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children's Rights (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- National Council of Churches of Kenya (ecumenical organization)

### TANZANIA

- Christian Council of Tanzania (ecumenical organization)
- Morogoro Women's Training Centre (justice, women's empowerment, and skills development)

### ZAMBIA

- Council of Churches of Zambia (ecumenical organization)
- People's Action Forum (rural, political, and economic empowerment)
- United Church of Zambia (denominational church)
- United Church of Zambia University (theological training)
- Women for Change (women's education and empowerment)

### ZIMBABWE

- Institute for Contextual Theological Reflection (prophetic theological education and reflection, capacity building)
- The United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe (denominational church)
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches—Masvingo (ecumenical organization)
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches—Women's Program and Youth Program (women's empowerment, youth capacity building)

### PALESTINE-ISRAEL

- B'Tselem (protecting, promoting, and advocating for human rights)
- Defence for Children International—Palestine Section (protecting, promoting, and advocating for children's rights)
- Jerusalem Centre for Women (empowerment of Palestinian women)
- Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre (liberation theology education, peace building, clergy support, and capacity building)
- Wi'am—Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre (conflict resolution, community empowerment, women's rights)

# Asian Mission & Service partners 2020

## 27 partners in 5 countries

In Asia, the United Church works with **Mission & Service** partners who are identifying and addressing human rights abuses wherever they occur, as part of building a world of justice for all. Critical issues for the region include peace building and upholding the rights of communities to healthy environments in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The work of **Mission & Service** partners includes sustainable community development and addressing food security. The United Church also supports **Mission & Service** partners responding to humanitarian crises.



Women receive food aid in a remote community in China. Amity Foundation offers a wide variety of programs in order to support those on the country's margins.

## REGION WIDE

- Asia Women's Resource Centre (education and theology)
- Asian Muslim Action Network (interfaith work)
- Asian Rural Institute (sustainable agriculture and livelihood)
- Christian Conference of Asia (ecumenical formation, leadership development, development, and service)
- World Student Christian Federation, Asia Pacific Region (youth development, education, human rights)

## JAPAN *(Partner work supported from United Church funds held in Japan)*

- Buraku Liberation Centre (anti-racism, community development)
- Japan Christian Women's Organization (women's empowerment, justice skills development)
- Korean Christian Church in Japan (denominational church/human rights)
- National Christian Conference in Japan (ecumenical organization)
- United Church of Christ in Japan (denominational church/women's empowerment, anti-racism, and migrant rights)





A shrimp fisherman in Tamil Nadu, India, with the Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation advocates for those who are poor and disabled.

### CHINA

- Amity Foundation (social welfare, community development)
- China Christian Council (ecumenical organization)
- Zi Teng (women's empowerment)

### INDIA

- Astha Sansthan (community development)
- Church of North India (denominational church, anti-human-trafficking)
- Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (advocacy, human rights, education)

### PHILIPPINES

- CONTAK Philippines/Ecumenical Voices for Human Rights (advocacy, education, human rights)
- Cordillera People's Alliance (Indigenous rights)
- Ecumenical Bishops' Forum (human rights, peace development)
- National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) (ecumenical organization/comprehensive rights-based program and women's empowerment)

- Regional Ecumenical Council in the Cordillera (RECCORD) (advocacy, education, human rights of Indigenous people)
- United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) (denominational church, human rights, and community work)

### SOUTH KOREA

- Ecumenical Forum for Peace and Development (peace building)
- Korean Association of Women Theologians (theological training and advocacy for women)
- Korean Women Workers Association United (women's empowerment and capacity building)
- National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK), Women's Department (ecumenical organization)
- Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea (humanitarian work and migrant workers' program)

# Caribbean and Latin American Mission & Service partners 2020

## 25 partners in 7 countries

In the Caribbean and Latin America, the United Church works with **Mission & Service** partners to secure community access to food and sustainable practices, to provide education for young children and adults, and to build and sustain safe water supplies. Partners also work to promote respect for human rights, including women's and Indigenous peoples' rights, as well as the right to a healthy environment in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The United Church also supports **Mission & Service** partner work responding to humanitarian crises and, with others, advocates for strong development and aid policies that support people and communities in crisis.



The Christian Centre for Reflection & Dialogue in Cuba creates opportunities for food security and education.

### REGION WIDE

- Caribbean and North American Council for Mission (North-South dialogue, youth leadership training)
- Caribbean North American Area Council, World Communion of Reformed Churches
- Latin American and Caribbean Communication Agency (ALC, ecumenical communication)
- Regional Ecumenical Advisory and Service Centre (CREAS, institutional capacity building)
- World Student Christian Federation (ecumenical organization, youth and student movement building)

### COLOMBIA

- Colombian Methodist Church (denominational church, peace, anti-poverty)
- Ecumenical Roundtable for Peace
- Latin American Centre for Popular Communication (CEPALC)

### COSTA RICA

- Ecumenical Research Department (social and theological research/training)

- Latin American Biblical University (theological education and training)

### CUBA

- Christian Centre for Reflection & Dialogue (community development)
- Cuban Council of Churches (ecumenical organization, development, emergency response ministry to people with disabilities)
- Evangelical Seminary of Theology, Matanzas (theological education and training)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Centre (popular education/theological reflection, citizen participation, and community development)
- Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba (denominational church)

### EL SALVADOR

- Emmanuel Baptist Church (church, community development, peace building, leadership training)
- Santa Marta Association for Economic and Social



The Santa Marta Association for Economic and Social Development offers El Salvadorans the opportunity to create a small farm through microcredit loans. Pictured here is one of the microcredit recipients growing green beans.

Development (ADES, community development, human rights, ecology)

**GUATEMALA**

- Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala (peace, reconciliation, and ecumenism)
- Guatemala Conference of Evangelical Churches (gender, Indigenous justice, rural development)
- Women’s Network of Maya Presbyterians (empowering rural Indigenous women, income-generation projects)

**HAITI**

- Karl Lévêque Cultural Institute (community organizing, economy of solidarity, popular education)
- Methodist Church in Haiti (church, education, community development)

**NICARAGUA**

- Development Institute of the Moravian Church (rural development, disaster relief, HIV/AIDS)
- Los Quinchos School (children’s education)
- Moravian Church in Nicaragua (church, women and youth, community building, inter-culturalism)

**AN EVOLVING MISSION** By Pat Elson

**FOR 160 YEARS** The United Church of Canada and its founding denominations have upheld God’s mission of wholeness of life for all people and all creation. Answering that call, the church works in partnership with organizations around the world. Our understanding of how church is called to be in right relationship with others continues to evolve, as does the way the church lives out global partnership.

Earliest “foreign missions” were based on the gospel imperative to share the good news. At the turn of the 20th century, the social gospel challenged churches to faithfully meet the physical and social needs of people throughout the world. Canadian missionaries were sent to serve people in foreign lands in church-run hospitals and schools.

As local leaders took over management of these institutions, Canadian missionaries withdrew from leadership roles. The United Church shifted financial support from missionaries to global partners as partners lived out God’s mission in their own context.

The report of the Commission on World Mission to General Council 21 (1966) was a seminal moment in United Church understanding of partnership. It shifted us from a focus on “mission to” to “mission with,” understanding God’s mission as a mutual responsibility of North and

South. The Canadian church, challenged by global partners, began to examine its own complicity in systems of global injustice.

In the 1980s, the church saw its role of working for systemic justice and social transformation as a vital expression of faith. Values of mutuality, reciprocity, trust, and transparency were emphasized. A vision of “whole-world ecumenism” expressed in *Mending the World* (1997) strengthened the church’s commitment to working with people of all faiths sharing a commitment to heal the world. That vision continues to inform United Church understanding of partnership.

Global Partnership Principles, developed during a 2008 review of global partnership using the lens of Empire, were adopted in 2009 by the United Church. This signalled a complete circle: from mission to foreign lands to mission with partners directed toward the injustices in their place to mission with global partners directed toward recognizing ourselves as complicit in the creation of poverty, oppression, and environmental destruction in the world.

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# Canadian Mission & Service Community Ministries 2020

## FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE

### St. John's

- Bridges to Hope (Cochrane Street Food Aid, support for low-income people)
- Deaf Ministries (spiritual support and guidance to the Deaf community)
- East District Chaplaincy (pastoral care for patients in health care facilities, inmates in a penitentiary, and students at Memorial University)
- Emmanuel House (residential treatment program for at-risk adults)
- Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre (food aid, advocacy for homeless, and housing help)
- Naomi Centre (emergency shelter, support for young women)
- Stella's Circle (advocacy, education, housing, and employment)

## REGION 15

Bermuda and Nova Scotia

### Halifax

- Brunswick Street Mission (food and educational programming for people in poverty)
- Coverdale Courtwork Society (advocacy for at-risk women)
- Dalhousie Campus Ecumenical Chaplaincy (spiritual and social justice ministry with students)
- Fairview United Family Resource Centre (education and advocacy for parents and children)
- St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (support programs for parents and children)

### Tatamagouche, N.S.

- Tatamagouche Centre: Aboriginal Peace and Friendship Project (fostering peace and justice between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)
- Tatamagouche Centre: Breaking the Silence Project (in solidarity with Guatemala)

## FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS

Includes New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and parts of Nova Scotia and Quebec

### New Brunswick

- Centenary Queen Square Care Centres (Saint John) (support for seniors and adults with disabilities, day care for children at risk)
- Chipman Pastoral Charge (intergenerational event for youth K-12)
- Fredericton Council (ecumenical campus chaplaincy at the University of New Brunswick)
- Moncton Hospital Chaplaincy (chaplaincy presence at two Moncton hospitals)



Emmanuel House, a home for men struggling in St. John's, N.L., is part of Stella's Circle, which works with the marginalized to offer food, housing, and employment help.

- St. Croix Wellness and Renewal Centre (Oak Bay) (wellness support to seniors and various therapies for children at risk)

### Nova Scotia

- Brunswick Street Mission (Halifax) (food and educational programming for people in poverty)
- Tatamagouche Centre: Aboriginal Peace and Friendship Project (fostering peace and justice between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)
- Tatamagouche Centre: Breaking the Silence Project (in solidarity with Guatemala)

## NAKONHA:KA

### Montréal Region

- Comité D'Aide Aux Réfugiés (refugee support and advocacy)
- Concordia University Multifaith Chaplaincy (multi-faith campus ministry)
- Corporation Culturelle Latino-Americaine de l'Amitié (COCLA) (support for Latin American newcomers)
- Montréal City Mission (advocacy and education for women and children)
- St. Columba House (advocacy and education for at-risk women and children)

## EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS

### Mountain, Ont.

- House of Lazarus Matilda Resource Centre (clothing help, educational program, food bank, and medical clinic)

**Ottawa**

- Algonquin College Ecumenical Chaplaincy (ecumenical campus ministry)
- Carlington Community Chaplaincy (social housing help and pastoral care)
- Centre 507 Association of Ottawa (drop-in, self-help, and recreational and educational programming)
- Ottawa West-End Chaplaincy (advocacy for those living in poverty)

**EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO**

- Abbey Retreat Centre (Haliburton, Ont.) (care and support for people living with cancer)
- Bedford House Getting Ahead Project (Peterborough, Ont.) (educational support for those living in poverty)
- Kingston Community Chaplaincy
- Minden Food Bank (supplies food to schools, Meals on Wheels programs for seniors, Good Food Box)
- Quinte Health Care Ecumenical Chaplaincy (chaplaincy in the Belleville, Trenton, Prince Edward County, and North Hastings hospitals)
- Places for People (Lindsay, Ont.) (rents homes, provides social services to disadvantaged people)

**SHINING WATERS**

**Toronto**

- Anglican United Refugee Alliance (promotes refugee sponsorship and hospitality)
- Davenport Perth Community Ministry (community engagement, reading support for young children, food and arts programming)
- Fred Victor Centre (housing and services for people experiencing homelessness and poverty)
- Jane Finch Community Ministry (social housing, pastoral care, and advocacy)
- Massey Centre for Women (housing and support for pregnant and parenting teens and their children)
- Michael Garron Hospital Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy program for Indigenous patients)
- Mount Sinai Hospital Chaplaincy (hospital chaplaincy)
- St. Matthew's Bracondale House (food program for seniors)
- Toronto Christian Resource Centre (chaplaincy)
- University of Toronto Ecumenical Chaplaincy (campus ministry)

**Other communities**

- Journey Neighbourhood Centre (Brampton, Ont.) (after-school drop-in centre)
- Muskoka Chaplaincy Association (Huntsville, Ont.) (chaplaincy for hospitals and long-term care facilities)

**HORSESHOE FALLS**

**Hamilton, Ont.**

- McMaster University Campus Ministry (campus ministry)
- Wesley Urban Ministries (food, housing, and advocacy)

**Saint Catharines, Ont.**

- Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy

**WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS**

**Guelph and surrounding area**

- Grey Bruce Health Care Chaplaincy Council (Owen Sound, Ont.) (hospital chaplaincy)
- University of Guelph Campus Ministry (campus ministry)

**ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED**

**London, Ont.**

- East London United Church Outreach Cluster (educational programming, chaplaincy, and advocacy for those living in poverty)
- London Community Chaplaincy (advocacy and education for families)

**Other communities**

- Ridgetown Campus Chaplaincy Program (campus ministry at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus)
- Windsor Downtown Mission (food and shelter support)

**CANADIAN SHIELD**

- Daisy Chain Drop-In Centre for Women (South River, Ont.) (helpline and services for women survivors of sexual assault)
- Welcome Friend Association (Thessalon, Ont.) (Rainbow Camp offers a safe place for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and their siblings)

**PRAIRIE TO PINE**

- The Counselling Centre (Brandon, Man.) (strives to restore mental and emotional wholeness to marginalized people)
- 1JustCity (Winnipeg), which includes Oak Table Community Ministry (pastoral care, information, and recreational opportunities for street people, transients, and residents), St. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry (inner-city advocacy, self-help), West Broadway Community Services (food support and programs for low-income neighbourhood), and North End Stella Community Ministry (provides holistic healing in the Indigenous community)

**LIVING SKIES**

**Prince Albert, Sask.**

- Parkland Restorative Justice (working with offenders to reintegrate into their communities)

**Regina**

- Regina Downtown Chaplaincy (support for people with low incomes, anti-poverty education and advocacy)
- Southern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (chaplaincy for three Regina hospitals)

**Saskatoon, Sask.**

- Ecumenical Chaplaincy, University of Saskatchewan (university chaplaincy)
- The Micah Mission (restorative justice for inmates, newly released inmates, and their families)
- Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (chaplaincy for three Saskatoon hospitals and surrounding area)
- River Bend Integrated Community Ministry (services to reduce poverty, education, advocacy, pastoral care)





Fairview Family Resources in Halifax works with families to provide education and life skills in a safe and welcoming environment.

### CHINOOK WINDS

#### Calgary

- Calgary Pastoral Care Ministry (support and training for pastoral care volunteers in United Churches)
- Regional Youth Ministries
- University of Calgary, United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry (campus ministry)

#### Other communities

- L'Arche-McKillop LFS Community Kitchen (Lethbridge, Alta.)
- Medicine Hat College Ecumenical Campus Ministry (campus ministry)
- University of Lethbridge Ecumenical Campus Ministry (campus ministry)

### NORTHERN SPIRIT

#### Edmonton

- Bissell Centre (meeting medical, housing, and clothing needs of those living in poverty; advocacy and literacy programs)
- Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action (community interfaith organization)
- Inner City Pastoral Ministry (worship, pastoral care, and advocacy)
- Jellinek Society (addiction recovery home)
- University of Alberta Faith Lift Campus Ministry (campus ministry)

### PACIFIC MOUNTAIN

#### Vancouver

- First United Church Mission (advocacy and education for homeless people of the East End of Vancouver)

#### Victoria

- Our Place Society (transitional housing, meals, spiritual care, advocacy)

### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS CHURCH

#### Ohsweken, Ont.

- Chapel of the Delaware (community gathering for residential school survivors)
- Nations Uniting (gathering space for residential school survivors, education program for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people)

#### Other communities

- Regina Native Outreach Ministry (education and self-help)
- Thompson Outreach (Thompson, Man.) (worship, support, and pastoral care)
- Toronto Urban Native Ministry (chaplaincy)
- Winnipeg Outreach Ministry (advocacy and education)