

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA CLUSTER  
Report to the 2011 National Gathering

In the M and O Cluster, clustering is rare. We sometimes meet through Conference committees and events, but we are more in touch with diaconal ministers in our own presbytery. But this spring the Ottawa group was invited to gather to consider the United Church Statement on Ministry; a response was sent to the Theology and Interchurch-Interfaith Committee.

Currently there are two students at CCS from this Conference: Mark Laird and Marcie Gibson. Our diaconal network, including students, UCTS/Covenant College/CCS grads, those who are still working in paid accountable ministry, and retirees, numbers 12.

There have been changes and transitions in our Cluster since DUCC '09. Sue Taylor and Dorothy Naylor say they have retired for the last time; Alyson Huntley completed requirements for a Ph.D in Education (Queen's) and in 2010 received the Craig Chaplin award from UTS; Alyson will be on the faculty of UTS in Montreal this year. Patricia Lisson is now Executive Director, Saint Columba House. Sally Meyer has been on sabbatical. Sadly, we note the death of Mary Lou Shortill in 2010.

Dorothy Naylor reporting