

The Barbara Elliott Trust Fund For Innovative Ministries

The Barbara Elliott Trust Fund for Innovative Ministries has been established to support innovative and/or non-traditional ministries that reflect Barb's commitment to the ministry of diakonia, and, that find it difficult to secure regular funding. To learn more about Barb Elliott visit <http://ducc.ca/ducc-organization/barbara-elliott-fund/>.

Applications are **due February 11**. Grants will be announced in March. The maximum grant awarded is \$5,000.

Funding Criteria:

1. Financial support from the Barbara Elliott Trust Fund is for ministries that do not have secure regular funding. Funding should be seen as seed money to get new projects started, or for new aspects of existing programs, or to enable a one time special project, and not for support of ongoing work. A project is only eligible for one grant.
2. Projects should be led (in staffing or volunteer positions) by diaconal ministers **or** people whose work in ministry reflects a spirit of commitment to *diakonia*. Further understanding of this is expressed in the Diakonia of the United Church of Canada Statement of Vision (2009), which is found at the end of the application. Applicants are not restricted to those affiliated with the United Church of Canada.
3. The ministry should be focused on building community strength not primarily on providing support for individuals.
4. Projects need to demonstrate an identified need for this ministry.
5. Projects must have a mechanism of accountability to a charitable organization, either as a direct project of a recognized charity, or, be sponsored by a recognized charity. Projects must demonstrate oversight of a volunteer board of management.
6. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a written accountability report, including digital photographs, approved for public posting on a website, to the Barbara Elliott Trust Fund for Innovative Ministries Committee, within 1 year of receiving the grant. Projects may be featured on the Diakonia of the United Church of Canada website.

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Applications can be prepared in narrative style and should be five (5) pages in length or less. Applications must be received **by February 11**.

Applications should provide the following information:

- Name of project
- Name of submitting group and a brief description of the group.
- Name, postal address, phone number, Email address of the contact person.
- Name and address of the charitable organization receiving the grant (if different from submitting group)
- Brief outline of the accountability of the project to the submitting group and the charitable sponsor, as appropriate
- Charitable registration number
- Description of the project
- Explanation of how this project meets the criteria for the Barbara Elliott Trust Fund as listed above
- Budget of the project and *recent* financial statements (for example, Year end Statements from the previous year) of the group and sponsor that demonstrate the overall financial situation.

Applications should be sent by email, to any one of the following Committee members:

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**Diakonia of the United Church of Canada
Statement of Vision 2009**

God calls us to diaconal ministry.
The gospel of Jesus invites all to this ministry:
to offer compassion and accompaniment,
to work for liberation and justice,
to act as advocates of creative transformation.

Diaconal ministry, as a recognized order, is rooted
within our faith tradition and history,
and it is continued and embodied,
in an ecumenical, world-wide community.

This vocation is a journey,
involving Spirit-filled enrichment and learning,
requiring humble offering of self,
demanding prayerful discernment and courageous risking,
exercising visionary and communal leadership,
promising joy and meaning,
and daring to imagine God's abundance,
in a world of love and respect.

Through education, service, social justice, and pastoral care,
diaconal ministry in The United Church of Canada,
encourages a growing faith,
speaks truth to power,
seeks mutual empowerment,
proclaims prophetic hope,
nurtures life-giving community,
fosters peaceful, right relationship,
within the church and the whole of creation,
wherever the Spirit may lead.