

Pacific Mountain Region PROVISION FUNDS for 2019

Our **Pacific Mountain Region** continues to have funds available for new and creative ministry projects through our six ProVision Funds. This report is a summary of the grants given in 2019. Perhaps it will be of interest to Communities of Faith in considering possible new ministries and projects.

In 2019, the six ProVision Fund Committees granted a total of \$612,439 to 51 recipients. The average for a grant is therefore \$12,000. This total does not include multi-year grants approved earlier than in 2019 nor grants approved for expenditure after 2019. Of the 51 recipients, 9 are Clusters or joint Communities of Faith, 2 are Networks, 2 are Ministries and 38 are Communities of Faith. (Average grant: \$12,000).

The Victoria Area ProVision Fund made grants from both its Small and Large Grant categories. The Small Grants included: support for two programs by *Salt Spring UC* (engagement with homeless issues and a spring symposium); a grant to *James Bay UC* and *Fairfield UC* (to explore partnership); a grant to *Duncan UC* (pilot youth exchange with Nelson UC) and the *Palnet Palestine/Israel Justice Network* (workshops and education with a visiting Palestinian farmer). It also approved two Large Grants. One for two years of support to *Centennial UC* (for a cooperative venture regarding community health in that inner-city area of Victoria). The other a grant to *St. Aidan's UC & Cadboro Bay UC* (to fund small group work aimed at a new combined approach for United Church ministry by these Communities of Faith). In addition, the Fund continued its three-year Large Grant to *Our Place* (for their Therapeutic Recovery Community).

The Comox-Nanaimo Area ProVision Fund made several grants in 2019 to Communities of Faith. Some of these included continuing support for the *Campbell River UC* (for its long running Breakfast Program), the Comox-Nanaimo *Mobile Summer Camp* serving six churches, to *Brechin UC* (for a Reconciliation Workshop), to *St. George's UC Courtenay* (for a Small Group program), to *Knox UC Parksville* (for a community Gathering Place café program), to the *North Island Cluster* (for two organizing meetings), to *Powell River UC* (for a community reach-out initiative), to *Trinity UC Nanaimo*, (for consulting services), to *Brechin UC Nanaimo* (for a retreat for men), to *Powell River UC* (to continue its mid-week Harmony Vespers program), to *Comox UC* (for a Caregivers Weekend Retreat), and to the *Shared Ministry in Port McNeill* (for the continuation of the Community Connection Ministry). It also supported the *Alberni Valley UC* Reconciliation Ministry with a "block-grant" for three years.

The Fraser Area ProVision Fund continued these multi-year grants: support to *Peninsula UC* (for its Third Space ministry), to *Cloverdale UC* (for its Intercultural Harmonization program), to *Langley UC and Trinity UC Abbotsford* (for a Camp Spirit in the Valley program) and to *Crossroads UC* for both re-Sound (an interfaith and intercultural community music program) and Crew (an intergenerational service group). Also, it provided start-up support to both the *Mid-Fraser Cluster* (Animator) and to *Northwood UC* (for a Communicating Respectfully community program).

The Westminster Area ProVision Fund continued support to *Eagle Ridge UC* (for its Special Needs Ministry), to *Golden Ears UC* (for a Caregivers Café), to *Shiloh-Sixth Avenue UC* (for a creative, new outreach program), to the *Children and Youth Cluster* (for transport to four weekend programs and retreats) and another large grant to the *Camp Spirit* ministry.

The Vancouver Burrard Area ProVision Fund provided support to *First UC Ministry Society* (for both consulting services to help develop a strategic plan and for a coordinator of volunteers), to *Lakeview Multicultural UC* (for a visioning and planning program), to *St. Andrews-Wesley UC* (for SpiritPride 2019), to *Squamish UC* (for its Children and Outreach ministry), to *Canadian Memorial UC* (for both a new mid-week children's program and the continuation of its project to publish new music resources), to *St. David's UC* (to continue its Intercultural Children, Youth and Family Ministry), to *Highlands UC* (to continue its summer children and youth programs), to *Mount Seymour UC* (for a new Youth Leadership development project) and another large grant to the *Camp Spirit* ministry.

All other areas of the Region were addressed by the **Region ProVision Fund** and it continued multi-year grants to *Castlegar UC* (Un-Church program), to *First UC Kelowna* (Walk and Talk Care ministry), to *Westbank UC* (for its Community Outreach program), to the *Camp Spirit ministry*, to *St. Paul's UC Kelowna* (for its SongShine Music Therapy program), *Turner-Zion UC* (for its Community Spiritual Companionship program), and to *Summerland UC* (for its Food Bank and Resource Centre). New grants were provided to *Winfield UC* (for a new Outreach Sunday Service program), to *Pacific Spirit UC Vancouver* (for translation services at mid-week worship), *Trinity UC Vernon* (for a reconciliation workshop), to *Nelson UC* (for a pilot youth exchange with Duncan UC), to the Region's *Intercultural Network* (for an intergenerational weekend event), to the *Northern Communities Cluster* (for Festival of Faith 2020), and to *Palnet Palestine/Israel Justice Network* (for a new initiative of workshops and education).

General Comments;

1. The Application Forms are available online at <https://pacificmountain.ca/property-and-finance/funding/provision-fund/> and should be read and considered prior to developing initial plans for programs and ministries that would seek ProVision Fund grant support.
2. There are funds available in each of these six ProVision Funds for new grants in 2020. Each committee reviews Applications in terms of the specific criteria of their committee and awards grants when funds are available. Deadlines for applying are Feb. 15, May 15 and October 15.
3. The former presbytery ProVision Funds were all established for a 10-year lifespan. These will begin to end at the end of 2020 (for Vancouver Burrard area) and then at the end of 2021 (Westminster, Fraser and Comox-Nanaimo areas) and conclude at the end of 2023 (Victoria area). As each Fund closes, its remaining operating and endowment funds will be transferred into the Region ProVision Fund which will then receive and assess applications from throughout the Region.

Respectfully submitted

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