

## Issue

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## Inside

This document lists the donations made by the Mission and Social Justice Committee on behalf of Parishioners. Many committee members also volunteer their time in these themes and the committee discusses these issues, how to involve the Parish and how to be engaged. Everyone with an interest in issues of social justice are welcome to join us. Want to join? Please contact the committee chair, Rosemary Williams, at [rosemmwilliams@yahoo.ca](mailto:rosemmwilliams@yahoo.ca) or at 613-829-1912

# St. Basil's Mission and Social Justice Committee

## 2022 Charitable Disbursements

Each year the Committee chooses recipients for its share of the parish's charitable donations budget. The 2022 recipients are listed below. They are categorized according to the MSJC priorities: Indigenous Reconciliation, Care for Creation, Homelessness, Housing and Poverty, Seniors and Health, and International and Refugees. Of a total \$8,600, \$200 went to membership fees for the Green Churches Network and Multifaith Housing and the remainder was divided equally (\$700) among the other twelve recipients.

For more information about each organization, click on the link in the paragraphs describing them.



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## Indigenous Reconciliation

- Kateri Native Ministry ([www.katerinativeministry.ca/about-us/](http://www.katerinativeministry.ca/about-us/)) has been committed to the healing, reconciliation and spiritual growth of Indigenous people for over 20 years. St. Basil's is a long-time financial contributor to the Ministry and in recent years has hosted the monthly Kateri mass.
  - Legacy of Hope Foundation (<https://legacyofhope.ca/>) is a national Indigenous charitable organization with the mandate to educate and create awareness and understanding about the Residential School System and to support the ongoing healing process of Residential School Survivors and their families.
  - Odawa Native Friendship Centre (<http://www.odawa.on.ca/programs.html/>) offers a range of services that meet the special needs of Indigenous people in Ottawa's urban environment. (Also Homelessness, Housing and Poverty.)
  - Kairos Canada ([www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus](http://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/areas-of-focus)) is a national ecumenical movement for ecological justice and human rights. Indigenous reconciliation is one of its principal concerns and it is well-known for its Blanket Exercise, which has been presented twice at St. Basil's. (Also Care for Creation and International and Refugees.)
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## Care for Creation

- Ecology Ottawa ([www.ecologyottawa.ca](http://www.ecologyottawa.ca)) provides residents with the information and tools needed to understand local environmental issues and promote environmental leadership at all levels impacting the City of Ottawa.
- Faith and the Common Good ([www.faithcommongood.org](http://www.faithcommongood.org)) is a national, interfaith charitable network dedicated to assisting and inspiring religious congregations and spiritual groups of all backgrounds to take collective action in creating more sustainable communities
- Green Churches Network (<https://greenchurches.ca/>) equips faith communities to opt for better ecological practices while educating members to live in a way that stewards Creation. Through the St. Basil's Green Team, our parish is an active participant in the Network activities.

## Homelessness, Housing and Poverty

- Multifaith Housing Initiative (<https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/>) is well-known to St. Basil's parishioners. The parish has been a member for many years, providing both financial and volunteer support.
- Ancoura (<https://ancoura.ca/>) provides a nurturing and fulfilling environment for adults living with a mental illness, through stable, affordable housing and a supportive community. St. Basil's is a long-time supporter, both financially and volunteering.

## Seniors and Health

- Council on Aging of Ottawa (<https://coottawa.ca/>) identifies and addresses issues that affect seniors in our community through advocacy, education,

research, and planning. (Also Homelessness, Housing and Poverty.)

- Ontario Health Coalition ([www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/index.php/about-us/mission-mandate/](http://www.ontariohealthcoalition.ca/index.php/about-us/mission-mandate/)) represents more than 400 member organizations and a network of Local Health Coalitions and individual members. Its primary goal is to protect and improve our public health care system.
- Hospice Care Ottawa (<https://www.hospicecareottawa.ca/>) provides compassionate, high-quality care to people and their caregivers from the time of diagnosis with a progressive life-limiting illness through their palliative and end-of-life journey

## International and Refugees

- Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Centre (<https://ociso.org/>) provides comprehensive settlement and integration services to the Ottawa community. St. Basil's contributes to its Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund (<https://ociso.org/mdsf/>) which honours our former parishioner and Mayor of Ottawa.
- Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (<https://www.devp.org/en/>) is the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church. Our contribution this year is earmarked for the Ukraine emergency.

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***The Mission and Social Justice Committee is very grateful to parishioners for their ongoing support of our activities. We welcome new members to our monthly meetings. For further information, please contact the committee chair, Rosemary Williams, at [rosemmwilliams@yahoo.ca](mailto:rosemmwilliams@yahoo.ca) or 613-829-1912.***

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