

## St. John's United Church Alliston Foundation Background and Grant Guidelines

The Foundation was established in 1998 as a public foundation (charitable organization) to administer, on behalf of the congregation of St. John's United Church, funds from the estate of Stewart and Luella Dermott, and other funds that may be received from time to time. The Foundation, which is governed by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, is administered by a Board of Directors elected by the membership of the Foundation. All members of St. John's United Church, Alliston, Ontario are members of the Foundation, entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

The Directors of the Foundation invest the capital in bonds and other such safe investments and distribute the annual income from those investments to individuals, groups and/or organizations which apply for a grant.

The Foundation's focus, when reviewing applications for grants, is mindful of interests of the local community, national and international causes, as well as re-investment in the Foundation itself.

The Foundation Board distributes funds to applicants who qualify, based on the following guidelines:

- Service projects which demonstrate Christian concern and involvement with the needs of humanity (duplication of government or other funding sources is avoided)
- Christian education opportunities, programs or equipment, retreats, camping, student or church worker exchanges, etc.
- United Church partner sponsored programs
- Programs that become self-sustaining or which can attract alternate support
- Programs which do not foster dependence on the Foundation (the Foundation does not provide ongoing funding)

If a Foundation-funded project does not take place, the Foundation expects that the grant will be returned.

In accepting a grant, an individual or organization agrees to acknowledge the Foundation's assistance in its general publicity and specific publicity of the project for which the grant was made.

Any individual, group or organization can apply to the Foundation for a grant. To download an application form, visit <https://www.stjohnsalliston.ca/>.

Application forms and information are also available by contacting St. John's United Church at 56 Victoria Street East, Alliston, Ontario, L9R 1L5 (705) 435-6732, Fax (705) 435-1052 or by email at [Foundation@stjohnsalliston.ca](mailto:Foundation@stjohnsalliston.ca)