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***The Toronto United Church Council** works with the church community to connect resources with ministry.*

Offering access to professional advice, financial support and leadership development, Council helps our church address the social and spiritual challenges of the day.

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Heart & Vision Awards Concert, 2016

On May 9, Council held its 8th Annual Heart & Vision Awards Concert, honouring the work of Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner Dr. Marie Wilson, and also Dr. Roberta Jamieson, the President of Indspire, a first nations' charitable organization that funds scholarships for indigenous youth across Canada.

In the spirit of an evening that celebrated the giftedness of Canada's first nations communities, and the hope and possibility for reconciliation engendered by last year's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, President Susan Smith announced:

"Toronto United Church Council is part of a church committed to right relationships and we

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acknowledge the acts of commission and omission that have contributed to a breach in relations between First Nations and other Canadian peoples. We affirm the United Church of Canada's efforts towards restoring right relations. I am glad to announce tonight that Council's Board of Directors has committed Council to a review of its programming with a view to identifying those human and financial resources that can be allocated to the challenge of reconciliation, and programs through which reconciliation can be fostered."

Click the preview image below to view video highlights from the evening:



Camping Opportunities Fund

If you haven't already included our camping fund in your annual charitable gifts, please consider it now!

Each year, the Camping Opportunities Fund helps ensure that more than 600 children get to spend time in the wilderness and countryside, in a safe setting, within Christian community. Each of those children is just "another ordinary kid", but many are also children who need extra help.

They can attend summer camp only because United Church Camps are committed to being places where no child is turned away due to their inability to pay camp fees. They are often sent by Children's Aid Societies (CAS), schools, service clubs, churches and neighbours. Supporters of the Camping Opportunities Fund make sure that the fees are paid. [Click here to read a story from recent experience.](#)

We hope that you can help with the Camping Opportunities Fund this year. [Please click here to make a contribution today.](#)

Thank you.



The 2016 Toronto Waterfront Marathon

Our well-used summer camps require lots of upkeep. Each year there is a need for professional maintenance and construction services in addition to the countless hours put in by volunteers.

Part of the financing for that work is provided by runners and walkers who participate in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon's annual charity challenge. Thanks to the generosity of over 250 donors more than \$140,000 has been raised for this work over the past eight years.

And 2016 promises to be the most exciting year yet for the United Church camps' annual fundraising marathon. We've set a target of 50 walkers, and a goal to raise \$25,000 for camp building renewal. Would you like to be your congregation's

representative in the walk on October 16? Call Ali Hayes at 905-771-5124 Ext. 31.



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