



**“God’s Mission is Searching for a Church”:  
What is Barrhaven United’s Commitment for 2016?**

**WORSHIP**

**Our Gifts:**

**\$62,156 (\$21 of every \$100 you give)**

We will come together and be uplifted, celebrating God’s love, nurturing our faith and gaining the inner strength to serve through worship, music, prayer and fellowship. We look forward to BUC’s tradition of joyful inspiration through special musical interludes and events (Cantata, *Come Sing Noel!*)!



**CARING AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Our Gifts:**

**\$33,513 (\$11 of every \$100 you give)**



We will nurture God’s compassion and healing by providing a listening, hopeful and prayerful presence through our Pastoral Care Ministry, Prayer Group, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Healing Pathways Ministry. We will continue the warmth of a welcoming, engaging church community through caring practices (e.g. Casserole Ministry, Welcome Bags) and the fellowship and fun of Sunwich Sundays, pot lucks, games nights, Men’s Breakfast Group, and UCW activities.



**LEARNING**

**Our Gifts:**

**\$37,131 (\$13 of every \$100 you give)**



Our children and youth will learn through Sunday School, Camp Awesome (Vacation Bible School) and Youth Group. Sunday School children will learn about generosity and reaching out to help others through their sponsorship of Tran, our foster child with PLAN.

We will ALL learn together through active participation in intergenerational worship, music and outreach activities.

As adults, we will continue our strong tradition of growing spiritually and of increasing our understanding of our roles in service and social justice in God’s world. We make this commitment through Bible studies, book studies, multifaith conversations, UCW events, and learning opportunities about poverty and housing, reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, local outreach and United Church of Canada Mission and Service. Our learning and commitment will walk hand in hand with our year-long approach to *Living Stewardship: “Be grateful, joyful, and generous”*.

## OUTREACH

### Our Gifts:

**\$40,396 (\$14 of every \$100 you give)**

We will support the broader work of the *United Church of Canada Mission and Service* and selected international initiatives such as *The Canadian Foodgrains Bank*.



We will continue our exciting and vital work with local partners to help to alleviate the impacts of poverty and to improve affordable housing options. Key amongst these initiatives in our community are the *Barrhaven Non-profit Housing Inc.* (Steepleview community, next door); *Multifaith Housing Initiative* (including taking the lead in facilitating a local multi-faith collaboration in support of The Haven, 98 units of affordable housing being built in Barrhaven); *Barrhaven*

*Food Cupboard* and support of its planned build of a new, modern *Community Food Center* on BUC property; and support of the work of other partners such as *Centre 507* and *Carlington Community Chaplaincy*.



We will work with partners to promote human rights, diversity and reconciliation, and to support those who are struggling. This includes our *Refugee Sponsorship Project* in partnership with the South Nepean Muslim Community to support and welcome Syrian refugee families to our community. It also embraces our work with the *Ottawa Right Relations Network* and Truth and Reconciliation initiatives to help us on our journey towards reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours.

## RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

### Our Gifts:

**\$108,797 (\$36.50 of every \$100 you give)**

**\$10,091 in Reserve (\$3.50 of every \$100 you give)**



We will continue to gratefully serve with countless hours of leadership and volunteer time. And, with the upcoming retirement of Rev Maggie Melanson in October, 2016, we will undertake the search for new ministerial leadership. We will be seeking dynamic spiritual support for BUC's progressive vision for uplifting worship, compassionate caring and engaged learning for adults, youths and young families, all of which give us the inner drive and spirit to actively serve through local outreach and partnerships.

We will carefully manage and build-up our financial capabilities through faithful giving, fundraisers, rentals and events. We will maintain and use our church building and property in the service of others and as an active community presence, for example in the provision of rent-free space to house the *Barrhaven Food Cupboard*. We will contribute to a healthier future through our own 'greener' example, through our solar power project, electronics recycling days, and Spring and Fall Clean-ups in collaboration with Steepleview Housing and Sequoia Church. And, we will use the internet and other methods of promotion to spread the word: *BUC: Called to Worship, Sent to Serve*.



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