

# Stewardship Package Orleans United Church



October 30, 2011

Blessings, OUC friends!

All you have to do is look around on any Sunday morning to witness the joy and enthusiasm of God's love at work in our church family. And the ministries that make it happen throughout the week are vital to our wellbeing. Our **WORSHIP** and **LEARNING** ministries create an atmosphere of spiritual growth and vitality. Our **CARE** and **OUTREACH** ministries encourage a spirit of compassion and concern. And our **RESOURCE** ministry ensures that our church building, our volunteers and our money are used effectively for God's work.

We are fortunate and grateful that so many of us partner with each other to help make God's ministries happen here. It's a healthy sign, as more and more OUC people find something they are passionate about in which to volunteer. But partnering with God in ministry is more than being enthusiastic about one part of church; we have the opportunity to support and promote everyone's ministries. One way, of course is to remember each other's efforts in your prayers; another is to take the time to personally thank people for their involvement; and a third **significant way to encourage folks is to financially support your fellow partners' good works**. When you regularly give to Orleans United, you are personally investing into the hands-on, visible expressions of God's love at work in our faith community, this neighbourhood, and the world.

Please take the time to review this simple but important request and to consider your generous partnership in our shared ministries. By offering financial support, you make a significant difference in our work together and expand the God-inspired things we can accomplish!

Blessings, indeed!



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## ***FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD IN MINISTRY***

### **Worship Ministry**

***Celebrating God's love together with others who share our faith.***

Here are some ways we worship together:

Sunday morning worship	Devotions at meetings
Weddings ceremonies	Special seasonal worship
Funeral services	Senior's residence chapel
Baptisms and Holy Communion	Small group celebrations

***\$92,500 of our Annual Budget is dedicated to the Worship Ministry and  
\$21 out of every \$100 you give supports OUC's worship life.***

### **Learning Ministry**

***Nurturing each other's spiritual growth and faith in God.***

Here are some ways we learn together:

Sunday school (Preschool to Grade 6)	Retreats and workshops
Youth programs (Junior High and Senior High)	Choir rehearsals
Nursery care during Sunday worship	Baptism, newcomers, membership programs
Bible studies & adult education	Stewardship education

***\$88,500 of our Annual Budget is dedicated to the Learning Ministry and  
\$20 out of every \$100 we give supports OUC's Christian nurture.***

### **Care Ministry**

***Sharing God's compassion with people in our church through our prayers and deeds.***

Here are some ways we care together:

Caring casseroles during trying times	Compassionate listening at funerals
Comfort bears as reminders of God's love	Home and hospital visits
Telephone calls and care notes	Counselling with our ministers
Prayers for loved ones near and far	Friendly Sunday morning conversations

***\$68,500 of our Annual Budget is dedicated to the Care Ministry and  
\$18 out of every \$100 we give supports OUC's compassionate presence.***

## **Outreach Ministry**

***Encouraging each other to look beyond our congregation to the embrace the needs of others.***

Here are some ways we reach out together:

UCC Mission & Service Fund	Refugee support and assistance
Centre 507 & Multi-faith Housing Initiative	Community resource centres
Neighbourhood use of our building	Food banks & OUC emergency cupboard
Emergency Assistance Benevolent Fund	Outreach Information Fair

***\$79,000 of our Annual Budget is dedicated to the Outreach Ministry and  
\$19 out of every \$100 we give supports OUC's reaching out to others.***

## **Resource Ministry**

***Striving to use our church, our money and our people for good.***

Here are some ways we serve together:

Encouraging volunteers and staff	Program and activity administration
Financial and property oversight (Trustees)	Denominational assessments
Building improvements and maintenance	Organizing committee ministries
Budget planning and mortgage repayment	Environmental initiatives

***\$105,500 of our Annual Budget is dedicated to the Resource Ministry and  
\$22 out of every \$100 we give supports OUC's administrative care.***

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## 10 Helpful Things to Consider

as You Contemplate Your Financial Partnership  
in Our Church's Ministries

***Your offering to OUC is really an "investment" into our growing ministries.*** Be enthusiastic about helping to shape our church's future by faithfully giving today, and together we'll celebrate how God uses each of us to accomplish God's purpose.

***Jesus encourages us to live a life that values sharing, including sharing our money.*** There are many worthy charities asking for support; giving to OUC enables us to express our faith through our many ministries, as followers of Jesus.

***More than ¾ of the annual budget, supporting all of our church ministries, is made possible by everyone's regular giving.*** Each giver is a partner with all others in helping make God's work possible here. Everyone's gift is crucial.

***There are 335 regular givers to OUC, and a growing number of these (135) give monthly through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance).*** The easiest and most efficient way for the church to receive your offering is through PAR. And PAR is easy to arrange too.

***Currently, the average annual donation to OUC is \$960, which is \$80 per month or almost \$20 per week.*** Some of us must give less, and some can give more, as personal finances allow. And OUC is grateful for everyone's faithful gift.

***Consider what a meaningful amount of money is for your family.*** How much would make you pause and think twice before you actually spend it? That's a meaningful amount. Now prayerfully ponder sharing meaningfully through our ministries here.

***Making our church's ministries a charitable priority helps you "pay it forward."*** Giving whatever you can afford makes your offering an expression of your faith – sharing God's blessings. And you benefit by receiving a tax receipt at the end of the year.

***By supporting the Mission & Service (M&S) Fund you partner with the United Church of Canada in worldwide ministries.*** We can accomplish more together than we ever can alone, and contributions to M&S help change the world for good.

***Your special commitment to M&S is a perfect way to share your faith with people in need globally.*** Giving to M&S requires an intentional decision on your part. Please be sure to mark the appropriate box in your response.

***Pray about increasing your donation if possible.*** Just like every household, OUC's cost of living is steadily rising. If you haven't considered your financial commitment in a while, increasing it by 10% would make a huge difference to OUC's ministries.

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## Saying "YES" to God's Invitation to Financial Partnership

Historically faithful contributors to OUC have given weekly through offering envelopes. More recently a growing number of givers have automatic payments withdrawn monthly from their bank accounts. OUC affirms and appreciates both methods of regular offerings by our financial partners.

*This year we highlight PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), and invite both current and new givers to consider making your contributions this way. If you have automatic debits from your bank accounts to pay for other monthly bills, then you understand the PAR principle – automatic monthly contributions throughout the year. For many, PAR is a convenient way to honour your support of OUC's ministries and make your church offerings a priority. When you sign up for PAR, you guarantee your gift every month to OUC.*

We encourage you to review the PAR Authorization form, and if you choose PAR as your method of giving, then email our Envelope Steward, Winston Babin [[babin.a.w@rogers.com](mailto:babin.a.w@rogers.com)], and he will make arrangements for you to confidentially supply the bank account numbers and void cheque required.

Please note that:

- At the bottom of the form, you may still request offering envelopes for 2012 (email your name and address to Winston or to the church office [[orleansunitedchurch@rogers.com](mailto:orleansunitedchurch@rogers.com)]).
- You are encouraged to make donations to both OUC's Local Ministries and the Mission and Service Fund. For PAR, add the two amounts together and that becomes the monthly debit amount.
- If you are currently on PAR, you need to contact Winston only if you choose to change the monthly amount of your donation.
- We request your response by November 20, if possible. Call the church office (613.837.4321) with any questions.

PAR AUTHORIZATION	
I hereby request and authorize The United Church of Canada on behalf of Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd., Orleans, ON K1C 7C8	
to debit my account each month in the amount of \$_____ as a contribution by me to Orleans United Church.	
Contributor's Name _____	Account Number _____
	Type of Account _____
Financial Institution Name and Address _____	
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Distribution: OUC's Local Ministries: \$_____/month	Mission & Service Fund: \$_____/month
TO ENSURE ACCURACY A SAMPLE CHEQUE, MARKED "VOID," MUST ACCOMPANY THIS AUTHORIZATION	
Date _____	Signature of Contributor _____
<small>The use, retention, and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation including, but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, C.5). THIS AUTHORIZATION MAY BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer and request weekly Offering Envelopes for 2012.	
Distribution: OUC's Local Ministries: \$_____/week	Mission & Service Fund: \$_____/week
Date _____	Signature of Contributor _____