



CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Imagine Church Differently



Annual Report 2018

Setting tables

Table service is a common image for diaconal ministry, and education for diaconal ministry can be imagined as table setting. We are so thankful for all who help set the table for learning here at the Centre for Christian Studies.

At home, setting the table might be as rudimentary as pushing books and homework to the side, or might include table linens and china dishes. Setting the table is an act of hospitality and preparation.

Theological education at the Centre for Christian Studies includes setting (and sitting at) many tables, including: conference tables for national conversations about theological education, church basement card tables set

with coffee and muffins for field orientations, and lunch tables in the homes of alumni and donors. There are so many people who help set the table for students to engage in transformational learning as they prepare for diaconal ministry. Just as a host plans and prepares to host guests at a banquet, volunteers, staff and students prepare for our times gathered together. When the guests come to the banquet, a glorious mess ensues!

Our model of education, community based and community centred, allows us flexibility to invite many others in to help set the table: learning circle resource people, field education volunteers, mentors, and committee members. Thank you for being part of our community.

~ Michelle Owens, Principal



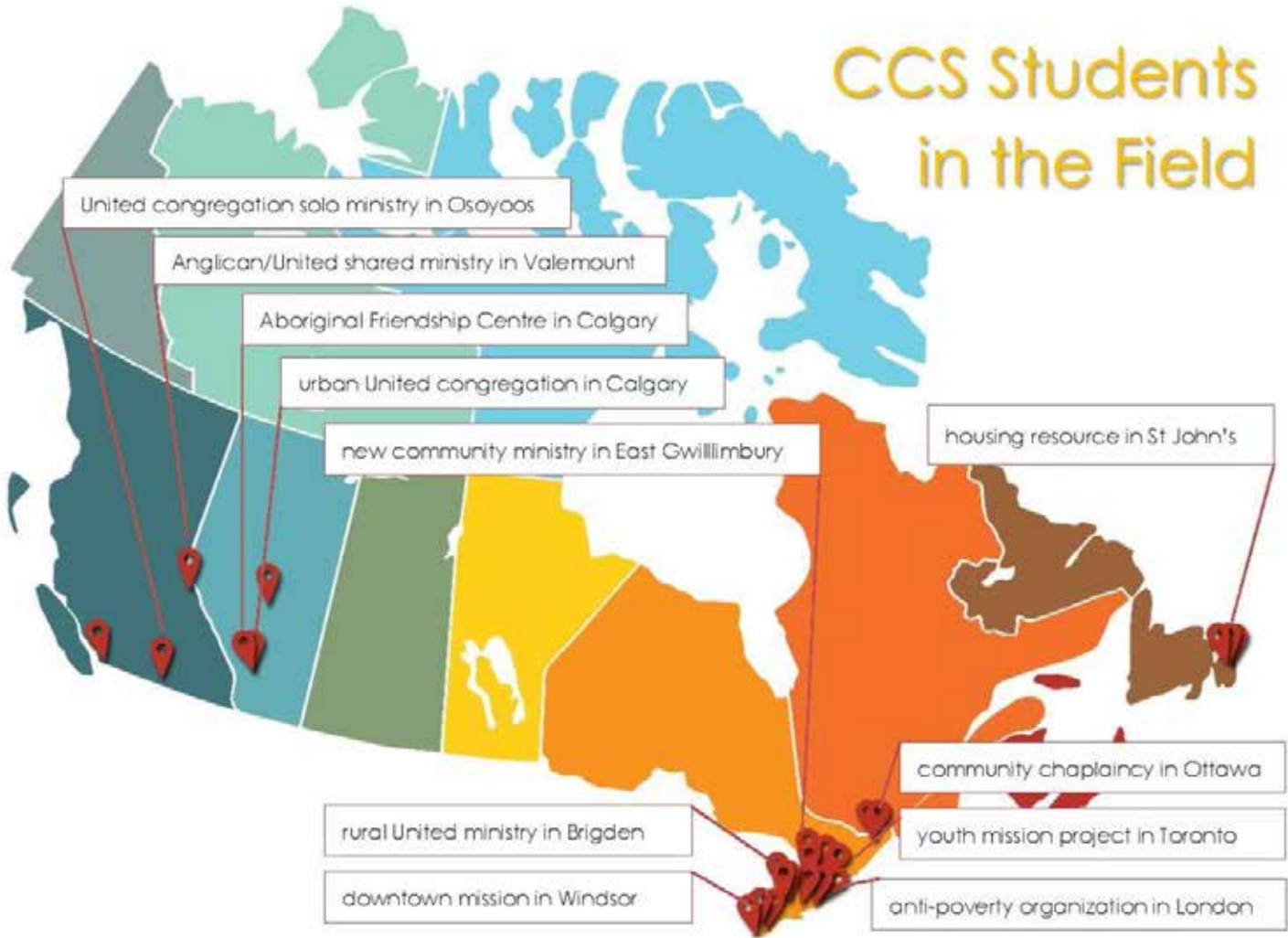
20 Years at 60 Maryland Street

The move to Woodsworth House in 1998 saw a shift from a residential model in Toronto to a field-based model that spans the country with Winnipeg as the home-base and hearth.

Twenty years later the needs and realities of church, communities and students continue to shift. This year we began setting the table for more diverse ways of gathering as we prepared for our first on-line courses.

The ability to shift and change continues to be a blessing. Thanks be to God.

CCS Students in the Field



Committee Members



Diaconal Mentors



Learning Facilitators



Local Committee Members



“Transformation doesn’t happen in isolation. It takes place with others, is supported by others in community.” ~Anita, 2018 graduate





"In Diaconal Ministry I have the privilege and responsibility to set aside time to consider complex things, to weave a fabric of my observations of myself and the world." ~Tif, 2018 graduate

Thank you!

to all our donors and supporters

BURSARIES 2018

bursaries are supported through the generosity of donors and bequests

\$5250 = full-time tuition
(plus travel costs and tuition for external courses)

17 = # of students who received a bursary in 2018

\$500 - \$6750 = range of bursary amounts

\$2928 = average bursary amount

\$49,785 = total bursaries distributed



We are grateful to Marion Current who left a bequest for CCS in her will.

It takes a village to raise a diaconal minister!

Our volunteers make our educational community much bigger than just staff and students! We intentionally engage community members in theological reflection and education. **Thank you to everyone who volunteered in 2018.**



Gift of innovation!

When Judith Astley (grad 1990) studied at CCS, she travelled from Kitchener to Toronto to attend classes. She was intrigued when she heard that CCS would be developing online courses that meet new generations of students right where they live: increasingly in online spaces and scattered across the country. Judy made a gift that funded this innovation in offering learning circles. **Thank you, Judy!**



2018 diploma graduates

- Tif McNaughton** -
Knox United Pastoral Charge, Fernie, BC
- Melanie Ihmels** -
First Metropolitan United, Victoria BC
- Anita Rowland** -
Monticello United, Grand Valley, Ontario
- Catherine Underhill** -
Harmony Pastoral Charge, Millbrook, Ontario



"As a diaconal minister a servant's heart is needed. Service on behalf of others was not a series of separate acts for Jesus but a way of thinking and acting as he washed the feet of others."
~Cathie, 2018 graduate

Financial picture

In 2018 our income continued to be broadly distributed between United Church of Canada grants, tuition, donations and drawing from our investments.

We saw a significant increase in donation income thanks to your generous support!

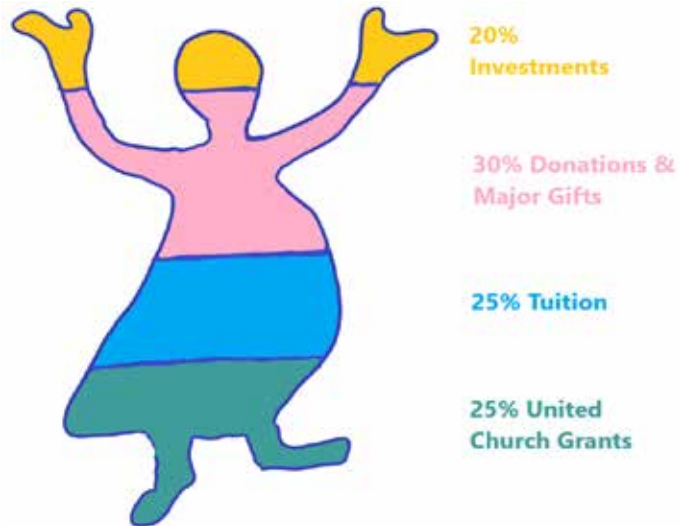
Our investment mix in the endowment and bursary funds provided some shelter from the market volatility of the last quarter of 2018, and the portfolio is recovering well.

Please see the full [audited Financial Statements](#) for details.

Available at ccsonline.ca

Look in the Annual Meeting post under the News section.

CCS Income Streams



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