

New Outreach Programs / Initiatives for 2017

Your Outreach Committee invites you, the Congregation, to take part in the decision-making process regarding 4 new programs / initiatives for 2017.

In selecting programs to support, we make every effort to have a mix of Global, Regional and Local representation.

We have added a fourth area of support for 2017 – the Environment.

Over the last 2 weeks, we have presented 2 options in each of the 4 categories for you to consider.

Please review all options & categories at lunch after the AGM & during the following week and cast your ballot next week on Outreach Sunday.

We will adopt the program in each category with the majority vote.

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Global Option 1

Oikocredit – Invest for Global Impact

www.oikocredit.ca

Transforming lives in developing countries through investment. By investing in Oikocredit, you help to support a broad range of partners working to eliminate global poverty and build sustainable development.

Investing In People – Oikocredit is a worldwide co-operative, socially responsible investor, and one of the largest private funders of microfinance in the world.

People, planet and profit – Oikocredit does three simple things. We help people create their own path out of poverty. We do so in a way that leaves a positive impact on the planet. We deliver a modest financial return back to investors like you. Financial Inclusion, Sustainable Agriculture, Renewable Energy, Providing a Return to Investors.

****Not a registered charity****

Global Option 2

Kids For Peace – Uplifting Our World Through Love And Action

www.kidsforpeaceglobal.org

Motto – Kindness Matters

Our Mission – We create peace through youth leadership, community service, global friendships, and thoughtful acts of kindness.

Our Vision – Our vision is a safe and peaceful world where all people respect and care for each other and our planet. Kids for Peace serves as a model and inspiration for creating this reality with children leading the way, not only for today, but for generations to come.

PROGRAMS – Guided by the mission of Kids for Peace, our programs emphasize youth leadership, cross-cultural experiences, arts, service and caring for our earth.

Supporting them by fueling the growth and expansion of an organization making a significant and sustainable impact.

Over 100 chapters around the globe – spanning the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia.

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Regional Option 1

Wesley Urban Ministries – Support, Every Step Of The Way

www.wesleyurbanministries.com

Our Vision – Wesley Urban Ministries has a vision of community, where justice and compassion guide the way we live, where all members are treated with respect and dignity.

Our Mission – To achieve our vision, we will use our resources to: Decrease barriers; Increase opportunities and Be a model and catalyst for social transformation.

Our Values – Compassion, Respect, Responsiveness, Stewardship

Services: Child, Youth & Family Services; Housing & Homelessness Services; Neighbourhood Development & Newcomer Services

Wesley Urban Ministries provides support, every step of the way to children, youth, adults and seniors living in poverty in Hamilton. Since 1955, we have been doing so with compassion, respect, dignity and a sense of justice. Wesley's services increasingly invest in individuals' abilities to live independently, off the streets and out of the shelter system.

Regional Option 2

Halton Adapt (Halton Alcohol Drug and Gambling Assessment Prevention and Treatment)

www.haltonadapt.org

Mission – To help those affected by alcohol, drugs and gambling, or persons at risk of being affected, in the least intrusive & most cost efficient way. ADAPT is dedicated to empowering persons with alcohol, drug and/or gambling concerns, and their families, to manage their concerns and to lead fulfilling lives

The ADAPT Philosophy

- Halton Region residents, should have access to comprehensive assessments and individualized treatment and education, within their own community.
- Believe holistic treatment provides support to primary client, family members & significant others.
- Clients of ADAPT are capable of positive and sustainable change, improving their quality of living, self-esteem, physical, mental and emotional health.
- We believe that people should not be characterized or stigmatized by their problems.
- Clients have right to be treated with dignity & respect, in non-judgemental & healthy environment.

Recovery is a process of regaining health. It involves regaining physical, mental & emotional health, building self-esteem, enhancing or developing healthy living skills and finding a meaningful place society.

LOCAL INITIATIVES

Local Option 1

Community Living North Halton – A Community Where Everyone Belongs and is Valued

www.clnh.on.ca

Community Living North Halton envisions a society that honours and protects the innate value and equality of each one of its people without discrimination. We believe that all should have the right to experience the security of unquestioned inclusion. We believe that all should have an equal opportunity to maximize their quality of life; to choose their unique life course with respect and dignity; to accept the responsibility and consequences of these choices, and to expect support within the resources of the community.

Our Mission – Community Living North Halton, in partnership with families and the community, supports the choices and personal growth of individuals with a developmental disability.

We Value: Personal Choice; Fairness & Respect; Inclusion; Partnership; Wellness & Learning; Innovation & Excellence and Integrity and Accountability.

Lunch Box Café provides people with developmental disabilities an opportunity to learn new skills and pursue jobs in the community.

Services & Support with Person Centred Planning – Community Living North Halton believes every person has the right and need to plan based on their own dreams, and goals. We all need chances to try new things, and to explore new ideas while we get better at things we already know.

Local Option 2

STRIDE (Supported Training & Rehabilitation In Diverse Environments)

www.stride.on.ca

Community based vocational rehabilitation program STRIDE is the only Halton based organization whose primary purpose is to serve the employment needs of individuals facing mental health and addiction issues. STRIDE provides a comprehensive range of employment support options, which are responsive to individual needs.

Services: Employment Connections Program; Worksite Training Program; Youth Employment Program; Packaging & Assembly Services and Employment Peer Mentor Program

Committed to creating opportunities for people facing mental health issues to gain meaningful employment.

Goal - providing the necessary supports that facilitate people's attempts at finding, getting and keeping work. We work to improve the lives of persons facing mental health issues by offering the training and support necessary to improve work readiness and employability.

OUR MISSION - STRIDE is committed to creating opportunities for people with mental health and/or addiction challenges to gain and maintain meaningful employment.

OUR VISION - STRIDE envisions a world in which barriers to employment associated with people living with mental health and/or addiction challenges have been eliminated.

OUR VALUES - STRIDE recognizes that employment and earning power contribute significantly to a person's sense of dignity, independence and quality of life.

STRIDE believes that people living with mental health and/or addiction challenges make significant contributions to society.

STRIDE respects the individual needs and strengths of each person. We work collaboratively with our stakeholders and clients to assist them to identify and achieve their employment goals.

ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

Environment Option 1

Conservation Halton Foundation – Make A Difference Daily

www.conservationhalton.ca/foundation

Conservation Halton – Bringing Nature Into Your Life

Your neighbourhood conservation authority, Conservation Halton, works to protect, restore and manage natural resources in your watershed from lake to escarpment. Our vision is to sustain a healthy watershed with clean streams, vigorous forests, abundant green space and balanced growth that results in strong livable communities.

Spanning 1,000 Sq. Km of land, 17 flowing creeks, approx. 26 km of Lake Ontario shoreline, extensive forest cover and 80 Km of Ontario's Niagara Escarpment, our mandate is to create avenues for sustainable synergy between the natural world we live in and the 450,000 residents that make up the Halton watershed.

Areas of focus: Water & Forest Resources Management and Lifelong Education and Recreation

Help the **Conservation Halton Foundation** make a difference daily. Help by planting trees for the love of nature. Help by sponsoring the protection of precious wildlife. Help by teaching children about the impact they can make in affecting change. The Conservation Halton Foundation raises funds for stewardship and education about our natural environment. Since 1976, we've raised more than \$6,700,000 for environmental projects in Halton. These funds helped to complete more than 25 projects, from teaching more than 150,000 students about nature, to planting thousands of trees, to caring for hundreds of injured birds of prey.

Environment Option 2

OCEANA CANADA – Protecting The World's Oceans

www.oceana.ca/en

Oceana Canada, an independent charity established to restore Canadian oceans to be as rich, healthy, and abundant as they once were, is proud to be affiliated with the international family of Oceana organizations.

Oceana, Inc., founded in 2001, is the largest international organization focused solely on ocean conservation. Oceana organizations work in their home regions to educate the public about ocean conservation issues and to raise the profile of ocean conservation with decision-makers.

Canada has the world's longest coastline and is responsible for 2.76 million square kilometers of ocean. This real estate makes Canada one of the world's major fishing nations, catching 1.1 million metric tonnes of fish each year, or 1.6 per cent of the world's wild fish catch by weight, and consistently ranking within the top 25 fish-producing countries in the world. But even with these high yields, Canadian fisheries are performing below their full potential.

Fortunately, we know how to fix things. Science-based fishery management — which establishes science-based catch limits, reduces bycatch and protects habitat — is helping the oceans rebound and recover where it is established. Oceana Canada will work with civil society, academics, fishers, and government to return Canada's formerly vibrant oceans to health.

Our Campaigns – Oceana Canada campaigns for national policies that rebuild fisheries and return Canada's formerly vibrant oceans to health.

Rebuild Ocean Abundance, Protect Marine Habitat, Stop Seafood Fraud