



A WORD FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP & SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

As we launch our Stewardship Campaign for 2018 we are in a unique position. With Liz at our helm, we have discerned and learned much. With the exciting news that our Development Project has the blessing of Presbytery we gain confidence in our vision and find courage to live into the dream we have been glimpsing for the past 10 years in real and practical ways.

At Knox we are invited into an adventure of mutual caring and encouragement, led by the Spirit. Through the presence of Knox United Church and our involvement in our neighbourhood, many lives are enriched. Some gather to make sandwiches for First UC, some share involvement in community lunches. Some gather for tea and conversation, some gather for breakfast. Some gather for rip and stitch. Some share in healing touch. Some gather to make music and sing. There are groups for study and prayer. There are young people Acting Up! and Little People discovering this awesome world with young eyes. There are opportunities to explore the spiritual richness and diversity we share in the wider community. There are opportunities to share ministry and life with neighbouring congregations through Summer Spirit, pastoral care with seniors, and life shared with our Syrian family. There are gatherings for study and learning, and gatherings for fun. There are opportunities for worship that are both enriching and challenging. Truly, we are blessed.

As you read through this Stewardship Campaign material, remember the Micah Mandate we share and consider how you will respond to the question: **What does your God require of you but to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?**

As one who is part of Knox, what is your part in that response, financially and in service?

Sharon Copeman



Daily costs of operations at Knox are **\$750 each day, every day of the year!**



Once a month, September through June, **75** people join us for our community lunch



Guests come from all walks of life and bring with them stories that need sharing in a safe, and welcoming place.



Costs for food each month are up to **\$400** with many Knox volunteers donating their time to this ministry



Over the last 14 months we have had **9** guest soloists enrich our services and engage our community



5 were congregants or affiliates who donated their time and talent

4 were professionals paid a standard rate per service of **\$300**

Stewardship Season at Knox
October 22 to December 10, 2017



The Stewardship & Social Justice team arranged **52** visits with our sponsored refugee family, offering practical support and love.

Seeking to better understand the situation in Israel and Palestine, the team has sponsored two forums, shared in the leadership of two advent series, and met with our Member of Parliament.



Each year Knox donates almost **1000** sandwiches to First United to nourish the lonely in the DTES.

7 people meet once a month for an hour or more to make the sandwiches

In addition to the volunteer hours, annual costs are about **\$450**

*If you earn income, you can use your donation to Knox to earn a non-refundable tax credit to reduce your income tax payable.

This means that the after-tax cost of your financial gift is substantially lower than you think.

Annual Gift	Potential Tax Saving*	After-Tax Cost
\$600	\$173	\$427
\$1,000	\$292	\$708
\$1,500	\$410	\$990
\$2,000	\$529	\$1,471
\$2,500	\$647	\$1,853
\$3,000	\$766	\$2,234
\$3,500	\$884	\$2,616
\$4,000	\$1,003	\$3,097
\$5,000	\$1,240	\$3,760
\$7,500	\$2,232	\$5,268
\$10,000	\$4,325	\$5,675