

## **VICTORIA and AREA PRESBYTERY YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT BURSARY FUND**

### **RATIONALE:**

- To encourage young people to be involved in the life of the United Church at every level.
- To affirm and support the participation of youth and young adults in the “out of the ordinary” events which are recognized to have a powerful impact on the spiritual and social lives of young people.
- To make youth/young adults events financially accessible and to provide equal opportunity to attend such events to all the young people in the Victoria and Area Presbytery.
- To encourage that funding comes from the home church/ministry, the applicant, and Presbytery (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)
- To provide a means by which congregations and individuals within congregations can support youth and young adult ministry in the Victoria and area Presbytery.

### **SOURCES OF FUNDS:**

- Ideally, the capital in the bursary fund will come from two sources:
  - a) Surplus funds from Presbytery-wide events and programmes for youth and young adults
  - b) Individual and congregational donations to the YAYA Bursary Fund

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING:**

- Individuals 13 to 30 years of age, who are not necessarily official members of the United Church, but who have some connection with a United Church congregation or ministry within the Victoria and Area Presbytery.
- Individuals, regardless of age, who are involved in the development or leadership of youth/young adult ministry in a congregation or ministry within the Victoria and Area Presbytery, who are not eligible for other sources of funding.

### **CRITERIA FOR DISBURSEMENT:**

- Normally applicants must have completed the application form, including two (2) letters of reference four (4) weeks before the start of the event for which they are requesting funding.
- Importance is placed on the benefit of the event to the individual's spiritual and social growth and the willingness of the individual to relate their experience to their local congregation or ministry.
- Consideration will be given first to those who have not previously received assistance from the YAYA Bursary Fund to ensure that as many people as possible are able to benefit from this fund.
- Applicants are encouraged to explore financial assistance from their own congregation or ministry before applying to the YAYA Bursary Fund.