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**Speakers Roster**



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## *Purpose:*

*The purpose of this Toronto Conference M&S Fund Speakers Roster 2008 – 2009 is to raise awareness about the many aspects of ministry and mission supported by the **Mission and Service Fund** of The United Church of Canada. Through this initiative, we hope to encourage the generous support of the M&S Fund. By providing this list of knowledgeable speakers and by offering financial support for their visits to congregations, we hope that the members of Toronto Conference will grow in their appreciation for, and commitment to, the varied ministries of pastoral care, justice-making and community building in our own Conference and in the wider world.*

*We believe that this initiative forms part of our response to Christ's continuing call for conversion and commitment, for the healing of our own souls and for the healing of the world.*

**The Toronto Conference M&S Fund Speakers Roster for 2008 – 2009** was produced by Linda Parsons, M&S Fund administrative support staff on behalf of the Toronto Conference Christian Formation and Congregational Development Committee.

*We thank all the speakers for their generous contributions of time and energy. It is most appreciated.*

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## Evaluation and Reimbursement

Please send us a short evaluation of your experience whether you wish reimbursement or not.

### Include:

- Name of pastoral charge/congregation.
- Contact person's name, phone/email.
- Date of the speaker's visit.
- Name of the speaker.
- M&S Fund Enthusiasts name.
- How did this M&S Fund Speaker's visit help your congregation/group to better understand and support the work of the Mission and Service fund?
- Amount to be reimbursed.
- Payable to?
- Send your response to:

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## How to arrange for a speaker:

We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to build new relationships over the coming year by arranging to host a speaker for a **worship service or workshop**. We would ask that you send us your **evaluation** using the format suggested so that we can measure the effectiveness of this project.

1. **Look through** the list of speakers and decide who you would like to invite. You may want to raise awareness of overseas work, or local outreach ministries, or other projects, depending on the previous exposure of your congregation.
2. Decide whether you want the speaker to be present in **worship or at a workshop/seminar**.
3. Choose possible dates and times for the event.
4. **Communicate** with the speaker giving clear information about expectations, dates, time and travel details. *If your first choice of speaker is not available, try another speaker.*
5. Ask the speaker what **arrangements and equipment** are necessary.
6. Make arrangements to **greet the speaker** on the day of the visit and provide for refreshments and accommodation if necessary.
7. **Pay the speaker an honorarium** of \$100 - \$150 plus travel costs. **You may apply to Toronto Conference Christian Formation and Congregational Development Committee care of Darren Liepold for reimbursement of these costs.** See evaluation and reimbursement format.



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Joan Pope has been a longstanding member of the UCW in the United Church for many years. She knows the value of ongoing financial support from the United Churches to Massey Centre with respect to continued supported programs for pregnant young teenagers. Joan is interested in working with marginalized women at Massey Centre in particular focusing on life changing skills and prenatal programs that help equip young mothers for motherhood. Joan is entering her second term as a Board Member of Massey Centre.

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Patty Evans has been a member of the Partner-in-Residence Program Committee of Toronto Conference, served as Overseas Personnel in the Democratic Republic of Congo, was chair of the Division of World Outreach and is a member of Knox United Church, Sutton, Ontario. She is past-chair of Knox Council. Patty currently serves the United Church as a Conflict Resolution Facilitator and is a member of York Presbytery.

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Joyce MacKinnon has travelled to Quelimane, Mozambique where she has been a guest of Dr. Bill and Karen Butt, who are United Church personnel attached to our partner, the Christian Council of Mozambique. Joyce had the opportunity to travel with Karen to see the work that is being done in the districts and had an opportunity first hand to see M&S dollars in action. Joyce will be the National UCW President in September 2008.

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Donald Nicol worked with our partners in Angola, Zambia and Argentina for 25 years, as a teacher and minister with the Christian Council of Zambia, the United Church of Zambia, Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (Youth Leadership and Women's Training Centre) and in Argentina with the Methodist Church as a Spanish speaking minister. In early retirement Don participated in the Beads of Hope campaign and is active with Africa Files [www.africafiles.org](http://www.africafiles.org). He is available to speak only in the Toronto area.

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