

Baptist Women Annual Report

2016

It continues to be a great privilege to serve on the staff of Baptist Women. Renee, Laura, Sarah, and I do not take that for granted. Here are just a few of the opportunities that God opened for us this year.

We hope that as you read this, you will feel that your hard work and sacrifice have made a significant difference here and around the world.

You made a difference in Ontario and Quebec in 2016

Refugees — Your donations supported five refugee shelters and two community centres again. Demand has been so great that Matthew House Fort Erie needed to rent a second house and at times the local government paid for extra hotel rooms for refugees. We also gave a grant and supplies to Beloved Women, a Christian organization that visited Syrian refugees in Toronto hotels. They continue to meet with a number of women every month.

Indigenous Women — The clear message from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is that our first step is understanding. So we ran a series of articles in *live* magazine, had workshops at our own conferences, were one of the sponsors of a specific Indigenous Peoples Conference and passed on a \$10,000 grant to a First Nations church.

The Niagara Hamilton Association hosted an event *Walking Softly with our Indigenous Sisters*. Cars filled the parking lot and both sides of the street.

In **January** we welcomed Laura Matthews to our staff as program coordinator. Laura works half time, covering some administration and leading events. She would be happy to speak to your church or group about integrating younger women. You can reach her at bwoq@baptist.ca or leave a message at 416-620-2954. She will return your call within a few days.

In **February** we moved to new office space at 5 International Blvd, Etobicoke.

I think our **April** conference was a real turning point in the spiritual life of our organization. We completed the transition from convention to spiritual life retreat. Nearly 200 women worshipped together.

In **October**, Andrea Cambridge joined us as our volunteer associate for heritage connections. She is already proving to be a great help in strengthening our relationships with women in ministry and spearheading our transition to a new database.

November was dedicated to prayer. We hosted our first ever prayer conference *Immeasurably More | praying the issues with sisters*. Inspiration came from the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department annual World Day of Prayer program. 80 women participated in an amazing day of sharing, trying new ways of praying, and joining together to cry out for justice and life.

Every week during the month, 14 groups met across Ontario, from Dresden to Capreol, while staff created four opportunities for women to gather and pray online. We know that many women used prayer guides on their own.

During the year, *live* magazine transitioned to a new layout with easy to read fonts and paper, as well as graphics and content that also appeal to younger women. A number of new series have started. If you aren't currently receiving *live*, contact Renee at rsejames@gmail.com or at 416-651-8967. Subscriptions are still only \$20 a year.

Immeasurably More

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Lanterns were the motif used at our November Day of Prayer conference. Prayer makes it possible for righteous light to keep shining on the issues women face. Prayer ushers in shalom.

Thank you for praying for us and with us through 2016.



CANADIAN BAPTIST WOMEN OF ONTARIO & QUEBEC

Amounts Contributed by Associations for 12 Months Ended December 31, 2016

	Circles	MAD*	C&E	Other	TOTAL 2016	TOTAL 2015
Amherstburg	300.00	-	-	-	300.00	240.00
Canada Central	5,752.00	-	232.00	-	5,984.00	6,258.00
Elgin	1,550.00	400.00	50.00	-	2,000.00	2,307.65
Georgian Bay	6,571.03	1,320.00	-	-	7,891.03	12,183.83
South Central	15,827.25	7,110.00	375.00	56.50	23,368.75	23,000.90
Middlesex-Lambton	19,859.08	200.00	-	-	20,059.08	20,310.98
Niagara-Hamilton	27,895.00	2,725.00	715.00	425.00	31,760.00	32,751.65
Norfolk	6,857.45	-	100.00	705.75	7,663.20	7,482.22
Northern	11,384.20	-	163.00	37.00	11,584.20	13,361.05
Northwestern	2,184.15	210.00	-	-	2,394.15	2,932.00
Ottawa	19,582.99	4,260.00	444.00	-	24,286.99	14,144.00
Owen Sound	2,322.72	-	-	-	2,322.72	503.00
Oxford-Brant	15,329.80	1,380.00	200.00	25.00	16,934.80	18,660.27
Quebec	1,170.00	-	-	-	1,170.00	500.00
Toronto	13,225.43	6,070.00	40.00	-	19,335.43	24,756.29
Trent Valley	26,314.66	1,620.00	50.00	170.00	28,154.66	29,232.40
Western	5,235.75	300.00	-	-	5,535.75	6,626.00
TOTAL	181,361.51	25,595.00	2,369.00	1,419.25	210,744.76	215,250.24

*Monthly Automated Donation

Audited financial reports (statements of financial position) are available online in late March and at Baptist Women's conference in April.

page 3 photos (descending order):

supplies and smiles in South Sudan (2 photos); Ebeneza group in Kenya; beneficiary of self help group, Dandora, Kenya
all photos courtesy CBM

You made a difference around the world in 2016

Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)

South Sudan: Emergency Relief (since September 2016)

- We helped 500 Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) households that are camped in a church compound in the Sherkat area of Juba, a town in South Sudan.
- Each household received 25 kgs of maize flour, 36 kgs of beans, a jar of cooking oil, blankets and mosquito nets.

Myanmar: support for disadvantaged children

- We helped fund full boarding house expenses for 5 young students at two centres. These students are from the mountainous region and from underprivileged minority tribal families.

Kenya: Urban Ministries

- We helped CBM support 24 self-help groups.
 - Beneficiaries: 385 adults, 65 youth, 450 households
- We helped leadership skills training, auditing of groups and weekly visits to these groups by community facilitators to take place.

General Fund

- Our support of this fund was used to help global field staff remain in the field and to support projects that did not receive funding equal to the needs.

Field staff in the Philippines

Duane and Carin Guthrie | Mike and Melanie Waddell

- The Guthries have pioneered CBM's work in Marketplace Ministries. Deeply committed to the poor, they disciple and mentor entrepreneurs, business and church leaders in order to teach principles of integral mission.
- We helped the Waddells leave for the Philippines in July 2016. They will serve in Asia with a focus on Marketplace Ministries.

Relgnite, South Africa

- We also gave a \$4,000 grant from our New Initiatives Fund for a shelter for pregnant teen girls in Qwa Qwa, South Africa. This project is directed by one of our own, Aimee Hurtubise.



You have opportunities to impact the world in 2017

As you know, one of our key goals is to renew that close connection to mission that characterized Baptist Women for many years. So, for several years, we have been consulting with CBM about moving toward designated giving. This allows us to continue to work closely with CBM but to also really increase your involvement.

We have nine special CBWOQ projects that you can participate in. A summary is below. You'll find detailed information about each project online at www.baptistwomen.com, and in the January/February and March/April 2017 issues of *live* magazine.

This is a chance to really get involved and to know exactly where your money is going. We hope you will find it fulfilling and exciting. As you'll see from the summary, several groups have already pledged money toward some of the projects. Please contact CBWOQ to claim all or part of a project as your own.

It has been an exciting year—and more great things are coming. Tucked in this envelope is a brochure for our Spring Conference. Come and get connected with women from across Ontario and Quebec. It is going to be an amazing time.

Thanks again for your generosity. You are doing a wonderful thing.

Diane McBeth, executive director
with Renee James, Laura Matthews, Sarah Westman-Liu and Andrea Cambridge

Project name and location	Who will this project help?	What will funds do?
Lebanon (Target: C\$15,000)		
Lebanon SKILD \$15,000	Children with learning disabilities and their teachers who work in an environment where is a cultural taboo about disabilities	Help staff at SKILD build up special needs departments in schools and support students with learning disabilities
Bolivia (Each project has a target of C\$6,000)		
Emmanuel Foundation Cochabamba <i>Already pledged: \$1,000</i>	Children of prostituted women	Buy supplies for sport activities, missionary adventure camps, school and health supplies . . .
Light of the World Baptist Church Opoqueri <i>Already pledged: \$800</i>	Neglected seniors in rural areas	Maintain and improve the Centre of the Opoqueri Elderly including structural improvements
Risen Christ Baptist Church Oruro <i>Already pledged: \$300</i>	Child labourers (6 – 17 years old)	Buy food, oil stoves for classrooms, teaching materials . . .
Gethsemane Baptist Church Alto Paraiso	Children at risk	Buy construction materials for student support centre, tables, chairs, shelves . . .
King of Kings Baptist Church Yacuiba	Neglected children and youth	Buy construction materials for new dining area and kitchen, appliances . . .
Qhora, Qhora Mission Sucre	Children unable to access basic reading and writing tools	Buy desk chairs, a desk, school supplies, biblical teaching materials . . .
Villa Esperanza Evangelical Baptist Church Oruro	Children at risk for being trafficked	Buy basketball, volleyball and soccer equipment, storage, pastoral support materials . . .
Africa (Target: C\$55,000)		
Urban Ministries Program	Refugees, women and their children	This program is extensive, encompassing women's self help groups. Funds will buy construction materials, tools and equipment, livestock, seeds, tuition/scholarships, uniforms, books and materials, food, loan funds, medical supplies, medicines, community and staff training