



## *Huron Perth Presbytery* *The Division of Mission in Canada*

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Dear Friends,

Did you know that you are a part of the largest network of camps in Canada. The United Church has more camps than the Scouts, YMCA or Boys and Girls Clubs. Not only do we have a great many camps, but the cost of attending a United Church Camp remains one of the great bargains of the summer. Through Camp Bimini and Camp Menesetung Huron Perth Presbytery offers a welcoming, fun and safe camping experience to hundreds of children each year.

But the camps need our help. Both camps are in the middle of major work on their pools. They have other work that could be done to improve their property, but they need money to do it. A lot of the congregations in the Presbytery already support the camps through sponsoring a cabin or making other donations, and that is appreciated. Grants are given to the Camps each year through the Presbytery budget, and that helps too. Yet those gifts, as important as they are, only support the year to year work of the Camps. They don't leave anything for major capital projects.

Because Camp Bimini and Camp Menesetung are United Church Camps, they are not allowed to apply for Trillium grants as others do. So we have a choice. We can keep going as we are, scraping money together for each project as it comes up and forcing the Camp Boards to spend as much energy on fundraising as they do on ensuring a top quality camp experience for our children. Or we can decide that we are going to make an extra effort to raise money on behalf of the camps for capital projects. The Division of Mission in Canada, Huron Perth Presbytery decided to take the second route, and as a result Huron Perth Presbytery passed a motion encouraging every pastoral charge to ask each member to give one dollar a month to the camp of their choice for the next three years.

The total resident membership of Huron Perth is 16,385. If everyone gave one dollar a month that would raise \$196,000 for our camps in one year. In three years the camps would have enough money to draw on to make dreams come true. All it takes is less than the price of a cup of coffee a month.

Please join us in beginning a new era of camping in Huron Perth Presbytery.

Rev. Alex McGilvery  
Chair of the Division of Mission in Canada  
Huron Perth Presbytery.