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The Toronto United Church Council works with the church community to connect resources with ministry. Offering access to professional advice, financial support and leadership development, Council helps our church address the social and spiritual challenges of the day.

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June 26 2015 - United Church Camping News

Camps are filling their bed spaces...you can help complete the task!

Over the past seven years, our children's camps have found that there is a great demand for spaces at camp subsidized through "camperships." These subsidized spaces allow families from a variety of backgrounds, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, to experience the unique personal and social transformation that summer camps provide.

Lake Scugog Camp, has traditionally always worked closely with social agencies and is once again full for the coming season.

Sparrow Lake Camp has placed a growing emphasis on diversifying its camper base in the past few years, welcoming children from a number of the ethnic ministry congregations in South West Presbytery, as well as families from the Jane/Finch area. This year they are still filling the last few bunks especially in the weeks of 20 – 27 July and 17 – 24 August. If you'd like to sponsor a child from your church or community, consider Sparrow Lake over those dates.

Camp Simpresca hosts more campers than any other camp and is determined to top last year's number of 485

campers. There are still openings throughout the summer schedule.

Camp Big Canoe already has 409 campers registered of its capacity of 420 spaces and, like the other camps, includes young people who can only attend because of the generosity of others.

The Camping Opportunities Fund is an important part of the church's response to the need for camperships to widen the circle of opportunity for an experience that changes a young person's life: building self-confidence, independence, and the experience of diversity in community.

Make your contribution by clicking [here](#) (choose Camping Opportunities Fund from the drop-down menu) or visit the camp websites listed below to book directly.

[Lake Scugog Camp](#)

[Sparrow Lake Camp](#)

[Camp Simpresca](#)

[Camp Big Canoe](#)



Scugog Renovations

A big “thank you” to The G. H. Wood Foundation for its generous partnership with Council in a project that this

year has laid foundations and renovated the interior space of Lake Scugog cabins with new wiring, fans, baseboard heaters, windows and other updates. The \$48,000 project finished ten cabins and was shared equally between the Foundation and Council's Scugog Capital Fund.



Council's Pass It On! Marathon - October 18 2015

Each year a dedicated group of camp supporters assembles bright and early in downtown Toronto to walk or run in the Charity Challenge at the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon. The annual marathon is one way that Council supports the five United Church Camps in Toronto Conference, raising over \$120,000 for their property maintenance and renewal needs since 2008.

If you've never participated before please consider joining Council's board and staff and teams from all five camps

on Sunday October 18 2015. It's a wonderful opportunity to "Pass It On" and give back to the camping programs that do so much for kids and communities. It's also a lot of fun! Just pick your distance (you can walk or run the 5k, half-marathon, or marathon) and decide if you'd like to support one of the camps or all five. We'll help you register and invite your network to sponsor you. You can even bring your kids or grandkids to participate in the 5k (please ask for details on registering strollers!). Anyone walking or running for the camps is eligible for special charity entry rates and if you commit to raising over \$200 you can register for free! Please contact Ali Hayes at 905-771-5124 ex. 31 or ali@tucc.ca for more information.

Can't make it on October 18 but would like to contribute? Visit Council's [Pass It On! Team page](#) to make a donation online. Below, members of Council's 2014 Marathon team get ready for their walk.





Council's Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday June 13 at Camp Big Canoe in Bracebridge. Presenters shared stories of how Council connects resources with ministry and attendees toured the camp.



Many thanks to Big Canoe for hosting and to all of the camping ministries for a wonderful presentation on their work. Have a peek at some photos from the day on [Council's facebook page](#).

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