

## **Jubilee Fund How to Contribute**

The Jubilee Fund is a project of Mennonite Central Committee Canada and Mennonite Church Canada that attempts to address in a small way the imbalance of wealth and power between people of Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) descent and Canada's settler population.

The Jubilee Fund comes out of a desire to pursue justice and eliminate oppression. The biblical "Year of Jubilee", as described in Leviticus 25, was a celebration that God commanded the Israelites to fulfill every 50 years. It was a time for the land that was sold within the previous 50 years to revert back to its previous ownership, and any person enslaved within that 50 years would be freed. People would return to their family property and clan. As a result, no one would be placed in a permanent state of poverty, enslavement, landlessness or disconnection from their family.

Through the Jubilee Fund, Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Central Committee Canada provide their constituencies with the opportunity to participate in a culturally sensitive holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. This fund is a symbol of God's healing and hope for a better world; a world in which bridges are built so that newcomers to this continent and the Original Peoples can live together in communities of grace, joy and peace. This fund was created through networking of Mennonite Church Canada, Mennonite Central Committee, Indigenous partners and community groups.

Once a year, MCC Canada and Mennonite Church Canada disperse a grant for up to \$5,000 to an Indigenous organization or community group working on land issues. Previous grants awarded have included a group working to have their tribal status recognized by government, thereby regaining their land rights; a non-profit healing centre supporting young women in reconnecting with their land and culture; an organization working on mapping traditional use and occupancy of its territories for use in land use planning in their territory.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send a cheque designated "Jubilee Fund" to:

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