

## Proposal 15

**Title:** Diversion of Emergency Supragifts

**Originating Body:** Kingston Pastoral Charge Session

**The 40<sup>th</sup> General Council (2009):**

1. Abandon the practice of diverting 15% of emergency supragifts to the Emergency Response Fund.
2. Encourage contributions to be made directly to the Emergency Response Fund.

**Background:**

1. In November 2006 the General Council Executive acted to establish the Emergency Response Fund. The Emergency Response Fund receives funds from the Mission and Service Fund (\$130,000 in 2008). In addition, the Emergency Response Fund will be replenished with 15 percent of “emergency supragift” monies received.
2. Supragifts are designated donations made by United Church members or others that are above and beyond the Mission and Service Fund. When contributors make supragift offerings in response to an emergency, 15% of their offering is diverted to the Emergency Response Fund.
3. Kingston Pastoral Charge Session is in favour of the establishment and support of the Emergency Response Fund. However, we feel that, in spite of the attempts at transparency, the 15% diversion is not the most appropriate way to replenish the Emergency Response Fund.

**Financial Implications:**

**Intermediate Court Action:**

Valley Presbytery: Transmit with Concurrence

Maritime Conference:

It is moved by Bob Johnson, seconded by Graham Powell that the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference concur with Proposal #15 entitled “Diversion of Emergency Supragifts” and transmit to the 40<sup>th</sup> General Council.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Bob Johnson / Peter Smith moved that this proposal not be transmitted.

**MOTION CARRIED**