

Davenport Perth Community Ministry

A Community Ministry of the Shining Waters Region of the United Church of Canada

HYBRID!

January 2022 started with Step 2 of the "Roadmap to Reopen". We reduced social gathering to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.

Some of us worked remotely except for volunteers who helped distribute food, medicines and groceries to those who were house-bound. Pelham Meals-to-Go continued to prepare and distribute food twice a week on-site.

We were delighted when reopening happened and began meeting outdoors, and sometimes with a hilarious effect when the wind blew the canopy down. But COVID is still here, so we remained careful, with masks, frequent hand washing and physically distancing. Numbers at our Family Camp was significantly lower than previous years but we were so happy to be back at Five Oaks, after missing Family Camp for two years.



LIGHTING THE FLAME FOR GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME



A Guaranteed Livable Income means that people can afford to pay for food, rent, bus fare, medicine, therapeutic care, clothes, education, hobbies, vacation, anything, without anyone asking that they justify that purchase. They can afford to pay for glasses without having to go back and forth to fill out forms to say why they need glare-free prescriptions. It is a regular payment to individuals or families by government that is not conditional and allows everyone to live with dignity and security.

Community members, along with Bread and Bricks, organized vigils and public presentations and took pictures of politicians, religious leaders, artists, poets, people at Gete-Onigaming, holding the poster for lighting the flame for guaranteed livable income.

Seeds of Hope with Tracing Gete-Onigaming



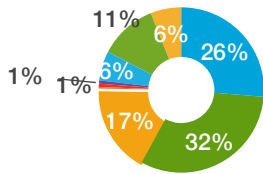
Bread and Bricks continued to meet 1-3pm Thursdays, Beyond Table 91 met on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The city's Community Crisis Response Program funded two community projects, one adult-initiated, "Just Breathe," and one youth-initiated, "Safety in Pelham." Other projects and events were shared at this table, including a Sage Planting Ceremony with Sarah Campbell from Toronto Urban Native Ministry offering prayers and sage seeds. The hope is to have an understanding of food sovereignty. Dovetailing this are discussions on community land trusts, in much the same way as the Black Farmers Collective were able to get land to produce food. In 2023, we hope to educate the community and gathering support locally and broadly for a Community Land Trust at Gete-Onigaming.

Our Canada Summer Jobs participants, Renee Carelse-Turner, Travell Brown and Maxim Phan reframed the 2021 storytelling project to reflect on how COVID-19 affected our community members. We learned three things: that people want to be seen, acknowledged and to be heard; that hunger for human connection is more powerful than the hunger for material things and that everyone desires to reach out and help for the common good.

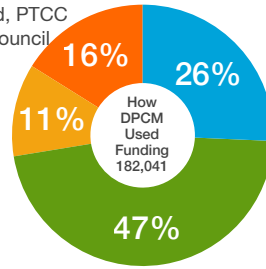
We are grateful for community members, for friends, too many to mention here, as Vincenzo Pietropaolo, who said in his photography workshop that every picture tells a story, or Goh Iromoto, who moved us to tell our stories in a way that can move ourselves and others to seeing the world differently in his video workshop.

In accompaniment, DPCM affirms the light and gifts in every person, being with them in joy and in grief, leading in prayers, in memorials, in vigils. Chi-miigwech!

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- Pastoral Care
- Community Development
- Advocacy
- Networking

Abbreviations:

PTCC = Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation

CCRP = City of Toronto Community Crisis Response Fund

ESDC CSJ = Employment and Social Development Canada ,
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