

What is the bursary for?

Crossroads United Church has chosen to honour the memory of the Rev. Doug Paterson by providing a bursary for continuing education, available to ministers in pastorates in Bay of Quinte Conference.

Bursaries from the Doug Paterson Memorial may be applied to tuition, travel or lodging. What is most important is that the education program have some immediate application in the pastoral charge in which the minister is serving.

Candidates can apply for bursaries on an on-going basis. The committee will try to respond promptly except during summer months. Bursaries will be awarded to successful applicants according to the availability of fund income for the period.

If you have questions about this bursary opportunity, please leave a message with the secretary at Crossroads United Church (613-542-9305) or email chrchsect@bellnet.ca. A committee member will respond to your inquiry. **Application forms** are available at: www.crossroadsunited.ca/Paterson.htm

The Doug Paterson Memorial Bursary

- **encourages continuing education for ministers**
- **fosters cooperation between clergy and laity**
- **promotes thoughtful commitment honours the memory of Rev. Doug Paterson**

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***Continuing
Education
Bursary***

**for ministers in the
Bay of Quinte Conference
The Doug Paterson Memorial Bursary given by Crossroads United Church**

- Are there challenges in your ministry for which you need more education?
- Will your congregation be able to carry out its mission more effectively if the minister gets some specialized training?
- Is personal development and growth an important part of your ministry?
- Would a bursary help you over some financial hurdles of study leave?

The recipients of the Paterson Bursary will be people who identify with the ideals and values that were important to Doug Paterson. This is what a member of his congregation has said about Doug:

As a Christian faith community, the congregation of St. Margaret's United Church (one of the two congregations that became Crossroads United) in Kingston was particularly blessed to have been ministered to by Doug Paterson. From the time of his arrival in Kingston in 1984 to his un-timely death due to cancer in June of 1992, Doug challenged the congregation to grow in the Christian faith, to do a reality check to make sure we were living what we were espousing. Doug was down to earth. His approach was to just get on with what had to be done. In his mind no problem was insurmountable if it was important to Christian life and the worship of the congregation. He gave the community -and the individuals in it -the motivation of "you can do it".

Doug believed that Christianity is community, that it provides mutual growth opportunities for its members. He believed in open dialogue and consultation among all members as a way to encourage growth. His firm conviction was that all of us, including himself, were all struggling in this regard.

Along with his commitment to our congregational life, Doug was equally committed to his own personal growth and continuing education. While at St. Margaret's he completed a D. Min., he travelled to BC for training in the Bethel Bible Study, to Nova Scotia for training as a supervisor of interns, and he took a CAPE unit at Kingston Institute of Pastoral Care. In all of these, Doug helped his congregation put what he had learned to good use in their ministry.

Equally important, Doug loved life and lived it to the utmost. Whether he was nudging the congregation towards singing a new hymn or selling cheese at the bazaar, building his garage or repairing one of his many cars, leading us in worship or challenging us to new ventures during an annual meeting, Doug always tackled everything head on. At the same time he was sensitive to individuals who were struggling to strengthen their belief base. He too strengthened his own in so many ways during his years with us, always broadening his awareness and insight through reflection and education. In doing so he modelled the Christian journey for all of us.