

# Embrace Action Council

**Embrace Action:** Refers to all of the social justice and outreach activities that Fairlawners do – both in a hands-on way in direct relationship with those who are marginalized and whose voices struggle to be heard, and indirectly through fundraising for organizations that support those who struggle to make ends meet. Embracing action is how many at Fairlawn experience and express their spirituality. By embracing action, we get to know our neighbours and experience the richness that comes with diversity. It is how we help to create a society where all can live in dignity.

**The following is a list of volunteer opportunities available:**

<p><b>Walk in Support:</b> The first Tuesday morning of the month, except for July and August, Fairlawn opens its doors to those who are struggling to make ends meet. We offer a warm and friendly environment where visitors have a hot drink and light breakfast, a chance for conversation and fellowship with volunteers, and time with the minister.</p>		
Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Pastoral care partner to Reverend Rob Metcalf	After a mentorship period with Rob, the pastoral care partner will share in the pastoral care conversations with each guest, such that he/she will interact with half the guests on any given day. This includes checking in with how they are doing, identifying any issues that may require support and saying a prayer, if requested.	8:00am to noon on the first Tuesday of the month, except for July and August.
Program Administrator	In partnership with Rob, the administrator will recruit and support program volunteers as needed and purchase the food each month for the ministry.	90 minutes for food purchase each month. Volunteer support and recruitment as needed. Full or occasional attendance at the Tuesday morning walk in, as preference dictates.

General Program Volunteers	Prepare and serve food to guests. Clean up. Informal conversation and interaction with guests.	Between the hours of 7:30 – noon the first Tuesday of the month.
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Contact: Rob Metcalf or fill out our volunteer form at [www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm](http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm)

**Boarding Homes Ministry:** Every second Thursday afternoon, a team of volunteers visits the same local boarding home. They share food, music, laughter and conversation.

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Boarding Home Visitor	Team members take turns at each visit leading a discussion and bringing refreshments. Not all members of the team visit at the same time. They go in groups of 2, 3 or 4.	Team members visit every second Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm. There is some visit preparation required if leading.

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**Camp Scugog Team:** Fairlawn’s children and youth join the rest of the congregation to fundraise to send children to Camp Scugog. Many campers are from families who struggle to make ends meet. In addition to fundraising, we build relationships with campers and staff by helping with the annual camp clean-up day and writing letters to campers.

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Camp Scugog Team Member	This group organizes fundraising activities to send kids to camp and manages and participates in Fairlawn’s annual Camp Scugog Sunday in May.	Ad hoc meetings and project responsibilities with the bulk of activity from March – May. Responsibilities include: Congregational Liaison with Camp Scugog, Congregational

		communications, fund raising activities, e.g. Bake Sale.
Camp Clean up Crew	Volunteers are bussed to Camp Scugog for their annual cleanup day to help ready the camp for the new season.	One Saturday in May.
Contact: Patti Smith or fill out our volunteer form at <a href="http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm">www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm</a>		
<p><b>Reconciliation Ministry:</b> There are two elements to this ministry. 1. To support Gibimishkaadimin which is an annual canoe trip to build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth from across Canada. These relationships are meant to build understanding of the Indigenous culture and mutual respect. The long-term goal is to build knowledge and skills in Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth such that they might lead or support reconciliation in the future. 2. To support the larger Fairlawn community's reconciliation with our Indigenous peoples.</p>		
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Reconciliation Team Member	This group meets approximately 4 times a year in advance of the Gibimishkaadimin reunion in February, the April Reconciliation themed service, the August canoe trip, and the fall Orange Shirt Day service. Our team has attended other indigenous events off-site such as the Heart & Vision Awards and the Native Canadian Cultural Centre (NCCT) workshop.	Evening or after church meetings 4 times per year.
Gibimishkaadimin (Canoe trip) & Reunion Support	Helping with airport trips, reunion planning, acting as a guide, etc.	August & February ad hoc dates and times
Indigenous Justice Lead	Looking for someone to lead us in supporting current social indigenous issues that could benefit from our congregation's awareness and support (either in person at events or via social media – i.e. signatures on petitions).	To be defined.

Inter-congregation liaison	We would love to reach out to other congregations and collaborate and coordinate efforts to further explore our indigenous education. Looking for someone to lead the outreach and expand our network and offerings.	To be defined.
Contact: Erica Boone or fill out our volunteer form at <a href="http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm">www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm</a>		
<b>Refugee Ministry:</b> To date, Fairlawn has privately sponsored 4 separate files and has a 5 <sup>th</sup> in process. We also look for ways to share our skills and knowledge with the larger population of government-sponsored refugees.		
<b>Volunteer Title</b>	<b>Description of Responsibilities</b>	<b>Time Commitment</b>
Advisory Team Member	To contribute to the conversation about the direction of the refugee ministry. Help to organize consultations with the congregation as needed.	Ad Hoc meetings and projects.
Support Team Member	To provide practical, regular and on-going support to our sponsored families during the one-year formal sponsorship year. To support, as able, solutions to challenges that may arise for each family beyond Year 1. Each team member takes responsibility for supporting a specific aspect of settlement.	Monthly team meetings during Year 1, the time it takes to provide the support that is needed. NOTE: This is a significant time commitment.
Contact: Kathy Magladry or fill out our volunteer form at <a href="http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm">www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm</a>		
<b>CRC Volunteering opportunities in Regent Park:</b> Fairlawn members volunteer to serve meals at CRC in the community kitchen, assist with English as a second language programs, run knitting classes, serve on the organization's board of directors, and volunteer for a variety of other activities.		
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Fairlawn Volunteer	Ongoing opportunities to help with programs like serving and preparing meals, knitting, art and gardening. Contact the CRC directly at volunteers@tcr.ca or speak to Gary Schlee about opportunities.	Most programs or shifts are two to three hours, once a week or less.
Contact: Gary Schlee or fill out our volunteer form at <a href="http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm">www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm</a>		
<b>Lansing United Food Bank Support:</b> Fairlawn supports the efforts of the Lansing United food bank through the collection of money and providing volunteers.		
<b>Volunteer Title</b>	<b>Description of Responsibilities</b>	<b>Time Commitment</b>
Food Drop Off Volunteer	To take food that is collected at Fairlawn to Lansing United every 1-2 weeks.	Flexible timing.
Food Bank Volunteer	To help with sorting food and serving clients at Lansing.	Flexible timing.
Contact: Sandy McKinstry or fill out our volunteer form at <a href="http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm">www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm</a>		

**Embrace Action (EA) Fund Stewardship:** This team determines how the Embrace Action Fund will be disbursed. The fund continues to support many organizations that are doing work consistent with our vision of social outreach. We focus our financial aid on organizations with whom we hope we can deepen our relationship and broaden our support over time.

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EA Fund Team Member	To deliberate about how the EA fund is disbursed, and to look for ways for Fairlawn to become more involved with our donees.	Three to four group meetings per year, and time spent to analyze & contact external agencies in preparation for group discussion & decision (i.e. review financial statements, mission, project activities, explore/coordination of volunteer opportunities).

Contact: Mary Ellen Richardson or fill out our volunteer form at [www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm](http://www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm)

**Social Justice Ministry:** We educate ourselves and our congregation about the root causes of poverty. By joining our voices with those of other faith and secular groups, we advocate for policy that would make poverty a thing of the past. Our focus is on affordable housing, living wage, adequate social assistance rates and income inequality.

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Social Justice Team Member	To organize opportunities for learning about poverty for the congregation and the larger community. To participate in political advocacy, whether it be through letter writing, visits to elected officials or joining voices with other grass roots anti-poverty organizations. To organize	Meetings every three months, except in the summer. Project work ad hoc.

	Candidates' meetings during municipal, provincial and federal elections.	
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