# World Council of Churches Ecumenical Solidarity Fund Application Form

# A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In no more than 2 pages please include the following information:

- 1. Project title: MISSION AND POWER GIVING VOICE TO GRASSROOTS PEOPLE IN STRUGGLE
- Name of applying organisation: The Anglican Church of Canada acting for URBAN RURAL MISSION CANADA.
- Information on church-relatedness and/or ecumenical involvement of your organisation: The Anglican
  Church of Canada is a member church of WCC and the Canadian Council of Churches. Since 2006 it has
  served as an institutional base for URM Canada, now in transition because of funding cuts in the WCC
  program budget.
- 4. Within which ESF thematic area does your project lie? (Please choose maximum two areas)

  \_\_ enabling inclusion and participation of marginalised groups and communities;
- 5. Problem you wish to alleviate/solve: The need to hear from grassroots people from communities in struggle in the process leading up to Edinburgh 2010. Voices from Africa, Latin America, and from the Catholic, Orthodox, and Pentecostal traditions were conspicuously absent from the Edinburgh 1910 World Missionary Conference. So too, the voices of peoples in the geographic north who are marginalized impoverished, or struggling to survive, many of whom are connected to but do not belong to mainstream churches, risk being excluded from the institutional and academic discourse leading up to Edinburgh 2010.
- 6. Target group: Participants and communities who have been historically involved in Urban Rural Mission Canada, a network now in transition due to cuts in funding. These are grassroots organizers and activists from First Nations communities, rural groups (fishers and farmers), impoverished or marginalized groups in urban centres, and immigrant communities.

**Overall and specific objective:** To ensure that the voices and stories of grassroots people, told from the perspective of URM Canada, can be expressed and made present in the lead up to and gathering of Edinburgh 2010.

# Part One: Documentation

- Participants in URM Canada will have the opportunity to tell or re-tell stories of struggle and transformation.
- Stories will be collected on a DVD in a collage of photographs, audio recordings, video footage, and text.
- Organizers of Edinburgh 2010 will be made aware of this project and enlisted to distribute and promote the DVD as part of the "polycentric", multi-faceted, and artistic methodology they propose to use.

# Part Two: People to People

- As part of the project implementation, to create and find opportunities to gather in a circle, to tell and listen to each other's stories.
- As the process for sending delegations to the Edinburgh event becomes clearer, to seek a way for representatives of URM Canada to attend the conference and facilitate a story telling circle

#### 7. Planned activities:

- · To form a small steering committee that will meet and plan the project.
- To sort through existing footage, documentation, and photographs and pull out four or five specific stories as a focus.
- To hire a crew or crews to shoot interviews of representative projects and people in eastern, central, prairie, and western Canada.
- To contract with a professional videographer and producer to do a final edit of the DVD.
- To maintain connections with the "Mission and Power" documentation group centred in Canada and with the organizers of the Edinburgh 2010 event.

# 8. Expected results:

- Stories of transformation from four or five communities across Canada.
- A DVD that shows both the process of story-telling and actually tells the stories of select people and projects who are in the margins of church and society in a northern context.
- A plan for participating directly or indirectly and facilitating a story circle in the Edinburgh 2010 gathering

# 9. Monitoring and evaluation: how will the project be monitored and evaluated ? By whom ?

- Through the oversight of a steering committee of four to six people from URM Canada.
- With help and support from the "Mission and Power" documentation group based in Toronto and cochaired by Lori Ransom and Jonathon Bonk.

# 11. Time frame for the project

Date of commencement: March 2009

**Date of completion :** Documentation: January 2010

**12. Amount requested –** Up to \$15,000 Canadian (Approximately 14,000 Swiss Francs)

#### **B. CONTACT DETAILS**

# 1. Name of church or organization:

URBAN RURAL MISSION CANADA under the sponsorship of THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

# 2. Name of the person responsible for the project

The Rev. Maylanne Maybee, Coordinator for Ecojustice Networks for the Anglican Church of Canada; formerly Moderator of Urban Rural Mission Canada.

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# 7. Banking details

- a. bank name Toronto Dominion Bank
- b. bank address 77 Bloor Street West (at Bay St.), Toronto, ON M5S 1M2
- c. name of account The Anglican Church of Canada
- d. account no. A/C 1104-0516197
- e. IBAN or BIC/SWIFT Code SWTDOMCATTTOR

#### C. ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

#### 1. Organisational background

URM Canada was formed in 1975 and was formally active until September 2008. There is still a lively steering group that has overseen follow up from the gathering held in Orillia last September, documentation, and ongoing communication among participants. However, organizational supports such as a part time staff person and auditing services have been discontinued.

A URM Global Partners Fund, based out of Vancouver, BC, is in formation with the aim of creating ongoing project support for URM activities. This is a work in progress and is not yet fully up and running.

The purpose of URM Canada has been to gather a circle of selected grassroots people from communities in struggle across Canada for story telling, solidarity, justice seeking, and community development. Participants, the majority of whom are women, have reflected a balance of under-represented groups – people of colour, Aboriginal people, farmers, fishers, refugees and immigrants.

With the cut in funding from WCC, URM Canada has had to discontinue its annual meetings. The relationships among participants continue, however, by phone, e-mail, and a website. A steering committee has been formed to implement and monitor this project with institutional support from the Anglican Church of Canada (administration, conference calls, financial management), and financial support from the ESF fund.

The steering committee consists of

Maylanne Maybee (former moderator of URM Canada)

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There was no formal audit of URM Canada in 2008 due to the almost complete depletion of funds after September. Audited statements from 2007 are attached. Audited statements for the Anglican Church of Canada can be supplied upon request.

2. Please include brief information on the projects/activities and main results of your organisation to date.

Recent projects of URM Canada include

- September 2008 A reunion of past and present participants in Orillia, ON, "Telling the Story of URM Canada: Remembering, Celebrating, Visioning"
- 2002 A video and handbook, <u>This is Our Story and We Live by Telling It</u> to be used as a community development resource.
- See Appendix 1 for recent community projects and activities.
- 3. Give information on church-relatedness and ecumenical involvement of your organisation. If you have no direct relationship, please provide a note from the church endorsing the application.

Throughout its history of 30+ years, URM Canada related directly and formally to the WCC. In Canada, it was connected with the ecumenical movement through the Canadian Council of Churches. The moderator of URM appointed in 2006 has been on the staff of the Anglican Church of Canada which now forms an institutional base for the ongoing life of URM Canada.

4. Are other churches and partners directly involved in the project? If so, please give details. Please also list local and/or international organisations or networks with which your organisation cooperates.

URM Canada has had an active relationship with the Canadian Council of Churches, a strong link with the United Church of Canada, and a collaborative relationship with KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.

# **ESF** example Budget Table

CURRENCY USED – Canadian Dollars			
No.	Category	Details	Total
1.	Salaries, honorariums for project personnel		
1.1	Professional videographer and producer	Task: to edit material already sorted and produced by volunteers To shoot a local interview One hour in the edit suite for every minute of film – estimated at 20 minutes. Price includes time, editing suite, equipment, burning of DVD.	\$1,500 CAD
1.2	Local video crews	Task: to shoot interviews in BC, Manitoba, and New Brunswick or Nova Scotia 6 days estimated at \$1,200 per day	\$7,200 CAD
2.	Project implementation costs		
2.1 etc			
3.	Communication costs		
3.1 etc			
4.	Travel/accommodation costs		
4.1	Two face-to-face planning meetings of 4-6 people (at least 2 of whom will be local) @ approx \$3150 each	Average airfare - \$600 ea Accommodation – two nights at \$90 per night	\$6,300 CAD
5.	Other Costs		
5.1	Administrative (conference calls, financial management, some travel)		\$2,500 CAD
C.	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:		\$17,500 CAD
	Own contribution	Volunteer sorting of existing footage and producing of new footage «Piggy backing» on personal or professional travel for meetings	
	Other sources of funding	Anglican Church of Canada	\$2,5000
	Amount requested from ESF		\$15,000 CAD