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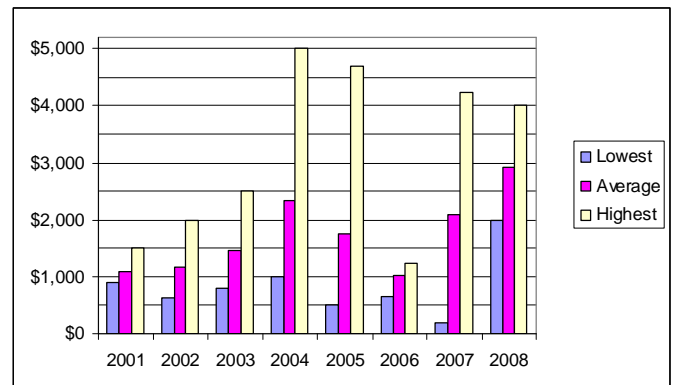
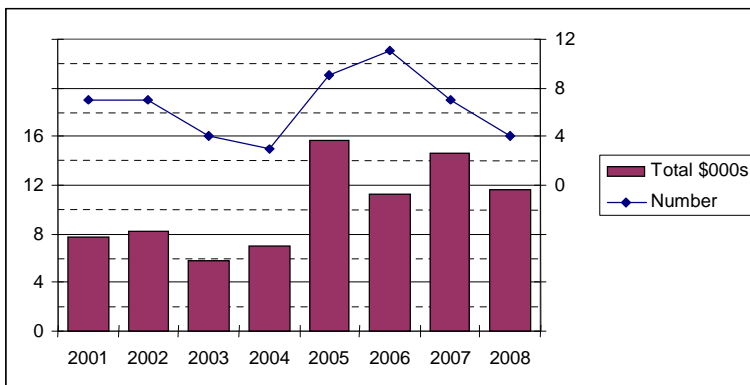


Investing In Your Future

The CUC administers three funds that benefit our congregations in the form of direct and indirect grants and subsidies:

- Sharing Our Faith – grants to congregations in need, for “growth” projects
- Theological Education Fund – grants to individuals training for professional ministry
- Lay Chaplaincy Training Fund – subsidizes training and resources for Lay Chaplains

Sharing Our Faith (SOF) grants come from individual donations and congregations which give one collection per year to the CUC, to be distributed to congregations in need. Any participating congregation can apply for a grant by March 31st. More information is at http://www.cuc.ca/worship_celebrations/sharing_our_faith. Here’s a look back at the SOF grants that have been distributed:



Some individuals give to the Theological Education Fund (TEF), most often at ordination ceremonies, and the bulk of the TEF income comes from specific endowments, namely the Percy Simpson Bailey fund, and the Rouff/Mackie-Jenkins fund administered by the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. Grants are made to support Canadian UU theology students. In 2008, two grants of \$6,000 each were made; in 2007, three grants totalling \$12,900; in 2005, two grants of \$3,500 each; and in 2003, two grants of \$3,000 each. The deadline for applications is March 31. See <http://www.cuc.ca/ministry> for details.

For each service performed, Lay Chaplains remit \$10 to the Lay Chaplaincy Training Fund (LCTF). These funds are used to provide training programs for current and new Lay Chaplains, and other LC resource and support materials. It’s through this fund that we are able to keep training fees very low, so that Lay Chaplains can more easily afford to attend specialized “enhancement” programs and, most importantly, make the “basics” training very affordable for individuals considering becoming a Lay Chaplain or who have already embarked on that journey. A typical weekend of training costs from \$1,000 to \$2,500 to run, and the fee for attendees is usually \$30 or less.

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