

Application Procedure

- Submit a three- to five-page proposal describing the proposed activities, budget and justification, as well as the ways in which the project aligns with the Fund's objective.
- The proposal needs to outline how it meets the following criteria:
 - ✓ Is a visionary initiative
 - ✓ Explores and develops new programs
 - ✓ Is church-based and impacts the broader community
 - ✓ Requires venture capital to start

All applications should be mailed by April 15 to:

Wilfred Schlegel Memorial Fund
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Supporting visionary initiatives

The fund was established in memory of the late Wilfred Schlegel who was a visionary and initiator in the Western Ontario Mennonite Church from the 1940's to the 1970's. The Fund was established jointly by his family and the Nairn Mennonite Church in 1979. Wilfred Schlegel was founding pastor of the Nairn Mennonite Church near Ailsa Craig, where he served for over 25 years. He also helped to start a rescue mission in London, centres for disturbed children, a church-owned nursing home, a half-way house for chronic psychiatric patients, a church-owned farm to assist young people to develop equity to own their own farm, among other projects. He was a creative risk-taker and an initiator who implemented practical projects.

Objective of the Fund

To support visionary, risky initiatives in the Mennonite Church designed to explore new program and ministry potentials. The fund intends to provide “venture capital” for this objective.

Administration of the Fund

- The fund is administered by a committee of five members representing the Schlegel family, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC), Mennonite Central Committee Ontario, a Mennonite Economic Development Association chapter in Ontario, and Mennonite Foundation of Canada.
- The fund is managed by Mennonite Foundation of Canada.
- Each year \$10,000 plus annual interest income earned will be available for awards.
- One or several awards will be made annually as judged from the various applications meeting the objective of the Fund.

Parameters for Applicants

- The applicant must be a member of the MCEC constituency, although the implementation or location of the project will have no geographical, national, or church conference boundaries.
- Awards normally will not be considered for capital projects.
- Awards will normally be for “one time only,” although the time period may extend across more than one year.
- An application may be focused primarily to support “the project” or “the person.”