

Industrial Areas Foundation Canada  
Meeting of the IAF Canada Board of Directors  
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## Report of Directors

Industrial Areas Foundation Canada significantly increased its fundraising and project activity in the financial year to March 31, 2016. IAFC raised \$27,000 in grants and \$4,989.08 in personal donations. It was agreed by all affiliates to contract with Canada Helps to process online donations, which helped to increase the volume of small and recurring donations.

IAFC used these funds to commission affiliates to carry out a number of projects, in line with our charitable purposes, which are:

- (a) to educate and inform the public and other registered charities by providing courses, conferences, workshops and seminars on community involvement, leadership training and volunteerism;
- (b) to educate the public about community development through workshops and seminars;
- (c) to conduct research relating to social and economic issues and to disseminate the results of such research

These projects fulfilled charitable objectives by providing to the public and other charities workshops on community involvement, leadership and community development. They achieved this by gathering community leaders help them develop the skills of community organizing through workshops that teach the fundamentals of community organizing. Workshops on listening campaigns provided leaders with the core skills needed to structure a listening campaign and use it to gather people, identify community issues, discover leaders and prepare people for focused action.

Both Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) and Metro Alliance for the Common Good, Calgary (MACG) were commissioned to carry out leadership training programs in May 2015. These were funded by a \$6,000 grant from the Alberta Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. A further leadership training workshop was carried out by GEA in June 2015, funded by a personal donation of \$1,000.

in January 2016, MACG was commissioned to carry out a project developing and piloting a workshop on community organizing and congregational renewal. The project, funded by a \$15,000 grant from the Lutheran Triune Educational and Development Society of Calgary, taught leaders how to use organizing skills to implement community organizing projects across Calgary and in particular communities. Workshops were provided on community organizing and how to apply these skills to congregations. Work was also done with particular congregations and ministries to provide an ongoing course for them on how to apply community organizing to their particular context. Clergy were supported through this project and subsidized to attend Regional Training in Vancouver, Feb. 5-9, 2016.

This year, for the first time ever, the International Areas Foundation Northwest Regional Leadership Training was held in Canada, hosted by the Metro Vancouver Alliance. Thirty-nine community leaders from Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton and Little Rock Arkansas, participated in training from February 5th - 9th at

Capilano University to gain a thorough understanding of the organizing practices and principles developed by Industrial Areas Foundation member organizations over its 74-year history. A vigorous fundraising campaign was carried out by IAFC to raise bursary funds for those wishing to attend this training. IAFC had a goal to financially support five promising leaders from the Vancouver area to attend the training, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate. Thanks to the generous contribution of donors, IAFC was able to raise \$2,000 to provide full or partial training scholarships to 6 local leaders to attend the regional training.