

Continuing Education Bursary
The Doug Paterson Memorial Bursary
given by Crossroads United Church

**for ministers in Region 11 (East Central Ontario Regional
Council – EORC)**

The Rev. Dr. Doug Paterson
1936-1992
Minister of St. Margaret's United Church
1984-1992



Doug Paterson came to St. Margaret's from Grace-Cobb's Hill charge, Bermuda. Previously he had served pastoral charges at Lemonville, Ontario and Stephenville, Newfoundland. Born in England, Doug emigrated to Canada in 1956. He studied at York University and Emmanuel College and was ordained in 1970.

As a Christian faith community, the congregation of St. Margaret's United Church (one of the two congregations that became Crossroads United) in Kingston was particularly blessed to have been ministered to by Doug Paterson.

From the time of his arrival in Kingston in 1984 to his un-timely death due to cancer in June of 1992, Doug challenged the congregation to grow in the Christian faith. Doug was down to earth. His approach was to just get on with what had to be done. He gave the congregation, and the individuals in it, the motivation of "you can do it".

He believed in open dialogue and consultation among all members to encourage congregational growth. Doug was equally committed to his own personal growth and continuing education. While at St. Margaret's he completed a Doctor of Ministry through Lancaster Theological Seminary, Bethel Bible Study Instructor training, supervisory training of ministerial interns, and the Canadian Association of Pastoral Education (CAPE) at the Kingston Institute. of Pastoral Care. In all of these, Doug helped his congregation put what he had learned to good use in their ministry.

Doug loved life and lived it to the utmost. Whether he was nudging the congregation towards singing a new hymn or selling cheese at the bazaar, building his garage or repairing one of his many cars, leading us in worship or challenging us to new ventures during an annual

meeting, Doug always tackled everything head on. He was especially sensitive to individuals who were struggling to strengthen their belief base. He too strengthened his own in so many ways during his years with us, always broadening his awareness and insight through reflection and education. In doing so he modelled the Christian journey for all of us.

The Doug Paterson Memorial Bursary

- **encourages continuing education for ministers**
- **fosters cooperation between clergy and laity**
- **recipients of the Paterson Bursary will identify with the ideals and values that were important to Doug Paterson.**

Questions for Potential Applicants

- **Are there challenges in your ministry for which you need more education?**
- **Will your congregation be able to carry out its mission more effectively through ministerial specialized training?**
- **Is personal development and growth an important part of your ministry?**
- **Would a bursary help with financial challenges of study leave?**

Bursary Details

Crossroads United Church has chosen to honour the memory of the Rev. Doug Paterson by providing a bursary for continuing education, available to ministers in pastorates in Region 11 (East Central Ontario Regional Council – EORC).

Bursaries may be applied to tuition, travel or lodging. What is critical is that the education program have some immediate application for the pastoral charge in which the minister is serving.

Bursaries are awarded based on the availability of fund income for the given fiscal year.

Bursaries are provided on an annual basis. Applicants can re-apply for educational opportunities that require more than one-year study.

Successful applicants are requested to provide a summary report to the Bursary Committee, outlining how the bursary assisted with the educational opportunity.

The Paterson Committee will attempt to respond promptly to completed applications, apart from the summer months (July/August).

On-Line Application forms and Bursary description are located on the Crossroads United Church web-page (<http://www.crossroadsunited.ca/>) Follow the link to Paterson Bursary.

Other questions about this bursary opportunity can be left with the Office Administrator, Crossroads United Church (chrchsect@bellnet.ca). A committee member will respond by email.