



## Spring 2025 Report for Classis Huron

Dear Friends of Classis Huron,

In a world increasingly marked by conflict, climate disasters, and economic instability, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and uncertain about where to turn or how to help. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are called not to retreat from the world's suffering, but to engage with it in love, justice, and hope. World Renew embodies this calling with integrity and compassion—faithfully responding to needs around the globe through disaster response, community development, and peacebuilding rooted in local partnerships. We maintain our deep commitment to walking alongside communities in sustainable and transformative ways.

Now, more than ever, the church's continued support of World Renew is critical. When headlines fade and crises persist quietly, it is organizations like World Renew that remain, building long-term relationships and nurturing resilience. Whether through offerings, prayer or advocacy, churches have the opportunity to be part of this quiet, consistent miracle—bringing food security, clean water, education, and healing to places often forgotten by the world. Your support is a testimony to the Kingdom of God breaking into hard places with love that endures.

As uncertainty looms, let us be a people who do not shrink back but step forward. Let us not grow weary in doing good, trusting that God is at work through ministries like World Renew. By continuing to invest in this vital ministry, churches become co-labourers in Christ's redemptive work—offering hope where hope seems lost and light where the world grows dim. In these challenging times, thank you for your generosity. May it continue to be both a response to God's grace and a declaration of faith in His promises.

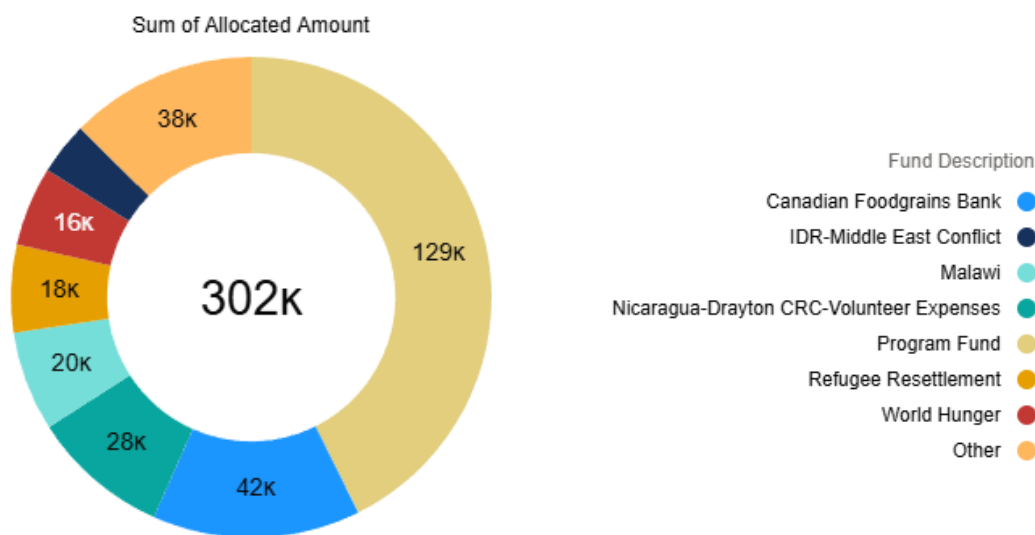
Serving Together,

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## Giving from Classis Huron

- Thank you for your incredible generosity in 2024! As the year came to a close, Classis Huron contributed a remarkable \$301,725.12 CAD in support of World Renew's work. The most significant areas of giving were the Program fund (Where Needed Most) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank—reflecting a deep commitment to compassionate, Christ-centered work around the world. We're so grateful to partner with you as we live out the call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Check out the chart below for a snapshot of how your support made an impact.



## World Renew News

- Disaster Alert · Myanmar Earthquakes:** On March 28, devastating earthquakes with magnitudes of 7.7 and 6.4 struck Myanmar, claiming the lives of over 3,000 people, destroying homes and infrastructure, and displacing countless families. The situation has become more dire by the recent onset of heavy rains.

World Renew is responding alongside our partners and network peers in Asia to share Christ's hope and provide urgent relief. Your gift will help deliver food, shelter, medical support, clean water, and other essentials to the most vulnerable.

Please consider holding a special offering in your church to support this response. We also ask for your prayers for ongoing peace and restoration

amid the destruction in Myanmar. For more information on our response, including a video and PowerPoint slide to use in your church, visit:

[worldrenew.ca/earthquake](http://worldrenew.ca/earthquake)

- **Global Affairs Grant:** Global Affairs Canada approved an \$8.3M World Renew program to support vulnerable youth in Bangladesh, aiming to reduce teenage pregnancy, school dropouts, and child marriage while benefiting over 200,000 youth and their communities. Read more here: [bit.ly/bangladesh2025](http://bit.ly/bangladesh2025)
- **Story of Transformation:** Furaha's story is a powerful reflection of the strength and resilience of women, as we look ahead to Women of Hope Sunday. A mother of six in Kenya, she has flourished through the Maternal & Child Health program in her community. She has benefited from giving birth at a health clinic, practicing exclusive breastfeeding, growing nutritious food in her kitchen garden, and following improved hygiene practices. With added financial stability from a savings group, she is passing on everything she's learned to her daughters—nurturing hope for the next generation. Read this story here: [bit.ly/furahastory](http://bit.ly/furahastory)

## Upcoming Church Offerings

World Renew encourages your church to participate in these upcoming offerings—to access resources, visit: [worldrenew.ca/yourchurch](http://worldrenew.ca/yourchurch)

- **May 11 · Women of Hope Sunday:** Any woman can be a Woman of Hope, but in many communities where World Renew works, women are often denied the opportunity to live up to their full potential. This Mother's Day, your church can support women around the world who are changing the story of health in their families. Your offering to Women of Hope will equip mothers with training, nutrition kits, and tools to grow kitchen gardens—nurturing healthier futures for their children.
- **June 29 · Refugee Sunday:** Millions of people around the world are forced to flee their homes due to war, persecution and human rights violation. There are more than 26 million refugees in the world today. At World Renew, we are committed to helping families rebuild their lives with dignity. Inspired by scripture and God's love for all, we seek to reach out and serve refugees. Your church's offering on Refugee Sunday helps to fund the World Renew Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Program.

## How Can Your Church Be Involved?

- **Give.** Participate in World Renew offerings and disaster appeals.
- **Journey With Us.** Join World Renew on a journey to experience God in another country, grow in your faith, and witness World Renew's transformative work. Upcoming opportunities include the Uganda Discovery Tour, Nicaragua Young Adults Trip, and Cambodia Discovery Tour. Share these incredible opportunities with your church congregation! Visit [worldrenew.ca/volunteer](https://worldrenew.ca/volunteer) to learn more.
- **Advocate.** Canada's Federal Government revealed cuts to annual refugee arrivals last October, impacting those who have been waiting in vulnerable situations. Advocate with us for Canada to re-extend its commitment to welcoming refugees. Advocate now: [p2a.co/CHuEbso](https://p2a.co/CHuEbso)
- **Learn.** Listen to our DoJustice podcast, hosted by World Renew, the Office of Social Justice and the Centre for Public Dialogue of the Christian Reformed Church of North America. Get connected at [worldrenew.ca/podcast](https://worldrenew.ca/podcast)

Thank you for joining us in spreading God's love, bringing renewal to hearts and communities. The Church and Community Engagement team is here to serve you and your congregation. We are one phone call or email away!



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