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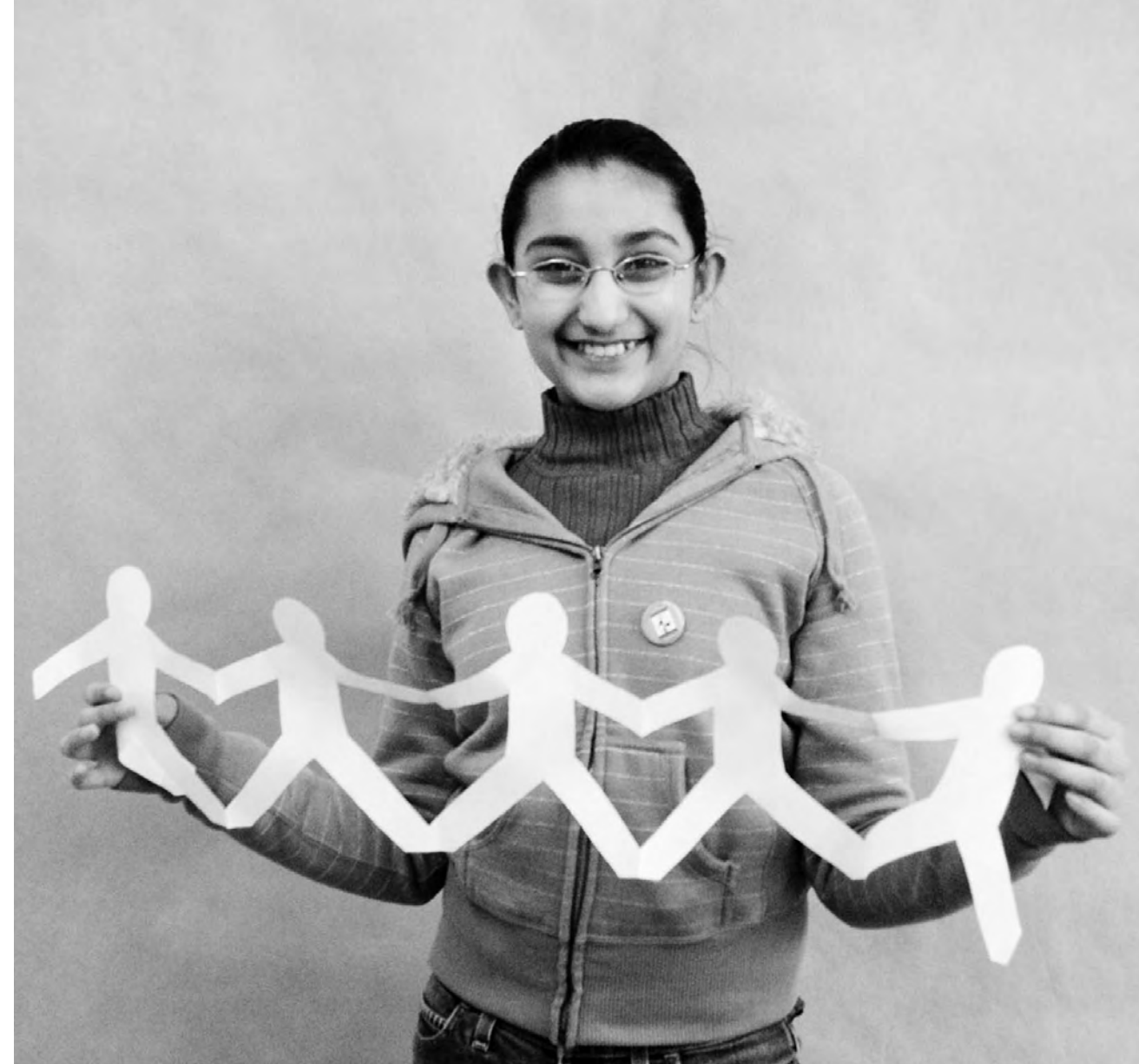
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Like a chain of paper dolls, we are all connected. We live in one world and our individual actions affect the whole.

## Connecting Manitoba Globally

*Message from the President and Executive Director*

MCIC has had another active year of connecting and making connections, locally and globally.

MCIC's member agencies help share the resources and resourcefulness of Manitobans with people in the developing world. The work of our members links Manitoba globally. It gives an outlet for the generosity and voluntarism for which our province is known. It allows us to work with people around the world to confront poverty by promoting self-determination and sustainable development and provide relief when it is required. And the work accomplished overseas helps remind us that our world is connected, that each of us can take action to build a better world.

Our member agencies have strong links to MCIC through participation in our communications and public engagement work, and through involvement on the board and committees. Our connections with local NGOs are growing, with three new organizations joining us this year – CPAR – Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, as a regular member, and Aegis Foundation for Development and the Canadian Association for Bangladesh Development as affiliate members.

The Manitoba Government continues to see its connections to people beyond our borders through MCIC and our members and their Southern partners. This commitment is realized through annual funding of \$750,000 for international development work through the Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program, one of only three such provincial funds across the country.

The Government of Canada through CIDA continues to support the public engagement work of MCIC and supports Manitoba NGOs in offering capacity development trainings. The MCIC board is very pleased that we have signed our first three-year agreement with CIDA for our coordinating, communicating and capacity building efforts in 2008–2011. With stable funding in place, MCIC is ready to help Manitobans build a better understanding and stronger links with the developing world.

The board retreat in fall 2007 looked at strategic directions to strengthen MCIC's programs in the coming years. From those discussions, the board has initiated a process to measure and evaluate the effectiveness of MCIC's overseas project review process. We have also set up a task force to consider funding diversification for MCIC. We feel it is better to consider our options during a period of strength rather than necessity.

MCIC has been connecting with the other provincial and regional councils across Canada. This year MCIC hosted the Inter-Council Network coordinator, and continues to assist in sharing our expertise and working to build capacity and relations between our colleagues across the country.

Here in Manitoba, MCIC is very honoured to have such great supporters in government, members, board members, volunteers and staff. Again, it is their efforts and those of our member agencies that provide MCIC its energy and ideas to work with Manitobans and connect our province globally.

We also want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ernie Dyck as a shining example of a global citizen. Ernie was chair of MCIC's Overseas Projects Committee for many years and a past board member, and served on the executive and membership and bylaws committee. He was also a past recipient of MCIC's Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award. He will be remembered as a Manitoban who forged significant connections throughout our community and the world.

As you read this report, we hope you enjoy reviewing the connections MCIC has made locally and globally in 2007–08.

Janice Hamilton  
*Executive Director*

Robert Granke  
*President, MCIC Board of Directors*



2007–08 Board of Directors:  
(from left) Robert Granke, Ashok Athavale, Stuart Taylor, Susan Roe-Finlay, Louise Thiessen, Zephania Matanga, Ryan Sparkes, Walt Nilsson, Jo-Ellen Parry (not present: Rolande Kirouac, Louisa Loeb).

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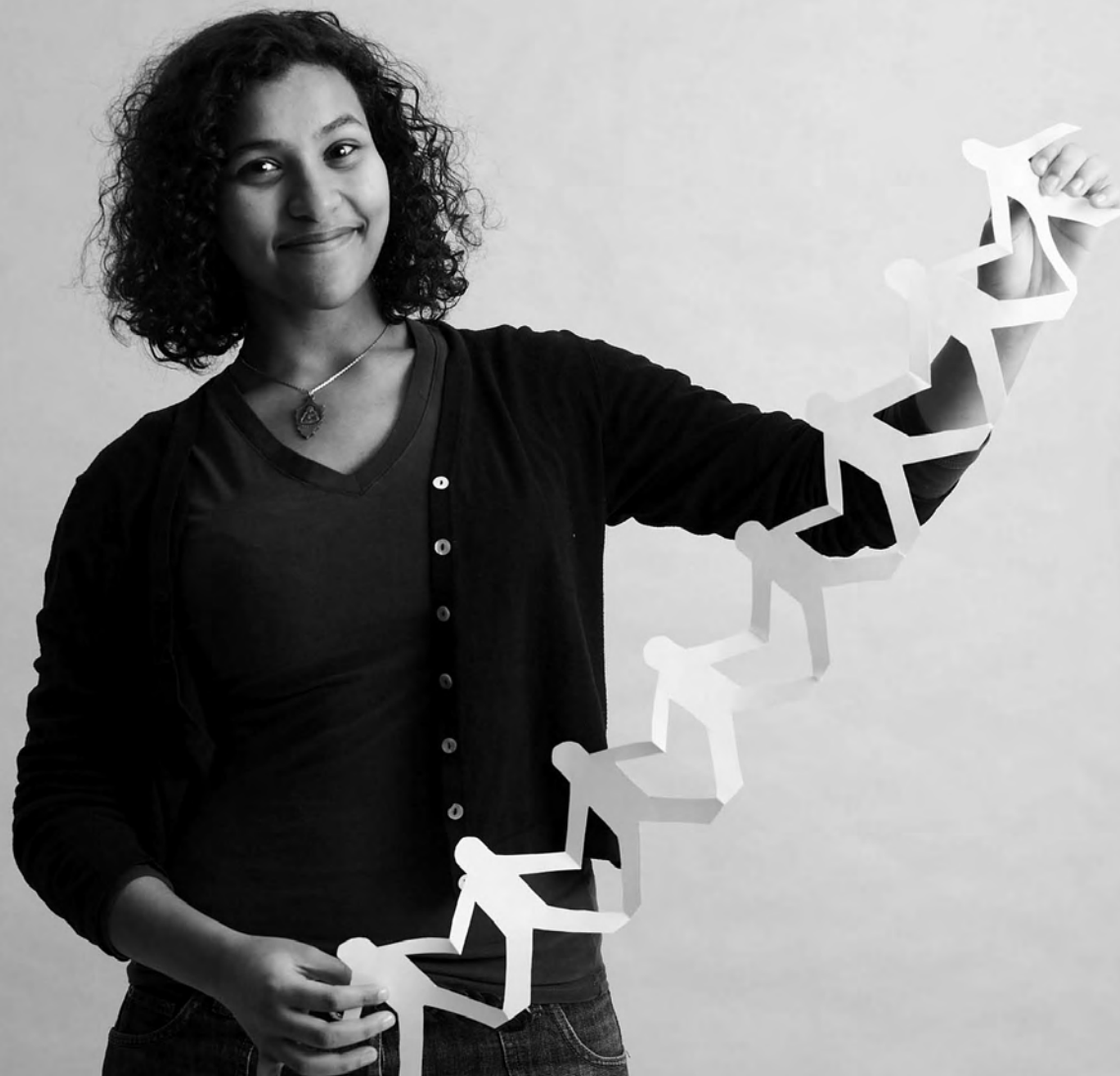
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## Connecting Manitobans to Global Issues

Every day MCIC works with Manitobans who are concerned about building a better world.

In 2007–08, our public engagement programs asked Manitobans to “go fair trade” and shared the stories of people from our communities who are making great efforts to be global citizens.

Through youth conferences and presentations, MCIC encouraged youth across the province to get informed and take action on issues like fair trade, child labour and landmines.

In the past 18 months, 24 percent of schools in Manitoba with Grades 7 to 12 have participated in MCIC programs.

## Engaging the Wider Community

### Global Citizens

In conjunction with International Development Week 2008 (February 3 to 9), MCIC shared stories of Manitobans who are committed to active global citizenship. Among the ten profiles are student activist Shimby Zegeye-Gebrehiwot, “who considers her passion for global justice ... a normal human quality,” and Wayne McLeod, chair of the Cooperative Development Foundation of Canada, who talks about the role cooperatives and credit unions have in fighting poverty in the developing world. The printed cards with stories and photos were on display and distributed at International Development Week events and Generating Momentum conferences, and some of the stories were reprinted in community newspapers.

## International Development Week 2008

The kick-off event for International Development Week 2008 in Manitoba was held in the rotunda of the legislative building on Monday, February 4. The event featured an interactive game show – Are You More Concerned About a Better World Than a 7th Grader? – as well as the reading of the provincial proclamation for International Development Week.

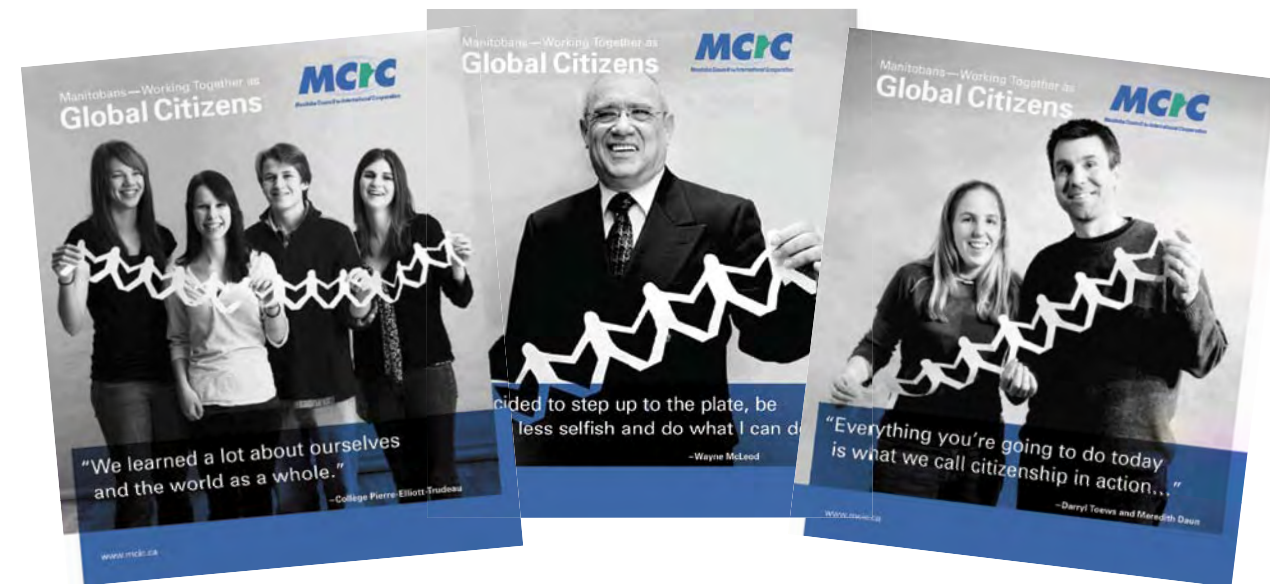


Developed by MCIC staff, the game helped raise awareness of global issues and publicize how Manitobans are involved in development, rather than test the knowledge of participants. Politicians and media personalities took part in the game and were each assisted by a panel of Grade 7 students representing four different schools. Schools participated in the development of the game and were encouraged to organize their own events.

MCIC hosted a number of other events during International Development Week 2008.

**MCIC organized a meeting for representatives of member agencies to meet Hélène Kadi, CIDA's past Director of Development with the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar, Afghanistan.** She spoke to MCIC members and other participants at the legislative building on February 5.

**A panel discussion on fair trade issues** was held at McNally-Robinson in Winnipeg on February 7. The event featured an in-depth and animated discussion of fair trade issues, its benefits to the developing world and its potential for growth in Canada. Moderated by Karen Marchand, Marquis Project, the panel included Gavin Fridell, Trent University, Ian Hudson, University of Manitoba, Caitlin Peeling, La Siembra fair trade cooperative. MCIC also assisted Caitlin in setting up a series of school and public presentations on fair trade during the week.



**A Fair Trade Coffee Break** was held on February 8 at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg. The program included a short presentation on fair trade and information on Fair Trade Manitoba's One-Month Challenge.



### **More Emphasis on Public Relations**

MCIC has added a staff person specifically dedicated to public relations. The dedicated staff time in this area has allowed us to reach an even larger audience for our public engagement activities. It has also allowed us to continue and improve our very well-received e-newsletters and significantly increase coverage of MCIC events and international issues in the local media.

### **Global Justice Film Festival**

Once again MCIC participated in organizing the annual Global Justice Film Festival. The fifth annual festival was held November 2 and 3, 2007. The opening evening focused on the theme of our ecological footprint and featured a panel discussion on the topic.

### **Fair Trade Manitoba/One-Month Challenge**

More than 1,000 Manitobans spent one month thinking about global trade while enjoying fair-trade products. It all happened during Fair Trade Manitoba's second annual One-Month Challenge. Beginning February 14, participants pledged to drink fair trade coffee and tea, and eat fair trade chocolate for 30 days.

As one participant responded in a weekly survey, the One-Month Challenge helped them "know I am doing something to improve the world, and find out that it's not that difficult." Overall, participants drank an estimated 25,073 cups of fair-trade coffee and 12,604 cups of fair-trade tea, and spent \$8,602 on fair-trade chocolate and \$15,758 on other fair-trade items.

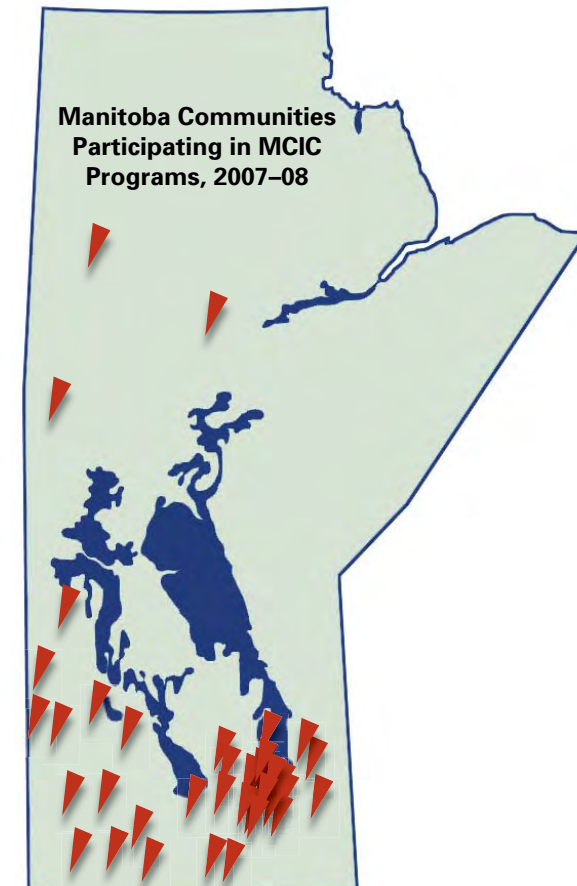
Assiniboine Credit Union (ACU) and the Manitoba Nurses' Union (MNU) were key supporters of the One-Month Challenge. More than 50 organizations across the province, including businesses, non-profit organizations and churches, joined the One-Month Challenge and encouraged their members and staff to participate.

Fair Trade Manitoba is continuing to work with retailers and consumers to spread the word about the benefits of fair trade and encourage its wider availability in the province. A program of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Fair Trade Manitoba brings together a network of individuals, families and organizations to promote fair trade issues and fair trade products.



### **Our Work in Manitoba Schools**

Youth have much to add to the conversation about making a better world. MCIC's public engagement programs seek to connect with youth, bringing them into the discussion of major global issues like poverty and the Millennium Development Goals. In addition to our series of school conferences, MCIC staff deliver workshops and presentations in schools and other settings, including a workshop on fair trade at the Freeze Frame International Film Festival for Kids of All Ages held in March 2008.



## Seventh Annual High School Conference

The Generating Momentum for Our World conferences are about connecting actions and ideas. This year's high school conference was held on November 29, on the theme Generating Momentum toward Peace: The Banning of Landmines. The conference attracted 84 students from 25 schools across the province.



The conference took place during Landmines Action Week, which ran from November 26 to 30 at The University of Winnipeg. The weeklong event coincided with the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Ottawa Treaty to ban landmines.

Guest speakers included Sokhon Prak, Cambodian Mine Action Centre, Paul Faucette, Canadian Landmines Foundation, and Darryl R. Toews, a high school teacher in Morden and one of the founders of the Manitoba Campaign to Ban Landmines. Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth Hon. Peter Bjornson was also on hand to announce a provincial proclamation recognizing December 3, 2007, as Landmine Awareness Day.

## Middle-Years Conferences

MCIC continued to expand its outreach to middle-years students with seven Generating Momentum for Our World conferences held across Manitoba. This year's theme was Trading Places: Putting the Poor First in Global Relations.

Conferences were held in Rossburn (May 30, 2007), Beausejour (October 25), Brandon (November 13), Gimli (January 23, 2008), Winnipeg (February 20 and 21) and Morden (March 5).



Through a series of circuits (public speaking, promotion and simulations), students develop a plan for organizing their own event upon their return to their school. They also get to participate in a creative workshop (theatre, zine, silk screening, video) at the end of the day. Our Generating Momentum conferences always include a workshop that teachers can attend. This is an opportunity for teachers to learn from each other and learn about other teaching resources.

Other highlights included:

- Students in Beausejour heard from three visiting rural development practitioners from Tanzania – Patricia Makwaia, Beny Mwenda and Abbas Munisi, all of whom work at the Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute at Ukiriguru.
- In Gimli, Stacey Toews from Level Ground Trading Company gave his personal reflections on making connections with people in the developing world by supporting fair trade. MCIC also arranged for Stacey to present at a number of other schools and events.
- In Brandon, students heard from a Canada World Youth/Jeunesse Canada Monde group made up of Canadian and Honduran participants.

## Middle-Years Conferences 2007–08

7 Conferences  
208 Students  
41 Teachers  
29 Schools  
11 Student Leaders



## Kaleidoscope Real World Video Challenge



The Kaleidoscope Real World Video Challenge was launched this year to give young Canadians the opportunity to say what they think about important global issues that relate to international development. Youth ages 8 to 18 were invited to participate by making a short video of five minutes or less, with entries judged in two age categories. Regional and national winners will be announced in Spring and Fall 2008.

Kaleidoscope was developed by provincial and regional councils for international cooperation across Canada. The overall aim was to engage young Canadians on global development issues and support them in becoming responsible and involved global citizens. MCIC administered the program in Manitoba and promoted it in Manitoba schools, at MCIC youth conferences and to the general public.

## Just Theatre for Change

MCIC is working together with the Ontario Council for International Cooperation to present plays on global issues aimed at Grade 7 students. This is a two-year project which is supported by CIDA's stand-alone public engagement fund. In spring 2008, MCIC presented a six-week tour of *The Prince of Paupers*, a play about child labour and active global citizenship, featuring a cast of three professional actors. OCIC is developing and touring a play entitled *You, in the Shadow*, which explores child rights. MCIC and OCIC will be learning from each others' experiences in presenting theatre for change in schools.

## Public Engagement with Members

MCIC produced eight issues of the **Global Citizenship – Local News Edition** electronic newsletter. The newsletter promotes MCIC activities and events, and provides a forum for sharing activities of MCIC member agencies and those of other local organizations.

MCIC continued to convene the **Public Engagement Group**, made up of representatives of numerous development, peace and social justice groups in the Winnipeg area. The group met regularly to share information and plan joint programming.

MCIC's **Lunch and Learn sessions** are very popular with our members and other organizations, and allow us to host international speakers when they are available. Some of the speakers at the 11 sessions held this year included Japhet Emmanuel, a Tanzanian project worker with Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR), Dr. Boateng (Bo) Wiafe, Director of Africa, Operation Eyesight Universal, and Ashleigh Mitchell, a CUSO volunteer in the Solomon Islands.



MCIC hosted a **CIDA Voluntary Sector Capacity Development Workshop** from February 27 to 29, 2008. The workshop assisted organizations to gain a better understanding of Canadian partnership branch application processes.

MCIC is developing an on-line course on overseas projects evaluation for the University of British Columbia's Certificate Program in International Development. As part of this effort, MCIC held and recorded a **roundtable discussion on evaluation** with a number of our member organizations on March 20, 2008.

MCIC staff members were involved in an **Action-Research Pilot Project** led by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. Representatives of four public engagement initiatives, taking place in Atlantic Canada, Ontario and Manitoba, shared their experiences of evaluating their programs' impact on participants and the public. Meetings were held primarily through video-conferencing. MCIC's research focused on the fair trade One-Month Challenge initiative.





## Connecting Resources with Global Partners

MCIC connects the generosity and commitment of Manitobans with the needs of people and communities in the developing world.

In the past year, MCIC member agencies raised \$20.2 million in Manitoba for their overseas work and MCIC disbursed \$750,000 from the Government of Manitoba for overseas projects through the Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program (MGMGP).

## Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program

Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program (MGMGP), 2007–08

38 projects

24 countries with MGMGP-funded projects

28 agencies receiving funding

MGMGP funds went to 38 projects in 24 countries and undertaken by 28 agencies. Located in many parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America, these projects are found in some of the poorest countries in the world – countries that experience significant, sometimes grinding, poverty.

Development projects funded this year focus on community-based initiatives addressing a wide range of issues, such as education, literacy, job creation, agriculture, the environment, micro-enterprise business development, health (including HIV/AIDS programming), and integrated development. As specified by MCIC's development principles and guidelines, agencies are asked to intentionally involve people with disabilities and work towards gender equality in their projects. MCIC-funded projects also include a commitment to empowerment and self-determination for all peoples, protection of the environment and social justice.

The peer-review process for MGMGP funding is carried out by the Overseas Projects Committee. Representatives of MCIC member agencies contribute their time, knowledge and experience to carefully assess each project application or report, determining if they meet MCIC requirements and are in line with MCIC's development principles and guidelines. Not all projects assessed are recommended.

MGMGP grants are distributed in four funding areas: the Development Fund, the Community Solidarity Fund, the Theme Fund, and the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund. MCIC requires that development projects be delivered in cooperation with a local non-governmental organization. Relief and Rehabilitation projects may be delivered directly by our member agencies.

See the following pages for highlights on each funding area and a brief description of all projects funded in 2007–08.



### Development Fund 2007–08 Projects

#### AFRICA

##### **African-Canadian Disability Community Association Application of Technology in Overcoming Educational and Employment Barriers as Experienced by the Disabled Population, Zimbabwe**

This project intends to alleviate poverty and strengthen communities and domestic values through the inclusion of previously marginalized individuals. It removes barriers to employment, reduces reliance on charity, reduces lost work hours and brings skilled professionals back into the workforce.

**\$5,000**

#### CHF

##### **Sustainable Livelihoods in Northern Ghana**

SLING aims to build sustainable livelihoods and address HIV/AIDS issues in rural communities and households in northern Ghana. The project will diversify agricultural production and expand income generation opportunities using an HIV/AIDS lens (see photo, p. 18).

**\$7,511**

##### **Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Chamasiri HIV/AIDS Orphans Project, Kenya**

The Chamasiri Orphan Training Centre targets school leavers, aged 14 to 25, offering 60 youth orphaned by AIDS training in tailoring, dressmaking, masonry, carpentry, agriculture and entrepreneurship. They also receive health care, counselling and guidance.

**\$11,759**

**HOPE International Development Agency**  
**Integrated Community Development – Derashe, Ethiopia**

HOPE is working in drought-prone areas of southern Ethiopia to build local capacity and infrastructure for access to clean water in 19 remote villages. Local communities contribute time and labour, and water is provided via gravity-fed spring caps.

**\$11,153**

**MATCH International**  
**Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS in Conflict/Post-Conflict Zones, Tanzania**

This project addresses the vulnerability of women and girls in the Great Lake Zone conflict area. It will build the capacity of community-led groups to advocate against gender-based violence, to work on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and support, and to influence policy at national levels on gender-based violence.

**\$5,899**

**Mennonite Central Committee**  
**Support to Peace Building Work, Uganda**

MCC is working with the Concerned Parents Association, which is devoted to the return, resettlement and rehabilitation of children abducted in the war between the Ugandan and Lord's Resistance armies. Much of MCC's work is in building the capacity of Ugandans in conflict resolution, trauma recovery and meeting the psychosocial needs of children.

**\$45,000**

**Mennonite Economic Development Associates**  
**Accelerating Supply and Demand for Irrigation Technology, Zambia**

This is a poverty-reduction project aimed at empowering smallholders, their communities and institutions in Zambia. MEDA and its partners will take a business approach to developing the connection of micro-entrepreneurs and farmers to appropriate irrigation technologies.

**\$23,350**

**Osu Children's Library Fund**  
**Construction of Ho Dome School Library, Ghana**

This project entails, with community support, the building of a library for students attending Ho Dome Roman Catholic School and for people in the local community. Ho is the district capital of the Volta Region of Ghana (see photo, p. 19).

**\$7,980**

**PLAN Canada**  
**Primary Health Care for Displaced Populations, Sudan**

This project supports eight rural primary health care centres and one referral hospital to provide maternity services and primary health care services for the host community, Kassala, and 6,000 displaced people living in two refugee camps.

**\$55,000**



**Development Fund**

MCIC defines development as a long-term process promoting community involvement in designing strategies to correct and improve chronic and structural problems in all areas of individual and community life. The majority of the MGMGP funds are used for this purpose.

MCIC supports development projects that include:

- Partnership and local control;
- Popular participation and self-reliance;
- Respect for all persons, with special attention to gender issues, and persons with disabilities; and
- Sustainable development and the environment;
- Addressing the causes of poverty rather than the symptoms;
- Appropriate technology; and
- Accountability.

**United Church of Canada**  
**Kariba Rural Drought Relief, Zimbabwe**

This project focuses on supporting victims of drought, while training these rural people in conserving forms of agriculture. Drought and economic hardship are perennial problems necessitating both relief efforts and longer-term development programs.

**\$13,500**

**World Vision Canada**  
**Governance, Ecosystems and Livelihood Programs, Rwanda, Tanzania, Mauritania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

This is a capacity-building project aimed at assisting African partners to design effective and appropriate community-based development initiatives. The project will enhance household income, community decision-making processes, and environmental improvement efforts (see photo, below).

**\$110,000**

**ASIA**

**Canada World Youth/Jeunesse Canada Monde**  
**Capacity Building of Elected Representatives, India**

This is a capacity building project to enhance the involvement of women in local elected politics, overcoming male dominance and other forces that keep women under-represented and inactive in decision making (see photo, p. 20).

**\$14,485**

**Canadian Lutheran World Relief**  
**Strengthening of Democratic Processes that Support Poverty Reduction with Environmental and Gender Focus, India**

This project trains strategic action groups in 92 communities in gender equality, leadership, legal issues, business management and development of credit and income generation opportunities, improving local health and food security.

**\$23,159**

**Cooperative Development Foundation**  
**Enhancing Efficiency and Impact of Women-Managed Savings and Credit Cooperatives, Nepal**

This project empowers women-led savings and credit cooperatives to improve their services to poor women through advanced training in credit union management and marketing, and establishing linkages with wholesale lending institutions and insurance companies.

**\$11,789**

**International Development Enterprises**  
**Clean Water in Every Home, Cambodia**

This project will enable at least 12,000 new households to purchase and use low-cost water filters to produce clean drinking water in their homes. IDE will work with local manufacturers, distributors and retailers who will continue to provide new and replacement filters as long as demand exists.

**\$22,463**



**Mennonite Central Committee**  
**Family Farm, Homestead Resource and Agricultural Research and Extension Programs, Bangladesh**

The project will develop the agricultural research and extension capacity of partner NGOs and other local institutions as part of a longstanding MCC program in Bangladesh. Income and access to basic needs of families will be provided through support to farming, handicraft job creation, and school and orphanage funding.

**\$65,000**

**USC Canada**  
**Food and Livelihood Security, Eastern Ghats, India**  
 USC and the Green Foundation are promoting on-farm conservation of diverse varieties of food crops to build up the community seed supply systems in southern India. Local farmers collect the materials and set up and manage community seed banks (see photo, p. 23).

**\$7,534**



**LATIN AMERICA**

**Canadian Crossroads International**  
**Strengthening Community Economic Development through Micro-Credit, Bolivia**

This project enables a videographer to document the impacts of alternative micro-financing on community development, related to women and other marginalized groups, for shared learning between groups in Bolivia and Canada. This will strengthen the work of CCI's Bolivian partner PEAP-FONCRESOL.

**\$5,877**

**Nicaraguan Children's Fund**  
**Women's Network Against Violence, Nicaragua**

This project helps to link grassroots women's groups in the battle against violence upon women. Workshops will empower women in this effort. There is also a component to stand up to racial discrimination toward indigenous and Afro-Caribbean women.

**\$6,532**

**PLAN Canada**  
**Child Friendly Municipalities, Bolivia**

This project strengthens links between the community and health facilities to improve community health workers' skills and to develop strategies to better serve the health needs of people living in this very poor and turbulent country.

**\$55,000**

**Save the Children Canada**  
**Education and Protection for Conflict-Affected Children, Colombia**

This project addresses the situation of out-of-school children in Colombia, helping girls and boys to realize the right to quality formal and informal education in urban and peri-urban areas affected by conflict.

**\$11,697**

**United Church of Canada**  
**Strengthening the Local Economy and the Community Cooperative of the Santa Marta Region, El Salvador**

Project funding will strengthen an existing community development project undertaken by ADES and the Santa Marta cooperative. This includes improving nutrition and income generation in gardening and the raising of bees and chickens, supporting the operation of the co-op, and defending communal lands against possible evictions.

**\$11,990**

**YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg**  
**Helping Marginalized and Vulnerable Populations, Mexico**

This project provides a safe, nurturing environment for children at risk through programs that reunite families, teach human rights, offer basic education and health and recreation services, and sports facilities. These programs re-integrate youth deported from the US, allow mothers to return to paid work, and offer an alternative to crime and addiction.

**\$6,490**

**Community Solidarity Fund**  
**2007-08 Projects**

**All Nations International Development Agency**  
**Salon Centre, Ghana**

ANIDA operates a Skills Acquisition Centre in Koforidua, eastern Ghana, that includes a hair salon component. These skills empower women economically, moving them toward self-reliance, and personal and business growth.

**\$5,000**

**International Centre of Winnipeg**  
**Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Mexico**

The International Centre's Mexican partner, Casas sin Barreras, will build five accessible homes in Guanajuato City. Extended family members will build the house to specifications and the person with disabilities will own the home when it is finished.

**\$5,000**

**St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church**  
**Get A Cow - Pay a Cow, Tanzania**

This Brandon, Manitoba, congregation is working with the Tanzanian Society of Agricultural Education and Extension in the northwest of that country on a project where villagers will receive cows and then distribute the offspring to other families, increasing the nutrition, home income and status of those involved.

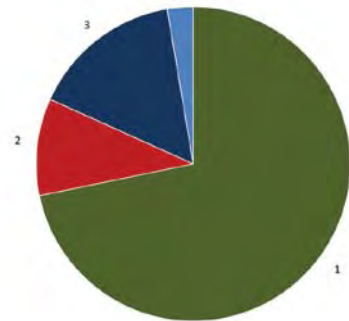
**\$5,000**

**Social Planning Council of Winnipeg**  
**Street Kids Vocational Project, Botswana**

SPCW is working with the Botswana Council of Churches to improve the situation of street children through recreation, health, training, employment, and family re-integration programs. A "training the trainers" component will make this on-going project more sustainable.

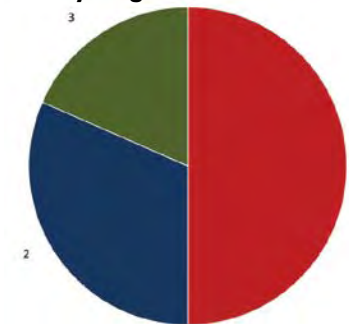
**\$5,000**

**MGMGP Funding 2007-08**



- 1 Development Fund: \$538,168 (23 projects)
  - 2 Relief and Rehabilitation Fund: \$75,000 (4 projects)
  - 3 Theme Grant Fund: \$116,832 (7 projects)
  - 4 Community Solidarity Fund: \$20,000 (4 projects)
- Total: \$750,000

**Number of MGMGP Projects by Region, 2007-08**



- 1 Africa (19)
- 2 Asia (12)
- 3 Latin America (7)

**Community Solidarity Fund**

The goal of the Community Solidarity Fund is to make MGMGP funding available to Manitoba not-for-profit, community-based groups involved in development projects overseas. The fund is available to non-member and MCIC affiliate members.

The fund was introduced in 2005-06. It is providing another way to help Manitobans work together with partners around the world. Through the fund, MCIC makes available up to \$5,000 to overseas project proposals, up to a total of \$20,000 per year.

## Theme Fund

The Theme Fund is intended to encourage MCIC member agencies to take a broader view of development projects by responding to current issues of international concern reflected in a bi-annual theme. The Theme Fund is made up of an initial \$25,000 from the MGMGP fund plus any unused member agency allocations from the Development Project fund.

The 2006–08 theme, Energy for Sustainable Development, focused on projects that help people meet their energy needs in a sustainable way. These include those that encourage energy efficiency, introduce renewable energy and other appropriate energy technologies, and rebuild ecosystems depleted by reliance on energy from biomass sources. With the support of the MGMGP, these projects are helping improve the lives of thousands of people in the developing world.



## Theme Fund – Energy for Sustainable Development 2007–08 Projects

### Canada World Youth/Jeunesse Canada Monde

#### Conservation of the Kikuyu Escarpment Forest by Promoting Community-Led Energy Initiatives, Kenya

This project, with the Kejabe Environment Volunteers, aims to promote simple community-oriented initiatives, including biogas, solar energy, energy-saving jikos and fireless cookers. Awareness raising to help conserve the Kikuyu Forest Escarpment is also part of the project.

**\$13,985**

### Canadian Lutheran World Relief Environmental Sustainability through Fuel Efficient Stoves Zambia and Mozambique

Fuel-efficient wood-burning cook stoves address environmental problems, such as deforestation and soil erosion. These stoves will reduce firewood use and cooking time by over 50 percent and create less smoke. This project supports environmental sustainability awareness sessions and construction and training related to fuel-efficient stoves.

**\$16,834**

### Engineers Without Borders Rural Energy Poverty Project, Ghana

This project will reduce the burden of rural women and reduce energy poverty—the lack of access to regular energy sources—using the Multifunctional Platform generator system (which uses appropriate technology to power a variety of applications), while increasing the skills of local people to monitor and evaluate development initiatives.

**\$6,013**

### HOPE International Development Agency Biogas Stoves – Tamil Nadu, India

HOPE is promoting biogas stoves for domestic use among rural households as an affordable alternative technology and more efficient way of using cattle dung on farms. Reducing the use of kerosene, firewood and other petroleum-based products will enhance environmental sustainability (see photo, left).

**\$20,000**

### International Development Enterprises Energy Efficient Water Systems, Nepal

This project brings together local business, government and subsistence farmers to enable 700 new households to install and use efficient, integrated water systems for drinking water and irrigation.

**\$20,000**

### Marquis Project

#### Sustainable Energy Technologies in Rural Development, Tanzania

Working with its partners, the Tanzanian Society of Agricultural Education and Extension, Marquis will disseminate clean energy technologies to women's and youth groups in four villages in the Western Zone of the country. Training will be provided on construction and use of energy efficient cook stoves, on tree planting and in leadership and entrepreneurship development.

**\$20,000**

### Mennonite Economic Development Associates Renewable Solar Water Heating Technologies, Tajikistan

This project introduces and promotes solar water heating technologies to small-scale farmers and agro-processing enterprises in northern Tajikistan to help overcome dire energy shortages adversely affecting agricultural economic productivity and the quality of daily life.

**\$20,000**

## Relief and Rehabilitation Fund 2007–08 Projects

### CUSO

#### Tetepare Descendants' Association Storm Relief, Solomon Islands

CUSO's partner organization in the Western Solomon Islands, Tetepare Descendants' Association, is dealing with communities affected by earthquakes and subsequent tsunamis. Funded materials will go to the rebuilding of local housing for individual families.

**\$10,000**

### HOPE International Development Agency Emergency Food Relief, Bangladesh

HOPE, along with South Asia Partnership-Bangladesh, is responding to recent flooding, followed by Cyclone Sidr, by assisting affected people in four districts with immediate basic needs (23,700 families) and the reconstruction of housing (1,800 families).

**\$29,000**

### PLAN Canada

#### Food Aid to Mutare and Mutasa, Zimbabwe

This project improves food and nutrition security for children and communities at the household level in the districts of Mutasa and Mutare. The effort targets food availability, access to food and food utilization. Causes of growing hunger include economic collapse, HIV/AIDS and drought.

**\$20,000**

### Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Assistance to Flood Affected Communities, Bangladesh

This project provides livelihood supports to farmers and fishers in 24 flood-affected Bangladeshi communities (e.g., seeds and seedlings, nets). As well, four local schools and 25 shallow wells will be repaired, 500 households will be assisted with latrine installation, and medicine will be distributed to the sick.

**\$16,000**

## Relief and Rehabilitation Fund

The primary purpose of the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund is to bridge the gap between the effects of a disaster and the continuation of long-term development.

For the purposes of the fund:

Relief is defined as provision of basic life support systems (food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies) in the period of time immediately following the occurrence of a disaster when these systems have been disrupted and life and health are threatened.

Rehabilitation is defined as the transition period after basic life support systems have been restored and when rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure to pre-disaster levels is undertaken.

Projects funded by the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund are often part of larger international relief efforts. In these cases, MCIC seeks to direct grant funding to specific components that are part of a wider effort. This helps ensure the direct impact and visibility of the support provided by Manitobans.



**Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Inc.**  
**Audited Financial Statements**

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

For the year ended March 31, 2008 2008

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>
CIDA - Communications	17,857
CIDA - Agency Services and Canadian Relations	337,734
CIDA - Voluntary Sector Fund	9,853
Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	750,000
Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth	12,000
Memberships and Levies	129,567
Other Income (interest, rent, fees for service, donations)	73,257
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,330,268</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	750,000
Programming	303,437
Personnel	218,884
Operating Costs	53,525
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,325,846</b>

**Net Income** 4,422

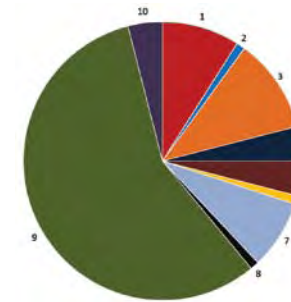
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As of March 31, 2008 2008

<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>
Current Assets	217,689
Capital Assets	4,944
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>222,633</b>

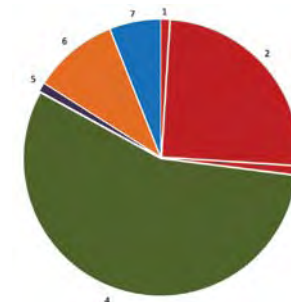
**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current Liabilities	157,395
Net Assets	65,238
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>222,633</b>



**Expenses**

	<b>%</b>
1 MCIC Programming	9
2 International Development Week	1
3 Public Engagement Programming	11
4 Middle Years Conferences	4
5 Just Theatre for Change	4
6 Kaleidoscope	1
7 Inter-Council Network	8
8 Voluntary Sector Fund – Training	1
9 Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	57
10 Operating Costs	4



**Revenues**

	<b>%</b>
1 CIDA - Communications	1
2 CIDA - Agency Services and Canadian Relations	25
3 CIDA - Voluntary Sector Fund	1
4 Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	56
5 Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth	1
6 Memberships and Levies	10
7 Other Income	6

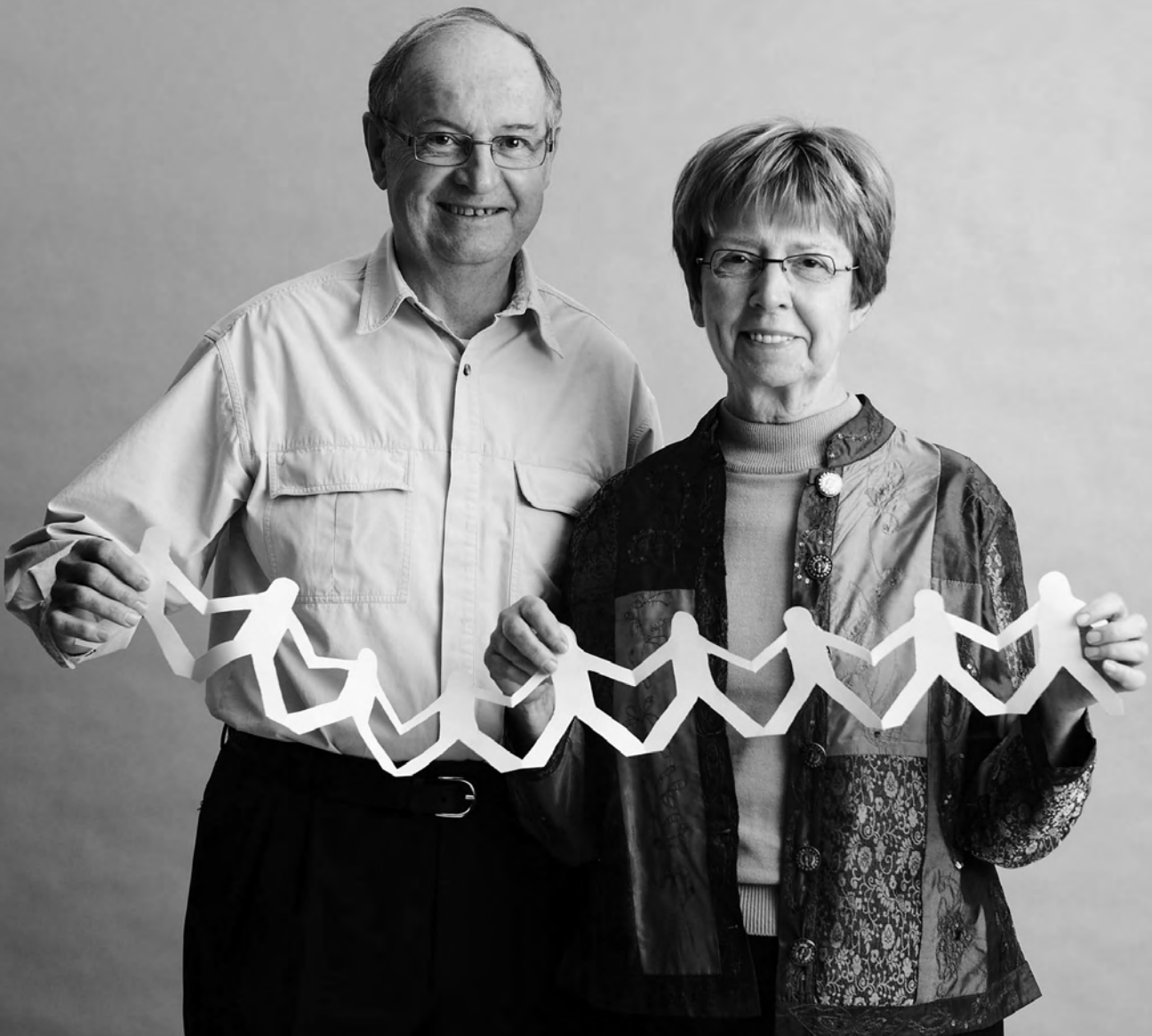
**Auditor's Report**

I have audited the statement of financial position of Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Inc., as at March 31, 2008, and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Gail Friesen, CGA  
 Profession Corporation  
 Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 April 28, 2008



## Connecting Locally for Global Action

### Committee Members

#### Finance

Louise Thiessen, MCIC Board  
 Stan Burton, Primates World Relief and Development Fund  
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 Allyson Watts, MCIC Staff

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Rolande Kirouac, MCIC Board  
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 Marilee Geller, MCIC Staff  
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#### Overseas Projects

Mascilline Hama, WUSC (Chair)  
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 Ingrid Gatin, Marquis Project  
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 Jo-Ellen Parry, MCIC Board  
 Ryan Sparkes, MCIC Board  
 Stu Taylor, MCIC Board  
 Helen Whetter, MATCH International  
 Zack Gross, MCIC Staff

#### Personnel

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 Bill Gillis, United Church of Canada  
 Rolande Kirouac, MCIC Board  
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 Zephania Matanga, African Canadian Disability Community Association  
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 Mike Tutthill, MCIC Staff



**Ernest Dyck, 1935–2007**

MCIC board and staff lost a dedicated colleague with the death of Ernie Dyck on December 8, 2007. Ernie was an active volunteer with MCIC for close to twenty years, during which time he served on the board of directors and many committees.

In the past year, as in many previous years, he was serving as chair of the Overseas Project Committee. In 2002, MCIC presented Ernie with the Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award. Ernie touched many people and we are honoured to have been able to work with and learn from him for so many years.

## 2007 Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award



Mascillne Hama was awarded the 2007 Paul LeJeune Volunteer

Service Award. A dedicated volunteer to MCIC, she has served on the Overseas Projects Committee since 1996, beginning soon after she immigrated from Zimbabwe. When she came to Canada, she knew she wanted to get involved in development work here and is excited to have a chance to have some influence on how development money from Manitoba is spent overseas.

The award was established in Paul LeJeune's name to recognize a volunteer that has contributed greatly to MCIC. The award was initiated in 2001 and has been given out each year at MCIC's Annual General Meeting.

Paul LeJeune was a powerful advocate for people with disabilities in Canada and internationally. He maintained a strong vision of what it means to live independently. He was a valued member of MCIC's Overseas Projects Committee at MCIC from 1992 until his death in 1997. It was in large part due to his insight and persistence that MCIC's guiding principles include a strong commitment to the inclusion of people with disabilities.

## Staff

- Misty Belcourt, Youth Engagement Coordinator
- Glenn Bergen, Public Relations Coordinator
- Marilee Geller, Executive Assistant
- Zack Gross, Program Coordinator
- Janice Hamilton, Executive Director
- Brynn Hovey, Summer Student
- Bequie Lake, Public Engagement Coordinator
- Lindsey McBain, Youth Engagement Coordinator (until June 2007)
- Mike Tutthill, Public Engagement Coordinator (until Dec. 2007)
- Erica Young, Inter-Council Network Coordinator
- Allyson Watts, Accountant
- Sia Yamba, Summer Student

## Contributors

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  - Voluntary Sector Fund

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