

**City of London**  
**Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award Nomination Form**

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

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| <b>Name of organization:</b><br>Bread not Stones, a United Church of Canada Project   |  |
| <b>Business Address:</b> 311-21 Grand Ave. <b>**Not to be released publically</b>   |  |
| <b>City:</b> London, Ontario  | <b>Postal Code:</b> N6C 1L2 <b>**Not to be released publically</b> |
| <b>Name(s) of contact people (including position titles):</b><br>Linda Woods, Co-chair, London and Middlesex<br>Laurel Kenney, Co-chair, London and Middlesex   |  |
| <b>Business Telephone:</b> 519-204-4332 <b>**Not to be released publically</b>  |  |
| <b>Business E-mail:</b> wecanendchildpoverty@gmail.com  |  |
| <b>Category: (check one)</b><br>Small business/small labour<br>Large business/large labour<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/community services (including Not for Profits) (49 or fewer employees/members)<br>Social/community services (including Not for Profits) (50 or more employees/members)<br>Youth/young adult groups or organizations (<26 years of age) |  |

**INITIATIVE INFORMATION**

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| <b>Program initiative:</b><br>The goal of the Bread not Stones project is to raise awareness of and eliminate child poverty in Canada for children of every race, creed, colour and ability.  |
| <b>Date of implementation:</b><br>This national project of the United Church of Canada was created in 2014. The London, Ontario initiative of the project began on April 14, 2015.  |
| <b>Key department(s) or committees involved:</b><br>United Church Women's Groups and Mission and Outreach committees of the United Church of Canada, both locally and nationally.   |
| <b>Key people involved:</b><br>Linda Woods and Laurel Kenney, Co-Chairs, Bread not Stones in London and Middlesex. Ann Stokes, Lead Doll-Maker and Technical Support; Special mention to UCW members Nell Haldane and Dianne Monteith; The support of countless dedicated United Church Women and church members throughout London and Middlesex has been invaluable.   |
| <b>Description of initiative:</b><br>In 2014, the United Church of Canada launched "Bread not Stones", a national project to end child poverty in Canada - "If a child asks for bread, who among us would give that child a stone - Matt.7:9". The goal is to raise awareness and advocate with all levels of government to eradicate child poverty in our country. Current statistics that Linda and Laurel have shared state that there are 1,335,000 children living in poverty in Canada. That translates to 19% of children in our country, including 50% of First Nations children living on reserves. Nine to ten thousand children are living in poverty here in London, which equates to 24% of our city's children. This figure includes 46.5% of Indigenous children, ages 0-14, even though |

Indigenous peoples make up only 2% of London's total population.

**How has the initiative contributed to the promotion of diversity, race relations, inclusivity, and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?**

Their mission is to advocate for the eradication of child poverty amongst all children living in Canada and in our city of London – children of every race, creed, color and ability – children who are Canadian citizens and those who have arrived from other countries. Their symbols are rag dolls, deliberately crafted from fabrics of many different colors, to represent all races of children. However, the dolls are not given to children, but are presented, as compelling reminders, to politicians and others of influence who can impact government spending. Every doll is named, because children in poverty should never be invisible. Each one has a certificate attached, stating what children in poverty and their families need most: affordable housing, food security, affordable child care, a living wage and a national strategy. The London initiative's website: [www.endchildpoverty.ca](http://www.endchildpoverty.ca) has garnered attention and articles from across Canada. Please have a look. They're working to ensure that all children are treated equally, feel welcome and included in our city and are able to afford to participate in activities in their schools and neighbourhoods.

**What short or long-term impact has/will the initiative have on the promotion of diversity, race relations, inclusivity and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?**

Since April of 2015, Linda Woods and Laurel Kenney have been invited to speak on 30 occasions. As well, they've met with and presented rag Dolls of Hope to 31 politicians, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Premier of Ontario and London North Centre MPP, Deb Matthews, and our Mayor, Matt Brown, and London City Council. They were very honoured to meet and present a doll to Perry Bellegarde, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. In this way, they continue to ensure that the human rights issues of children in poverty remain front and centre in our city and across Canada. Aligning with other faith and community groups is high on their agenda. The need to all speak together as one voice is key. To date, they've attended 10 community or faith group meetings here, such as the large Multi-Faith Rally to End Poverty in London. They also participated in meetings to give input to the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty and took part in meetings regarding the formation of the body that will implement this Panel's 112 Recommendations.

**What is the potential for expansion and/or inspiration for replication of the initiative?**

The potential for expansion and inspiration has grown exponentially and continues to grow. So many people in London and across the country, have become involved in spreading the word about this project and have participated in rag doll workshops. More dolls are always needed! Currently there is an excellent chance that there will be an invitation to the provincial legislature at Queen's Park to speak about the Bread not Stones initiative and to present Dolls of Hope to each of the 107 MPPs. Along with members from other areas of Ontario and Canada, they are beginning to discuss the idea of speaking to the House of Commons and the Senate in Ottawa. They love to dream big!

**How can receiving this Award be used to further promote diversity, race relations, inclusivity and human rights in London and to further promote London as a welcoming city?**

Receiving this award would be vitally important in their quest to shine a light on the plight of the nine to ten thousand children living in poverty in our city. Those involved in the project are critically aware of the need to keep these children in the forefront and to keep on keeping on to eradicate the poverty which exists amongst children of all races, creeds, colours and abilities. In the words of Linda and Laurel:

“Join us. Together, we can do it! The 1.3 million children will thank you.”

### **NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

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| <b>Date: Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>  | <b>Signature: Fae Andrighetti</b> |
| <b>Note: By signing this form you are hereby confirming that the nominee has consented to the nomination.</b> |                                   |

**Submissions must be received by September 30<sup>th</sup> to:**

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