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Tax receipts will be issued for donations by cheque of \$20 or more. Cheques should be made out to The United Church of Canada or to your home or host church. Note "The Dondi Project" in the subject line.

To learn more about the Dondi Project, visit www.dondiproject.com. To learn about The United Church of Canada Men's Ministries Network, visit www.united-church.ca. The United Church's Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit is the primary department of the church that relates with overseas partners. To learn more about how it does so, visit www.united-church.ca/partners/global.

Ten percent of the funds raised for this project, up to \$100,000, will go to The United Church of Canada's Mission and Service Fund.

To become a campaign sponsor, contact Lloyd Paul of Men's Ministries Network of The United Church of Canada at 416-231-5931 ext. 4046, or by e-mail at lpaul@united-church.ca.

To host an event with the Abbey North Drummers, contact Barry "Bazza" Hayward at 705-854-0265 or 416-907-3549, or by e-mail at hayward6@sympatico.ca. To read articles on justice and advocacy for Africa check out the Africa Files at www.africafiles.org.

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Members of the Dondi Project.

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What if the Men of Canada United to Help Rebuild Essential Education in Angola?



The Dondi Project is an effort toward this goal. We will raise \$1 million over the next year.

The project will fund the rebuilding of the Lutamo School at Dondi, which was destroyed during years of conflict and civil war.

Initiated by The United Church of Canada Men's Ministries Network, the project will reach out to men of all ages across Canada, creating a network that will engage, unite, and inspire.



Peter Vinet

In Angola, people of all ages have a deep desire to attend school.

How It All Began

Canadian missionaries started the Lutamo School at Dondi in 1914. The school trained generations of leaders—doctors, teachers, social workers, and ministers. In 1975, a civil war erupted in Angola, resulting in

- the closing of the Lutamo School
- 500,000 dead
- thousands of refugees
- the physical and psychological maiming of thousands
- the destruction of infrastructure

Now a time of peace has begun. The economy is stabilizing. Education is vital to Angola's future: 50 percent of the population is under age 16.



The Lutamo School, part of the Dondi Mission, after the civil war.

Peter Vinet

We'll Work with Our Partner in Angola

The Lutamo School site is on land owned by the Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola (IECA), a United Church partner. Luis Samacumbi, director of the church's Department of Social Assistance, Studies and Projects, will oversee the rebuilding of the school.



Peter Vinet

Luanda, the capital of Angola, where poverty and development live side by side.

When Luis's older brother was 14 he was abducted by troops of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and forced to fight in the civil war. Thirty years later the brothers were reunited only to discover they had fought in the same battle—against each other. Now Luis is dedicated to promoting peace and progress in Angola. We can help by working with Luis and the IECA to rebuild the Lutamo School at Dondi.

Join in the Rhythm of Giving



Since May 2009, the Abbey North Drummers have been facilitating drumming and rhythm events in communities across Canada. These fundraising events will continue until October 2010.

Canadian men of all ages are encouraged to join in the countrywide celebration, adding their dollars and drumbeats to the sounds that will carry across the ocean to Angola, offering new hope to young and old alike.

Men to the Power of 10

By fall 2010 the Dondi Project pledges to have found 1,000 Canadian men who each will find 10 men, who each will find 10 men who are willing to

- learn about the Lutamo School at Dondi
- make a donation to the Dondi Project
- join thousands of others in a drumbeat that will carry a rhythm of generous celebration across Canada

Together we can support education—which helps maintain peace—in Angola.

Drumming with female elders at a community reunification ceremony, Leprosarium, Dondi Village, Angola, July 2009.



Barry Hayward

Find Others Who Care

Do you know 10 men who know 10 men who will help rebuild education in Angola by learning, drumming, and giving?



Barry Hayward

Many children carry their chairs to and from school.