

United Church Congregation Quilt: *The Hands and Feet of Christ*

CGQ #077

Owner: Cranbrook United Church

This is a signature quilt that was created for the 90th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. It is one of three quilts on permanent display in the City of Cranbrook. The other two are: The Cranbrook Centennial Quilt (# 080) at the Cranbrook History Centre and the Hospital Auxiliary photo quilt in the foyer of the Cranbrook and District Hospital. In terms of the guild's history, this quilt and the Hospital Auxiliary<sup>1</sup> quilt show how the guild members extended the community spirit of quilting and quilters to include their other community connections.

The story of this quilt is on its label and the history of the church up to 2009 can be found at [cranbrookunited.ca](http://cranbrookunited.ca). The idea to make a quilt came from Frank Lewis, the Pastor of the United Church of Cranbrook from 2012-2016. The design was based on a quilt that Carol Patton<sup>2</sup> saw in the Trinity United Church in Thunder Bay, ON. The feet and hands represent the feet and hands of Christ. Church secretary Kim Burgess sent the call to the current and former members asking for those interested in having their names included. Then the quilters got busy and created the quilt:

- Mary Lindquist (#016) donated much of the fabric, with the balance coming from the quiltmakers
- Quiltmakers: Donna Bernhardt (#009) did most of the cutting, while Judy Denny, Tracy Garvin (#068), Carol Patton, Marie Froese, Gloria Francoeur, Mary Hinds, and Joy French (#042) created the top. These quilters are a small group that meets together in the church hall each week.
- Joy French was the longarm quilter
- Tracy Garvin printed the names on the hands with a fine tipped permanent marker
- Carol Patton added the binding.

Pattern	Designed by the Quiltmakers
Subject	90th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
Date	Specific date: January 2016
Size	L 99" x W 115"
Overall style	Finished Wall-hanging Repeated blocks, Appliqués Realistic
Blocks	Feature block: L 9½" x W 9½", square Secondary block: L 19" x W 19" Block layout, Pictorial, Appliqué

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<sup>1</sup> The Hospital Auxiliary Quilt (1901 - 2001) is a photo quilt of the Cranbrook Health Care Auxiliary's history. It was created by Judy Wright (#043) and Noreen Aikman (#300) who were members of both the guild and the auxiliary.

<sup>2</sup> Carol Patton, Judy Denny, Tracy Garvin, Gloria Francoeur, & Mary Hinds are former guild members. Mary Lindquist, Donna Bernhardt & Joy French are all longtime guild members in 2025.

Edge finishing	Flange Binding: W ¾", straight Colour: turquoise flange with brown print binding Machine front and back, double fold
Batting	Polyester, low loft
Top fabric	Cotton, plain weave, Feature colour: jewel tones - gold & yellow Background colour: multi jewel tones Motif: blenders
Top piecing method	Machine piecing Machine Raw-edge appliqué
Appliqué	Raw edge Motif: hands & feet
Embellishments	Photo transfer (Inkjet fabric sheets) Machine embroidery: thread colour- red
Backing	Vertical pieced, multi fabrics Hanging sleeve Fabric: cotton, plain weave Feature colour: brown Motif: Flowers, leaves, diamonds
Quilting	Mid/Longarm machine Thread: Glide polyester; Colour: grey Patterns: custom meandering leaves and loops
Condition	Unused [a wall-hanging only since 2016]
Label	Extensive story - see photo