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SACRED BEGINNINGS

Canadian Anglicans Say Yes! to Indigenous Youth

THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION of Canada (AFC) is pleased to announce that it will join the Anglican Church of Canada, the Indigenous Ministries Suicide Prevention Team, and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) in sponsoring the 2024 Sacred Beginnings gathering from May 6 to 13 at the Sandy Saulteaux Centre in Beauséjour Manitoba.

“The seeds for Sacred Beginnings were sown in 2018, when ACIP acted on a decision by Sacred Circle to

begin to host a young adults sacred gathering,” says the Rev. Dixie Bird. “The first gathering occurred in May 2023 when some 30 young adults met in Beauséjour, Manitoba. There, they heard the apology for spiritual harm and learned more about the traditions lost to them—singing, drumming, the sweat lodge, traditional crafts, and more.”

Bird says that the 2024 Sacred Beginnings gathering—which has received a \$15,000 grant from the national proceeds of AFC’s 2023

Say Yes! to Kids campaign—will build on last year’s gathering by encouraging young Indigenous adults “to continue to learn to integrate their traditions with their Christian faith, through Gospel Based Discipleship study.” Bird explains that with support and guidance from Indigenous elders, the hope is for participants to be transformed by their experience, and “gain the confidence needed to move forward in hope.”

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Grant help is here!

There have been a lot of changes to the AFC grants program over the past two years, but never fear, grant help is here! From checklists, to grant guidelines, to model grant applications, to video tutorials, and even an online grant facilitation request with an experienced volunteer or team member, the AFC grant program is more accessible than ever.

A great place to begin to explore the information and resources that are available is to bookmark Scott Brubacher's Grant Tips Blog on the AFC website, anglicanfoundation.org/scottsgranttips.

So, keep calm and submit those grant applications! The next grant deadline is July 1. And remember, at AFC we love to say Yes! Thanks to the increasing support of AFC members, and ongoing careful stewardship of legacy gifts, since 2010 AFC has approved over 90% of the applications submitted. ■

Executive Director's Message



Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director

IN THE LAST FOUNDATION Update, I shared some thoughts on the theme of *abundance* and how it informs so much of who we are—and what we do—at the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC). On par with abundance, in terms of AFC's mission, is *connection*—enabling it between individuals and communities and also between Anglican donors and their philanthropic goals.

Connection is the thread that unites every article in this newsletter. It's at the heart of the cover story about Sacred Beginnings and AFC's efforts to grow connection with Indigenous leaders across Canada, using the national proceeds of the *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign to support emerging priorities for Indigenous youth.

The connection between donors and their philanthropic goals is exemplified in the establishment of the Archbishop Linda Nicholls Theological Education Fund (below). Increasing connection with our national church partners through a collaborative conversation about legacy giving—one that can benefit parishes and dioceses as well—is central to the new *Grow Your Legacy* campaign (pg. 5).

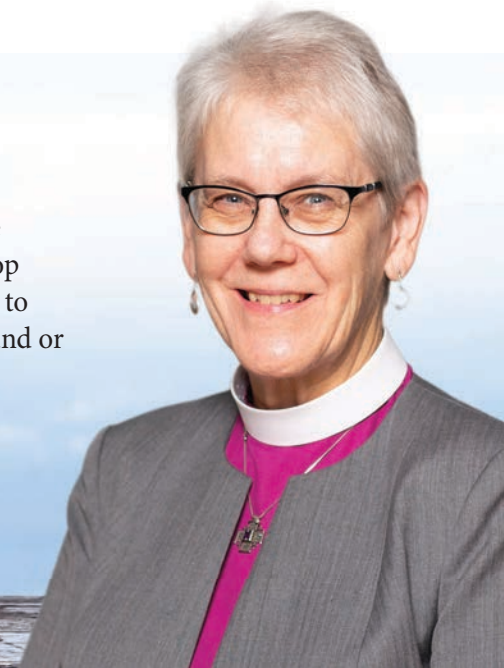
Getting out and meeting with grant recipients (Annual Report Insert, and back page feature) fosters more meaningful connections with Canadian Anglicans, as AFC's grants program aspires to become less transactional and more reflective of true partnership.

And perhaps the most important connection of all is the one we have with you, our members across Canada. Your generosity is what activates the connection-making that sparks meaningful change across the Anglican Church of Canada.

I hope this Update brings you joy and feelings of genuine connection with your fellow Canadian Anglicans through AFC. We are truly grateful for your partnership in this journey. ■

Archbishop Linda Nicholls Theological Education Fund

In recognition of the contributions Archbishop Linda Nicholls has made as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the National House of Bishops has established the Archbishop Linda Nicholls Theological Education Fund to provide bursaries for theological education to women in Canada. To make a gift to the fund, visit anglicanfoundation.org/lindanichollsfund or email foundation@anglicanfoundation.org. ■



Strategic Plan Implementation Drives Record-Setting Year!

THANKS TO THE IMMENSE generosity of the Anglican Foundation of Canada’s (AFC) donor family, 2023 was another record-setting year for AFC, both for the total grants awarded as well as for the annual appeal, which reached more than \$192,000 in donations.

“Noteworthy was a 15% increase in the average donation amount from member churches, as many parishes demonstrated a willingness to stretch themselves and make higher-level commitments to AFC a part of their outreach budget,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. “We know 2023 was not without financial challenges—for both our individual

and organization members—but the growth of the annual fundraising program reflected a deepening bond between Canadian Anglicans and their national foundation.”

On the granting front, there was strong uptake for all four grant cycles as two new grant windows—January 1 and July 1—were opened for the first time. “Awards from the quarterly grant cycles, automatic disbursements from AFC’s named trusts, approved projects submitted through the *Viriditas* Request for Proposals, and another successful *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign resulted in 2023 grants totaling \$1.15 Million to 144 recipients,” says Brubacher.

“Disbursements included awards for projects in 28 of the 30 dioceses across Canada, which makes 2023 one of AFC’s most geographically diverse grant years ever.”

The pace of implementation of AFC’s new Strategic Plan was brisk on many fronts, but perhaps most notably through efforts to make the grants process more accessible than ever before, and the expansion of categories of funding to include the introduction of Category C grants of up to \$50,000. This resulted in AFC’s three largest grants in its 65-year

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2023 Disbursements by Impact Zone

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES
\$350,000 to 44 recipients



SACRED MUSIC & LITURGICAL ARTS
\$47,000 to 6 recipients



LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION
\$153,000 to 39 recipients



INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES
\$90,000 to 4 recipients



DIVERSE INFRASTRUCTURE
\$507,000 to 51 recipients



TOTAL
\$1,147,000
144 recipients

Including



YOUTH-FOCUSED GRANTS
\$153,000 to 29 recipients

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history: \$50,000 to the Diocese of Huron's Farmworkers Ministry to expand its outreach to neighbouring churches; \$50,000 to the Diocese of the Arctic for *Pilimmaksarniq*—a community-centred training initiative informed by the Inuit value of learning skills through observation, practice, and effort; and \$40,000 to St. Peter's on-the-Rock in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, in the Diocese of Moosonee in support of a major capital building project.

The AFC Board fulfilled another core objective of its Strategic Plan—to expand financial resources—by creating a new Community Ministries Fund. “The Board approved a total transfer of \$2,000,000 from the

Foundation's General Fund,” explains Brubacher, “specifically re-allocating \$1,500,000 from amounts designated for contingency purposes and \$500,000 from amounts designated for loans. The decision reflected the shift in demand and granting in recent years in support of community ministries.”

“The Foundation seeks to be a leader in funding transformational ministry,” says Brubacher. “Fulfilling that objective demands that we grow a culture of abundance, supporting those churches that are reaching beyond their walls. Whether in a rural village, a small town, or a major urban centre, virtually every Anglican church is situated in the heart of a

community that has needs, if we open our hearts to the call. In simple terms, AFC's Community Ministries Fund seeks to build the church's capacity to respond to these needs.”

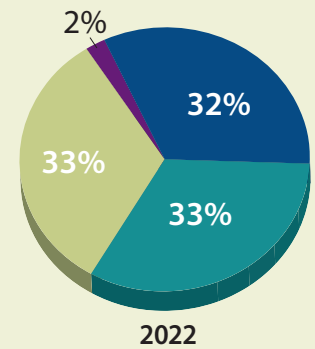
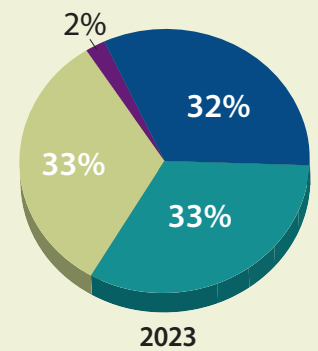
At the General Synod gathering in Calgary in June, AFC unveiled its new Strategic Plan and Case for Support to delegates. Calgary was one of 11 visits to dioceses by AFC staff in 2023. “I was particularly blessed to be able to worship with Anglicans in some of the more remote, northern regions of Canada, specifically at the diocesan synods of Caledonia and Athabasca, as part of AFC's ongoing work strengthening relationships with Canadian Anglicans from coast to coast to coast,” says Brubacher. ■

Financial Highlights

	2023 \$	2022 \$	2021 \$
Total funds under administration	20,101,645	19,290,005	20,932,306
General Fund	3,265,820	5,374,748	5,841,029
Community Ministries Fund	2,001,828	—	—
Restricted Funds	2,637,977	1,310,052	1,057,897
Endowment Fund	11,688,092	12,098,235	13,426,432
Funds Held for Others	507,928	506,970	606,948
Loans outstanding	717,801	531,341	760,566
Number of loans	12	11	16
Loans advanced	300,000	—	40,000
Interest rate	5%	5%	5%
Interest earned on loans	31,604	33,686	38,614
Revenues	2,644,992	(11,365)	3,539,638
Bequests and gifts	193,529	700,144	776,543
Annual memberships	182,305	172,720	170,610
Investment income (includes gains/losses)	2,232,734	(920,538)	2,550,790
Loan interest and other income	36,424	36,309	41,695
Disbursements	1,447,239	1,052,213	1,040,641
Grants	1,147,239	952,213	1,000,641
Loans advanced	—	—	40,000
Loans awarded	300,000	100,000	—
Total number of grants paid out	144	141	162
Total expenses	750,071	631,745	652,225
% of Total funds under administration	3.7%	3.3%	3.1%

Note: Complete audited financial statements for the Anglican Foundation of Canada are available on the Foundation's website: anglicanfoundation.org/annual-reports

Summary of Expenses



- Promotion and development
- Operating and administration
- Investment management & fund administration
- Loan management

Grow Your Legacy

THROUGH FAITHFUL discipleship, vibrant worship, and compassionate social engagement, Canadian Anglicans are creating sustainable churches, stronger and more caring communities, and a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world.

This spring the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) is partnering with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and Giving with Grace to encourage Canadian Anglicans to champion this transformation by making a legacy gift to the church or other beloved charity.

"All the national philanthropic

branches of the Anglican Church of Canada have been the beneficiaries of legacy gifts," says Dr. Scott Brubacher. "We acknowledge both the wisdom, and our duty, to be part of the larger effort to educate Canadian Anglicans about the power and potential of leaving a legacy, both for your family and for the future of your local

church, your diocese, and the ministries of the National Church."

At the national level, legacies continue to fund innovative ministry and infrastructure grants, nationally directed interfaith and ecumenical work, the emerging Indigenous church, and life-changing sustainable development and humanitarian relief in Canada and around the world. ■

To start a *Grow Your Legacy* conversation in your church visit the new partnership legacy hub at anglican.ca/growyourlegacy.

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Bird says that as the youth council that develops from Sacred Beginnings continues to grow, it will report to ACIP ahead of the National Sacred Circle to bring concerns and ideas to shape the journey to healing and reconciliation. The council will organize Sacred Beginnings gatherings across the land, bringing healing and reconciliation to Indigenous young adults who are struggling with identity, addictions, suicide, crime, and violence.

"When these youth gather, they network and share teachings and songs, laugh, and grow in faith and Identity," says the Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and Presiding Elder of Sacred Circle. "Sacred Beginnings is about growing in community and as Individuals in God's wide and beautiful creation."

This is the second significant grant to a national Indigenous youth initiative from *Say Yes! to Kids*. "When combined with the \$25,000 grant from the 2022 campaign to sponsor Indigenous youth to attend CLAY 2023, *Say Yes! to Kids* has provided \$40,000 in funding for national Indigenous youth programs," says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director, AFC. "It is certainly our hope that the 2024 campaign will prove similarly impactful, and that AFC's national youth-centred campaign can continue to support the priorities of Indigenous youth within the Anglican Church of Canada."

According to Archbishop Harper, the CLAY 2023 gathering in Waterloo "revealed new experiences, challenges and blessings," to those who attended "By their participation in CLAY the church also was given insight into the Indigenous experience and reality. So,

on many levels it was a win-win."

Archbishop Harper says he is grateful for the financial support and encouragement that grants from the *Say Yes! to Kids* program have given to Indigenous youth. "These events have opened the doors for our Indigenous youth to participate in wider faith programs where they might have never been able to join and celebrate with other youth of their age groups." ■

Those AFC members and donors who wish to support the 2024 *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign can use the donor card and business reply envelope included in this newsletter. Donations can be made online at anglicanfoundation.org/sytkdonate or you can contact Michelle Hauser, AFC's Development & Communications Officer by email at mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org or by phone at 613-354-6387.

Your
AFC Team
in Action



AFC Executive Director Dr. Scott Brubacher (centre), with the Rev. Irina Dubinski, Incumbent at St. Timothy's, Toronto (left), and the Rev. Carol Shih, Assistant Curate (right).



From left to right: Daniel Tyson, the Rev. Michael Garner, Mary-Martha Hale, AFC Executive Director Dr. Scott Brubacher, and Don Desnoyers.

Celebrating AFC Connections at St. Timothy's

On Sunday, March 3, AFC Executive Director Scott Brubacher gave the homily at St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Toronto. Scott was joined by the Rev. Irina Dubinski (Incumbent) and member of AFC's Sacred Arts Trust Advisory Committee, and the Rev. Carol Shih (Assistant Curate), who is a recent recipient of a theological education bursary from AFC. While at St. Timothy's, Scott took a photograph of a plaque displayed in honour of Dr. Reginald Soward, a vital force in the parish and at the national church. Dr. Soward was one of the original signatories who established AFC and became one of its first directors back in 1957. It was a fine Sunday to worship together and celebrate so many community connections! ■

Campus Food Ministry in Ottawa

On April 4, the AFC team met up with the Rev. Michael Garner, Rector at St. Albans, and members of his congregation at the Friel Residence at the University of Ottawa, where they were setting up for the third in a series of campus meals. "Friel is a residence where a meal plan is not required and was identified as a location with high rates of food insecurity," says Garner, who is also a member of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team at the University of Ottawa. St. Albans received a \$5,000 grant from AFC's 2023 Request for Proposals, *Viriditas*, to launch the campus meals, and the St. Albans crew hopes to expand the frequency this fall semester and to engage the participation of other churches. ■