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Announcing the 2017 RFP Recipients of \$15,000 each

Thanks to everyone who submitted proposals in response to AFC's 60th Anniversary Request for Proposals for the purpose of enhancing and transforming parish ministry within the Anglican Church of Canada!



TEACH US TO LOVE!

A lectionary-based children's curriculum

• Diocese of Toronto

At St. John's, West Toronto, a team of ordained and lay people are creating a lectionary-based curriculum for children, including music, art projects, service and mission ideas, at-home resources, and videos. The goal is to publish the curriculum and make it available to Anglican parishes across the country. Based on the Marks of Mission, the theology is open, generous, and expansive

with the goal of empowering children to be life-long learners of the Gospel, and it is sensitive to different learning styles.



REVITALIZATION AND RURAL MINISTRY

Diocese of Central Newfoundland

Urban models of ministry do not always suit the unique, particular needs and necessities of rural ministry. The Diocese of Central Newfoundland knows this well and is taking steps to address declining membership. They have recognized a growth in innovative and social entrepreneurs who are fostering economic rebirth in key rural areas. The revitalization project will entail two years of focused

work with these entrepreneurs in order to develop new models of rural ministry that may be a resource across the country.

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL AND SKATEBOARD FACILITIES

• Diocese of Niagara

Recognizing a decline of young people in congregations, St. Christopher's, Burlington is going where young people hang out, and that just happens to be right next door to the church. Many of them come from low-income, single parent families. They gather in and around the church where playing basketball and skateboarding are two favourite activities. In an effort to reach out, St.



Christopher's decided to install basketball nets in their back lot and create skateboard ramps for teens. "Meet them where they are," is their approach to innovative ministry.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Liturgical resources for trauma-sensitive congregations

• Diocese of New Westminster

Within the parish of St. Faith's in Vancouver, St. Hildegard's Sanctuary is an inclusive, contemplative, arts-based Eucharistic community where participants use art, story-telling, simple movement, ritual silence, and simplicity to embody the message of God's healing love. Since 2016, St. Hildegard's Sanctuary has been exploring alternative ways of worship that



honour Anglican tradition and are accessible and life-giving to those who struggle with histories of trauma. Based on current research, they believe that in a congregation of 100 people, 60 will have navigated trauma, and up to 10 will be living with post-traumatic stress. The church urgently needs to create appropriate liturgies for these members.



Tax Season is just around the corner. Be smart about your charitable giving.

Giving away your money may result in very good financial planning, and there are more creative and tax-efficient ways to give than simply writing a cheque!

