

## AFC issues largest-ever RFP: \$110,000

BASED ON the overwhelming success of the *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign, the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has issued a **\$110,000** Request for Proposals (RFP) that seeks to contribute to the physical, intellectual, emotional, or spiritual well-being of children, youth, and young adults within Canada.

“In a three-month period, Canadian Anglicans came together to do something big for kids, and it has resulted in the largest RFP the Foundation has ever issued,” says the Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, Executive Director. In the end, 12 teams and 33 individual fundraisers, led by an energetic network of volunteers across the country, helped *Say Yes! to Kids* surpass its \$100,000 goal by more than \$10,000. Canon Rois says, “The generosity of individuals and groups—dioceses, ACWs, and youth groups—went far beyond anything we imagined at the outset of the campaign.”

AFC will now turn its attention to making this exceptional national funding available to local applicants. “Grants for both ongoing and emerging projects will be considered,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Administrator, AFC, “and the RFP is broad in its scope to maximize



Don and Mary Raddon, members of the Diocese of Ontario Green Group, with their grandchildren, promoting a community clean-up fundraiser for *Say Yes! to Kids*.

funding for post-pandemic recovery among this particularly vulnerable population.”

Proposals will be accepted from September 1 to October 1, 2021.

“Category A grants, of up to **\$5,000** will be considered based on impact and how they support young people in a local context,” says Brubacher.

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## Revitalizing Lost Language

The Mentor-Apprentice Program offered by B.C.-based Aboriginal Neighbours was a 2020 AFC grant recipient. Here is one participant's story.



My name is Rae Anne. I was born in Cowichan, where I spent my childhood with my late grandmother, a first language

speaker of Hul'q'umi'num'. When she passed away in 2015, I lost the close connection I had with the language through her.

When I was a child Gramma encouraged me to master English and not to speak in Hul'q'umi'num' because she knew it would change my tongue and I would be treated differently.

When I was in my late 20s, she apologized. She didn't know the world would change and that it would become okay for me to know our language.

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## From the Executive Director



Judy Rois, Executive Director

### AFC Goes the Extra Mile

THE RELENTLESS persistence of the COVID-19 virus and its unwelcome variants had the potential to discourage and dishearten AFC's dedication to Canadian Anglicans and faith communities this year. There were dispirited days, to be sure. As vaccines came along with the possibility of light at the end of the tunnel, AFC decided to roll up its sleeves and ask: what can we do to make life better in a post-pandemic world?

Recognizing that children and young people have been negatively impacted during this crisis, AFC made the decision to engage in its most ambitious campaign ever called *Say Yes! to Kids*, with the goal of raising

\$100,000 to support Canadian youth as they begin to return life after the pandemic.

We knew that traveling this extra mile would require company. In the end, hundreds of donors from coast to coast to coast joined in this stretch journey. AFC celebrated its first matching donation since the one that launched AFC in 1957. There have been unprecedented partnerships with diocesan volunteers in collaborative fund-raising. The campaign goal was met on June 24, and then surpassed by an incredible \$10,000.

It was Archbishop Desmond Tutu who once said: "Do your little bit of good where you are, because it's those little bits of good put together that can change everything."

To all the generous Anglicans from coast to coast to coast, we thank you for doing well more than a bit of good to support *Say Yes! to Kids* and the health and well-being of young people in this amazing country we call home. ■

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### 2020 Annual Report Online

AFC's 2020 Annual Report video is available for viewing online. "I encourage you to watch it, and scroll through the website that accompanies it," says Canon Rois, "and let yourself feel uplifted and inspired by the spirit of courage and compassion that sustained us through 2020." ■

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AFC said  
*Yes!*



Ladies' night at St. John's, Fort Smith, one of the church's many community-focused events.

## It's All About the Hall

AS THE world moves toward pandemic recovery, communities across the country are looking to the re-opening of churches as hubs for essential activities. For two spring 2021 grant recipients—St. John's, Fort Smith, NT, and St. Brice's, North Bay, ON—AFC grants for parish hall projects have been timely.

“Ours is truly an old-fashioned rural parish hall, serving the entire community, in every respect,” says the Rev. Alex Pryor, Incumbent, St. John's. “Installing a wheelchair-accessible washroom and improving energy efficiency are central to continuing creative ministries in the long winter months.”

More than 100 years old, and originally built as the Hudson's Bay Company trading post, the hall is now used on an almost continuous basis for weekly Bible studies, 12-step programs, fellowship and outreach projects, community dinners, youth events, and as the site of the Community Volunteer Income Tax clinic, just to name a few activities.

The same is true of the parish hall at St. Brice's, North Bay. “Nearly every day of the week our parish hall is bustling with compassionate volunteers committed to serving neighbours in need,” says the Rev. Dr. Peter Armstrong, Incumbent.

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## Language continued

In 2018, I enrolled in a certificate program through Simon Fraser University focusing on Hul'q'umi'num' proficiency. There I learned the linguistics, but I couldn't really speak. My granny, Sarah Modeste, one of my late grandpa's first cousins, said, “You need to come and learn from *me*.”

In 2019, we entered the Mentor-Apprentice Program where we have spent two years and 600 hours building on my Hul'q'umi'num'. Granny Sarah keeps me on my toes. We share her stories, and she reminds me that I must remember my community, and those who need the language, and never forget why I'm doing this.

What we are doing goes deeper than language. It's who we are. *tsiitalu tsun tse' hay 'ul' 'uy' nu shqwaluwun kwunus 'i' tatuluthun tthu s'aalh sqwal*. I am thanking you all. I am so happy to be learning to speak Hul'q'umi'num'. ■



## \$7,500 to Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Lethbridge, AB

AFC said  
*Yes!*

The Kerber Friendship Program at the University of Lethbridge supports students who are struggling with loneliness, depression, and anxiety—connecting those who lack supports with volunteers in the community who offer fellowship. In the wake of COVID-19, the program's emphasis on student well-being is more vital than ever. ■

# LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

## The A.E.J. Fulford Trust

AFC celebrates the benefactors of its named trusts. Their legacies to the church speak of faith and compassion and continue to help Canadian Anglicans imagine more.

AFC's SPRING 2021 granting cycle included a Yes! to the Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir, in Halifax. The **\$5,000** grant was enabled by the A.E.J. Fulford Trust for sacred music, which has been helping musicians, young and old, to *imagine more* for nearly fifty years.

"We are grateful to the Foundation for supporting our choral evensong series recording project," says Nick Halley, Artistic Director. "Capella Regalis offers a rare culture of mentoring through which boys can thrive and develop musical literacy in the tradition of the great cathedral choirs.

This is our third grant from the A.E.J. Fulford Trust, and we are especially grateful for Ted Fulford's legacy and his role in helping us to continue to revitalize this method of music training in Canada."

Since 1980, AFC has awarded over **\$530,000** from the fund to encourage, promote, develop, and enrich sacred music in the Anglican Church of Canada," says Canon Rois. "During my time with the Foundation many of these grants have supported choir schools, fueling the excellence and commitment of conductors and teachers as they offer a life-changing



Members of Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir, Halifax, a 2021 Fulford Trust grant recipient.

opportunity to young students."

The Anglican Foundation will be accepting a second round of 2021 applications to the A.E.J. Fulford Trust, with an application deadline of September 1.

Visit [anglicanfoundation.org/trusts](http://anglicanfoundation.org/trusts) for more information. ■



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# Say Yes! to Kids

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“Category B grants of up to **\$15,000** will be considered based on how they support the overall mission and service to children and youth in a city, diocese, or region.” Eligible uses of funding include, but are not limited to, administrative expenses, equipment, technical costs, remuneration, honoraria, and food.

AFC encourages applicants to be creative and to *imagine more* at a variety of levels. “Whether you imagine a lot more, or a bit more, it’s important to remember that even a small program or initiative can make a big difference in the life of a young person,” says Canon Rois. Youth-focused programs that have received funding from AFC in the past include: choir schools, summer camps, homework clubs, food security

programs, enrichment programs in arts and music, conferences and leadership events, internship programs, and initiatives that support newcomers to Canada.

“**Children have had to endure so much due to the pandemic: social isolation, limited recreation, exposure to disharmony at home, depression, sleep difficulties, and emotional struggles,**” says Canon Rois. “**We all feel very hopeful that this new source of funding will boost post-pandemic recovery for children, youth, and young adults.**”

Foundation staff anticipate a robust response to the RFP. “During the campaign we held dozens of consultations and heard some

wonderful ideas,” says Rois. “There are tireless champions for young people across the Canadian church who have been undeterred by the pandemic. They know exactly where and how new investments can be used to make an impact. And, like all of us at AFC, they have been deeply moved by the generosity of Canadian Anglicans who supported *Say Yes! to Kids*.”

AFC’s Board of Directors will review proposals in November and announce the grant recipients in early December. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will not count as one of the three submissions each diocese is allowed per year.

For more information visit [anglicanfoundation.org/2021rfp](https://anglicanfoundation.org/2021rfp). ■



Members of the St. Brice's parish family, where the kitchen is a joyful, busy place.

## Hall

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From the Thursday morning food bank to the weekly Take Home Meal service for people who have been discharged from the hospital or are isolated, to the Friday Teen Lunch Program, Armstrong says, "St. Brice's is a church that truly lives its motto to be a welcoming and nurturing community."

In the past decade, AFC has provided grants and loans totaling nearly **\$1 million** for parish hall projects. "These investments are central to community connectedness and resilience," says Canon Rois, Executive Director.

"AFC imagines an increased role for churches in a post-pandemic world which means that now, more than ever, we need to be a supportive partner, providing abundant resources for pandemic recovery." ■

AFC said  
Yes!



## Yohan Dumpala

Diocese of Toronto  
Trinity College, Toronto

"As a Master of Divinity student, and a Postulant in the Diocese of Toronto, this pandemic has provided me the opportunity to learn what it means to minister in uncertain circumstances. I am grateful for the financial support received from AFC, and its role in preparing future leaders of the church." ■

## Sheila Cook

Diocese of British Columbia  
Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver

"I was deeply honoured to receive this generous bursary. As soon as I arrived at the summer in-person Indigenous Studies Programme at VST, I knew I was home...finding Indigenous mentors in our church and at school, have contributed to a dynamic path of healing, growth, and renewal. *Kinanâskomitin*, I thank you." ■

AFC said  
Yes!



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Yes!



The Rev. Lori Calkins member, Indigenous Ministries Team, Diocese of Edmonton, and Indigenous Cultural Birth Helper or Auntie (*nikâwîs*), Indigenous Birth of Alberta.

## \$15,000 to Indigenous Birth Support Worker Program

Diocese of Edmonton

"As birth workers and aunties, the work we do every day is the work of generational healing, cultural resurgence, language reclamation, the restoration of ceremony, knowledge, and traditions back to our families. We do it to break the cycles set in motion by colonization, colonial systems and structures, and the attempts to erase and then assimilate Indigenous peoples. We do it so that the new little ones coming into the world now will grow up in their parents' arms, knowing from their first breath that they belong to this land, they are held by their ancestors, they are sacred, they are loved." ■