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OUR MISSION

The Anglican Foundation of Canada seeks to foster Anglican presence by providing abundant resources for innovative ministry and diverse infrastructure projects and theological formation throughout the Canadian church.

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BACKGROUND

About the Anglican Foundation of Canada

Since 1957 the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has been a champion for diverse ministries across Canada. Thanks to many loyal donors who support our grant program, we have helped to strengthen the church in Canada by serving vulnerable communities, encouraging the growth and development of dynamic leaders, giving life to buildings old and new, and increasing the church’s capacity to pursue community-based ministries that are creative and compassionate.

FUNDING IMPACT ZONES

2011 to 2021

Diverse Infrastructure
\$2.6 million



Leadership & Education
\$1.7 million



Community Ministries
\$1.5 million



Indigenous Ministries
\$430,000



Sacred Music & Liturgical Arts
\$360,000



SEE THE DIFFERENCE THE LAST 10 YEARS HAVE MADE

In 2011 AFC embarked on a multi-year strategic planning process that called for a renewed emphasis on funding for impact by encouraging innovative initiatives across the Canadian Church.

The plan called for five cycles of Requests for Proposals (RFPs), aligned with the Marks of Mission. These RFPs fueled change-oriented investments in support of: youth leadership, interfaith initiatives, the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, innovative ministry projects, and climate care.

The past decade has seen more than \$6 million granted to some of the most innovative ministries across Canada. For those forward-looking churches that provide both spiritual and social services to their communities, AFC has become an important funding partner.

DIVERSE INFRASTRUCTURE



\$2.6 MILLION

AFC donors are building an accessible, safe, comfortable, and environmentally sustainable church.

AFC continues to invest in both old and new church infrastructure and to make a greener, more sustainable church a reality.

Infrastructure grants have restored crumbling foundations, reduced carbon footprints, kept congregations warm and dry, and improved the many places and spaces where Canadian Anglicans gather to worship and mobilize for community-based ministry. These grants are critical to building strong, connected, resilient faith communities.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- **Community infrastructure**
- **Accessibility projects**
- **Green church initiatives**
- **Exterior renovations**
- **Improvements to core systems**
- **Structural repairs & restorations**



Volunteers at St. Brice's, a 2021 AFC grant recipient, where the kitchen is a joyful, busy place.

Growing community

Nearly every day of the week, the parish hall at St. Brice's, North Bay, Ontario, is bustling with compassionate volunteers committed to serving neighbours in need.

From the Thursday morning food bank to the weekly Take Home Meal service to the Friday Teen Lunch Program, St. Brice's is a church that truly lives its motto to be a welcoming, nurturing community.

In the past decade, AFC has provided grants and loans totaling nearly \$1 million for parish hall projects like the one at St. Brice's. As AFC imagines an increased role for churches in a post-pandemic world, it means that now, more than ever, AFC needs to be a supportive partner, providing abundant resources for pandemic recovery.

Growing a greener church

In spring 2020 AFC announced \$50,000 to 20 proposals addressing the crisis of climate change. This was the fifth in a series of RFPs tied to the Marks of Mission. This one challenged applicants to respond to the climate crisis creatively, upholding the Baptismal Covenant: “to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth.”

Proposals reflected a forward-looking church, and projects included an eco-community pollinator garden, lighting efficiencies, an edible forest, beehives, xeriscape landscaping, aeroponic gardens, and an eco-loo.

In addition to the Climate Care RFP, AFC has leveraged the twice annual grant cycle to support sustainable energy projects across the country.

Churches increasingly call on AFC to fund solar energy initiatives, and to partner with them to: generate power from a sustainable source, ease the congregation’s financial burden, and set an example as 21st-century stewards of God’s creation.

The good news is twofold: Canadian Anglicans are getting serious about addressing the climate crisis, and AFC supporters are responding by giving generously and helping to grow a greener church.



“A \$15,000 grant from AFC helped us replace our roof with solar panels, allowing an 1891 church to show leadership as an environmentally sustainable ministry in the 21st century.”

DAVID DURKSEN
CHURCHWARDEN, ST. ALBAN'S, ASHCROFT BC
TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE



LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION



\$1.7 MILLION

AFC nurtures the professional development and spiritual renewal of current and future leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Over the past 10 years, AFC has increased its commitment to education partners across the country with a special emphasis on creativity and innovation.

Through bursaries and grants, we help alleviate the financial burden of students and theological colleges, invest in excellence in preaching and worship, support challenging and inspiring conferences, and resource church leaders, lay and ordained, for 21st-century mission and ministry.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- Bursaries for theological students
- Support for theological colleges
- Investments in new technologies
- Sponsorship of conferences
- Excellence in preaching
- Leadership training for clergy & laity
- Curriculum innovations



AFC is a proud supporter of Wycliffe College's annual Preaching Day.

Preaching excellence

Thanks to AFC supporters, theological colleges across Canada benefit from grants and loans that promote the richness of Anglican tradition and ministry.

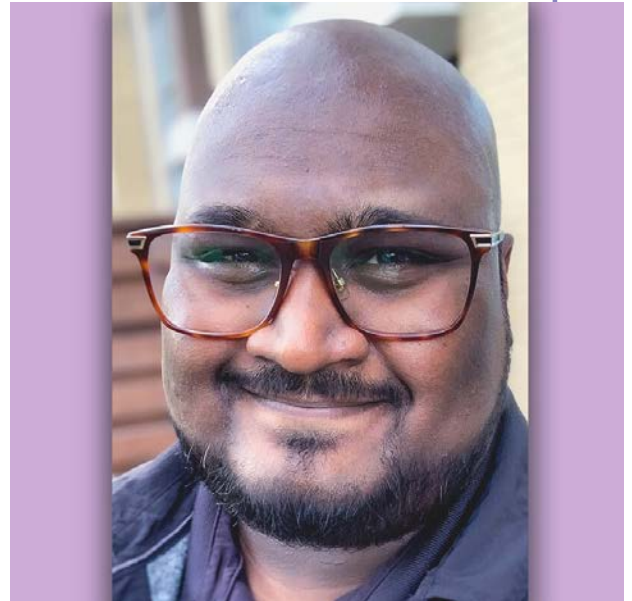
At Wycliffe College, Toronto, AFC donors have been a major partner in the annual Preaching Day conference, which supports alumni by advancing skills in the art and craft of preaching—helping those whom God calls to preach to continue to engage ever more deeply with the biblical text.

Supporting students

AFC has been a steady partner to theological students in Canada. Hundreds of men and women have received financial support, allowing them to be able to put worries about money aside and focus on their studies.

Yohan Dumpala

“As a Master of Divinity student at Trinity College, and a Postulant in the Diocese of Toronto, the COVID-19 pandemic has given me the rare opportunity to learn what it means to do effective ministry in the midst of truly uncertain circumstances. I am sincerely grateful for the financial support received from AFC, and for all the work they do in preparing future leaders of the church, both lay and ordained.”



Sheila Cook

“When I arrived at the Indigenous Studies Programme at VST, I knew I was home. I am Cree from Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, SK, discerning ordination as an Anglican priest. Being part of an Indigenous learning community and finding Indigenous mentors in our church and at school, have contributed to my path of healing, growth, and renewal. I am humbled to be a part of what reconciliation looks like. To do this with others in the name of Christ is a beautiful thing! Kinanâskomitin, I thank you.”



Alex Griffin

“When I came out, I watched myself become a theological issue to many of the people with whom I had worshipped and trusted: my gender non-conforming body was an emblem of a cultural war. I knew my theology had to be more than just something on a page and took the leap of faith to begin seminary. I am still early in my discernment process at Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Whether called to lay or ordained ministry, I know I will be a bridge-builder: inviting those who have been excluded to the table of Christ where each of God’s children has a place.”



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



\$1.5 MILLION

Community ministries are central to the expression of our faith, sustain our common life, and help us nurture the greater good.

Churches have deep roots, and many have well-equipped facilities in the heart of communities, which can function as accessible hubs for a variety of activities.

With the support of AFC donors, local churches can continue to be catalysts for, and facilitators of, community-building efforts that benefit a variety of vulnerable populations.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- **Food security programs**
- **Newcomers to Canada**
- **Recreation & enrichment for young people**
- **Racial justice & anti-poverty initiatives**
- **Parenting & life-skills programs**
- **Community inclusivity & interfaith initiatives**
- **Housing, addiction, & mental health programs**



The Common Table's 2020 harvest fed more than 1,500 people in Toronto Community Housing neighbourhoods.

Food security

Canadian Anglicans have a long history of responding to food insecurity in communities across the country. From emergency food boxes, to out-of-the-cold dinners, to community gardens, to full-time weekly meal programs, AFC is increasing its support for church-based efforts to alleviate hunger in communities across the country.

This includes funding for innovative and sustainable programs, such as The Common Table, an initiative of Toronto's Flemingdon Park Ministry. "Thanks to the AFC 2020 grant," said Beverley Williams, Executive Director, "we extended our green house, which has become part of a learning hub partnership with the elementary school located next door to the field. Imagine: children learning hands-on farming skills in the heart of an urban landscape!"

Affordable housing

In 2013 the Anglican and Lutheran Churches of Canada passed a joint resolution that included a commitment to addressing poverty and homelessness.

Since then, many innovative housing projects have been started. AFC has been proud to fund several of these, including Cornerstone Housing for Women, a visionary project in the Diocese of Ottawa which provides 42 units of affordable housing for women in need of shelter, ten percent of which are for Indigenous women.

Children & youth

Since 2011 AFC has championed the cause of children, youth, and young adults in Canada through the Kids Helping Kids Fund. From birth to early adulthood, the lives of young people are marked by a rapid succession of milestones where enriching experiences during key developmental stages can shape a person's future.

AFC believes in supporting Canadian Anglicans to the fullest, particularly where their ministry and outreach initiatives meet young people at the intersection of challenge and opportunity: breaking a cycle of hardship while encouraging a life of unlimited potential.

AFC has heard the growing concern about COVID-19's potential long-term impacts on young people. With the continued generosity of Canadian Anglicans, we will take a leadership role in mobilizing a compassionate and courageous response.



At a 2019 funding announcement, one Cornerstone resident said, "Thank you for giving me a home when I had nothing."



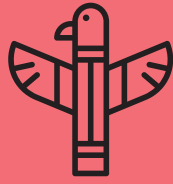
Newcomer children to Canada enjoying the benefits of teamwork and survival training at Quebec Lodge.



Saint George's YouthNet's teen program provides a safe, supportive place for vulnerable youth in Halifax's North End.

INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES

\$430,000



Providing healing and support, responding to emerging needs, and advancing reconciliation efforts.

At AFC, we honour and respect Indigenous ways of being and learning and are committed to the process of healing and reconciliation.

Guided by the wisdom of Indigenous leaders, and with the continued generosity of Canadian Anglicans, AFC will expand its funding for these important initiatives in communities across Canada and grow the church's capacity for inclusivity, both locally and nationally.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- **Healing & reconciliation initiatives**
- **Urban Indigenous ministry projects**
- **Bursaries & leadership development**
- **Language revitalization & translations**
- **Cultural gatherings & traditional teaching**



Linda Martin, teaching Ministry in the Midst of Trauma at Henry Budd College, April 2018.

Nurturing Indigenous leaders

Since 2016 Henry Budd College for Ministry in The Pas, Manitoba, has received \$30,000 in funding for student bursaries and learning initiatives. "In the Diocese of Brandon and beyond," says the Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk, Executive Administrator, "I have seen people who have trained at the College take on leadership roles: encouraging others, proclaiming truth, breaking down disparities, and challenging racism."

Mandryk explains that in addition to enabling students to get the education they need for the ministry they are already doing within the church, "bursaries from AFC are nurturing Indigenous leaders who will continue to be strong voices for their communities and the north."

Language revitalization and the reconciliation journey

AFC believes that every grant in support of the church’s journey toward reconciliation is a step in the right direction. In recent years, this has included support for the language revitalization movement and initiatives such as the Mentor-Apprentice Program (MAP)—a partnership between B.C.-based Aboriginal Neighbours and the First People’s Cultural Council.

“I was born in Cowichan,” writes Rae Ann, a 2019 MAP participant, “where I spent my childhood with my late grandmother, a first language speaker of Hul’q’umi’num’. When I was a child Gramma encouraged me to master English and not to speak to her 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, saying she didn’t know the world would change and that it would become okay for me to know the language.”

Since then, Rae Ann and a family elder, one of the last first-language speakers of their people, have spent 600 hours sharing stories and building their knowledge of Hul’q’umi’num’. “I try to remember my family and my community, those who need the language, and never forget why I’m doing this,” says Rae Ann. “I need to learn how to express myself as a hwulmuhw person so that I can pass the language on to my daughters.”



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RAE ANN
PARTICIPANT, MENTOR-APPRENTICE PROGRAM



SACRED MUSIC & LITURGICAL ARTS



\$360,000

Enriching worship across the Canadian church by supporting sacred music and liturgical arts, in both traditional and innovative forms.

AFC invests in both traditional and innovative liturgical arts projects from coast to coast to coast.

Grants reflect a commitment to the church's rich traditions and a deep desire to support a new generation of Canadian Anglicans as they seek to express themselves through music, drama, dance, and other artistic forms.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- Support for choir schools & bursaries for youth choristers
- Organ study
- Liturgical dance & drama initiatives
- Arts-focused liturgy & ministry projects
- Music festivals & visual arts installations
- Textile arts for use in liturgical settings



In this 2016 photo, Luca Simpson-Hall, a Fulford Trust bursary recipient, proudly displays "The Organist's Manual."

Organ Study

AFC is proud to help prepare the next generation of church organists to take their place as leaders in music ministry.

"As a single mother of three children I thank you," writes one grateful parent. "The Fulford Trust bursary has helped my son immensely with his musical training. It has helped us all, as the financial support has made it possible to afford lessons for his brother and sister as well."

Ashley Bradley, an organist from St. John's, Newfoundland, says, "I am grateful for AFC's support for the completion of a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance. I plan to continue my career, ideally, as a cathedral organist, but failing that, as a music teacher, while continuing to develop music ministry at the parish level."

Choir Schools

Through the years, AFC has provided bursaries for young people to take part in choir schools and summer choir camps. "There are choristers for whom it would be completely impossible to attend choir camp were it not for the assistance of the A.E.J. Fulford Trust," says Tony Browning, Director, Toronto Diocesan Choir School.

"The generosity which arose from Mr. Fulford's desire to foster musical education and training in Canada allows us to offer many girls a summer camp experience and concentrated musical training to families that otherwise could not afford it."

AFC's spring 2021 grant cycle included a Yes! to the Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir, in Halifax, now a three-time AFC grant recipient.

"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. 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."

Thanks to a legacy of generosity, AFC continues to help musicians, young and old, realize their dreams and aspirations.



Encouraged by the generosity of our donors, and the extraordinary work of our grant recipients, AFC will continue to provide abundant resources to those Canadian Anglicans who want to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the communities they serve. We invite you to continue to partner with AFC in strengthening our church and making a lasting difference in people's lives.

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