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EXCITING NEWS! AFC is proud to announce the appointment of The Very Rev. Peter Wall as Gift Consultant

I am proud to be a long-time member and supporter of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. As a former board director, and as someone who has seen the transformative work that the Foundation has been able to accomplish throughout our church, I am tremendously excited to be working with the Executive Director and staff, donors, and members. What a deep privilege it is to be asked to share what we have—what a rare privilege to do the asking!

I look forward to speaking with many across our blessed and abundantly gifted church about the ways in which we can support new and innovative mission and ministry through your national Foundation!

Peter Wall

Watch Peter's video on the AFC website. Linda Nicholls Chair, Anglican Foundation Primate of Canada Judy Rois Executive Director

## AFC DONORS-MAKING THINGS HAPPEN!



COLLEGE IS NOW ACCESSIBLE Huron University College, London, ON • Diocese of Huron

Huron College is the founding institution of Western University, whose alumni are making outstanding contributions in every aspect of civil society around the world. At present, Huron is spearheading an unprecedented model of education allowing students to address our world's most complex challenges. Hence the need to let everyone in with an outdoor ramp and accessible doors.

#### PLAY PARK PROJECT

Parish of the Nerepis & Saint John • Diocese of Fredericton



There are health benefits to play! This innovative parish responded to a need in their community: a place for parents and children to gather, interact, and play in a fully accessible

and inclusive space located inside the church building. The Play Park is used by hundreds of families, where there are opportunities for social interaction and play that have a vital role in children's healthy growth and development.

#### COME ON IN!

Christ Church Cathedral, Whitehorse, YT • Diocese of Yukon

If the doors don't work, you can't get in! If the doors aren't insulated, it's freezing inside! That's why the people of the cathedral in Whitehorse



applied for a grant to replace their existing entrance doors with new ones that are more practical for a northern climate. The doors are now insulated. Frost does not accumulate, and heat does not escape.



#### Mother's Union Parenting Program

Sudbury, ON • Diocese of Moosonee

Healthy relationships. Healthy families. Healthy communities. These were themes explored in a training course in Sudbury to empower parents to be effective in their individual families and local communities. Many of the participants were Indigenous Cree and the program addressed effective communication, trust-building, self-esteem, and setting boundaries.

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## **REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY**

### God means generosity

The word "generosity" is one that I use a lot. I speak about it, teach it, and preach it. It has been formed in me over many years by many people and circumstances and in many ways. For me, God means generosity. From my sense of the scriptures, from the stories of God that I know to be true in and for my life, I believe that my life and all that I possess come from the generosity of God. In no way do I deserve it. In no way have I earned it. It has all been given to me, and my response is to mirror that generosity in my own life. I fail often, but I keep trying and reminding myself of its truth.

## Generosity begins with attitude and behaviour

Bart Giamatti, one time President of Yale University (and Commissioner of Major League Baseball), spoke about an "amplitude of spirit"—expressed through breadth and gentleness and acceptance. It is so much easier to be open, accepting, and generous than it is to be judgmental or unkind or ungenerous. And if I have been the recipient of such generously, then surely I have no greater calling than to reflect this in my own life. This does *not* mean that I always succeed. It certainly does not mean that I am as generous—with my time, my attitude, my acceptance, or my money—as I wish I would be, but it does mean that I have, in my mind and in my heart, an *imperative* and a *mind-set* against which I can and should measure my own life.

## Many people have helped me

I can point to many people who have helped me along the way—most without knowing just how much they helped me: family members, good friends, parishioners by the score, seminary professors, rich and poor. All of these have encouraged, nudged, motivated, embarrassed, and loved me

### I try to Share

So, what I have—all that has been given to me—I try to share. I believe that it is a deep privilege to be asked to give. Think of the billions of people who have so little that they could not begin to give anything away. You and I, by any measure, have so much. We each will have a meal today. We will bathe and sleep in relative comfort. We will be able to change clothes tomorrow. What an honour to be asked to share from the wealth that we have, and what a privilege to ask others to do the same! "Blessings, privileges, gifts, generosity, and love. All of these abound!"

Peter Wall



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