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## Anglicans are caring for the climate in the midst of a global pandemic

**Pollinators, Permaculture, Xeriscaping & LED Lights** — these are some of the recipients of RFP awards to address the crisis of climate change



### EDIBLE FOREST & COMMUNITY ORCHARD

St. Philip's West, Montreal West, QC • Diocese of Montreal

Australian born Permaculture Consultant and designer Geoff Lawton defines permaculture as a system of design that provides all of the needs for humanity in a way that benefits the environment. St. Philip's West hired a newly minted permaculture consultant to help them transform

their vast church lawn into a landscape that produces fruits and vegetables for residents of the neighbourhood, especially for residents of Westhaven. It will also include fruit trees, berry bushes, herbs, a pollinator garden, and an open area for community gatherings.

### XERISCAPE CHURCH GROUNDS

All Saints', Vernon, BC • Diocese of Kootenay

Xeriscape: a combination of the word *landscape* with the Greek prefix *xero-* meaning *dry*. Xeriscaping is a process of landscaping or gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water from irrigation. It can reduce water use by 60 per cent. Located on a sizeable property, All Saints' made the decision to xeriscape their grounds out of concern for climate change and a desire to reduce their carbon footprint. They expect a noticeable savings on water utility costs and annual gardening expenses.



### LED ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosis, BC  
• Diocese of British Columbia

With a desire to decrease lighting costs and reduce impact on the environment, St. Mary's chose to install energy-efficient LED light tubes and new ballasts in existing fixtures in the parish hall, offices, and kitchens. The new lighting will be 50 to 70 per cent more efficient.

The People's Warden says, "As a growing church, we are

trying to be environmentally conscious and live more sustainably." She adds, "In all areas, the new lighting is brighter, warmer, and more welcoming than the old fluorescent lighting."



### WILDERNESS POLLINATOR GARDEN & BEEHIVES

St. John in the Wilderness,  
Bright's Grove, ON  
• Diocese of Huron

Pollinator Gardens support and maintain crucial insect populations by supplying food in the form of pollen and nectar that will ensure that these important animals stay in the area to keep pollinating crops for fruit and vegetable production. St. John's replaced a section of their church lawn with native Ontario plants and a pollinator garden for bees, butterflies, and other insects. Participants say the projects "renew a piece of God's original creation, connect them with the community, and provide a teaching opportunity with children."



## NEW IN 2020

AFC's Foundation Forward monthly podcast invites Canadians to talk about generosity: why it's important, and how they express it.

Created during the COVID-19 pandemic, Foundation Forward digs a bit deeper into the idea of generosity, beyond the "duty" we sometimes think it to be, into the joy and calling it has become for some remarkable people. The series is hosted by Toronto musician and media professional, Christopher Dawes.



### Episode 1

Judy Rois, Executive Director of AFC, had an early lesson from her parents on handling money: "spend some, save some, and give some away."



### Episode 2

Retired Anglican priest at St. Stephen's, Calgary, Brian Pearson describes the congregation's ambitious renovation of its worship space to enable new types of events and flexible worship.



### Episode 3

Retired Toronto medical and hospice chaplain Douglas Graydon has found solace and comfort by sitting quietly in empty churches. He speaks in a pandemic-closed church about generosity locked up inside each one of us, waiting to be released.



### Episode 4

Napanee, Ontario-based writer and communications professional Michelle Hauser navigates "The Case of the Uncooked Pizza," a parable of one of the pitfalls — transactionality — that accompanies generosity's many joys.



### Episode 5

Kingston, Ontario author Lawrence Scanlan spent one month visiting charities across the world, rolling up his sleeves in a personal and powerful exploration of generosity. He asks, can one person really make a difference? Scanlan's book is entitled: *A Year of Living Generously*.



### Episode 6

Toronto writer Michael Coren's most recent books tackle subjects of inclusion and grace—not ideas universally attached to him a decade ago. From Toronto's Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields he speaks about his journey to ordination, and the role generosity played.

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## AFC SEEKS YOUTH AGES 8 TO 14 FOR PODCAST ON GENEROSITY

What is generosity? What does it look like? Are generous people happier? Are animals generous? We answer these questions in our new book, *Generous People are Everywhere*, but now we want to hear what children and youth have to say!

Your voice might be featured in an upcoming episode of *Foundation Forward*, AFC's podcast inviting Canadians to talk about generosity: why it's important, and how they express it.

### Here's what to do:

- Email [foundation@anglicanfoundation.org](mailto:foundation@anglicanfoundation.org) today to be among the first 20 to receive a free copy of *Generous People are Everywhere*.
- Study the book alone, with a friend or with your family.
- Submit your recorded answers to the book's questions by **April 12, 2020**.

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