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About the Anglican Foundation of Canada

Since 1957 the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has been a champion for diverse ministries across Canada: providing abundant resources for innovative ministry. Thanks to the 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.



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A message from AFC's Executive Director

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Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director

Across the Canadian church, there are seeds of ministry waiting to be sown, green shoots taking root, and others growing stronger every day. They all need life-giving water to flourish where they have been planted: serving young people in their communities and energizing our church.

Since 2011 the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has awarded more than \$1.5 million in youth-focused grants across Canada.

In 2021 alone, after the launch of Say Yes! to Kids, AFC granted an astonishing \$470,000 in funding to 79 grant recipients. All the projects were different, but they shared a common goal: to imagine more and to put that imagination into action to grow a brighter future for young people, today.

In 2022 we are taking the next step in igniting a nationwide movement for children, youth, and young adults. By working in partnership with churches across Canada through Say Yes! to Kids, we will lead a national peer-to-peer fundraiser to create a sustainable, abundant, source of funding for youth-focused ministry.

To the people of St. Paul's, Thunder Bay, please accept my thanks for joining us on the Say Yes! to Kids journey. We wish you great success with this year's Mini-Camino fundraiser on behalf of Indigenous youth in your community!

St. Paul's Thunder Bay says Yes! to Kids

As Ambassadors for Christ, the people of St. Paul's are called to bring our Lord's grace, love, and peace to everyone. We try to spread God's light and "love not in word or speech but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)



Our history of loving service

For nearly two decades, St. Paul's has committed 100 per cent of its fundraising efforts to a wide variety of community causes. From Shelter House, Adult and Teen Challenge to the Underground Gym (activities and meals for youth in need), we are a partnership-minded, community-focused church that truly believes it is better to give than to receive.

A place to belong

Whether cozying up for a parish movie night (above), making slime on a FUNtastic Friday (right), attending one of our many children's ministry programs (below), or enjoying a parish-sponsored day trip (opposite page, bottom right), young people of all ages and backgrounds can find a place of belonging at St. Paul's.



Our vision for 2022 and beyond

As pandemic restrictions lift, we have already begun to feel re-energized by the presence of young people who are returning to worship and regular activities. In the wake of the pandemic, as our community recovers, it is more important than ever for our church to be a place of grace, love, and peace, where young people and families can reconnect.

Mini-Camino Fundraising Goal: \$3,000

At St. Paul's, we know that many Indigenous students in our community face obstacles when pursuing post-secondary education. This year's Mini-Camino pilgrimage will provide bursaries for our Indigenous students so that we can ease the financial burden of their learning journey.

Supporting our Indigenous Students

According to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)*, post-secondary funding for Indigenous education in Ontario is "insufficient, difficult to access, and difficult to use." As a result, Indigenous students still "face a significant financial barrier to accessing post-secondary education, and limited funding has only made the situation worse."

*CFS Fact Sheet: Indigenous Education, October 2021



Walking to grow a brighter future!

From the end of April to the end of June the people of St. Paul's will walk the Camino de Santiago in spirit with Archdeacon Debra Kraft, her husband Jouni, and Daniel Klein. Local walkers will have a shorter journey—a mere 5 km per week—but we will use our feet to be the hands of Christ: growing a brighter future for Indigenous students in our community.

Let's close the education gap!

Through this effort we are doing so much more than raising money. We are showing the Indigenous students of Thunder Bay that we are making it a priority to help close the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.



Your gift to our diocese and beyond

For every \$10 donated to our parish campaign, \$4 will be shared between youth-focused ministry at the diocesan and national levels. This year's Say Yes! to Kids partners are:



The Most Rev. Anne Germond
Archbishop of Algoma
Vice-Chair, AFC

Diocese of Algoma: Growing the church of the future and the present

"Children and youth are often called 'the church of the future.' In the Diocese of Algoma, however, we believe these icons of the Kingdom are very much the church of the present, too. Therefore, we are placing greater emphasis on ministry with and by our younger siblings in Christ as we address our diocesan priorities of discipleship formation, healing and reconciliation, community-building, and stewardship development.

I am deeply grateful to faith communities such as St. Paul's, Thunder Bay for their leadership in this regard, and for the support provided by the Say Yes! To Kids initiative."



The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls
Primate, Anglican Church of Canada
Chair, AFC Board of Directors

National Partners: Support for Indigenous Youth

"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada will build on its long history of support for Indigenous-focused initiatives. Working through national partners—including the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund, and the Anglican Church of Canada—we will fund Indigenous youth initiatives that are national in scope, and that complement the transformational work being done at both the local and diocesan levels."

The Say Yes! to Kids Movement

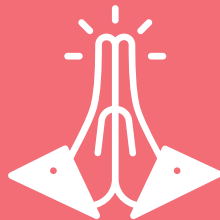
At St. Paul's we are not alone. By joining the Say Yes! to Kids movement, we are among an increasing number of Anglican churches nationwide embracing creative, compassionate, youth-focused ministries.

Through youth drop-in centres, education enrichment programs, a renewed emphasis on hospitality, seasonal camps, weekend retreats, music clubs, hot lunch programs and more, Say Yes! to Kids grant recipients are growing a brighter future for young people. These are just some of the Say Yes! to Kids impact zones:

RESILIENCE & MENTAL HEALTH



FAITH FORMATION



ALLEVIATING HUNGER & POVERTY



EDUCATION ENRICHMENT



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY



ARTS & MUSIC



OUTDOOR RECREATION



INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES



CLIMATE CARE



The Say Yes! to Kids Vision



After ten years of funding for impact in youth-focused ministry and outreach, the Anglican Foundation of Canada has learned that churches and dioceses know how to show up for young people. We possess the creativity and innovation to imagine more. What we need is to be resourced faithfully and abundantly. Through Say Yes! to Kids, we can participate in a nationwide team effort that will help us raise more money than we could ever hope to raise alone. With God's help we will:

See the big picture

Strengthen funding for local, regional, and national ministries while also growing awareness about the ways in which the church is taking collective responsibility—at all levels—for ministering to children, youth, and young adults.

Change the conversation

Gradually change the conversation and the culture, growing a brighter future for young people that includes the abundant resources required to truly make them a mission priority: in principle and in practice.

Provide sustainable funding

Provide seed funding to those who are branching out, and sustainable funding to those who are thriving. Say Yes! to Kids will play a leadership role in securing an engaging vision for ministry within reach of every young Canadian.

Energize the church

Witness the flourishing of youth-focused initiatives here at home and across the Canadian church—feeling renewed with hope and joy and energized for ministry in all areas of our common life.

Our Campaign Team



Every donation to Say Yes! to Kids will grow a brighter future for children, youth, and young adults today. Please reach out to a member of our campaign team or visit our [online fundraising page](#) to learn more about how you can support St. Paul's Mini-Camino challenge in this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign.

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