

**SAY YES! TO KIDS**

**2022**



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church  
Napanea, ON**



## **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. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Napanee, please accept my thanks for joining us on the Say Yes! to Kids journey. We wish you great success with this year's Say Yes! to Kids fundraiser.**

# SMMAC says Yes! to Kids

Children, Youth, and Families are a vital part of the St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (SMMAC) community. Through a variety of programs, we help young people grow in Christian faith by providing them with open and affirming education, a forum for intelligent conversations that cover a broad spectrum of ideas, and opportunities for service within and beyond the community.



## Outdoor recreation

During a recent consultation, our youth told us they believe play is central to relationship building and they quickly identified small investments in recreational equipment that will help them to make better use of the large green space adjacent to the church's parking lot. Our Say Yes! to kids fundraiser will support the purchase of sporting equipment to help make their weekly program more engaging.

## Annual trip

Our youth are longing to get back to pre-pandemic activities, and that includes their annual trip. Be it a beach day at Sandbanks, or a trip to Canada's Wonderland, the annual trip has always been a source of joy and excitement—one some of the younger members have never experienced. Proceeds from this year's Say Yes! to Kids fundraiser will help to subsidize this trip.



## 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. As our community recovers from the pandemic, it is more important than ever for our church to be a place of grace, love, and peace, where young people and families can connect with one another.

# Our Fundraising Goal: \$3,500

SMMAC has a shared history with Morningstar Relief Mission in Napanee. Morningstar began in 2002 as an SMMAC community outreach and has remained close to the hearts of all parishioners. In addition to supporting The Heard Youth, proceeds from this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign will be directed to Morningstar in support of their L&A County High School Lunch Program.

## Our history of outreach

In 2002 parishioners at SMMAC felt called to help meet the needs of vulnerable citizens. They created Full Plate, a community food and outreach program. By 2006, Full Plate had outgrown the parish hall and Morningstar Relief Mission was born: a permanent full-time mission providing food, fellowship, prayer, and other essential services to the hurting, hungry and homeless in Greater Napanee.



## Support for at-risk youth

By adopting Morningstar's High School lunch program through our Say Yes! to Kids fundraiser, we will signal our church's unwavering support for at-risk youth who lack food security and access to healthy meals. It is envisioned that this direct support may lay the groundwork for an eventual opening of our own church doors for additional support to high school and other students.

## Our youth shining as bright lights!

Whether we are helping to enrich the lives of children and youth enrolled in our own faith formation programs, or playing a supportive role in breaking cycles of hardship in the broader community, our hope for young people is that they will shine as bright lights before others: with inquiring hearts that have the courage to persevere and to live fulfilling lives.



# 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 Ven. Bill Clarke**  
Archdeacon of Frontenac & Chair,  
Anglican Diocese of Ontario Foundation

## **Diocese of Ontario Foundation to Say Yes! to Kids**

"Since 2012, the Anglican Diocese of Ontario Foundation (ADOF) has granted over \$185,000 directly and with its partners such as the Community Foundation for Kingston and Area in support of diverse ministry projects across the diocese for accessibility projects, education, support for refugees to Canada, and a variety of community outreach ministries including numerous food security programs.

In 2021, we partnered with AFC and the Say Yes! to Kids movement with a gift of \$5,000 to help fund two youth-focused food security programs in the diocese. This year, the diocesan proceeds from Say Yes! to Kids fundraisers will help us launch our very own Ontario Says Yes! to Kids Fund. Whether we are helping a young person to live a life of unlimited potential, or break a cycle of hardship, or when our churches need support for their ministry and outreach to young people, we want to be able to say 'Yes!'"



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

## **National Partners: Support for Indigenous Youth**

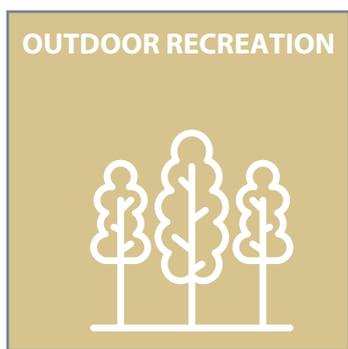
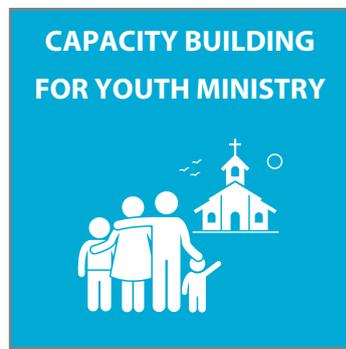
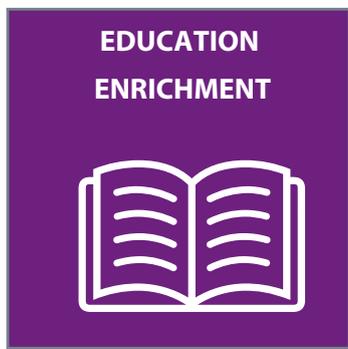
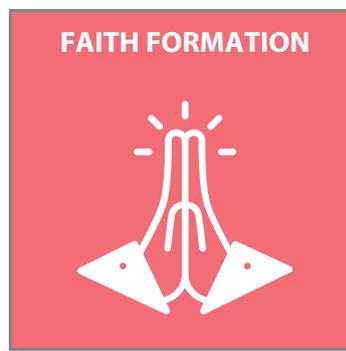
"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

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. Mary Magdalene 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:



# 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. Mary Magdalene's Say Yes! to Kids and Sing challenge this spring.

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