

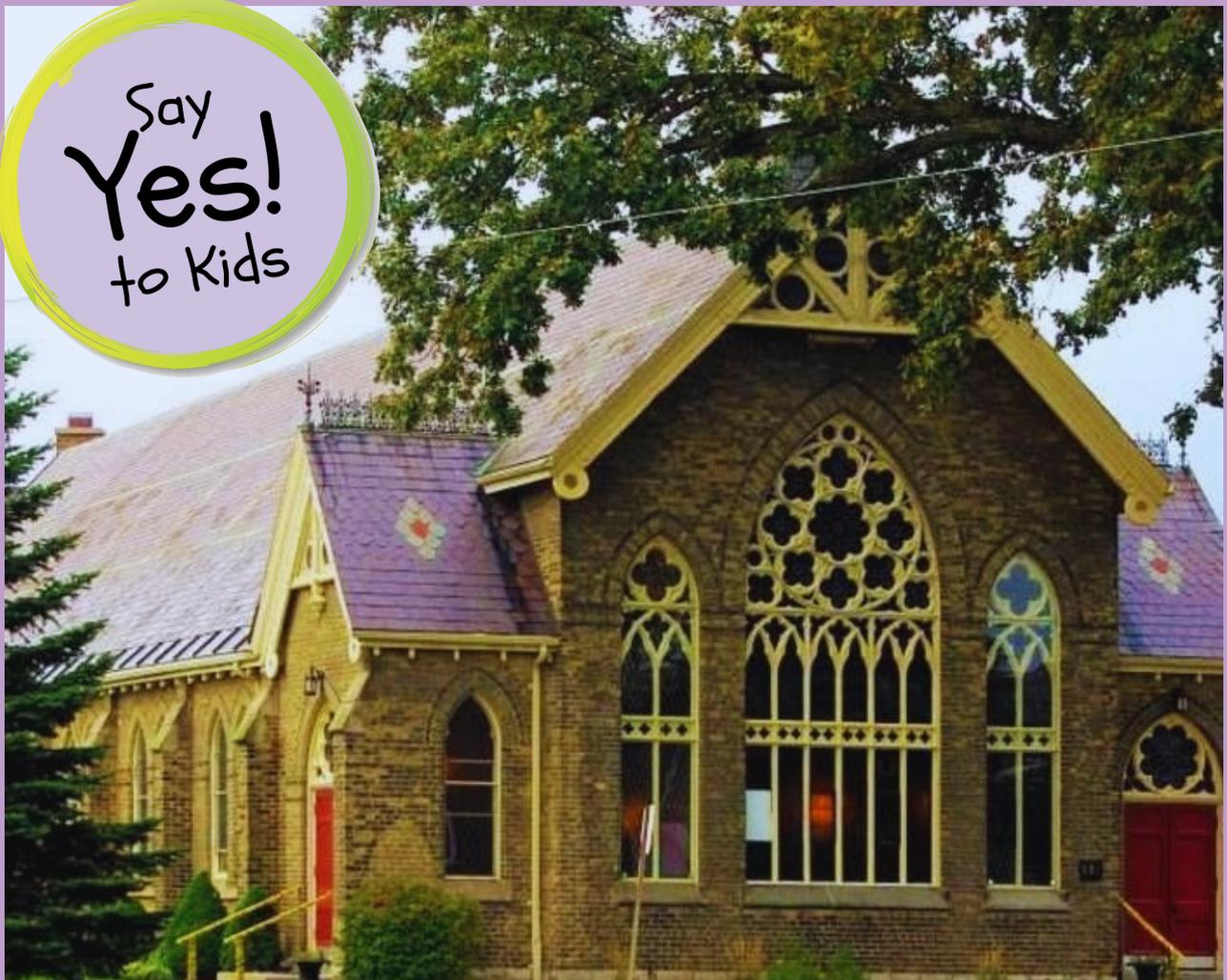
SAY YES! TO KIDS

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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. George's Anglican Church in London, please accept my thanks for joining us on the Say Yes! to Kids journey. We wish you great success with this year's campaign.

St. George's London says Yes! to Kids

As our community begins to come out of the pandemic, St. George's is committed to strengthening its youth outreach program. COVID-19 has been hard on young people: they have been missing many of the social connections and outside support that are so important for their mental health.



Making young people a priority

St. George's has always been a safe place for young people to come together and build social connections. Our role in supporting youth in our community is more important than ever. The youth of our church are also our future. At St. George's we want to continue to build our outreach in the community, and the best way to do this is to keep our youth engaged and let them know they are a priority.

Growing our program

We want to create room for our youth to feel confident in their place at St. George's so they can have ready access to the love and support available to them. We hope to grow our youth ministry beyond our existing members, welcoming all youth in the community who are struggling to find a safe place to go for support, regardless of ethnicity, orientation, gender, and religion.



Engaging senior youth: a room of their own

As our young people begin to return to in-person activities, we see that our current youth space no longer meets their needs. The senior youth group are energized and want to take an active role in revamping their space. This is a project for us all to do together while we transition to in-person meetings once more.

Our Fundraising Goal: \$6,000

With God's help, and the generosity of our parishioners and friends, St. George's London will come back from the pandemic eager to engage in ministry and mission. Say Yes! to Kids will give us the funding to furnish the youth room to accommodate all the avenues of youth ministry both for the present and the future.

Signs of hope

Having a designated meeting and gathering space where our youth can feel comfortable discussing their lives and their faith journey will be invaluable to their emotional and spiritual well-being. The creation of a new space will be refreshing and a sign of hopeful things to come, affirming that they are valued members of our congregation.



New space means new possibilities

This new space will be well-equipped for the older kids' new book club meetings and discussions times. We also hope it will be a venue for a variety of activity days including 'human library' events where we can welcome guest speakers and build relationships in and among the people of all ages who call St. George's home.

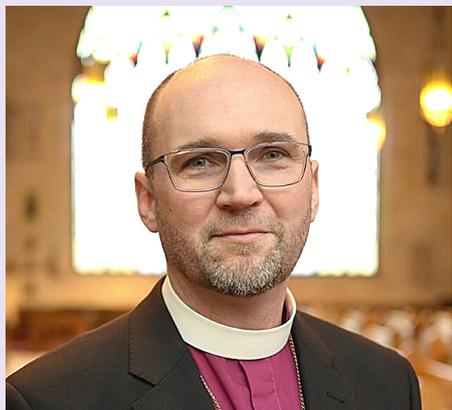
Finding meaning and belonging

In 2021 we asked the young people of our church what they wanted, and they gave us 'Music from Around the World.' Then, as now, they had a vision, and we helped to bring it life. Refurbishing our youth space is another step in that same direction of being a future-focused church where young people can discover rich programs and ways to belong, to learn, and to help others.



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 Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron

Camp Huron: Enjoy wonder of creation!

"In 1946 Anglicans with a vision set apart Camp Huron as a joy-filled place for children and youth to live and play together, learn, grow, and develop leadership skills, all while immersed in the beauty and wonder of creation.

Proceeds from this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign will support camp improvements for the 2022 and 2023 seasons which include a dining hall refresh, and the introduction of an Astro Hut dark sky viewing area to accommodate a high-quality telescope donated to the camp by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter.

I am deeply grateful to the people of St. George's, London for your support for Camp Huron and for your leadership in this 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

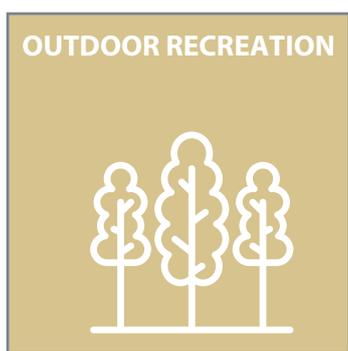
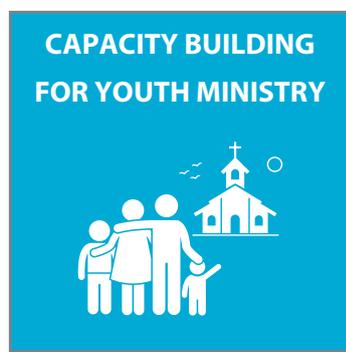
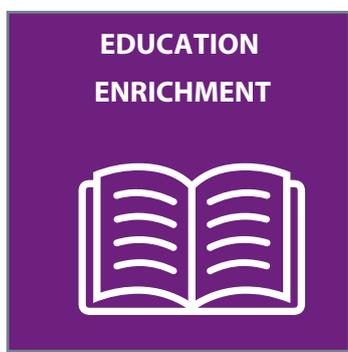
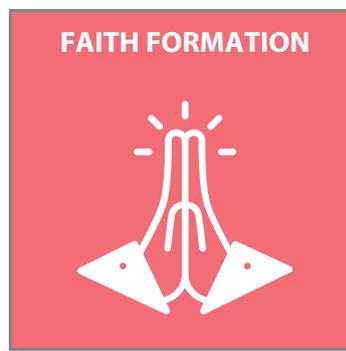
"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

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. George'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:



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 this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign for St. George's London.

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