

# 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. Paul's in Halifax 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. Paul's says Yes! to Kids

St. Paul's has a rich community life anchored in shared worship. Parish activities include community luncheons, Christian education, and a number of vibrant programmes for children and youth including a weekly pre-teen youth group which is the cornerstone of our ministry to young people.



## Growing communities of mutual support

The role of the St. Paul's Youth Coordinator is to foster the parish-based Christian spiritual and intellectual formation of young people at St. Paul's, attending to the pastoral needs of the teens in general and the participating students in particular, and along the way helping them to form a community of mutual friendship and support.

## Transitioning to adult faith

The mandate of the Youth Coordinator is to guide their transition from childhood to adult faith, helping young people to claim the Christian faith as their own by praying, learning, and building relationships among themselves, with those currently not parish members, and with the rest of their intergenerational parish.



## Questioning, exploring, and making friends

Youth ministry at St. Paul's includes both pre-teens, young teens, and high school age parishioners, and their friends. We begin with a focus on the younger end of this spectrum because of the foundation already laid in St. Paul's weekly pre-teen group. It is in this group where, through games, prayer and discussion, young people are encouraged to ask questions, explore faith and make friends.

# Our Fundraising Goal: \$5,000

Proceeds from this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign will support youth retreats again and other similar outings. With the generosity of our community, we will continue our once-a-semester retreats, but also develop other creative out-trips and programs, especially during the summer months.

## Figuring out faith takes time

Through a well-funded program of out trips, socials, and retreats, we can give our youth a variety of opportunities to get out into nature and build connections in ways they cannot do during the regular weekly program. Planned retreats, where they can get away from the bustle of life, can also help them to figure out life and faith in unique and enriching ways.



## Responding to emerging opportunities

At St. Paul's we are open to new programmes and emerging opportunities and we're not afraid to ask our young people, and their parents, to suggest new ideas. We have a strong parish with a variety of advocates for youth and a successful youth program needs many hands. With an abundant source of funding, our pastoral care of young people can always remain fresh and vibrant.

## Support Say Yes! to Kids 2022 Events

We will launch this year's Say Yes! to Kids campaign with a benefit concert on Saturday, May 28. And we won't stop there. We will spend the month of June sharing our plans to grow and develop youth ministry at St. Paul's, using a variety of opportunities to invite parishioners and friends of St. Paul's to support us along the way.

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# 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. Sandra Fyfe**  
Bishop of Nova Scotia & PEI

## **Community Roots Day Camp**

"The Community Roots Day Camp Program is designed to encourage young people to grow in their faith and develop leadership capacity in communities so that meaningful, local ministry can continue to happen for children and youth.

This year's proceeds from Say Yes! to Kids will grow our capacity to support this important diocesan program—enabling our staff to continue to travel across the diocese helping to facilitate fun, engaging, and creative camp programs. I am grateful to the people of Christ Church, Amherst, for your support of this Important diocesan program."



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

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

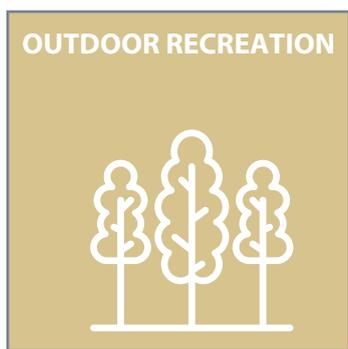
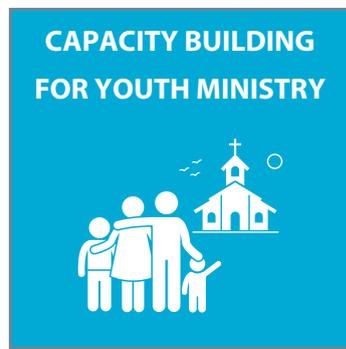
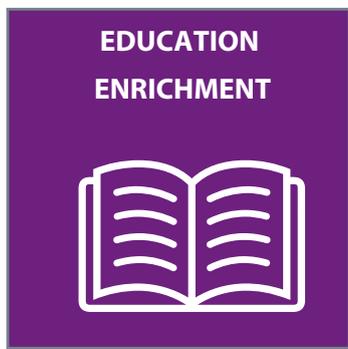
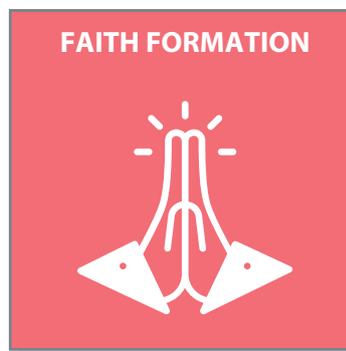
"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

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:



# 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 communications 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. Paul's Anglican Church.

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