

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

Christ Church Cathedral says Yes! to Kids

The Cathedral celebrates beauty and creativity as gifts of the Creator. We envision a Cathedral which is radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for all voices. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, and regardless of what you may bring or are searching for, you are welcome here.

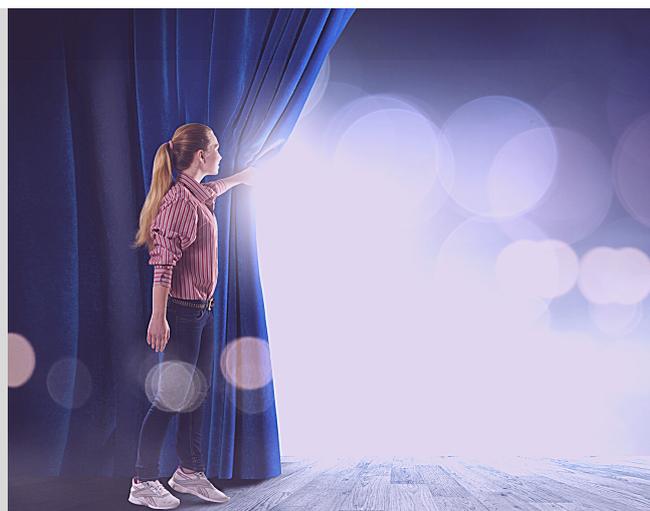


Making young people a priority

Christ Church Cathedral is a community that extends its ministry of welcome and inclusion to all who know the brokenness of life. The Cathedral is dedicated to becoming a barrier-breaking community. This includes a tireless commitment to establishing a meaningful connection between young people and the church.

Our Dramatic Arts Development Program

The Cathedral's vision is to create a program where youth can meet regularly in an informal way, learn and gain a broad range skills under the umbrella of dramatic arts. Be it acting, improvisation, stand-up comedy, musical theatre, playwriting, production, or set and stage design, this program need not be limited in the areas it can explore.



A Program Guided by Youth

The youth who participate, and what they want to learn, will guide our dramatic arts program. The curriculum will be based on themes that are relevant to participants, skills and interests they have and issues that they want to explore. At Christ Church we accept our duty as the 'City's Church' and we welcome the uncomfortable and the unknown.

Our Fundraising Goal: \$15,000

Aligned with the 2022-2023 academic year, our Drama Skills Development program will launch on a weekly basis in September 2022. Supported by part-time staff, the program will be offered over two semesters: September to December and January to June. There is great potential for the drama program to collaborate with other arts-focused ministries at the Cathedral.

Exploring Impact, Viability & Sustainability

2022-2023 will be a trial to explore impact, viability, and sustainability. Engaging young adults in leadership and possible internships through this program may provide an additional outlet for community engagement and enrichment. Depending on the success of our first year, we will consider expanding the program to a summer camp model for the months of July and August.



Eliminating Barriers

In Downtown Vancouver there are few high-quality, low-cost dramatic arts programs. This program will be unique as it will be offered at no cost to participants in order to eliminate financial barriers. We will welcome young people who are already part of the Cathedral Community while also encouraging participation from youth who have not yet discovered our safe, inclusive environment.

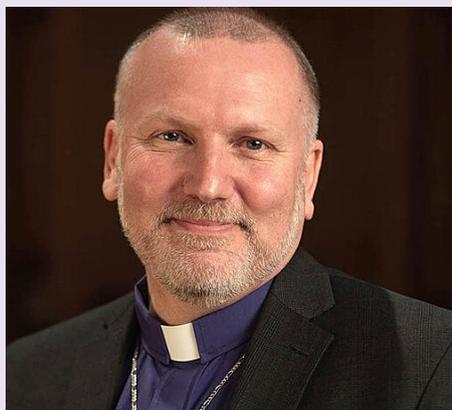
Imagining More Through Dramatic Arts

We imagine successful performances and showcases, and the development of partnerships, both within the Cathedral and the broader community. Most importantly, we imagine the emergence of young people as leaders in dramatic arts, energized by the many benefits including increased self-confidence, imagination, and empathy—skills that will carry them through adolescence and beyond.



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. John Stephens
Bishop of New Westminster

Diocese of New Westminster Youth Movement

"In the Diocese of New Westminster, we are enriched by the presence of a vibrant Diocesan Youth Movement (DYM). This committed and passionate group of youth workers and young people energize youth ministry in the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster through partnerships, events, and training.

Particularly energizing, of course, is the DYM Annual Retreat, often hosted in partnership with our friends in ministry: Camp Artaban, Sorrento Centre, and the British Columbia and Yukon Anglican Youth Movement. This year's proceeds from Say Yes! to Kids campaigns in our Diocese will support the DYM's Annual Retreat. What better way to Say Yes! to young people than to bring them together: engaging their hearts and minds, increasing their sense of belonging, and contributing to their journey of self-discovery.

I am grateful to the people of Christ Church Cathedral for your support 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

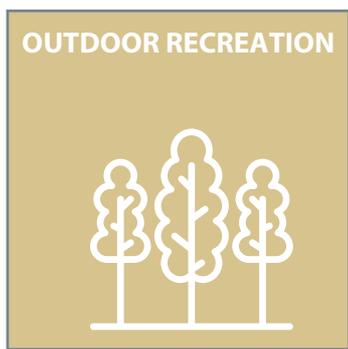
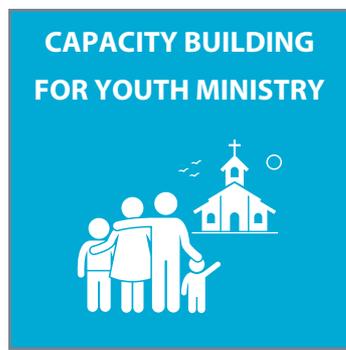
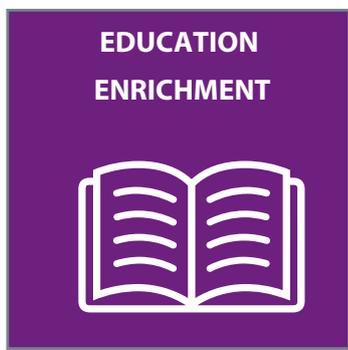
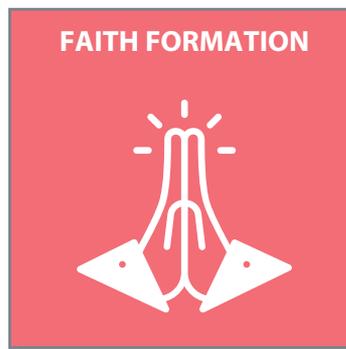
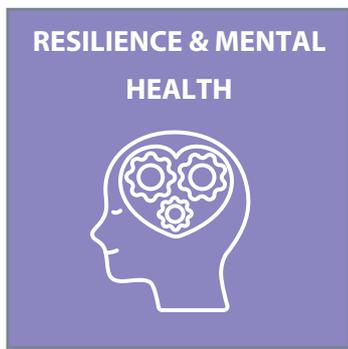
"We believe Indigenous youth across Canada have a unique ability to help point the way forward for our church: creating greater openness, and reclaiming Indigenous culture and traditions and further integrating them into the life of our church.

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 Christ Church Cathedral 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 Christ Church Cathedral.

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