



# FOUNDATION UPDATE

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## AFC Celebrating More than **\$257,000** in Support of Northern Clergy Housing Fund

“I was moved to make this donation because my parents were generous people and they would have found a project of providing housing to people who have generously served the church as a fitting way to give to others what God gave to them.” —Anonymous Donor



ACCORDING TO DR. SCOTT Brubacher, Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC), “There has never been a swifter or more generous response to the establishment of a new fund than the ACW Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund to provide financial support for housing and living expenses to retired non-stipendiary clergy in the Council of the North.”

As of the end of December, more than \$257,000 had been donated, with \$250,000 having come from two donors. “The Diocese of New Westminster ACW provided \$100,000 this past spring to launch the fund.

Other ACWs across Canada then took up the challenge to do their part to support it as well. And then an incredible \$150,000 arrived in early December as a memorial gift, from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous,” says Brubacher.

Brubacher says the speed with which this fund was established and the subsequent momentum to build it up has shown the power and potential of AFC to connect generous people to the philanthropic goals that are important to them. “In 2023 we will continue to work through the granting and disbursement process in partnership with the Council

of the North. We expect to receive requests from retired clergy in need of assistance through the Council, and our goal is to begin to disburse funds to beneficiaries this year.”

It was in December 2020, in the wake of an article published in the Anglican Journal entitled “No Room in the Inn,” when Canadian Anglicans began to learn more about the plight of northern clergy through the homelessness experienced by Jonas Allooooloo, former dean of St. Jude’s Cathedral in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

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## Changes to Grants Program Take Effect in 2023

The Anglican Foundation of Canada's (AFC) grants program will look substantially different in 2023 thanks to some important changes approved at the September meeting of the AFC Board of Directors.

Effective January 1, 2023, AFC will move from a semi-annual grant cycle to a quarterly one, with application windows open on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 each year. This rolling entry to the grants program will give potential applicants increased accessibility and flexibility, which is intended to result in timelier decisions.

The Board also approved the introduction of Category A grants of up to \$5,000 with no matching local funds required.

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## Executive Director's Message



Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director

**T**HIS PAST DECEMBER I participated in a meeting of the heads of various Christian denominational foundations across North America. I was amazed by the scope and scale of what some of these groups are doing in the life of their church communities. Yes, they provide grants, but they also promote financial stewardship best practices, monitor ministry trends, and encourage large-scale strategic investments.

It was both inspiring and affirming given that the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has been on a similarly expansive trajectory—one I hope you will see reflected in our new mission statement (below, left) that speaks to a broader purpose than AFC has held in the past.

Our previous mission statement—providing abundant resources—focused specifically on the grants program. This new mission statement reveals the deepening role AFC is playing in the life of the Anglican Church. This includes fostering innovation through our Requests for Proposals (pg. 4), stewarding resources for the whole church through special trusts and funds (pg. 1), and embracing a leadership role in the philanthropic realm through partnership fundraising initiatives such as *Say Yes! to Kids*.

Our new vision statement (below, right) is similarly comprehensive, capturing how we imagine AFC will use all the resources, expertise, and tools at its disposal to equip parishes and dioceses for transformational ministry.

All of you, our supporters and members, are key players in this expanding mission. The Anglican Church of Canada may be smaller in numbers than some other Christian communities. But when we embrace a dynamic shared vision about transforming our church for ministry, we can be incredibly impactful. ■

# MISSION

**The Anglican Foundation of Canada exists to support ministries of the Anglican Church throughout Canada, by enabling connection, fostering innovation, stewarding resources, and connecting generous donors to their philanthropic goals.**



# New Category C grants of up to **\$50,000** a “game-changer” for small dioceses

IN ADDITION TO green-lighting **\$369,000** in grants, the November meeting of the Anglican Foundation of Canada’s (AFC) Board of Directors unanimously approved the Grants Policy Working Group’s recommendation to introduce a Category C grant of up to **\$50,000**.

**“This new third category will allow the Board greater discretion in approving larger grants where the impact will be most beneficial,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. “It will also allow AFC to be a more flexible funding partner in dioceses where a cornerstone project needs a major boost.”**



Rob Dickson, Chair of the Grants Policy Working Group, says the new and much larger Category C grants have the potential to be a game-

changer for smaller dioceses.

“The opportunity to submit a \$50,000 grant request is well-suited to a diocese that may have the capacity to bring only one project per year, but a transformational project the entire diocese can rally around.” Dickson says the Category C grant will be the one application a diocese is allowed to submit in a calendar year.

In terms of the matching funding requirement for such a project, that will be left to the discretion of the AFC Board. Dickson says dioceses will need to articulate a strong case for merit, and the Board will have to evaluate these applications very carefully.

This announcement marks the conclusion of AFC’s Grants Policy Working Group’s year-long review. “The Foundation’s role in resourcing a change-minded church in the wake of a global pandemic is only beginning to be defined,” says Brubacher.

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## Grants continued

“These category A grants were introduced for AFC’s 2021 *Say Yes! to Kids* Request for Proposal and proved very effective,” explains Rob Dickson, Chair, Grants Policy Working Group. “That experience demonstrated how the infusion of a few thousand dollars can have an enormously positive impact on ministry.” The long-established traditional AFC grants—up to **\$15,000** and no more than 50% of the project budget—will become the new Category B grant.

The Board also approved removing the requirement that grant applicants be current members of AFC. Dickson says, “It is more consistent with our value of generosity to invite applicants to donate out of a spirit of generosity to ‘pay it forward.’” ■

For more information on how to access an AFC grant, visit [anglicanfoundation.org/apply](https://anglicanfoundation.org/apply)

# VISION

**The Anglican Foundation of Canada will be a collaborative partner with the Anglican Church of Canada and others across the country aligned with our mission to equip communities for transformative ministry.**

**AFC Strategic Plan**

# Indigenous Ministries: More than **\$225,**



SINCE 2010, THE Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has granted more than \$775,000 in support of Indigenous Ministries from coast to coast to coast, and \$225,000—nearly 30% of that total—was granted in 2022.

It was an incredible year for Indigenous Ministries projects: expanding relationships, funding healing and reconciliation initiatives, urban Indigenous ministry programs, and continuing support for the language revitalization movement.

On September 30—the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—AFC announced a grant of \$25,000 in support of the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) August

2023 gathering in Waterloo, Ont.—Ashes and Embers (see story page 6). This was one of the largest grants that the board has awarded in AFC's 65-year history.

Thanks to a generous bequest, AFC issued a \$100,000 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Indigenous Ministries as part of our fall 2022 grant cycle. During the grant review process in November, it became clear that AFC needed to release a greater amount from this bequest to support the many worthy projects submitted. The AFC Board quickly and unanimously approved additional funding up to \$132,000 so that 15 of the proposals submitted could receive a green light.

The combination of regular grants, the *Say Yes! to Kids* national gift, and funding through the RFP, resulted in AFC's most supportive year yet for Indigenous Ministries. We hope this is a sign of good things to come in our ongoing efforts to support the Indigenous church and the journey of reconciliation. ■

## Diocese of Algoma

St. James' Anglican Church,  
Gravenhurst, ON  
*Bringing the Heartbeat and Ceremony Alive* **\$5,000**

St. Paul's Anglican Church,  
Thunder Bay, ON  
*Bursaries for Indigenous Students for Post-Secondary Education* **\$5,000**

## Diocese of the Arctic

Diocese of the Arctic, Yellowknife, NT  
*Preserving Oral History as Inspiration for the Future* **\$7,000**

Arthur Turner Training School,  
Yellowknife, NT  
*Experiential Ministry Training* **\$8,800**

## Thank You to Our Donors!

THE SPIRIT OF generosity remained high among Canadian Anglicans in 2022 as Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) members and donors from coast to coast to coast responded to the annual fundraising effort, expected to total more than \$171,000—AFC's most successful annual campaign to date.

"In recent years we have been able to push our grants program to greater heights thanks to the steadily increasing generosity of AFC supporters," says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. "We know 2022 presented huge challenges to our

members—from the increasing cost of living to the financial impact on their beloved local churches in the wake of the pandemic. We are grateful for the steadfast support of AFC donors."

Prior to the pandemic, AFC's annual appeal hovered around \$150,000. "In recent years we welcomed several hundred new donors into the AFC family through our *Say Yes! to Kids* initiative," says Brubacher, which he sees as a hopeful sign that AFC's expanded mission and vision is resonating with people across the country. "The growth of our annual campaign reflects how Canadian

Anglicans see the Foundation and the capacity we have to make a meaningful difference in the life of our church."

On the granting side, AFC's 2021 disbursements were the highest ever—with more than \$1 million awarded nationally. Brubacher says the 2022 grants are close to that milestone, at approximately \$970,000. "With a strong annual appeal fueling an increasingly impactful grant program, we are heading into 2023 feeling energized and grateful, ready for the road that lies ahead." ■

# 000 Grants Awarded

## Diocese of Brandon

Anglican Memorial Camp,  
Brandon, MB

*Reconciliation and Suicide-Prevention  
Weekend for Youth* **\$9,850**

## Diocese of British Columbia

Aboriginal Neighbours,  
Victoria, BC

*Revitalization of Indigenous Living  
Languages* **\$10,000**

St. Columba Anglican United Church,  
Port Hardy, BC

*Everyday Sanctuary and Sunday Meal*  
**\$5,000**

Diocese of Islands and Inlets,  
Victoria, BC

*Ministry of healing and repentance for  
St. Michael's Residential School*  
**\$12,000**

## Diocese of Calgary

Calgary, AB

*Blackfoot Translation Project* **\$7,100**

## Diocese of Edmonton

Edmonton, AB

*Indigenous Birth Support Worker  
Program* **\$15,000**

## Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land

for Northern Manitoba Area Mission,  
Saskatoon, SK

*Starlink Community Hubs* **\$8,500**

## Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh

Kingfisher Lake, ON

*Oji-Cree Bible Translation:  
The Gospel of St. John* **\$15,000**

## Diocese of Moosonee

Cochrane, ON

*Educational Gathering* **\$15,000**

## General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada

Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth  
*Indigenous Student Participation*

**\$25,000**

## Diocese of New Westminster

Vancouver School of Theology,  
Vancouver, BC

*Adult & Youth Events for Indigenous  
Communities* **\$15,000**

## Diocese of Niagara

St. Matthew's House, Hamilton, ON

*Housing supports for Indigenous  
Seniors* **\$15,000**

## Diocese of Ottawa

St. Paul's Anglican Church–  
Mississippi Mills, Almonte, ON  
*Seven Grandfather Teachings Art  
Installation* **\$15,000**

St. Margaret's Anglican Church,  
Ottawa, ON

*Inuit Congregation Sunday  
Community Meal* **\$5,000**

## Diocese of Rupert's Land

Winnipeg, MB

*"Civilized" Play in Rupert's Land*  
**\$2,500**

## Diocese of Saskatchewan

Prince Albert, SK

*Indigenous Youth Ministry  
Transportation* **\$5,000**

## Territory of the People

Kamloops, BC

*Pastoral Elders Spiritual Retreat*  
**\$5,000**

## Diocese of Toronto

Toronto Urban Native Ministry,  
Toronto, ON

*Lay Pastoral Social Worker* **\$15,000**

## Housing Fund continued from page 1

Widespread concern about this systemic issue prompted the Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of New Westminster to act. "Non-stipendiary clergy have made the church in the North viable and yet they will not receive a pension from the Anglican Church," says Gail Revitt, Past President, New Westminster ACW. "They have served all these years and have asked very little of the broader church. Our members felt called to respond to this housing crisis in a meaningful and tangible way."

Proceeds from the sale of a property have put the ACW in New

Westminster in the unique position of being philanthropic leaders in the church. In 2022, after consultations with Bishop David Lehman—Bishop of Caledonia and Chair of the Council of the North—the women voted unanimously to champion this cause.

"We are greatly encouraged by the leadership gifts in support of this new fund, and we looked forward to working with ACW groups and others to strengthen the financial support network for retired clergy in the North," says Brubacher.

"The council is very thankful to

the New West ACW and the other visionary benefactors who have helped to launch and grow this fund so quickly," says Bishop Lehman. "The response to date has given so much hope that we may look to a future where those who have served the church are well-served in their retirement." ■

To make a gift to the ACW Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund please contact Michelle Hauser, AFC's Development & Communications Officer at [mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org](mailto:mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org) or visit [anglicanfoundation.org/donate](http://anglicanfoundation.org/donate)



# Big Grant, Small Grant:

## *Both Have Impact!*

### Indigenous Youth: **\$25,000**



This past September, AFC announced a grant of \$25,000 from the national proceeds of the 2022 *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign in support of the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) August 2023 gathering in Waterloo, Ont. According to Sheilagh McGlynn, Animator, Youth Ministries, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, “Past experience has shown that many Indigenous

communities struggle financially to send delegates to CLAY. This means that for too many years, Indigenous youth have missed out on this critical connection-building opportunity.” McGlynn says:

“The Planning Committee is grateful for this funding which gives them the power to begin to reduce financial barriers for Indigenous youth and to make CLAY a much more inclusive event.” ■

### Youth Mental Health: **\$2,100**

With a \$2,100 grant for an innovative Mental Health and Resiliency Program, St. James Anglican Church in Cambridge, Ont. has shown that a small grant can have major impact. This past spring, a skilled team of social workers, church volunteers, and professional facilitators offered a series of youth mental health workshops to vulnerable young people. These included: movement therapy, therapeutic art, trauma informed yoga, and mental health support and skills. “Our program created an opportunity for young people to come together, experience social connection, learn and have fun,” says the Rev. Canon Linda Nixon, Incumbent. “The workshops also empowered them to cope with big feelings and challenges, in ways that supported their mental and physical health.” ■



### Category C

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“We hope our members and friends across the Canadian church will see in these changes to our grant program a deep and genuine desire to resource the church as faithfully and abundantly as possible, so that we may drive change, together, with hope, courage, and vision.” ■

### Quarterly Grant Application Deadlines

Mark your calendars!

- January 1
- April 1
- July 1
- October 1



For more information on AFC’s new grant categories or to apply for an AFC grant, visit [anglicanfoundation.org/apply](https://anglicanfoundation.org/apply)

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