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Cathedrals in alphabetical order (L–R, top to bottom) by city: Corner Brook, Edmonton, Gander, Iqaluit, Kenora, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec, Regina, Toronto.

A Great Year for Canadian Cathedrals

THIS PAST YEAR was an outstanding one for partnerships between the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) and cathedrals across Canada. Ten cathedrals, including one pro-cathedral, received a total of \$134,000 in 2024 grants for a wide range of projects, including choral scholarships, accessibility improvements, modernization, education, and more.

Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director, had the opportunity to visit three of the beneficiary cathedrals in 2024, including Ottawa's Christ Church Cathedral in April, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, which hosted a combined Evensong and AFC's

Annual General Meeting of members in May, and St. Paul's Cathedral, Regina, during the National Worship Conference in July.

AFC has awarded several grants to St. Paul's over the years for a variety of upkeep and improvement projects, and Brubacher says, "It was wonderful to experience the fruit of that cumulative investment in a cathedral community, and to see the building looking so lovely and bright. It appears to be well-positioned to serve as centre for worship and diocesan activities for years to come."

Brubacher stresses the wide range of functions that cathedrals hold across

Canada. "In smaller dioceses they frequently house diocesan offices and serve a dual purpose as spiritual and administrative centres. They are also among the most priceless heritage assets in a community."

"Our cathedrals are beautiful sacred spaces with wide ranging ministries that anchor our dioceses, provide a spiritual home for Anglicans, and convene the wider community," says the Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff, Dean of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. "Thank you to AFC members for their generosity which is benefitting so many of our cathedrals."

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Funding Deadline for Ecumenical Projects Extended!

The submission deadline for the 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP) “Ecumenical Embrace” has been extended to April 1, 2025! AFC will continue to consider project applications from Anglicans across Canada who wish to share an ecumenical embrace with our fellow Christians from the Oriental Orthodox Churches.

Read about two successful projects from the 2024 funding cycle on page 5.

To read more about eligibility visit anglicanfoundation.org/2024rfp.

To chat about a project idea, call 1-877-354-6387 or email foundation@anglicanfoundation.org.

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Executive Director's Message



Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director

Joys of Giving, Receiving, Thanking

The end of the Canada Post strike this past December meant the return of some particular joys I get to experience as Executive Director of an organization that both receives donations and also provides grants—primarily by mail—joys of giving, receiving, and thanking.

Giving. The strike occurred just as AFC's board met in November to make granting decisions. We had so many grant cheques to send! There were 17 envelopes with bursary funds totaling \$39,000 for students pursuing theological education. There were another 42 envelopes, totaling \$63,000, the first-ever disbursements from the ACW Council of the North

Retired Clergy Fund. 2024 will be AFC's 4th consecutive year granting over \$1 million dollars across the country, with awards being provided to all 30 dioceses. Giving grants and bursary funds to Canadian Anglicans who are serving and caring for their communities—what could be more joyful?!

Receiving. These past few weeks it has also been a joy to receive many envelopes carrying your year-end donations. Once again, AFC donors have responded generously to the annual fundraising effort, expected to total more than \$205,000. It's always a joy to read the affirming comments that accompany your gifts.

Thanking. The largest stack of envelopes were the thank you letters. I personally sign every thank you letter, and it's a joy to take the time to recognize the thousands of you who partner with AFC in funding transformational ministry.

It's the start of a new year. We have four grant cycles and other special funding opportunities to look forward to. There will be many more envelopes coming and going, each one a reminder of our joyful and enduring collaboration in giving, receiving, and thanking for the good of all. ■

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BURSARIES AVAILABLE!



The Anglican Foundation of Canada welcomes all eligible candidates who are pursuing theological education in Canada, with an intent for ordained or lay ministry, to apply for bursaries. Supporting the formation of future leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada is one of the most impactful ways AFC funds transformational ministry across Canada!

anglicanfoundation.org/apply

SAY YES! TO KIDS 2025 SPECIAL INSERT

Sign up Today for *Say Yes! to Kids*



REGISTRATION FOR THE 5th Annual *Say Yes! to Kids* (SYTK) campaign is now open. The 2025 campaign will launch on **Tuesday, April 22 and close on Monday, June 30**. All parishes, dioceses, and organizations seeking to partner with AFC are asked to register by April 1.

Participation will be limited to 30 teams and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Teams will be asked to articulate a campaign

goal and project focus at the point of registration. Most costs associated with youth projects and programs, including staffing, are eligible.

At the close of the campaign, teams will have secured a grant of 80 percent of the funds raised, including any matching gifts or leadership giving boosts provided by AFC. Campaign funds will be disbursed in August. The 20 percent share that is retained by AFC will build up the Kids Helping Kids Fund to enable even more youth-focused grants across Canada. ■

Register today at anglicanfoundation.org/sytk2025 or contact Michelle Hauser, AFC's Development & Communications Officer by phone at 1-877-354-6387 or email mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org.

SYTK Sunday 2025: June 22!

THE 2ND ANNUAL *Say Yes! to Kids* Sunday will take place on **Sunday, June 22**, and will once again be supported by a SYTK Sunday liturgy. The liturgical resource has been developed by a team of AFC's clergy board directors from across Canada and is meant to be used with the permission of the Ordinary.

It is a flexible resource that any church can use, whether it has an active campaign or not. Churches that do not have youth to involve as readers, greeters, or elsewhere, can use the service as a time of prayer for children and their communities and across the country. "What matters most," says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director, AFC, "is rallying Canadian Anglicans to celebrate children, youth, and young adults in our midst."



2024 SYTK Sunday skit at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Napanee, ON.

Participating parishes can order special SYTK Sunday offertory envelopes and use the offering to support their SYTK fundraising campaign, or other local or diocesan outreach to children and youth. There are also bulletin insert graphics and templates available. ■

Testimonials

Online fundraiser is so simple!

"*Say Yes! To Kids* has been a fantastic resource for our Diocesan Youth program. Compared to our previous fundraiser, we raised twice the money with about half the work! I am excited to partner with AFC again this year to support this ministry!" ■

—The Rev. Brody Albers, Diocese of Saskatchewan



Sustainable funding stream appreciated!

"Our congregation is a culturally and linguistically diverse one. Our youth and children's program is one of the ways we help our families connect with Canadian culture and society. We are particularly grateful for the support and generosity of AFC through the *Say Yes! to Kids* program." ■

—The Ven. Richard Geoffrey Leggett, Church of the Epiphany, Surrey, BC, Diocese of New Westminster



Growing community and connection!

"*Say Yes! to Kids* has been a great way for us to reach outside our walls each spring to connect with a community partner and adopt a youth cause. Whether supporting recreation or arts programs, SYTK is an opportunity to show Haligonians that the cathedral cares about young people!" ■

—Cynthia Pilichos, Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, NS, Diocese of NS & PEI



Say Yes! to Kids Impact Grows Year Over Year

Say Yes! to Kids (SYTK) is an annual fundraising appeal sponsored by the Anglican Foundation of Canada. Launched in 2021 to encourage church-led pandemic recovery programs and initiatives, the SYTK movement has now provided \$755,000 in funding to more than 150 beneficiaries and fundraising partners for youth-focused ministry and outreach across the Anglican Church of Canada.

“The top three ministry impact zones have been faith formation, arts and education, and outdoor recreation,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. “It’s wonderful to see the year-over-year impact as so many churches and dioceses are using SYTK to invest in youth retreats, Vacation

Bible Schools, and part-time staffing to revitalize children and youth ministry programs.” Other impact zones include food security and poverty reduction, reconciliation, and health and well-being.

At the close of the 2024 campaign AFC surveyed past SYTK participants. “Seventy-five percent of respondents told us they use SYTK to create a sustainable revenue stream for an ongoing ministry and that it’s an important source of funding for them,” says Brubacher. **“We also heard how influential the AFC Angel Donor matching gift program has been to local campaigns. We are all very grateful to the lead donors who, over the past 4 years, have championed this cause**

with donations totaling more than \$100,000.”

Noteworthy, too, is the positive impact SYTK is having on funding for national Indigenous youth initiatives. The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and Presiding Elder of Sacred Circle says he is grateful for the financial support and encouragement that grants from the *Say Yes! to Kids* program have provided to Indigenous youth. “Funding for events like Sacred Beginnings and CLAY have opened the doors for our Indigenous youth to participate in wider faith programs where they might have never been able to join and celebrate with other youth of their age groups.”



Celebrating Three Decades of Visionary Generosity

ESTABLISHED IN 1994 by the late Graham and Evelyn Cotter with an annual commitment of \$10,000 per year over ten years, the Sacred Arts Trust of the Anglican Foundation of Canada has disbursed nearly \$170,000 over the last 30 years, and the capital continues to be stewarded for long-term impact.

The genesis of the Sacred Arts Trust was rooted in Graham Cotter's years as a parish priest (1965–1983) in the Diocese of Toronto when he promoted the making of liturgical vestments and the use of drama in worship.

Since its inception, the trust has funded innovative faith-based projects in the performing and visual arts across many dioceses. The Cotters' legacy has supported dancers, dramatists and actors, visual artists,



INSET LEFT PHOTO: The Rev. Canon Dr. Graham Cotter (1925–2024)

PHOTO: Liturgical fabric artist Karen Brodie Archibald standing next to her version of the ninth Station of the Cross.

musicians, and educational events from Vancouver, British Columbia, to South River, Newfoundland.

This past November, the trust provided a \$5,000 grant to fabric artist Karen Brodie Archibald of St Paul's, Golden, B.C. (Diocese of Kootenay), to assist her in completing a large textile art project Stations of

the Cross. The inspiration for each station includes a clergy reflection, a hand drawing, and Karen's own thoughts about the artwork, which she will bring to life in vivid textile art. One station has been fully realized, and the grant from the Sacred Arts Trust will help to bring the series to completion.

The Sacred Arts Trust has inspired individuals, parishes, and dioceses across the church to foster creative, artistic, and innovative forms of worship. ■

For more information on how individuals and organizations can establish similar legacies, please contact Michelle Hauser, AFC's Development & Communication Officer by phone at 1-877-354-6387 or by email at mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org.

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Ecumenical Engagement

\$5,000

Trinity College Faculty of Divinity, Toronto, ON (Diocese of Toronto)

"Thank you for the grant for our South Asian Christianity–Ecumenical Engagement project which will be led by faculty and staff within the Faculty of Divinity of Trinity College in partnership with alumni and local church communities and leaders. We look forward to a range of lectures, presentations, and events over the calendar year 2025 that will help to educate both Anglicans and Orthodox at Trinity College and in local church communities about the important and ongoing legacy of south Asian Christianity. We also hope to ensure that the pathway to theological education and ministry formation at Trinity College is made more welcoming and hospitable." ■

– The Very Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Ready, Director, Orthodox Christian Studies, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Icons and Hymns

\$4,000

St. George's Anglican Church, Lennoxville, QC (Diocese of Quebec)



"Thank you for the grant that will allow us to bring together the congregations of St. George's Anglican Church and St. Ephrem's Syrian Orthodox Church for a sharing of our musical and artistic traditions. With this funding, we will meet with St. Ephrem's for five sessions to discuss the use of icons in the Orthodox churches and to learn about hymns used in their Divine Liturgy, as we share with them our rich tradition of Anglican hymnody. We have invited speakers from the Anglican and Oriental Orthodox churches, and we will extend an invitation to participate to all members of the Deanery of St. Francis and to local churches in the Eastern Townships of Quebec." ■

– The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton, Archdeacon of Quebec

General Improvements \$45,000 to 4 Beneficiaries



Grants from general funds supported infrastructure projects at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora, St. Paul's Cathedral, Regina, and St. Jude's Cathedral, Iqaluit.

"We are grateful to AFC for the grant to help repaint Building 659 as it is vital to our mission and ministry," says the Ven. Alexander Pryor, Executive Officer, Diocese of the Arctic. "It houses two ministers, allowing Iqaluit to provide pastoral care to the hundreds of Anglican Nunavummiut who pass through Iqaluit each year for medical treatment. We need to maintain that building in order to keep a full complement of clergy based there. There is no market-rate housing available for clergy in Iqaluit, and even if it were, costs would be astronomical." ■

Snell Lectures \$41,000 for 3 Lectures

Funding to St. James Cathedral, Toronto, was provided through the George and Esther Snell Trust, which holds a variety of funds, including an annual automatic disbursement for St. James, which supports their education programming, and the George Boyd Snell Lectures fund, which supports a regular lecture series on the theme of the Incarnation.



"We are grateful to the Snell Trust for enabling us to bring the Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell to Toronto in 2024 for his talk "Nought for your Comfort—The Long Road to Peace," says the Very Rev. Dr. Stephen Hance, Dean of Toronto. "And thanks to the power of the Internet the lecture is available for all Canadian Anglicans to view on our YouTube channel!" ■

Support for Seniors \$30,000 to 2 beneficiaries



Grants from the LeSueur and Althera Brodie Fund supported senior-centred accessibility and infrastructure projects at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, and St. Martin's Cathedral, Gander.

"All Saints' has been seeking ways to practice radical hospitality," writes the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton. "Given their unique position as the Cathedral, having an accessible worship space that reflects the welcome of God is of utmost importance."

"With increasing use of the church by community groups in what is, primarily, a retirement community," says the Rev. Mark Kingsbury, Rector of St. Martin's, "the modernization of our heating and cooling system will help us to be more environmentally sustainable and better positioned for future ministry." ■

Choral Scholarships \$18,000 to 3 beneficiaries

Thanks to the legacy of A.E.J. (Ted) Fulford, AFC was able to grant a total of \$18,000 to three cathedrals in support of choral scholarships: the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec, St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Corner Brook.

"As a centre for musical excellence, St George's is well-positioned to offer training to young people who, due to education funding cutbacks, are denied access to arts programming in their local schools," says Brad Barbeau, Director of Music, St. George's Cathedral, Kingston. "Many students, particularly those in rural areas, do not have the experience of working with professional musicians at all until entering secondary school, and even then, opportunities are limited." ■

