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Building a Sustainable Future for Youth Ministry

When the Anglican Foundation of Canada launched *Say Yes! to Kids* in 2021, the goal was not simply to pilot a successful peer-to-peer fundraising campaign, but to create a dependable way to sustain youth ministry year after year. Six years later, that vision has become a reality.

In 2026, 30 teams are participating in the campaign with a shared goal of raising more than \$150,000 for children, youth, and family ministry across Canada. More than two-thirds of participating teams in *Say Yes! to*

Kids 2026 are returning teams, and more than half are now taking part in their third or fourth campaign.

At Camp Huron, now in its 4th *Say Yes! to Kids* season, the campaign has raised nearly \$50,000 to support young people through camp bursaries, leadership development, and summer programming. "For us, *Say Yes! to Kids* is more than a fundraising event," says Rodger Moran, Director of Development and Communications for Camp Huron. "It provides a solid annual foundation for bursaries and

gives us a practical starting point as we plan for the season ahead."

In the Diocese of Athabasca, now in its 3rd campaign year, *Say Yes! to Kids* has raised more than \$5,000 in support of its annual Family Camp. Children, youth, and families from distant and often isolated communities gather for worship, friendship, and renewal. "*Say Yes! to Kids* has been such a help to us," says Benita Greenwood, Diocesan Administrator. "We don't have a

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Executive Director's Message



Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director

This Spring, I have been struck by the spirit of newness moving across our Church. In recent weeks, I had the opportunity to attend the House of Bishops, where it was a joy to meet and reconnect with many newly elected bishops now beginning their ministries in dioceses across Canada. That same sense of renewal is visible in many places: new leaders stepping

into parish and diocesan roles, fresh energy around local ministry, and faithful people bringing new ideas to longstanding challenges.

At the Anglican Foundation of Canada, we are experiencing that same momentum. Our next strategic planning process is now underway, inviting us to reflect carefully on where the Church is headed and how AFC can serve most faithfully in the years ahead. We are asking important questions about impact, partnership, sustainability, and where the Foundation's resources can make the greatest difference.

We are also encouraged by the early response to the new Anglican Foundation Legacy Society. Already, around ten members have come forward, offering a powerful sign

of confidence in the future of the Church. This season of renewal will also be reflected in our Board of Directors. At the upcoming Annual General Meeting, we will give thanks for departing directors whose faithful service has strengthened AFC, while preparing to welcome new members who will bring fresh skills, perspectives, and leadership to our work.

As the prophet Ezekiel writes, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you." God continues to call the Church to be reshaped by new voices, new callings, and new possibilities. It is a privilege for AFC to support that work through grants, partnerships, and the shared generosity of our members and donors.

Thank you for walking with us into this hopeful new season. ■

2026 Request for Proposals



Community Bridge-Building and Crisis Response

Funding for Anglican parishes, dioceses, and ministries across Canada on the front lines of the housing, poverty, and drug crises.

- For new or existing projects rooted in dignity, justice, and community wellbeing.
- Category A (Seed): Up to \$5,000
- Category B (Grow): Up to \$15,000
- Submit proposals between September 1 and October 1, 2026

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. Eastern
Online via Zoom

Join members and friends from across Canada. Meeting agenda and audited financial statements will be shared with registrants in advance.

Register today: anglicanfoundation.org/2026agm



2025 ANNUAL REPORT INSERT

The Anglican Foundation of Canada closed out 2025 with strong results across fundraising, granting, and financial stewardship—evidence of a growing confidence in AFC’s mission and a deepening commitment to the future of the Church in Canada.

One of the clearest signs of momentum in 2025 was the continued growth in annual membership giving. Annual memberships exceeded \$230,000, an increase of more than \$50,000 or 28% over the previous year. This growth reflects the generosity of long-time supporters, the engagement of new donors, and the success of increasingly targeted digital and print appeals.

Just as encouraging was the pattern



behind the totals. AFC reported a continued shift toward higher giving categories, with notable growth among donors giving in the \$100–\$500 range, as well as increases at the Benefactor and Directors’ Circle levels. The average parish gift also rose to \$137, a 20% increase over the previous year, demonstrating renewed commitment from congregations across the country.

“These results point to more than successful fundraising,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. “They reflect a growing understanding that AFC is a trusted way to invest in ministry across Canada.”

That generosity translated directly into impact. In 2025, AFC awarded more than \$1 million in grants for

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2025 Grants Summary

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES
\$522,000 to
68 recipients



SACRED MUSIC & LITURGICAL ARTS
\$45,000 to
9 recipients

LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION
\$150,000 to
49 recipients



INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES
\$25,000 to
2 recipients

DIVERSE INFRASTRUCTURE
\$352,000 to
28 recipients



TOTAL
\$1,094,000
156 recipients

Including



YOUTH-FOCUSED GRANTS
\$177,000 to
37 recipients

2025 ANNUAL REPORT INSERT

the fifth consecutive year, continuing an unprecedented period of national support for Anglican ministry.

The most significant shift within the granting portfolio was the continued rise of Community Ministries. In 2025, roughly half of all grants awarded supported ministry projects responding to local needs through food security, outreach, relationship-building, reconciliation, and pastoral care.

This growing emphasis reflects AFC’s commitment to funding ministries that are both faithful and responsive: parishes and dioceses meeting people where they are, often in partnership with others, and strengthening communities through practical expressions of hope.

“For five years now, Canadian Anglicans have enabled AFC to grant at historic levels,” says Brubacher. “That means more opportunities for churches to respond creatively and compassionately to the needs around them.”

In 2025, AFC also took important steps in a new area of leadership: helping dioceses build long-term resources for their own strategic priorities. The launch of the Anne Germond Legacy Fund in the Diocese of Algoma marked a significant milestone in that work. Created to support ministry priorities identified by diocesan leadership, the fund demonstrated how legacy giving can strengthen the Church at a local level while creating lasting capacity for the future.

“What began as a pilot initiative is already shaping broader conversations across the country,” explains Brubacher. “AFC is now drawing on the learnings from Algoma to work directly with other dioceses exploring similar funds—customized vehicles that can resource areas of greatest need and reflect local mission priorities.”

AFC enters 2026 with energy, gratitude, and purpose: strengthened by generous donors, focused on meaningful impact, and committed to serving the Church not only through grants, but through strategic partnership and shared vision.

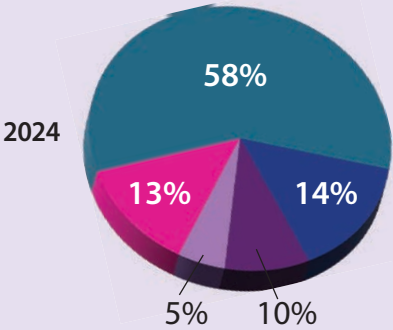
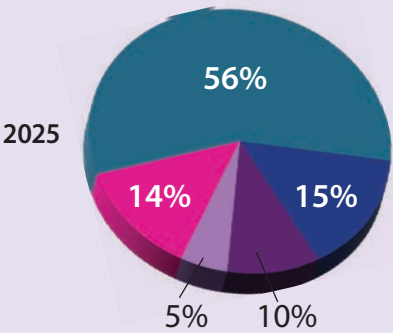
Thank you to every volunteer, donor, parish, and partner who made 2025 such a remarkable year. ■

Financial Highlights

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenues	2,930,131	2,932,153
Bequests and gifts	868,664	507,581
Annual memberships	231,698	180,484
Investment income (includes gains/losses)	1,788,294	2,202,187
Loan interest and other income	41,475	41,901
Expenses	1,905,648	1,753,559
Grants and disbursements	1,070,619	1,023,511
Charitable operations	293,170	250,656
Administration	180,363	170,414
Fundraising	100,392	85,980
Investment and Loan management	261,104	222,998
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	1,024,483	1,178,594
Total Funds under Administration	22,329,792	21,286,482
General Fund	3,211,654	3,386,405
Community Ministries Fund	2,104,658	2,132,281
Restricted Funds	3,359,016	2,669,613
Endowment Funds	13,121,466	12,584,012
Funds Held for Others	532,998	514,171
Loans Receivable from Third Party Organizations	749,032	786,939

Note: Complete audited financial statements for the Anglican Foundation of Canada are available on the Foundation’s website: anglicanfoundation.org/annual-reports

Summary of Expenses



- Grants and Disbursements
- Charitable Operations
- Administration
- Fundraising
- Investment and Loan Management

AFC Legacy Society continues to grow

Momentum continues to build for the Anglican Foundation Legacy Society, as more donors from across the Anglican Church of Canada step forward to join this growing circle of generosity.

Established in 2025, the Legacy Society recognizes those who have chosen to support AFC through a planned gift and who have shared that intention with the Foundation. Their commitments are helping to strengthen the future of Anglican ministry in Canada while offering a powerful witness of faith, gratitude, and hope.



"I am delighted to become a founding member of the Anglican Foundation Legacy Society," says Canon David Jones, K.C., former Chancellor of General Synod and former Chancellor of the Diocese of Edmonton. "The Church's needs will continue to change, and it is important to support institutions that can respond wisely and effectively where help is most needed."



"I am happy to join the Legacy Society and grateful for the leadership the Foundation is providing," says the Very Rev. Peter Elliott, former Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver. "The Anglican Foundation has strengthened ministry across Canada, and I am glad to help support that mission for the future."



Their participation is a reminder that legacy giving is about more than financial planning. It is about carrying forward the values and ministries that matter most, and ensuring future generations inherit a Church equipped to serve with courage and compassion.

Those who join the Legacy Society through the end of 2027, AFC's 70th anniversary year, will be recognized as founding members. ■

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budget for our family camp, so our annual fundraiser helps to keep the cost of camp registration as low as possible so that as many families as possible can attend. It's really working for us."

The Cathedral Church of All Saints in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island offers another angle on sustainable outreach. Now in its sixth *Say Yes! to Kids* season, the Cathedral has raised more than \$15,000 for youth initiatives ranging from summer day camps and newcomer programs to girls' choir leadership and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth support. This year's campaign will support the new Anchor Youth Space Halifax-Chebucto, developed with Anglicans Powering Potential and the YWCA Halifax.

Say Yes! to Kids also continues to



welcome new teams with fresh goals. Among this year's newcomers is Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, raising funds for its Young Choristers to participate in the 2026 UK choir residency. It joins two other newer cathedral teams with similar ambitions: Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa and St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, preparing for UK tours in 2027 and 2028, respectively.

"That blend of returning teams and

first-time participants is what gives the campaign its strength," says Michelle Hauser, Development & Communications Officer. "Established ministries gain a reliable annual stream of support, while newcomers discover a tested pathway for funding youth initiatives in their own context. When support becomes consistent, ministries can plan ahead, dream bigger, and create opportunities for young people that last."

To support a team close to you—geographically or close to your heart—contact the Foundation office for guidance. Donors may also give to the National Team, where gifts will be shared across participating teams to help as many ministries as possible reach 100% of their fundraising goals. ■

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2026 First Quarter Grant Awards Highlights

Honouring Women: \$7,000

Celebrating 50 Years of the Priesting of Women
(Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia & Yukon)



Celebrating 50 Years

The Priesting of Women in the Anglican Church of Canada

Hosted by the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia & Yukon in partnership with the Diocese of Islands and Inlets, the November 2026 event will

bring clergy from across the country together for worship, learning, storytelling, and celebration. The grant from AFC will provide bursary support to help ensure broad participation from women priests nationwide. “This is an opportunity to honour the past, celebrate the present, and encourage future generations of leaders in the Church,” said Archbishop John Stephens. ■

Camp Renewal: \$12,000

Camp Brookwood, Fredericton, NB
(Diocese of Fredericton)

Funding will improve Howlett Hall with insulation, new windows, and cooling capacity, creating a safer and more comfortable space for campers and staff during increasingly hot summer weather. The project also includes accessibility

improvements and repairs to the camp’s swimming pool, a central part of the Brookwood experience. “These improvements are about caring well for a place that has shaped generations of young people,” says Philip Shepherdson, contact person for the application. “They will help ensure Camp Brookwood remains a welcoming and life-giving place for years to come.” ■



Community Meets Grace: \$5,000

Gathering Table, Thunder Bay, ON
(Diocese of Algoma)



This grant will help launch Dinner Church at Gathering Table in Thunder Bay—an intergenerational monthly ministry centred on shared meals, live music, conversation, and spiritual formation. Building on the parish’s established food cupboard outreach, Dinner Church is designed to deepen relationships with neighbours and create space for belonging, testimony,

and growth around the table. Organizers expect the program to become a lasting part of parish life, with opportunities for other Anglican churches in the Diocese of Algoma to partner through food, volunteers, and financial support. “Something holy happens when people are welcomed to the table,” says Lisa Long, contact person for the application, “and into the presence of Christ.” ■

Community Hub Access: \$15,000

St. John the Evangelist, Bancroft, ON
(Diocese of Ontario)

The project includes replacing an unsafe, outdated exterior ramp with a new enclosed entrance and electric lift, providing full access to both levels of the parish hall. Already home to low-cost community lunches, seniors’ gatherings, a Métis foot clinic, inter-agency meetings, and children’s cooking camps, the parish hall has become an

important gathering place in a region with limited public community space. “With these accessibility improvements, we will be able to welcome more people, remove barriers, and expand our outreach in ways that serve the whole North Hastings region,” says Russell Grant, churchwarden, St. John the Evangelist, Bancroft. ■

