

## THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION OF CANADA INSPIRING MINISTRY AND FUNDING VISIONS

FOUNDED in 1957 with imaginative foresight, the Anglican Foundation of Canada's vision is to provide abundant resources for innovative ministries, Anglican presence, and diverse infrastructure projects across the Canadian Church.

AFC donors, including individuals, parishes, dioceses, and bishops, contribute to a healthy, vibrant Canadian Church in every part of the country, and across generations by encouraging ministry and strategically disbursing funds for the greatest impact. During the past three years, AFC has invested over \$2 million in the ministry of our Church. Working in partnership with AFC donors across the country, we can increase our positive impact by **inspiring new ministries** and **funding great ideas**.

### **Inspiring new ministries**

Three years ago AFC began to proactively inspire new ministries through an innovative grant program. We award five \$10,000 grants each year to proposals that best support themes of importance identified by the Church. The results have touched hundreds of people, and this is a program we want to sustain and grow in the future. Past themes have included youth leadership development and service projects involving interfaith collaboration. The current theme calls for projects that respond to the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action*. This innovative grant program has inspired new ministry projects:

- a youth-oriented massive open online course on biblical literacy
- a one-year opportunity to live in Christian community
- a residential program of "partners in leadership development"
- an interfaith community kitchen
- a series of Anglican-Muslim dialogues to address intolerance and injustice
- an interfaith "End Poverty" resource
- a program connecting Aboriginal Elders with at-risk city youth

### **Funding great ideas**

For 60 years AFC has responded to imaginative ideas and needs that are expressed by the grassroots of our Church across the country. We have funded the construction of new churches and parish halls, improved safety and accessibility, reimagined and repurposed worship spaces for liturgy, and opened doors for community gatherings that bring people together. Here are some of the great ideas that AFC has funded:

- after-school homework clubs
- before-school breakfast programs
- chaplaincy and spiritual care in hospitals, schools, and at sea
- community meals and cooking classes for street youth
- community gardens

- purchase of technological equipment in Canada's northern communities
- installation of solar panels for environmentally responsible heating and electricity

While our work has made a significant difference, we know there is more we can and must do. Each year there are more great ideas and creative energy than we can fund.

In order to increase the funds available to match the innovation and need in our communities, we are seeking ways to **increase annual membership**, involve more individual donors in **significant projects**, and invite Canadian Anglicans to make **legacy plans** so that their gifts may have an impact for generations to come. We want to hear from individuals who may wish to **endow new grant funds** so that we may continue to inspire new ministries and respond to the needs of the Church.

We invite every Anglican to support the Foundation in the vital work we do together. Donors have the opportunity to make a considerable and lasting impact in people's lives across the country.

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