

Five things to know about Giving Our Thanks & Praise

1. It was created by and for the Anglican Church of Canada

This program is a project of the General Synod Resources for Mission with the support of a Ministry Investment Fund grant. A team of Anglican clergy and lay leaders are adapting and writing resources for this parish giving program. The program and its materials will be revised and improved, based on ongoing evaluation.

2. It is based on three actions: inspiring, inviting, and thanking

The program has resources for each action. The important thing is to do something that inspires, something that invites, and something that offers thanks.

3. It is adaptable to your context

This program can be scaled to the size and setting of your congregation. The theme makes it easy to adapt to any time of the church year: Thanksgiving, Advent, Epiphany, Lent, or Easter. Designed as a five-week program, Giving Our Thanks & Praise can be adapted as a shorter program to suit your congregation's needs.

4. It has five steps

Get started: Recruit leadership, set goals, and plan implementation

Inspire: Resources to develop “Why I give” testimonies, resources to develop a narrative budget to share the story of your ministry, and worship and learning resources to anchor the program in sound theology in our Anglican tradition

Invite: Step-by-step support for a face-to-face and peer-to-peer invitation to everyone in your community, and ideas for a leadership letter

Thank: Ideas and encouragement for showing and modelling gratitude that is timely, personal, and sincere, and ways to develop a culture of gratitude in your parish

Wrap up: Evaluation and preparation for next year's program

5. Support is provided

We are developing peer support for implementing this program.

The website will add resources as they are available (anglican.ca/gtp).