

REPORT OF THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION OF CANADA TO GENERAL SYNOD 2025

FOR INFORMATION

For over 65 years, the **Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC)** has served as a trusted steward of generous Anglican legacies across Canada. Thanks to careful financial management, AFC has disbursed over **\$40 million** in grants and loans to ministries from coast to coast to coast.

Strategic Plan (2023–27): Progress & Priorities

In 2023, AFC launched a new **Strategic Plan for 2023–27**, reaffirming its Mission, Vision, and Values, and introducing a new **Case for Support**. The plan focused on two major objectives:

1. Enhancing AFC’s Granting Program

- Redefined grant impact zones and categories for clarity.
- Increased diocesan annual granting quota.
- Launched a centralized application portal.
- Developed user-friendly resources: a model application, video tutorial, and instructional blog.

2. Strengthening AFC’s Financial Resources

- Established the **Community Ministries Fund**, with a **\$2 million investment** from AFC’s General Fund.
- Reallocated resources to meet growing demand for community-based outreach grants.

Emerging Priorities (2025 & Beyond)

With most objectives met by early 2025, two key priorities have emerged for the next planning cycle:

- 1. Aligning grant and loan funding with diocesan strategic goals.**
- 2. Expanding AFC’s leadership in planned giving** to support future generations of Anglicans.

Additionally, AFC is exploring ways to **support the Church beyond financial grants**, leveraging its subject matter expertise to assist in non-financial ways.

Looking ahead, AFC will conduct **stakeholder consultations throughout 2025** to inform the development of its next **Strategic Plan (2026–29)**.

Financial Highlights (2023–24)

2023: A Record-Breaking Year

- **Largest annual grant disbursement:** \$1.15 million awarded to **144 recipients** across **28 dioceses**.
- **Introduction of Category C grants**, resulting in the **three largest grants in AFC history**.
- **Third consecutive year** of disbursements exceeding **\$1 million**.
- **Highest-ever membership donations:** \$182,000 (+5% increase from 2022).
- **Established the David Philip Jones Preaching Fund**, honoring the former Chancellor of General Synod.

2024: Continued Strong Performance (*Audited results pending*)

- **Fourth consecutive year** of disbursements exceeding **\$1 million**, with **\$1.076 million** awarded to **189 recipients** across **all 30 dioceses**.
- **Second-highest membership donations:** \$180,000 (despite the Canada Post strike).
- **Established the Archbishop Linda Nicholls Theological Education Fund** to support women in theological studies.

Say Yes! to Kids (SYTK) Campaign

Launched in 2021, ***Say Yes! to Kids (SYTK)*** has become the most successful **peer-to-peer fundraising campaign** in the Anglican Church of Canada. Since its inception, SYTK has raised over **\$755,000** for more than **150 church-led initiatives** supporting children, youth, and young adults.

Program Impact

Grants have supported initiatives focused on:

- ✓ Faith formation
- ✓ Educational enrichment
- ✓ Health & well-being
- ✓ Community connections

Fundraising Success

- Two-thirds of teams tend to meet or exceed their goals
- The remaining third typically achieve 50–80%.
- Matching donors have provided over **\$100,000** in support.
- **National contributions:**
 - **2022:** \$25,000 grant to CLAY for Indigenous student participation.
 - **2023:** \$15,000 grant to Sacred Beginnings, the national Indigenous youth gathering.
 - **2024:** grant beneficiary announcement pending.

2025 SYTK Campaign

- Open to **30 fundraising teams**.
- Donations can be made to **local teams** or the **National Team**.
- **For every \$20 donated to a local team, \$4 will support AFC's national youth ministry grants.**
- AFC encourages churches to celebrate **Say Yes! to Kids Sunday**, with a **flexible liturgy** available for worship planning.