# An Abiding Legacy, A Dynamic Future: St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa launches a year-long commemoration of Canada's 150th anniversary.

Throughout 2017, St. Andrew's Church will host special events to celebrate *Canada 150* and commemorate the church's history of involvement and contribution to community and country since Confederation. Founded in 1828 and built on traditional Algonquin land, St. Andrew's invites everyone to join in celebrating our proud Canadian legacy, reflect on achievements, and aspire to greater benevolence to others in collaboration with community partners.

Everyone is welcome. All events are free of charge at 82 Kent St. (corner of Wellington), Ottawa.

#### Sunday, February 12 – <u>Worship Service with the</u> Governor General of Canada

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston will attend a Worship Service launching St. Andrew's *Canada 150* programming and acknowledging the Church's historic ties to Rideau Hall.

#### Saturday, February 18 – <u>Celebrating Young Minds with</u> Canada's Poet Laureate

George Elliott Clarke, Canada's Poet Laureate, will read from his works and present awards to local students who participated in the St. Andrew's *Canada 150* poetry and prose contest.

#### Tuesday, March 7 – <u>Honouring Women in Leadership</u>

On the eve of International Women's Day, Janet Fuhrer, Past President of the Canadian Bar Association, will give a talk about Women in Leadership. St. Andrew's will also pay tribute to the Honourable Cairine Wilson, a former member of St. Andrew's and Canada's first female Senator.

## Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4 – <u>Joining with Others:</u> <u>Doors Open Ottawa</u>

St. Andrew's will participate in *Doors Open Ottawa*, an annual City of Ottawa architectural event that celebrates Ottawa's history, culture and built heritage.

# Saturday, June 3 – <u>Peter Bryce: Acknowledging a Man of Conscience</u> <u>and Creating New Acts of Reconciliation</u>

In partnership with First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Legacy of Hope Foundation, St. Andrew's will launch a new exhibition on Dr. Peter H. Bryce, a former member of St Andrew's and one of the first non-Indigenous people to speak out against the Residential School System over one hundred years ago. After the launch there will be a panel discussion on the importance of being people of conscience with Cindy Blackstock, John Milloy, Teresa Edwards. Discussion moderated by CBC TV news anchor Adrian Harewood.

The launch and reception will be on June 3, 2017, beginning at 6 pm, followed by the panel discussion at 7 pm. *This project was funded in part by a grant from the Community Foundation of Ottawa.* 

# Saturday, July 1- <u>Hearing the St. Andrew's Story:</u> <u>Annual Summer Open Doors Programme</u>

Everyone is invited to tour St. Andrew's and hear about the Church, the people and their stories that have influenced the Church's 189 year history.

## Tuesday, November 7 – <u>Honouring the Sacrifice of Our Veterans and</u> our War Dead

To mark Remembrance Day, St. Andrew's welcomes Dominique Boulais, Commemorations and Public Relations Manager of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Canadian Agency, for a presentation about the history and mandate of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and its responsibilities within the Americas and Dr Tim Cook, Historian of the Canadian War Museum, for a talk about how Canada commemorated its First World War sacrifices throughout the 1920s and 1930s.