

Vision 2020 Fall Appeal

Community and Compassion at St. Andrew's

Vignette #6 – Helping Further Afield

Through a social action program, St. Andrew's seeks to embody the Christian values of charity and compassion. We believe in doing good both for its own sake, and as an example of true Christian caring. In previous Vignettes, we described some of our Mission and Outreach activities that take place locally and the support we provide to the Presbyterian Church's activities across Canada. Today we look further afield, and our vision takes us to three very different parts of the world.



Through the Marco Depestre Foundation of Ottawa, we support numerous initiatives in Haiti in the areas of poverty, education, health, potable water and agro-forestry. In recent years, we have helped build a school that was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake and supported tree planting to replace forests damaged by the more recent hurricane.

St. Andrew's continues to be actively involved in the resettlement of refugees, with emphasis in recent years on those from war-torn Syria. Last year we completed the successful integration of two families and have undertaken a new arrangement with another of the local churches to resettle two more. And for many years now we have partnered with First Church in Amkhut India, in the mission field of our national church serving the Bhil people.



Our congregation is also a strong financial supporter of Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D), the development agency of our national church.

If you would like to provide additional support for the Mission and Outreach programs at St. Andrew's, please see the reverse side of this note.

Questions and Answers

Yes, I would like to provide additional support and/or get more involved in the programs and activities at St. Andrew's.

How can I do this?

There are three ways to provide financial support, and all are easy to use:

1. You can visit the Givings page of the St. Andrew's website at www.StAndrewsOttawa.ca and make an on-line donation, or
2. You can use a past-dated envelope from earlier in the year (just make sure your number is still current) – simply mark Fall Campaign on it, and place it on the collection plate, or
3. Use one of the visitor envelopes available in the pews, but be sure to provide your name and address so that we can send you a tax receipt for gifts over \$20.

Can I simply put cash in the collection plate?

Absolutely, but if you identify yourself, we will send you a tax receipt by which to receive a tax credit for up to 40% of your donation. This approach provides the same benefit to the Church, but lowers the cost to you considerably.

How do I find out more about the different Mission and Outreach programs with which St. Andrew's is involved?

There is additional information on our website <http://www.standrewsottawa.ca/> on the website of the Marco Depestre Foundation <http://www.marcodepestrefoundationofottawa.org> and that of PWS&D at <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>

Can I become involved directly in any of these programs or activities?

Yes, by all means – contact Rob Sheffield or Rod Parriag, co-chairs of our Mission and Outreach Committee, via the church office at office@standrewsottawa.ca . Please consider yourself cordially invited to join in!

Please note that all of the past vignettes can be found on the St. Andrew's website via a link on the home page.

Thank you for your support and God bless.

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