

## REPORT OF THE RESOURCES FOR MISSION COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO GENERAL SYNOD 2019

The Coordinating Committee and staff of Resources for Mission (RfM) agreed that their overall purpose in this triennium was to enhance financial resources and build capacity for the ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada. They moved toward achieving their purpose by focusing on five priority areas:

- Increased revenue for General Synod,
- Greater capacity of dioceses, parishes, individuals and covenant partners (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund; Anglican Foundation) to fulfil their ministry through partnerships, relationships and shared resources,
- Increased knowledge and understanding among Anglicans of the ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada,
- Enhanced reputation of RfM and General Synod for efficiency, accountability and transparency,
- Esteemed for values of servant leadership, bridge building and a focus on the future

### **Changes at Resources for Mission:**

The Resources for Mission Coordinating Committee, made up of five members, worked through the triennium with dedication and commitment. Bishop Rob Hardwick chaired the committee for the first half of the triennium and we thank him for his vision and leadership.

While we searched for a full-time director, David Armour, President of United Church of Canada Foundation, provided expertise and advice to the committee and staff team. We are grateful to David for his expertise.

At the end of 2018, we welcomed Deborah Barretto as director of Resources for Mission. We have a strong staff team: Grace Lanca, annual giving and database coordinator; Susan Graham Walker, stewardship ministry associate; and Fe Bautista who recently joined the team as donor database clerk, supporting Anglican Journal donors. Our executive assistant, Emily De Lucia Wood, went on maternity leave in early 2019.

### **Ministry highlights**

- In 2017, *Giving with Grace*, the annual campaign raised close to \$1 million for the Anglican Healing Fund
- Two stewardship conferences took place in 2017, one in Quebec and one in Saskatchewan, engaging congregations across the country
- Development of stewardship materials: 1) *Giving Our Thanks and Praise*, a guide and resource to increase giving, generosity and gratitude <https://www.anglican.ca/gifts/gtp/>;

2) *I Intend*, a discipleship program for congregations and individuals  
<https://www.anglican.ca/gifts/i-intend/>

- In 2018, a revised Terms of Reference was completed and approved by the Council of General Synod
- Leadership, support and resources were provided to the Anglican Foundation during their transition to a new database
- Sponsorship for General Synod 2019 topped \$100,000
- Multi-channel methods were used to reach donors, including social media, email blasts, direct mail, phone calls, and in-person meetings

The committee continues to look at ways to enhance and support the ministries of the Church, notwithstanding the realities of a shrinking donor pool. Our plan is to build on the foundation already put in place and to address the challenges that may beset dioceses and parishes over the next triennium.

We are grateful for the work of a dedicated staff team but most of all, we are grateful to our donors and supporters who continue to believe in the mission and work of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

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