



Stewardship in Action at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in 2017

The overriding objective at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul as Stewards is to employ the God given financial resources to make the world a better place to live. We believe we can truly make a difference by helping to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, give hope to the hopeless and bring peace to the troubled. We have a desire to be a part of something that changes lives.

In 2017 we at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul employed our gifts of Time, Talent, Goods, Energy and Money in a variety of ways:

Within Our Church Family:

- held worship services every Sunday morning with inspiring sermons and prayers and uplifting music
- supported our Church School of 65 children with the help of a Church School Coordinator and a dedicated staff of 23 volunteer teachers
- provided Christian Education on Sunday morning to Children from toddlers to teens
- provided a supervised Crèche for babies up to 24 months
- held two Lunch and Learn events, one on "The Homeless Situation in Montreal" and the second on "Navigating Social Media for Parents and their Teens"
- provided personal help to individuals and families in crisis through our Stephen Ministry
- supported our award winning Choir, not just through regular Sunday morning services but also in the performance of additional concerts and choral presentations including a Hymn Festival and the CBC Sing-in which was broadcast through the world
- celebrated Heritage Sunday to recognize our international congregation. The service included a procession of the flags of more than 30 countries and prayers in five different languages as well as a Taste of the Nations Buffet following the service
- held a Fall Fair staffed by more than 100 volunteers, the proceeds of which were used to support projects within the church and the community

Within Our Local Community:

- provided financial assistance to 20 local charities and charitable partners using both the church's funds and the funds raised at the annual Fall Fair



-our Youth Group which welcomes all young people from grades 5 through high school raised significant funds to support "The Coldest Night Walkathon" in aid of the homeless, and "The Canadian Cancer Relay For Life" in support of cancer research.

In Communities Beyond the Borders of Our City

-financially supported Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) in its worldwide outreach Programs which help communities overcome poverty, recover from emergency situations and provide new futures of hope for vulnerable people. Funds are raised from our Christmas Eve Service, the Church School Christmas Pageant and special offerings at times of disaster

-enabled two refugee families to move from Syria to Canada. We provided financial and organizational assistance in collaboration with Action Refugees Montreal and the family related co-sponsor in addition to clothing, household supplies and the provision of a furnished apartment.

-for our Twinning project with the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, which welcomes indigenous Canadians new to city life, organized spring and fall clothing drives, provided art supplies and, through the Knitters for Neechewagon, provided winter and summer clothes.

-our Youth Group supported Presbyterian World Service and Development by raising funds to purchase a cow, a nurse's pack, a bicycle and mosquito netting to benefit children in Africa.

-provided live broadcasts of our worship services and choral events to people around the world on You Tube and Facebook. We have more than 400 Facebook followers and we send out messages via Twitter for special events.

-offered tours of our own historic Church to over 6,000 visitors from the Montreal community and from around the world.

There were many other examples of resources shared with The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul that were too numerous to list here.

Our Church seeks to be open and encourage new forms of Stewardship and Christian Witness among the Congregation.

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