



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



From Presbyterian World Service and Development

Respond to the India COVID Crisis

India is currently in the midst of a dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases, threatening its healthcare system and leaving already vulnerable families in crisis.

First published on the PCC website on May 4th.

For more than a week, over 300,000 cases have been diagnosed daily. So far over 220,000 people have died in India and the crisis is only worsening.

Immediate needs are access to health care, medical supplies and medicines, particularly oxygen. There is an urgent need to educate people on risk prevention and address vaccine hesitancy. Vaccine supply is insufficient and inaccessible to many, leaving herd immunity out of reach.

PWS&D is preparing to respond with its partners and ACT Alliance members in India to support people that are sick or quarantined at home with cash to buy medicines and provide for other emergency needs. Additionally, they will work with communities to share messages on infection prevention and control, as well as information on vaccines.

PWS&D has been working with partners in India for decades. These partners are on the ground, actively assessing the situation to determine how best to respond. Our Christian partners in India reach out to all those in need, irrespective of their faith, as Jesus called us to do. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

You can donate through St. Andrew's making sure to note that the donation is to go to India Covid Crisis. You can also go to <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2021/05/04/india-covid-crisis/> and donate directly through the PCC.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ST. ANDREW'S

As we are apart on this 112th Anniversary of the church we present a hymn text instead of a prayer to reflect on and honour our past and present, and set in our sight our hope for the future. Happy Anniversary St. Andrew's!

Celebrating the Church

As we come in celebration,
We now contemplate our past
We delight in former friendships
And the love that holds us fast;
All our past is now accepted;
Through its troubles we have grown;
Now the future beckons to us,
Knowing we are not alone.

We give honour to past visions
Fostering community;
For all feelings of belonging
Energizing harmony;
We acknowledge past commitments,
Past successes, past mistakes;
Jesus never promised to us
Life without its pains and aches.

As this annivers'ry passes
We commit to ministry;
Look to Jesus for direction;
Forge a thrilling destiny;
We have journeyed on together
With abundant, godly care;
We now look toward the future
Knowing God will meet us there.

Tune: Hyfrydol Words by George Stuart from Singing a New Song: Traditional hymn tunes with new modern lyrics Song No 83. Thanks to George's generosity, all of the lyrics published on [his website](https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/worship-services-by-video/) are free of any copyright restrictions and limitations and thus are all available for your use.



FAMILY TIME WITH JAMIE GEROW

St. Andrew's has a family time video series with our Choir Director, Jamie Gerow. Jamie will be making these every other week or so, and they can be found on our Youtube channel, so please be sure to subscribe.

Here is a link to the latest video.

<https://youtu.be/lxs5BebgMRY>

Services are available online and can be accessed on the church Facebook page, or on the website at

<https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/worship-services-by-video/>

Arrangements can also be made for a print version of the worship service to be provided. Connect with Rev. Joyce for more information



From Joyce

Well not only have we spent two Easters and one Christmas away from our church building, along with all the others way we would have celebrated and spent time together, we now celebrate the 112th anniversary of St. Andrew's away from each other, making it two anniversary Sundays that we have not been able to rejoice in person and with one another. Still, I think it is remarkable that this past year has shown the depth of the commitment to the church from members who are making sure that people are staying connected, being remembered, and remembering the church through their offerings. Thanks to each of you for being who you are. All you bring in time, talent, and treasure gives us hope for the future.

Though the last year has been quiet for us in many ways, staff and volunteers have adjusted their work to allow us to hold a very successful fundraiser, worship transitioned online, this newsletter continues, and building maintenance is ongoing. We have learned how valuable online worship is and so it will continue even when we can worship in person. The Session has never stopped working and planning as the leadership team of the congregation. In fact, we are so confident in God's work in and through our congregation that we are working out next steps to discern what God may be leading the congregation to be and do. We know that nothing stays the same, that as human beings we are constantly changing. Life circumstances change as we move from one stage of our life to another, and that is no different with a congregation. We sometimes forget how subtle the changes in church have been, but we know that particularly with the pandemic the world has shifted significantly and will not return to what was "normal", and so the church will want to adjust. We don't know exactly what that will look like yet, but the Session is looking at it and will be engaging the whole of the congregation in the conversation so that whatever the future holds we will continue to be God's people together in work and worship.

Thank you for 112 years of love for one another, for the community, and for God!

112TH ANNIVERSARY

WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

Website: You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

Preauthorized Remittance: This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net to have a form sent to you.

Mail: You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850 – 1894), author

ST. ANDREW'S COVID UPDATE

St. Andrew's remains closed until further notice, due to government regulations.

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