



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

YES Canada is seeking host families in the Thunder Bay area to host international high school students from countries around the world. We are welcoming students from France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Japan that will be arriving in the Fall of 2021 for durations ranging from 2 months to the full school year. Becoming a host family is a great way to experience another culture at home and to have a truly enriching experience!

To learn more about hosting, contact the YES Canada Local Coordinator for your area, Deborah Poole-Hofmann,

Email: deborah@youthedservices.ca

Phone (YES Canada main office):

416-623-6220 ext. 403

Or visit our website:

<https://youthedservices.ca/host-a-student/>

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!

PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Heavenly Father,

Such grief has recently halted our celebrations of Canada Day, but to me, each firework released to the heavens is in honour to each child found on the sites of Residential Schools. Soon they will be identified and returned to their families.

It's been much too long, but the wait is coming to an end. Let us celebrate, in His honour, the return of each child and please let us never forget to always forgive and erase all racism and discrimination in each step forward as we walk with heads bowed and arms raised high in celebration of each child.

In God's name we ask your forgiveness and the strength to carry on.

Written by: Sandra & Tony DePerry



PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Food Assistance Provides Comfort During Difficult Times

In Afghanistan, Razia and her four children lost their home when they could no longer afford to pay rent. Abandoned by her husband and left with few prospects to earn an income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Razia and her children sought refuge in a spare room at the local mosque. Razia's son did small jobs to earn money, but it wasn't enough to sustain the family. Fortunately, the family was selected to be recipients of a food assistance project run by Community World Service Asia, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development. Monthly cash transfers were

provided to 1,100 vulnerable families, including many who had returned to Afghanistan from Iran. "We were blessed as the cash helped us to purchase essential groceries. I have also bought warm clothing for my children so the winters will be warm and comfortable," Razia





From Joyce

Something interesting is happening as I can now spend time with people. I find that I get tired quickly. Coming out of all the restrictions we have experienced where isolation and computer screens were the only way we could be together, now, being in the physical presence of others, it seems that my body and mind are having to adjust to the energy it takes to be with others. I am not complaining. I am grateful that I can visit and spend time with people I really have missed seeing; I just had not anticipated that a visit could have me craving a nap!

I share this in case you are experiencing something similar and wondering what it is about. When we are physically present with another, we pick up on each others' emotions and energy. It also takes the effort of getting dressed, getting out of the house or building, and then being really attentive to conversation and social cues. Somehow it seemed easier to not be quite as attentive online. My stamina is building up quickly. It had too. There have been a number of demands of my time and it has taken being with people to make things happen. It is like we are playing catch up on the many activities that were delayed by Covid. It is certainly clear that loved ones are now making plans for services that celebrate a life lived as every day or so I get a call about when, what, and where. I am also making sure all things are in place so that when I go on vacation in August, I can truly take a break and you will not even realize I am away as all services will be available as per usual. So, a reminder to take care of yourselves, recognize that transitioning to some kind of new normal will take energy, patience, and self-care. May the summer help you to rest and be renewed.

COMMUNION SERVICE

There will be a Zoom Communion Service today, Sunday July 25 7:00 p.m. Everyone connected with St. Andrew's Thunder Bay and on the email list will get an invite with a link to the service. All you need to do is have something ready to drink (juice, wine, water) and something for bread (crackers, bread, bun, etc.) Rev. Joyce will lead participants through a worship service with communion.



HONOURING THE CHILDREN: RECONCILIATION AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FUND ESTABLISHED

In response to the devastating confirmation of unmarked graves on the grounds of former residential schools, and in honour of the children who were lost and all people living with the consequences of that legacy, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has established the *Honouring the Children: Reconciliation and Residential Schools Fund*. This fund will support initiatives associated with searches for unmarked burial sites in communities where schools were operated by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

All work will complement efforts to address systemic racism against Indigenous people, both in the church and Canadian society, and the ongoing healing and reconciliation work being done in the ministries of the National Indigenous Ministry Council.

To begin, the church has committed \$1 million from national funds, and invites congregations and individuals to make additional contributions to this important work.

Here is the link to donate

<https://presbyterian.ca/2021/07/02/honouring-the-children-fund/>

Donations by cheque can also be made directly through St. Andrew's. Earmark the cheque for "Honouring the Children Fund"



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