

be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus Christ.

Sonshine Lunch Club aka Soup Kitchen - a volunteer group that provides nourishment and fellowship to those less fortunate than ourselves. Along with St. Peter's Anglican Church in Comox, we coordinate the Sonshine Lunch Club each Thursday at St. George's United Church. Our parish coordinator is Connie Paget. Our supply of food is generally adequate, through donations of foodstuffs and money, but man and woman power are always needed to offset the change in staffing.

Comox Valley Food Bank Society collects non-perishable food items for our local food bank.

St. John's Good Samaritan Fund - Gift cards are handed out through this Fund to individuals, couples, families from our parish and local community who are struggling financially especially during the Christmas season.

Christmas Hamper Fund – provides Christmas Food Hampers to those in need from the local community.

Comox Valley Syrian Refugee Support Committee supports the sponsorship of Syrian refugees, hoping to start a new life in Canada.

Comox Valley Pregnancy Care Centre has been helping women facing unplanned pregnancies since 1991. We offer free pregnancy tests and options counseling in a safe, caring, environment. Sometimes women need someone outside of their situation to talk

to in order to make the decision they can live with. We are that resource for women in the Valley. No matter your age or situation you can receive caring, non-judgmental, informative, and peer-counseling in complete confidentiality.

Comox Valley Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a non-profit organization that helps injured, abused and homeless animals and relies almost solely on generous donations from its supporters.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



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Outreach Ministries

At Saint John the Divine we are a giving and caring family. We help the wider community, both local, regional and international. Charitable donations contributed by the parishioners throughout the year are dispersed at year end to our many charities. Here are some information on each of the Outreach Ministries supported by our parishioners.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is the Anglican Church of Canada's outreach arm and agency for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice. With the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to support partners' initiatives and to promote knowledgeable actions of Solidarity at home and around the world.

PWRDF strives to be a part of the outreach ministry of every Canadian Anglican parish and an expression for all Anglicans of their baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.

PWRDF enables Canadian Anglicans to respond quickly to international disasters by providing support for basic needs and to strengthen community development leadership internationally. Over \$300,000 has been donated by Anglicans in Canada, through PWRDF, to assist Syrian refugees in 2015. The amount has been matched by the Federal government and will help relieve some of the misery being

experienced in refugee camps.

African Community Technical Services (ACTS) - This is a well-established Christian organisation that sends people out to help set up infrastructures such as setting up water projects, starting schools in small rural locations, health and Aids clinics. They are also supporting an orphanage. These projects are in Uganda and Zambia and a few of Saint Matthew's people have been actively involved.

ACTS works with rural communities in East Africa to provide technical assistance and training in water supply, health education, environmental conservation, and humanitarian projects. One of their projects is providing the means for teams of medical personnel and social workers to visit project areas for voluntary HIV/AIDS testing. Trained HIV/AIDS counsellors provide support for those who need it upon learning their HIV status.

Precious Jewels Ministry (PJM) is a non-profit, non-governmental charitable organization which is registered with the Securities & Exchange Commission in the Philippines and works in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare & Development and Department of Health in the Philippines.

It receives financial support and in-kind donations and supplies from individuals, churches and civic organizations. It equips people to serve as missionaries and encourages them to raise their own financial support. PJM provides

opportunities for volunteers to help out in child care, Ang Tulay activities, summer camps and administrative support.

In partnership with UNICEF and the United Nations Theme Group on HIV and AIDS, Precious Jewels Ministry develops innovative strategies in linking health services to childcare and child protection issues.

Save the Children Canada is a member of Save the Children International, a network of 29 member organizations raising funds and operating programs domestically and internationally that focus on the issues of health and nutrition, education, HIV and AIDS, child protection, livelihoods and food security, emergency relief and child rights governance.

The members of Save the Children International work together as a federation by pooling resources, establishing common positions on issues and carrying out joint projects. Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children.

We are committed to ensuring children realize the rights to which they are entitled under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) - brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 120 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can