



# Neighbourhood Ministry NEWS: Spring 2020

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The Neighbourhood Ministry is a collaborative ministry offered by the Vancouver Westside Anglican parishes of St. Anselm's, St. Philip's, St. Helen's & St. John's Shaughnessy.

In keeping with the directives from the Canadian Government, province of BC regulating officials and Archbishop Melissa, the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry (WNAM) has had to temporarily suspend its street outreach and Mobile Care Unit activities.

This current inability to meet with and provide services to the vulnerable and homeless individuals that this ministry serves is a painful time for the WNAM's volunteers and the community it serves.

In the meantime, the supplies on hand at each of the 4 parishes have gone to good use. On the last weekend of March, several boxes of food and six large bags of clothes and shoes were delivered to the new emergency shelters at Coal Harbour and the Roundhouse Community Centres, which was very much appreciated and gratefully received.

During this difficult time, we are continuing to work on ways in which to continue services where we can do so in a safe and secure manner, such as continuing to drop off food and clothing to designated city drop-off locations and providing donations to the Food Bank. More information will be provided in the coming days on various items that are needed.

We have also prepared online tax returns for 26 residents at Dunbar, which allows them to receive refunds within a few weeks.

The WNAM is very much committed to restarting its program, fully, as soon as it is deemed safe and advisable by regulating officials to do so.



**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## Neighbourhood Ministry receives City of Vancouver grant



On February 26, 2020, the City of Vancouver approved a grant in the amount of \$26,600 for the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry's (WNAM) project "Equipping Volunteers for Service to Homeless and Vulnerable People."

The City of Vancouver received funding requests from 23 organizations and approved 15 of them, providing grant amounts ranging from \$14,000 to \$116,000.

For a full list of the organizations and their requests for funding to the City, please visit the "News" section of the Neighbourhood Ministry website. [neighbourhoodministry.com](http://neighbourhoodministry.com)

In its funding approval letter to the WANM, Vancouver City Council commended the WANM as follows:

*"We recognize the vital work that the Neighbourhood Ministry does to support and protect vulnerable renters and people experiencing homelessness in our city. We received many requests for funding during this grant cycle, and as a result we are not able to fully fund every commendable project that came in. The committee saw the strength in your project and how it is offering critical services to renters in need.... Thank you for the important work you're doing."*

In a presentation to the City of Vancouver, Standing Committee on City Finances and Services, Vicki Potter, WNAM Operations Lead, thanked the Vancouver City Council on behalf of the Neighbourhood Ministry—her complete presentation can be read in the "News" section of the Neighbourhood Ministry website [neighbourhoodministry.com](http://neighbourhoodministry.com).



# Neighbourhood Ministry Financials 2019 Actual & 2020 Budget

	2019 ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET
<b>REVENUE</b>		
4 Parish Contributions	\$13,393	\$10,000
Care+Share (Note 1)	\$36,046	\$ 0
City Grant	\$ 0	\$26,600
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 1,987	\$ 3,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$51,426</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,600</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Office	\$ 3,234	\$ 1,000
Communications	\$ 212	\$ 1,000
Angels Program	\$ 2,926	\$ 3,000
MCU Site Support	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500 (Note 2)
Dunbar House Support	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,500 (Note 2)
Modular Housing Support	\$ 272	\$ 1,000 (Note 2)
Salaries	\$11,856	\$50,000 (Note 3)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$26,625</u></b>	<b><u>\$65,000</u></b>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	\$24,801	(\$25,400)
Accumulated Surplus at start of year	\$ 7,507	\$32,308
Accumulated Surplus at end of year	<u>\$32,308</u>	<u>\$ 6,908</u>

**Note 1:** Revenue of \$36,046 for Diocesan Care+Share program for 2019 includes the final distribution of \$6,150 for the year 2019, which was received in January 2020.

**Note 2:** Optional expenses in the event the program is not able to support each host site to the extent listed.

**Note 3:** Hiring a part-time Volunteer & Program Manager.

Thank you to the parishes of St. Anselm's, St. Philip's, St. Helen's and St. John's Shaughnessy for your continued support.

Through your donations of time, talent and treasure to the Neighbourhood Ministry, we are empowered to continue to rise to the challenge of supporting our homeless neighbours together.



## 2020: a year of transition for the Neighbourhood Ministry

The year 2020 will see leadership changes in the Neighbourhood Ministry as clergy leader Deacon Pitman Potter, who developed and inspires the program, prepares for retirement in June.



Deacon Pitman Potter

Additionally, Vicki Potter, operations lead for the past 13 years, will transition from that role to focus on one-on-one support of homeless individuals.



Vicki Potter

The work of Deacon Pitman and Vicki has been incredible, to say the least. From equipping volunteers to serve in a program that has been recognized by the Diocese of New Westminster, the Anglican Church of Canada and, most recently, the City of Vancouver, to expanding the program to provide social and medical services to Kits Shelters & St. Augustine's Anglican Church.

A Board of Management, headed by the Rev'd John Stephens, St. John's Shaughnessy; and consisting of Rev'd Alex Wilson, St. Anselm's; Rev'd Stuart Hallam, St. Philip's; Rev'd Scott Gould, St. Helen's; along with parish liaisons from St. Anselm's (Shirin Theophilus); St. Philip's (Rhona Thornton); St. Helen's (Bryan Henderson); and St. John's Shaughnessy (Joan Stewart); has been struck to create and implement a plan going forward.

The Board of Management, which has been meeting regularly since July 2019, has discerned that the Neighbourhood Ministry will continue to be the ministry of all four parishes, but will fall under the charity umbrella of St. Philips for the simplicity of clarification and adherence to financial reporting requirements.

Vicki and Deacon Pitman have graciously agreed to assist and support the transition, mentoring new staff and leaders and providing advice on the process of moving forward.

The Neighbourhood Ministry provides an incredible opportunity for all of us to experience the blessing of serving the vulnerable members of our community and, despite the current upheaval caused by the coronavirus, we feel energized for the future and the continuation of this ministry.

