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The Anglican Community of

Parksville, British Columbia

Saint Anne & Saint Edmund

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a centre for spiritual growth, compassionate action, and creative arts

Invitation to Support our Mission and Ministry for 2022

From Generation to Generation



Annual Support Campaign

**“You have been our refuge from generation to generation ...
... teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom”** (Psalm 90.1,12)

September 2022 will mark the beginning of the **30th year since I first began ministry** in Parksville, in which I have been able to experience a whole generation of the ever-flowing river of life and service that has carried us from our centenary for St. Anne’s in 1994, to our parish’s 125th Anniversary and beyond, with all the blessings and gifts that have flowed from that.

I’d like to share a memory or two in that regard.

We have so much enjoyed the benefits of our **youth program** in the past two years, centred recently around Juliette, Alli, and Alice, with the ever-present outdoors help of our two Harrys. Our graduating student Alli has come to take part in the running of our parish programs for the last 18 months in a way that her grandmother Dianne once did alongside me for a whole generation. Our newest staff member Jada, whom I baptized as a babe in arms at the turn of the millennium, has now helped us to place her grandparents memorial stone in the churchyard. Jada’s grandfather “Jimmy” Zimmerman led the way for a new roof on St. Anne’s in 1977. Now that we need a new shake roof, I wonder who will lead the way this time? From generation to generation!

Likewise, I attended an outdoor baby shower this summer, followed up in due time by the congratulatory social media greetings in September when baby Colin came into the world to parents Miranda and Shane. And don't we all have good reason and extra need to celebrate every joyous occasion that we can find this year? Perhaps the extra dimension of joy for me is that I have traced Miranda's life in this community from her earliest days, through church school and confirmation, and onward to celebrating her wedding-day and new motherhood. I have seen my children grow up with her, dance, sing, and play together. I have had the privilege of playing hymns on the guitar to Miranda's great-grandma Jessie in her dying days at age 96, and then joining with the family to lay Jessie's ashes gently to rest in our churchyard. Now I am seeing a new generation of "grandmas and great-grandmas" come along, and I pause to reflect with thanksgiving for all that connects generation to generation, in faith, hope, and love.

I would like to ask for your support at this time of year for **Generation to Generation**, our Annual Support Campaign to carry us forward through 2022.

We all share in the responsibility to **nurture new generations**, to **honour our elders**, to support and inspire one another in mission and ministry. The wisdom of our elders and the vitality of our youth are combining to assist all aspects of our programming, including improving and beautifying our grounds and buildings, so that they can truly be the resources that we want them to be for community memory, community service, ranging from girl guides to band programs, and for renewing spiritual life through conferences and broadcasts.

We have many **online and in-person programs** to look forward to in 2022, both through our Sunday programming and our growing *Spirituality Beyond Borders* profile, and it is clear that virtual programming and broadcasting based in our premises are becoming an essential and regular part of our spiritual well-being and growth, not just a stopgap for emergencies.

We rely 100% on our connections to local resources and donors to sustain our work. We are so grateful for the significant generosity of all our friends, members, associates, and partners in the community. This is the *only* way we can continue to reach out in effective service and ministry!

This Fall, we are asking for **your support** in **two ways**:

- 1) Would you consider supporting us further with a **one-time campaign gift to Generation to Generation**?
- 2) Would you consider increasing or starting a regular **pre-arranged gift**, by filling out an **updated Donation Form for 2022**? Updating your plans will help us continue to develop ministry effectively for the future

You may **mail your envelopes** and forms to us, **drop them off** at the office, or include them in the plate along with a Sunday offering. We welcome **online giving through our website** ("*click here to give*" on our **home page**, **OneOpenCircle.org**), email transfers, and credit card donations.

We need your continued support to engage in ministry, and to meet the opportunities and challenges we face.

Every contribution counts!

Yours sincerely in the precious work we share,



The Rev. Andrew Twiddy

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