

What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

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Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change
in Canada and around the world

Formerly known as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Alongside Hope now presents itself as an independent incorporated Christian organization dedicated to resolving a myriad of challenges created by both natural disasters and human-generated tragedies. The story that is Alongside Hope began in Nova Scotia in 1958. Anglicans wanted to and did respond to the needs created by the Oct. 23rd 'Springhill Bump', a mine disaster that saw 74 miners killed. It was however the rescue of 12 miners trapped more than 2 miles down that captured the attention of people around the world. The Anglican Church realized that it did not have a mechanism to disperse, quickly, the money that had flooded in from ordinary Anglicans, parishes and dioceses who wanted to help. The PWRDF was established.

By 1969 it became evident that responding to disasters was not enough and consequently the PWRDF pivoted to addressing long-term development needs and then in the 1980s to the plight of refugees. In 2007 the PWRDF joined the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and finally in 2024 changed its name to 'Alongside Hope'. Alongside Hope now focuses on projects in many countries and in Canada which restore dignity, transform communities, partner with indigenous communities, respond to humanitarian needs and support refugees.

On Sunday October 4th at our 10 AM service, Gillian Power will address the congregation describing some of the projects in which Alongside Hope is involved and how those interested might become involved.

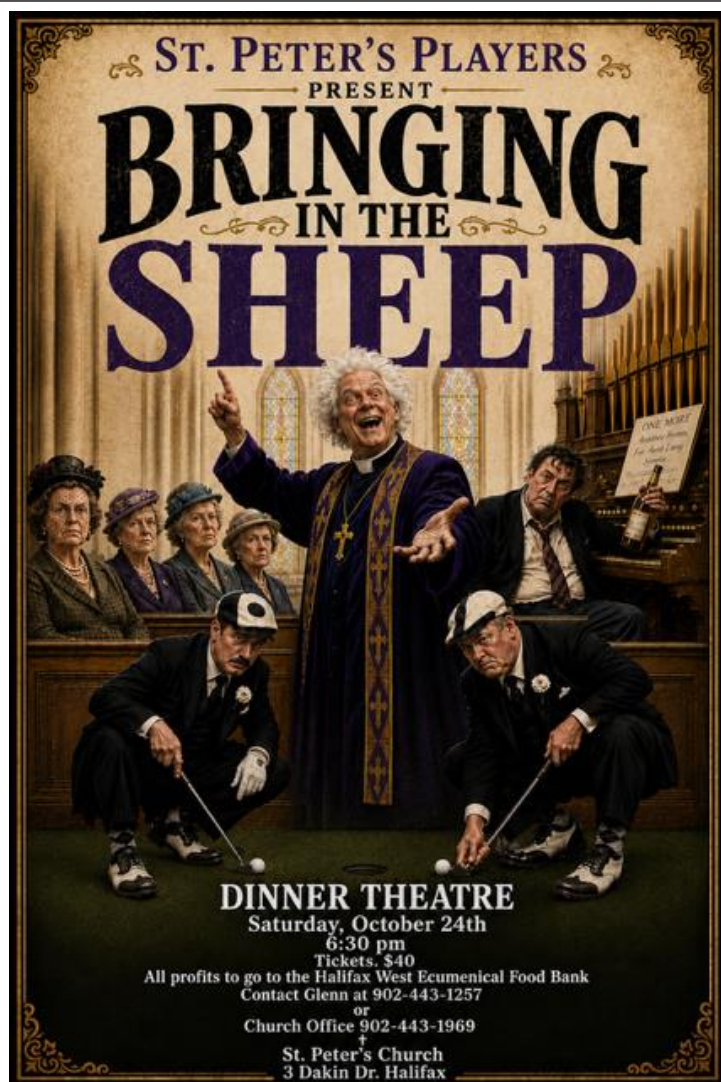
Saint Peter's

75th Anniversary Worship Service

Sunday October 25th at 10 AM

Plan now to attend, not just to remember our history
but to be part of it, the launch of the next 75 years,
for

The Pilgrimage Will Continue



Dates/ Events/ Information

Oct. 3 – **English Speaking Club** –
noon -2 PM in the lounge (info
Valeriia or Viktoriia Hrusheyska)

Oct. 3 – **Creation Extravaganza**
starting @ 11 AM – All Saints
Cathedral

Oct. 4 – **Alongside Hope**
Presentation by Gillian Power @
10 AM service

Oct. 13 – **Quilters Meet** @ 1-3 in
lounge (info Pat Beck)

Oct. 17 – **Men's Fellowship**
Breakfast @ 8 AM – Jim's
Restaurant (info John Starling)

Oct. 18 – **Food Bank Sunday**

Oct. 20 – **Parish Council** @ 7 PM in
lounge

Oct. 20 – **Crafters & Knitters** @ 1-3
in lounge (info Shirley Steeves)

Oct. 24 – **St. Peter's Players Dinner**
Theatre @ 6 for 6:30 in Daking Hall
(info Glenn Taylor)

Oct. 25 – **75th Anniversary Service**
@ 10 AM

Oct 7& 14 – **Alpha** @ 6:30-8:30

Saint Peter's Players Rehearsals

Oct 2-6:30 PM, Oct. 3-10 AM,
Oct.4 -after coffee hour, Oct.11-
after coffee hour, Oct. 15 –
6:30PM, Oct 18 – after coffee hour,
Oct 23- Dress Rehearsal-6:30 PM

Anniversary Quilt Raffle

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Draw
– Oct. 24th

