

ALL SAINTS 'PETERBOROUGH - SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY ~ MAP - 2020 - 2023



Jesus answered; *"You must love the Most High God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself. '*  
*There is no commandment greater than these."*

*Mark 12:30-31, Inclusive Bible*

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At Vestry 2020 we committed to pulling all of our missional groups into one committee - Social Justice and Advocacy. We were just getting started with this task when COVID entered our lives. We have added new members and honed our focus to build on ministry we have been doing for awhile, while adding new opportunities. The committee's mandate is to be the church in the world, and invite the world into the church. This document is the culmination of our mission and ministry projects that are now gathered together under the banner - Social Justice and Advocacy.

Our foci are:



### 1. **Truth and Reconciliation Education**

We desire to learn and grow in compassion and understanding of our Indigenous siblings and their journey. We commit engaging with the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Call to Action. Beginning in 2021 we will offer a minimum of three TRC learning opportunities, so that we can learn the history, build relationships, and practice reconciliation. Details of the learning

opportunities will be confirmed for vestry in February 2021.



### 2. **Passion Projects**

A Passion Project is a short-term project (4-6 weeks) that a parishioner has that is outside of the activities of the committee. Certainly, in this pandemic time all kinds of opportunities come across our paths, and although we cannot do everything a Passion Project allows someone to embrace and respond to a need in our community.

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### 3. Food Security in our Community

Food Security in our Community is the committee's strategic ministry. For many in our communities and city food security is a daily reality.

#### OBJECTIVE

To increase our awareness of Food Insecurity, to continue to develop and strengthen partnership within the City of Peterborough with organizations to lower the rate of food insecure households in Peterborough, focusing on the neighbourhoods surrounding the Church. This proposal is offered with the

knowledge that we are not at all sure what changes in physical distancing and social protocols are to come. We have checked with Peterborough Public Health and we can offer community meals as long as we follow the protocols restaurants are using. This would mean deliberate planning and organization which we are sure can be met. In order to facilitate this increase in commitment we have become a Member Agency of Kawartha Food Share (KFS). This means we work together with KFS in identifying people who are food insecure, and meeting the needs of people in our community and city

#### GOALS

1. Continued development and engagement with partners - Food Not Bombs, Kawartha Food Share, Prince of Wales School, and YWCA Nourish
2. To continue the weekly food distribution for families that has grown out of the Prince of Wales Breakfast Bag Program. We currently supply approximately 30 families with supplemental food each week. These relationships will be enhanced as families participate in the opportunities offered below.
3. Beginning January 2021 the development of monthly community meals. The purpose of these meals is not simply to fill tummies but to build relationships with people which is the first step in our ability to share the gospel.
4. Beginning January 2021 the development of monthly children 'Come Cook with Us' an after school program where children come and cook a meal together. Parents,

caregivers, and family join in for dinner, and the family takes home ingredients to make the meal together at home with the children leading the way. The purpose of “Come Cook with Us” is to bring youth and their families into the community of All Saints 'who have not known us before, while meeting their needs as neighbours. An after-school cooking program allows us to minister to young people in our neighbourhood while taking active steps to eradicate hunger and food insecurity in the city. This is a practical way to live out the gospel while working toward our outreach goals.

5. Spring 2021 ~ Build 2: 6' wide x 25' long x 3'deep community gardens for vegetable planting. These raised beds would be built on the South side of the church building. The use of rain barrels will help to maintain the gardens and not impact the ongoing cost of water. This will allow us to engage with more neighbours, will help sustain access to healthy food throughout the summer, and will allow for canning workshops in the winter which continues access to healthy food.
6. Sometime in 2021 the development of a mentor program that assists people in planning for better food security. This would include programs such as meal planning - an example of this might look like this; A family of four after rent and other bills only has \$150 for food. A trained nutritionist or chef (volunteers) would meet with the family and help plan the best possible use of the grocery money.

#### **PROJECT OUTLINE**

This expression of our Gospel love for our neighbour has a growth projection - not only of lowering food insecurity in our neighbourhood but also of directly engaging people's lives with the gospel as they interact with us. The following will need to be developed and obtained in order for this proposal to be successful:

1. Support in principal of the MAP/NCD Committee and Wardens
2. Support of the Heritage Fund request for an industrial freezer
3. Support of an increase to the Social Justice and Advocacy budget for 2021 and 2022
4. The development of outside donors to this important work
5. The development of a volunteer team formed of people inside and outside the parish.
6. The development of an evaluation matrix.

We all are aware that this type of justice and advocacy work is not linear and we do not offer the above 6 points as a order of steps that need to be completed. All Saints' has

been engaged in Food Security ministry for many years and the events of COVID 19 have shown us that increased engagement in Food Security in our neighbourhood is vitally important. This ministry is not new to us, we are expanding based on expressed need and experience through these last 5 months of COVID 19. Since the week of March 11, 2020, we have been providing breakfast bags for approximately 40 families. These bags have increased to include vegetables, meat, eggs, and cheese. Food Not Bombs has continued to use our kitchen throughout COVID 19 to provide the essential service of a Monday evening meal. They have been making between 90 - 120 meals weekly. Meals are all prepackaged and are either picked up at Confederation Park or delivered by a team of volunteers. Due to COVID 19 restrictions our work with Nourish is currently on hold.

## WHAT WE NEED

### 1. New Cookware for the kitchen ~ \$500 (Budget item)

In order to offer the Come Cook with Us - after school program we will need new cookware. All of the cookware in the kitchen has been graciously given by parishioners who no longer needed it. However, it has all seen far better days. We have done some limited research and we believe we can outfit the kitchen with new cookware, including cooking pots, stock pots, frying pans, and new bakeware for no more than \$500.



### 3. Raised Garden Beds on South Side of Church \$1,500 (Budget item)

We realize that a few of our parishioners participate in the Stewart St Garden. However, the garden is not raised and has a considerable amount of vandalism. We may also have some vandalism which we will need to learn how to manage. Raised gardens are far easier for many

people to access, including people with mobility issues, canes, walkers, or wheelchairs. In a good year this garden could produce as much as 500 pounds of fresh produce. The \$1,500 includes materials, earth and seeds and plants for the first year.

### 4. Increase in the 2021 and 2022 Budget

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Kawartha Food Share Membership	1	300	300
*Cookware for Come Cook with us Program	1	500	0
*Raised Garden Beds	1	1,500	0
Annual Christmas Dinner	1	400	400
Monthly Community Meal	1	1,200	1,200
Quarterly Senior luncheon	1	400	400
Weekly Food Distribution	1	10,000	10,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 12,300</b>

### Budget Request 2021 and 2022

\*Please note the following purchases have already been funded

New kitchen appliances (2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, 1 stand up freezer) – Anonymous Parishioner Donation

Cookware - Anonymous Parishioner Donation

Raised Garden Beds – Donation received from St. John's the Evangelist Outreach Funds