

Ten Ministers' Fund

Special Lenten Gifts

Lent is the time of year when we are asked to support the Ten Ministers Fund of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

The Ten Ministers Fund was begun 68 years ago as a way to provide a financial gift to ministers across Canada working in isolated or other difficult conditions, and on the minimum stipend (salary). It is a gift of encouragement, to let these ministers know that their work is known and appreciated, even by a large urban church very far away. Here is a letter of thanks from a recipient:

The timing of this generous gift could hardly be better. I was devastated when the cancer we thought we could still beat took [my wife] from me. I now care for our two daughters on my own. All three of us miss [her] every day ... The changes, challenges and expenses have been difficult, but God does provide peace, encouragement, hope, and resources. Thank you so very much for being encouraging, as well as providing resources! As so many things are still in the process of payment, you may consider that you have helped me visit my parents, pay for a new roof, and submit a college application for one daughter so far. I pray that your ministry will continue to provide God's Word and many other good things to the people of Montreal.

We hope you will be generous in your support of the Ten Ministers Fund. All gifts of \$20 or more will receive a receipt for income-tax purposes. Cheques should be made out to 'The Church of St Andrew and St Paul', with 'Ten Ministers Fund' in the memo line.

The Stewardship Committee



Helping to serve at the Christmas Congregational Reception - good fun!



These are the greatest Youth Group fundraisers - they walked to raise money for the homeless, and touched us with their dedication. BRAVO!

Notes from the Board

The amount, combining Sunday regular Givings and shares donated, for 2016 is: \$531,867 - another year that shows the tremendous generosity of the Congregation. As well, we have begun 2017 meeting the Covenant of Giving to the end of January.

The endowment fund of our Church grew by 6% in 2016, ending at just under \$17.4 million dollars. The audited financial statement will be available at the Annual General Meeting, Sunday March 26 th, following the Worship Service.

A special word of thanks goes out to all the volunteers who have given of their time to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of the Church and Quiet Garden. Every helping hand makes a difference in caring for our Church Home, ensuring the Mission of our Congregation continues.

Christopher Powell
Board Chair