

# giving

our thanks & praise

***The Way of Joyful Giving :  
Living a Life of Generosity and Gratitude  
2023***

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*We, at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, are a Caring, Open-Hearted Community,  
who Dream, Pray and Work with Jesus for a Loving, Equitable and Peaceful World.*



## **Giving Our Thanks and Praise at Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood**

We are grateful to the Anglican Diocese of Toronto (Bishops Andrew and Kevin) which continues to cheer on and support this church's ministry financially and spiritually. This year we were blessed to have Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard, Andrea Hazell MPP, singer Shelley Hamilton, Indigenous advocate Kelly Hashemi, singer Shelley Hamilton, educator & CFL player Chris Spence, and theologian and professor Dr. Walter Deller come and celebrate our church and ministry with us. We are grateful that so many of you and our community contribute generously of their gifts to bless us with meaningful and uplifting worship.

Our worship is filled with scripture, song, and story about God's compassionate generosity to us and our loving response – service and thanksgiving. In our worship, we regularly give voice to what we believe, and in celebration, affirm our baptismal vows. We believe that we are called as individuals, families, congregations, and a denomination to follow the way of Jesus to bring about a world of justice and peace.

Worship, pastoral care, community outreach, discipleship (education and nurture), mission and outreach, and fellowship are all integral parts of the life of the church. We aim to journey with people in the Way of Jesus, communicate with seekers, and create opportunities for family and friends to connect, and share their faith in person and online. Thank you to those who regularly let us know that this church ministry is making a difference in the lives of our members and those in the community.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have dedicated time, talent, and treasure to create a church where God's love is both lived and shared to build up the kingdom of God right here in our village and beyond. With God's blessing and your ongoing prayer and devotion, may Holy Trinity, Guildwood continue to be a source of hope, faith, and service as we care for each other, our Guildwood community, wider world and grow into the future. We invite you to engage in worship services, ministry opportunities and be our partners in ministry to be a thriving parish.

Giving Our Thanks & Praise is a theme that we highlight in our worship and learning opportunities for all ages. Each of us receives unique gifts in life and is called to share them generously to pass these blessings on.

### *Five Marks of Mission*

- *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- *To teach, baptize and nurture new believers*
- *To respond to human need by loving service*
- *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation*
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

These five Marks of Mission are a framework used to describe and encourage ministry throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion. Some churches abbreviate the five marks to five words:

TELL – TEACH – TEND – TRANSFORM - TREASURE

**“Remember, Reconcile, Rejoice and Renew”**

## Worship

Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood is known as a welcoming community with a great Sunday service and program for young people and many exciting special events. The wonder of gathering on Sunday as a community is the power of the whole to accomplish infinitely more than the total of its parts in isolation.

On average in the last year, 150 people of all ages worshipped with us each Sunday, either in person at our 8am and 10:30am services or online at 10:30am. Our church YouTube channel currently has 205 subscribers, and our Facebook page has 240 followers. Now that we have reopened for in-person worship, we find that approximately three quarters of our community is attending in person, while one quarter continues worshipping with us online, thanks to our Audio Video Team. Our parish administrator prepares a weekly program booklet (order of service/bulletin). The Altar Guild beautifies the Sanctuary. The Lay Assistants and Readers lead us in prayer and hearing the Scriptures. The Word is opened by relevant sermons and engaging dramatic readings by the readers team. Eucharist is prepared, celebrated, and shared – all through the work of many hands – Clergy, Lay Assistants and Communion Ministers. The Choir and Music Director give melody to our worship, and the organ, keyboard and music library are well maintained. In addition to our regular worship on Sundays, special liturgies are crafted to express the many seasons of the human spirit including baptisms, weddings, funerals, and special festivals.

Holy Trinity Guildwood has been there for people as they grieve the loss of a loved one or seek to continue the growth and maturation of their children. We celebrate the joys of love and marriage and new birth. Loving care has been expressed one on one, as well as in meaningful funeral services, confirmations, baptisms, and marriages.

**Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$96,500.**



*Archbishop Fred Hiltz speaking at Holy Trinity, Guildwood on Indigenous Sunday*

## **Missional Outreach**

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, we are involved in a wide range of outreach ministries: assisting aboriginal communities in Ontario, working with East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate to support local youth, funding development in impoverished nations, supporting world-wide relief to victims of natural disaster, as well as combatting local food insecurity in Scarborough Guildwood with our own parish food cupboard which currently supports 35 community families with food, toiletry and cleaning items, and grocery gift cards.

Thank you for your generosity that has kept Holy Trinity, Guildwood's food cupboard well stocked despite unprecedented use and thank you to our community partners: Scharngel Family Funds, Canadian Food Centres of Canada, Cob's Bread Bakery at Morningside Crossing, Rotary Club of Scarborough, residents of the Condos at 20 Guildwood Parkway, Chartwell Retirement Residence, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute, YouthLink and concerned village residents.

We have developed strong partnerships in our community with local organizations such as Rotary Club of Scarborough, Chartwell Guildwood, Extencicare Guildwood, Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute, YouthLink, Cobs Bread Bakery, and more.

Our annual FaithWorks campaign, which benefits the wider Anglican Church's outreach efforts throughout the Diocese of Toronto - most recently provided over \$6,000 to support resilience, preparedness, planning, and generators for those affected by Hurricane Fiona. of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). We also hosted our second Scarborough Steeplechase which helped the churches in our Deanery (local Anglican churches) become better acquainted as they visited each other during a fun filled car rally, which raised an additional \$700 to support PWRDF's ministry.

In partnership with the Diocese, we both advocate and host learning sessions and town halls concerning anti-bias anti racism training, which includes equity and inclusion for the LGBTQ2S+ community. We are active in supporting the national Disability Without Poverty campaign, as well as care for the neuro divergent.

We have outstanding Good Friday and Easter Sunday worship services and outreach to families with our special Eggstravaganza Fun activities.

We are also foundation members of the Scarborough Next Generation Ministry to children, youth, and families.

**Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$64,400.**

## Discipleship (Education & Nurture)

There are opportunities to grow in faith for all ages at Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood – and not just on Sundays - through ongoing bible and discipleship studies, prayer, meditation and more. Recent areas of study, discussion and teaching have been the Sunday lectionary and sermons.

Over the past year, the Earth's Angels group continued to inform and educate the parish on various ecological issues and offered articles, tips, and links to assist people in making green choices that reduce our negative impact on the earth. Earth's Angels is committed to helping you with your quest to become increasingly “green”.

An engaging and interactive Jesus Party Messy Church is available at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays for young people up to 20 years old. After stories, crafts and games, the young people are welcomed into the adult worship service to receive their choice of a blessing or Communion. Afterwards, there is a special time for them to share their thoughts about what they've learned. The insights of the young people are often impressive, sometimes presented in a hilarious way, and always appreciated by the whole congregation. The youth learn lessons that relate to them and Christ. Besides participating in the Diocesan Recharge Retreat, they were the first group from the Diocese of Toronto to attend the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering.

**Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$50,200.**



*Left to Right: Ashley, Abigail, Sharon, Denise, and Aviyah*

## Pastoral Care

Through God's eyes we see each other as extended family. We particularly seek to care for any in need, not just those who worship with us, but all in our wider community. The volunteers in the Parish Nurse Support Group regularly contact more than 30 folk per month. In addition, they provide rides to doctor, vaccine, and medical lab appointments, as well as grocery shopping and grocery delivery. In the past year, printed copies of Holy Trinity, Guildwood newsletters were delivered weekly to several parishioners who do not have access to the online newsletters. We started a Caring and Calling Ministry this year to make more connections. We strive to continue serving pastoral needs whether parishioners are in their own homes, a senior's residence, or long-term care facility. We also host a monthly tech skills workshop as a service to those in our community.



**Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$49,500**

**“Remember, Reconcile, Rejoice and Renew”**

## **Evangelism & Hospitality**

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, we welcome all who come to worship with us. Hospitality supports our ability to share ‘what we love with those we love.’ We share the good news of Jesus and Holy Trinity, Guildwood with those around us – family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances and the wider Guildwood community. The Greeters and Sides Persons offer the gift of welcome and hospitality on behalf of all. Though we are people of diverse backgrounds, lifestyles, and opinions, we are one in our desire to follow Jesus Christ. We seek to love our neighbours as ourselves by being sensitive to their needs, appreciating their gifts and recognizing in them the image of God, in which we all are created. We seek to live as diversity in unity, offering a community in which we can all grow together as one Body: God's in Christ.

**Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$25,100.**



## Fellowship

We are a parish family where new friends are always welcome. Fellowship happens over refreshments for all following Sunday worship - at the nearby Tim Horton's after the early service, and in the church lobby after the later service - as well as seasonally, when the various parish ministry groups (which are open to everyone) work and meet.

We like to have fun, relax, and enjoy each other's company at movie outings, book club meetings, potluck meals, and special celebrations. Even when we roll up our shirt sleeves - at yard work cleanup parties, the Holy Trinity Guildwood Day lunch barbeque, or other fundraisers - we have a good time together. Our social gatherings reinforce our love and support for each other, as well as integrating and welcoming visitors and newcomers so all who wish can belong and feel part of our community.

Fellowship also happens over the hospitality following Sunday worship, after the early service at a Tim Horton's and the later service in the church lobby, as well as seasonally as the different parish ministry groups (which are open to everyone) work and meet.

We have regular opportunities for all ages to connect with each other, such as at the Birthday Club lunches, Fall Welcome Back to Church Celebration, Family Day Winter Fair, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and Scarborough Anglican Youth Ministry Baseball games.

**Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$17,700.**





We have been blessed by Denise Byard's leadership of our Missional Outreach and Discipleship ministry which has been financially supported by a five-year Diocesan grant. We are proud and excited for her that she is now a postulant (candidate for the priesthood) for our Diocese. As part of her preparation, she will need to go to another parish for further training by the Summer of 2024, and we will be **discerning and recruiting** forwards into continued development of this ministry for the last two years (2024/25) of the grant.

## GET INVOLVED AT HOLY TRINITY, GUILDWOOD

**Choir has Returned**  
if you're interested in joining the choir  
please contact Alexandra.  
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You're Invited to  
**JOIN OUR SUNDAY LIVE STREAM TEAM**

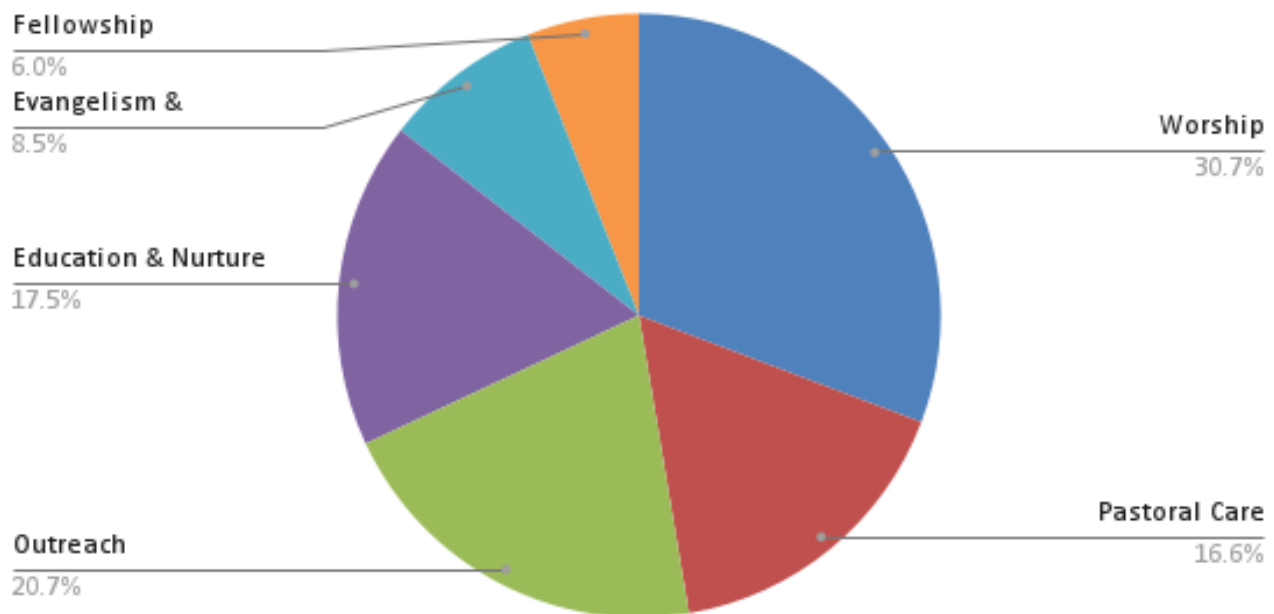
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LIVE STREAM CHAT HOST(ESS)?  
DO YOU HAVE INTEREST OR ABILITY IN SOUND AND MIXERS?  
WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN OPERATING A VIDEO CAMERA?  
MIGHT YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE A MEDIA CONSOLE?  
**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

- The following areas may suit your Time and Talents: altar guild; child, youth and family outreach; parish administration; visiting the sick, shut-in and elderly (parish nursing support group); property; sidesperson (usher); stewardship; welcome ministry; worship team; choir; music; and audio/video team. We would especially love to connect with people who are passionate about Christian education and discipleship as well as outreach.
- The goal of Giving Our Thanks and Praise is to invite you to give thanks and praise by generously sharing of your time and talents and financially supporting the various parish ministries of HTG to ensure the vibrancy, vitality, and loving service of our Holy Trinity, Guildwood community.

## Our Joyful Giving Pledge Goal - \$212,400 (70% of our Overall Goal)



## Our 2023 Ministry Investment Goal - \$303,400

### We value:

- Loving Relationships - We are a loving community who offer open hearts to welcome and care for all we encounter.
- Celebrating Diversity: We are a diverse community who respect and celebrate the unique differences and giftedness each of us offers.
- Empowering Leadership – We are an equipping community who encourage and support everyone to use their unique gifts to journey with others.

## Land Acknowledgment

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous people on this land. We honour and acknowledge that this land and locality is the historical traditional lands of the Indigenous Peoples of what we call Turtle Island and what is commonly called North America. Specifically, our Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood is situated upon traditional territories of Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha, Alderville First Nations, and the Metis Nation. The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Williams Treaty of 1923 and applies to lands east of Woodbine Avenue. As we journey through life and faith, may we always seek to walk together the path of reconciliation and renewal. Today, let us commit ourselves to be partners in healing and peace, to the glory and thanksgiving of God our Creator.

We acknowledge the leadership of Indigenous Elders, who continue to teach us about what it means to live in a balanced and good way with all creation.

We pray that the Spirit will lead us into all truth, into repentance for the wrongs of the past and into true reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters that we may be partners in healing and peace, to the glory and thanksgiving of God our Creator.

*Left to Right: Rohelio, Shirley, and Canon Stephen  
at Scarborough Steeplechase 2023*



*Left to Right: Kelly's adoptive Mom, Linda, an amazing woman in her own right, Canon Stephen, Kelly, Rebecca*



**“Remember, Reconcile, Rejoice and Renew”**



Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth,  
You create the fruit of the land to sustain our families and neighbours,  
You nurture the church, loving communities of faith,  
deepening our relationship with you and with one another,  
You offer us the gift of baptism and the sacrament of Christ's body  
and blood so that we may be fed and filled with your Holy Spirit,  
You bless us with generous hearts so that we may support the outcast,  
the hungry, the sick and all those who long for intimacy with Jesus.

You fill us with determination  
to be mindful of the ministry and mission to which we are called,  
And you call us to generous support of our church,

Blessed are you Lord our God. Amen.

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