



Dear ,
 Anglicans in Niagara are responding to God's urging to care for our neighbours. I am pleased with the outpouring of support we have received for our 140th Anniversary Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. Your gifts are changing the lives of many people starting anew in Canada, and of the many faithful people engaged with this important ministry.

I know that we have the capacity to respond to other justice issues as well. Hands Across Niagara is one of the key ways that our diocesan family equips our communities to stand for gospel values alongside those who are marginalized and oppressed. Last year your gifts helped us to:

- build relationships among vulnerable people who were learning cooking skills,
- create access to healthy food through community gardens,
- raise awareness about ways to safeguard the health of the environment, and,
- assist women as they reintegrate into society following incarceration.

Dozens of other grassroots projects are fuelled by your gifts. Together, we make a difference. I am counting on your support in 2016.

With my sincere gratitude,

+ Michael Bird

Michael A. Bird, Bishop of Niagara



Citing the vision of one of his predecessors, your bishop speaks of a "new" church... more tolerant, more loving, more alert to the day and the need. "Hands Across Niagara" is supporting many life changing ministries not only in your own diocese, but in Council of the North dioceses and in your companion diocese of Cuba.

Thank you for your generosity. Keep up the good work, and may God bless it all.

+ Fred

Fred J. Hiltz, Archbishop and Primate



Through you, Hands Across Niagara is transforming lives and proclaiming God's call to mission...



Faith, Worship, and Ministry

- Promotes ecumenical dialogue with other churches
- Creates educational tools to guide strong, loving, and wise liturgical leadership in communities
- Empowers youth leaders to deliver quality programming and youth outreach in all parts of the country
- Helps our leaders from coast-to-coast get the training, education, and support they need to inspire a sense of purpose and faith in other young people across Canada

Women Reintegrating into Society After Conviction

- Empowers participants, through community meetings to raise awareness of social breakdowns and stigmas
- Builds relationships within the communities that serve as bridges of trust and hope
- Invites concrete actions from community that shows commitment to offer women parolees a place in a just and hopeful society

Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice

- Provides training and education resources in reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples across Canada
- Works to ensure that human dignity, right relations between God, people, and the Earth are respected

Environmental Action

- Engages families on matters of climate change, eco-friendly houses, recycling, and food security
- Teaches families that our choices matter— for example, in buying plants raised without neonicotinoids
- Encourages electronic recycling, thus diverting harmful chemicals away from landfills
- Urges participants to join local environmental action groups

Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces

- Provides critical liturgical and pastoral ministry to the men and women who have pledged their lives to protect Canada and the world
- Provides hope to chaplains in sharing their stories with the people of the Anglican church nationwide

Food Security

- Offers mentorship and opportunities to learn how to grow nutritious food
- Provides participants with alternatives to store-bought processed foods as they acquire skills for preserving food, and cooking together in community kitchens
- Donations of some of the fresh food grown in community gardens go to local food banks and meal programs



Here is my **ONE-TIME** donation to Hands Across Niagara:

\$ 35 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____



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Name: _____

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Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Please debit my  


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Tax receipts issued for all donations of \$10 or more. Charitable Registration No. 10808 2835 RR0001.

MONTHLY donation, please turn over 

Thank you for supporting Hands Across Niagara!



What Hands Across Niagara supporters are saying...

"I think it is important to support Hands Across Niagara because it enables congregations to do some outreach, stimulating ideas to do some service in their communities beyond the support of their church building and ministers. People like me, who have more resources than they need to live in comfort, are fortunate in that they can have the joy of giving to others."

"We believe it is important to support initiatives locally and beyond. Hands Across Niagara provides us opportunity to share all good gifts around us that are sent from heaven above. We thank you and our Lord – enhancing food security; enabling safe and affordable housing; renewing and sustaining the earth; supporting children and youth—these are just and serving ways we relate to and can respond to."

"I like the concept of Hands Across Niagara, the sharing of donations to help outreach programmes in the diocese."

Did you know...?

- Faith, Worship, and Ministry promotes vital and healthy parish programs that are essential to the life of the church, because that is where lives are changed.
- One parish used its share of Hands Across Niagara to fund its "Youth Kitchen," a community kitchen program for local students in Grades 7 and 8 who benefit from mentoring and building community while learning to cook.
- Chaplains of the Anglican Military Ordinariate are posted at military bases and deploy with soldiers, sailors, and air crew around the world. Their work as pastors in a multifaith environment provides care and guidance to military members and their families on a daily basis.
- The Anglican Diocese of Masasi in partnership with PWRDF has installed solar panels on health facilities in rural Tanzania to provide lighting and refrigeration for drugs and vaccines, resulting in improved maternal and newborn health. Since the installation of the panels began, infant mortality has decreased significantly and the number of children vaccinated has increased from 40% to 90%.
- Indigenous and non-Indigenous Anglicans across Canada are meeting in Circles and in public spaces such as streets, courts, colleges, and parks to listen and learn about issues of Aboriginal justice and to walk together in reconciliation.
- A Hands Across Niagara grant helped to create a program for temporary foreign workers offering legal and health care support, interpretive language services, ESL training, and computer and telephone access to aid communication with family members abroad.



"Window on Injustice": Concrete symbols of partnership between community partners and women reintegrating into society in Dundas, Ont.



Chaplain in mission



Advocating for ecojustice in Winona, Ont.

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\$10 \$20 \$35 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____



I authorize the Anglican Church of Canada to debit the above amount from my chequing account on the 1st or 16th day of each month, and have enclosed a cheque marked "VOID."

Please debit my at the end of each month.

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