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Dear Clergy and Members of the DEC,

I am writing to inform you about some significant changes to the Anglican Foundation of Canada's (AFC) granting program.

This year, the Board established a Grants Policy Working Group to undertake a major review of the granting policies in light of the Board's desire to drive transformational ministry across the Canadian Church. The resulting recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board.

Move to Quarterly Grant Cycle

Effective January 1, 2023, AFC will move from a semi-annual grant cycle to a quarterly one, with application windows open on Jan 1, Apr 1, Jul 1, and Oct 1 each year. This rolling entry will give potential applicants increased accessibility and flexibility and will result in timelier decisions, which can have a major impact on the success of a project.

Introducing Category A Grants

The Board also approved the introduction of Category A grants of up to \$5,000 with no matching local funds required. These category A grants were introduced for AFC's 2021 *Say Yes! to Kids* Request for Proposals and clearly demonstrated how a few thousand dollars can have an enormously positive impact on ministry and outreach. The long-established traditional AFC grants—up to \$15,000 and no more than 50% of the project budget—will become the new Category B grant.

Waiving Membership Requirement

The Board also approved removing the requirement that grant applicants be current members of AFC. This reflects our preference to invite applicants to donate out of a spirit of generosity and to 'pay it forward'.

I invite you to consult the AFC's website, in particular the section on grants that includes the criteria and funding application form at <https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/grants/>

Please note that any grant or loan application **MUST** be approved by the DEC before being submitted to the AFC.

For more information, please contact me.

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