

## Campaign Update

September 2024

Having reached a major milestone with the completion of the West Garden landscaping earlier this summer, we want to update you on the progress of all five campaign initiatives. Your pledges and contributions to the campaign made this work possible. We are grateful for your continued and generous support to care for our building and property as well as the spiritual formation of our congregation. Please visit the campaign website at [strongrootsnewseason.com](http://strongrootsnewseason.com) for more information on our campaign initiatives and goals.

### Masonry Repair & Restoration

Estimate: \$300K                      Actual: \$635K  
Spent: \$275K                        Status: Partial completion

Masonry on the south and west walls were completed in 2023 in preparation for landscaping the West Garden. Actual costs exceeded initial estimates due to inflation and critical repairs to the fascia, soffits, and flashings as well as waterproofing around the sub-basement.

**What's next:** Estimates received in 2023 for the north and east walls were \$120K and \$240K respectively. In order to proceed with work on these walls we will need to secure additional funds.

### West Garden Landscaping

Estimate: \$100K                      Actual: \$250K  
Spent: \$200K                        Status: In progress

In order to achieve our vision to make the garden a fully accessible gathering space for parishioners and community members, and because material and labor costs increased significantly since the initial estimate, we received approval from Vestry to increase the scope of this project to \$250,000. To close the funding gap, an additional \$100,000 was secured via grants and other donations and Vestry approved a \$50,000 withdrawal from the St. Aidan's Fund. Landscaping was completed in mid-June when parishioners planted more than 300 native plants throughout the garden.

**What's next:** Next steps include installing custom designed benches, signage, and more plants. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench or tree, please contact Courtney Ebner at [staidans.warden3@gmail.com](mailto:staidans.warden3@gmail.com).

**We are inviting the entire Beach neighbourhood to celebrate the completed garden on Sunday, September 29, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Our area bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, will join us to offer a special blessing.

### Stained Glass Conservation & Restoration

Estimate: \$200K  
Spent: \$20K                            Status: Pending Vendor

Restoring our historic stained glass windows will be our next major project. To protect the windows in advance of remediation, the exterior frames were painted and several storm windows repaired. Over the next 10 years, 16 of 28 windows will require work to repair deformation and protect them from exposure to the elements. Windows requiring immediate attention will be prioritized, including the two windows on either side of the glass entrance, followed by one to two windows per year (which vendors have advised is the typical pace of work in this industry.)

**What's next:** Churchwarden Phil Aitkens will provide leadership for this project by securing and liaising with a glazier.

## Expanded Youth Ministry

Estimate: \$50K

Spent: \$18K

Status: In Progress

Youth ministry continues to thrive since Elizabeth Achimah joined the St. Aidan's ministry team in September 2023. At peak, 25 youth participate in Sunday School and other activities including a bimonthly Dungeons and Dragons night, weekly Bible study and monthly socials. The youth are engaged and supportive of one another, showing up for their peers' major milestones including two youth baptisms and six youth confirmations.

**What's next:** A monthly basics of Christianity course to engage youth and their friends in continued spiritual formation.

## Associate Priest

Estimate: \$100K

Spent: \$0K

Status: On Hold

This initiative was identified prior to a number of substantive changes within our parish community and has been put on hold for now. We may decide to re-allocate these funds towards one of the other initiatives.

## Acknowledgments

Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who have contributed their time and talent to provide project management, support and expert advice for our campaign initiatives including:

- Amy Ferguson and Jonathan Hendricks who supported the masonry initiative;
- Dima Cook for supporting the stained glass initiative;
- Bruce Mori and the team at Arcadis for their work on the West Garden initiative ;
- Members of the Children's and Youth Minister search committee: Paul Ebner (Chair), Rebecca Bridges, Rob Cook, Carissa Di Gangi, Sheila Dunn, Meghan Hull-Jacquin, Colleen James and Erika Schryer

Thanks also are extended to the wardens, past and present, for their continued leadership in administrative management, project staging, and fundraising support.

## Financial Position of the Campaign

### Financial Plan (developed in 2021)

**\$750,000** Total cost of five initiatives  
(based on initial estimates)

\$500,000 Campaign goal  
\$100,000 Operating surplus  
\$150,000 St. Aidan's Fund

### Updated Financial Plan (as of September 2024)

**\$1,235,000** Revised cost of five initiatives  
(based on updated estimates)

\$623,350 Campaign pledges and contributions  
\$0 Operating surplus  
\$150,000 St. Aidan's Fund  
\$100,000 Additional funds raised for West Garden  
\$50,000 St. Aidan's Fund withdrawal for West Garden

**\$311,650 Funding shortfall**

**Contributions towards your pledge are deeply appreciated as they provide the ongoing funds we need to undertake the next project. Thank you!**

St. Aidan's Stewardship Committee

Adam Gordon (Chair), Phil Aitkens, Rebecca Bridges, Courtney Ebner, Linda Fawcett, Amy Ferguson and Bruce Mori