



*Our Story*  
Stewardship  
2016

# NARRATIVE BUDGET

**ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL**



## FROM THE DEAN

St. James Cathedral has been at the centre of Toronto's religious, cultural and civic life since 1797. It is a place that finds focus in the Cathedral itself and in the Cathedral Centre.

St. James was the first Christian church in Toronto. Today the beautiful neo-gothic Cathedral attracts thousands of people each week. Many come to attend our liturgies, some come to pray, others to see the building, others to attend our concerts, others still for a quiet time in a busy city. Our doors are open daily from 7:00am to 6:00pm.

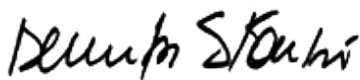
These activities are augmented by the life of the Cathedral Centre. Here our varied educational programs are offered, our outreach program that provides food, friendship, foot clinics and a parish nurse takes place. The Centre provides the location for our integration with the business, government and wider community who also use our facilities.

To do these things we have an annual budget of \$4 million. The funds come from five sources:

- Our investments
- The use of our facilities by outside groups
- Our cemetery
- Special fundraising/other sources
- Our congregation

Thank you for your past generosity and for your prayerful consideration of our 2016 campaign.

Yours truly,



The Very Reverend Douglas A. Stoute  
Dean of Toronto & Rector of St. James  
Cathedral



November 2015

## DEAR FRIENDS,

The announcement by Dean Stoute at Vestry last February that he plans to step aside at the close of the year after 21 years of ministry as Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James has led to much reflection by all of us in the cathedral community. While we have to come to terms, individually and as a group, with the regret we feel at the loss of his leadership after so long, it also opens us to an opportunity to intentionally consider the need for change even when it is not sought, for innovation and a vision which builds on all that he has given us over the years. In April at the Community Consultation day we had a chance to come together as a group of friends, colleagues, clergy, neighbours and staff and speak out about our hopes, anxieties, demands, wishes, quibbles, fears and dreams for the future of St. James.

This process helped enormously with the task of selecting priorities in the search for a new Dean, but it also directly informed the cathedral leadership about the actual feelings and sense of involvement of the community. It was a day of great benefit to the Wardens, Selection Committee, and the Cathedral Council. We heard how much you value the ministries of the Cathedral; education and lecture series, outreach, archives, parish nursing, youth ministries and music; you were eloquent in supporting the breadth and sweep of our worship, from the pageantry of traditional festivals to the quiet moments of the Daily Office; you value and appreciate our dedicated clergy; you support our connections to the Mandarin Ministry and the First Nations communities where we are reaching out; and you love our sacred space, that antique church which will require constant care to be maintained for future congregations.

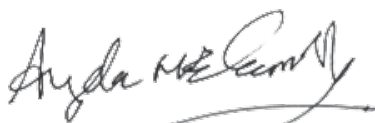
With your support, we can continue to finance the living ministry of the Cathedral and its fabric. We have been truly blessed in our community with the people, the buildings, and the inspiration, joy and daily work of so many. We ask you to prayerfully reflect on this and on what the Cathedral means to you personally, as you look at God's gifts to you and decide how to give back and give thanks.

During this Stewardship Campaign, we thank you for all your past gifts and ask you to consider increasing your offerings as you are able. Please complete the enclosed commitment card and put it on the plate to give us an idea of your plans, whatever your pledge may be. The Cathedral Council needs this information to plan effectively and accurately for the future. If your circumstances change your pledge can be altered; it is an indication of your intent, not a contract.

Please also read the enclosed brochure outlining the Planned Giving process; generous and thoughtful bequests play a vital part in our plans to continue the capital projects needed in the church and in the cemetery.

We thank you most sincerely for all your past support and ask that you prayerfully consider the information in this booklet. As we move into the next phase in the living ministry of the Cathedral Church of St. James, please show your commitment in your life of worship with us through your pledge of support for the year to come.

Respectfully,



Angela Carroll, People's Warden



Larry Enfield, Rector's Warden

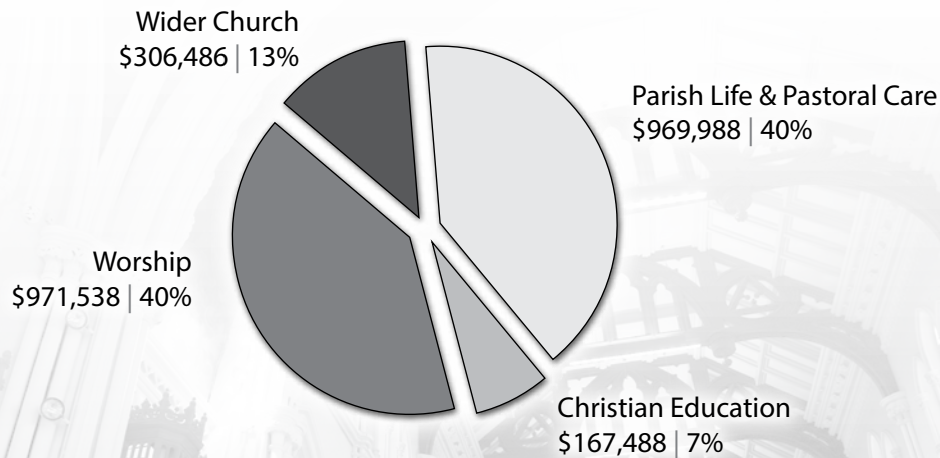


# MISSION & MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

With Harvest Thanksgiving drawing to a close, we reflect on God's bounty and here at St. James at this time we are asked to consider how we can contribute financially to the mission and ministry of our Cathedral Church. It is the simple act of saying "thank you" to God. At the

Cathedral we are blessed to have the opportunity to express and live our faith through a wide range of activities and our many ministries. All of this is only possible through the free will gifts of our congregation and visitors. There is much to support. There is much to be thankful for.

## INVESTMENT IN MINISTRY: WHERE OUR REVENUES GO



## BEQUESTS

When Dean Stoute announced his intention to step aside in 2015 it provided an opportunity for a community consultation in April. This consultation reflected on all that has taken place over the last 21 years under Dean Stoute's leadership, and looked forward, defining a future vision and the type of leadership needed to accomplish that vision.

This is an exciting time to belong to the Cathedral community. The community consultation reflected much positive feedback about what is valued and also how we will be challenged to respond to the evolving needs of the congregation and community. Your support makes possible the activities that you value.

## THE MINISTRY TEAM

Ministry at the Cathedral is in constant evolution as it adapts to the changing needs of our community. In the past year we have said farewell to Chris D'Angelo and welcomed Brian Raney. James Liu's continued work has helped our fledgling Mandarin ministry develop and grow. These individuals along with Dean Stoute, David Brinton, Walter Hannam, Simon Davis, Lanadee Lampman, Gloria Wiebe, Alison Hari-Singh, Jeff Nowers, David Bousfield, David Hoopes, our divinity students from Wycliffe College and Trinity College, and our many and valued honorary assistants work together to make St. James not just a welcoming place to be, but a place that offers many expressions of our faith.



We are a diverse group of people and the strand that unites all of these activities is that the participants are all equally welcomed into our space.

## MUSIC

The Cathedral Choir and Parish Choir enrich all our worship. We welcomed incoming Director of Music Robert Busiakiewicz in September to lead the music program in the Cathedral, after saying farewell with thanks to former director Vicki St. Pierre and to associate organist Andrew Ager.



David Briggs, our Artist-in-Residence since August of 2012, has signed on for another year as he continues to engage parishioners and visitors alike with his virtuoso performances and organ recitals, and we have been fortunate to also have organist Thomas Fitches to accompany many of our services. The Cantatas in the Cathedral series which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month is a new staple on many calendars, and the Cathedral has also hosted a number of visiting choirs and musicians.

The Cathedral has established itself as a centre for musical excellence for both organ and choral music. A recently completed acoustical study has highlighted ways to improve acoustics for music (organ and choral) and spoken word. Our capital wish list includes some of these suggested enhancements and a refurbishment of the organ.

## EDUCATION

Education at the Cathedral is all about coming together as a community to explore the Christian faith and deepen our understanding of it. This ministry is supported by parish offerings and the generous legacy of Bishop George Snell.

### LECTURE SERIES:

Each fall, winter, and spring on Wednesday evenings all are welcome to attend and participate in a series of lectures on a wide variety of topics of interest to Christians and to the wider community. The calendar for 2015 includes a discussion of Christianity in China and renowned theologian Stanley Hauerwas (Snell Lecture) and more to come.

### CATECHESIS:

This course is offered each year on the basics of the Christian faith, and provides the opportunity for the exploration of faith both for those new to Christianity and those seeking further guidance on their personal journey. 2016 will see the addition of a new course called Going Deeper aimed at helping prepare for the spiritual journey of Lent.

### BOOK CLUB:

This group provides parishioners the opportunity to meet monthly for fellowship and to enjoy together books of meaning and significance, with frequent participation from members of the clergy.

### REGENERATION:

This is a ministry focused on young adults. As the city changes around us and a new influx of younger people fills the downtown, we are fortunate to be able to respond to the need for community and grow our congregation with energy and innovation. Social events and shared worship aimed at this demographic enrich the life of the Cathedral and prepare it for the future.

## ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

The work of the Archives and Museum Committee under the guidance of Nancy Mallett is a tremendous resource to both the Church and the community, with many of the early records of the city housed in the archives. The Committee put together *Called to Serve* in November of 2014 honouring Canada's military chaplains of all faiths. In 2015 the Archives presented an exhibit on the Truth and Reconciliation process that unfolded in the wake of the Residential Schools scandal. That exhibit will be on loan to the Diocese of Edmonton and the Diocese of New Westminster. The popular crèche exhibit returns in December.

## THE HEALTH COUNCIL

The Cathedral has a Parish Nurse Ministry which works in conjunction with the Health Council to promote healthy and healing relationships with God, family, our faith community, and creation. This is truly faith in action - supporting health in the fullest sense—physical, spiritual, social, emotional. Following the example Jesus set for us the Council tries to meet people where they are, recognizing our different gifts and strengths and helping the wounded build resilience and regain confidence in themselves.

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ACTION CIRCLE

Those interested in the protection of the unjustly imprisoned around the world, in human rights and the cause of justice for the oppressed can meet together monthly, following a Eucharist in the Cathedral. Action Circle #99, the St James group, is proud to be so well supported by the Cathedral clergy and community and welcomes all comers.

## CHANGE RINGING

On Mondays and Wednesdays bell handlers and change ringers meet for practice. The Cathedral's peal of 12 bells is unique in North America. Ringing out between 10:00 and 11:00am each Sunday, they add a historic Call to Service to all, as people arrive at the church. While many may not care to tackle the narrow spiral staircase which winds its way to the Bell Tower, there is a live video feed on a screen in the narthex, showing members of the Guild of Change Ringers working the ropes.

## OUTREACH

The Cathedral Centre is open every Tuesday afternoon, welcoming the downtown community to our Drop-in where we offer lunch and companionship. Once a month the caterers that meet the needs of our business clients generously donate a special meal which adds a welcome variety to the usual menu. The Drop-in is open to all comers, no identification required. Services provided include a Health Clinic for assessment and follow-up by registered nurses, foot care and community information, hygiene products, haircuts, Bible study, and the Good Food Box program. On Friday mornings the care continues with the Health and Foot Care Clinic in the community room. Other outreach projects include educational support, refugee sponsorship and non-profit housing.

WE HAVE NOT TOUCHED HERE  
ON SO MANY CATHEDRAL BLESSINGS;  
THE GIFT OF DEDICATED CLERGY  
AND CONSCIENTIOUS STAFF;  
SERVERS AND SACRISTANS, SIDESPONSORS  
AND STEWARDS, THE CHURCH SCHOOL  
AND SO MUCH MORE.



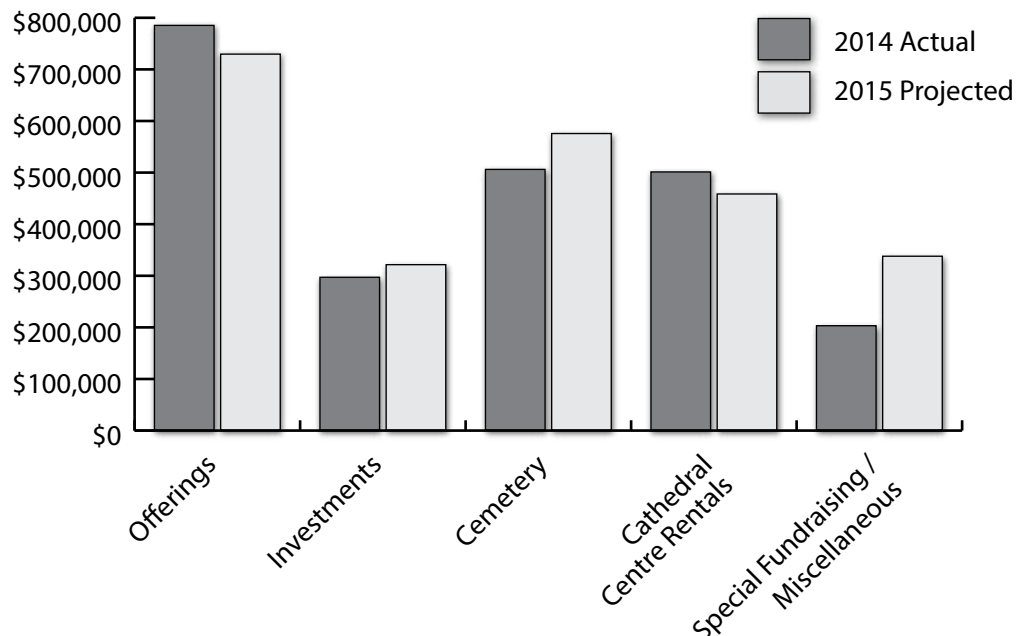
# MISSION & MINISTRY BY THE NUMBERS

St. James means so much to so many people. We are able to support this tremendous diversity of program only through your generous support.

Our income derives from five sources:

1. Offerings
2. Investments
3. Cemetery
4. Cathedral Centre Rentals
5. Special Fundraising / Miscellaneous

## CATHEDRAL REVENUES



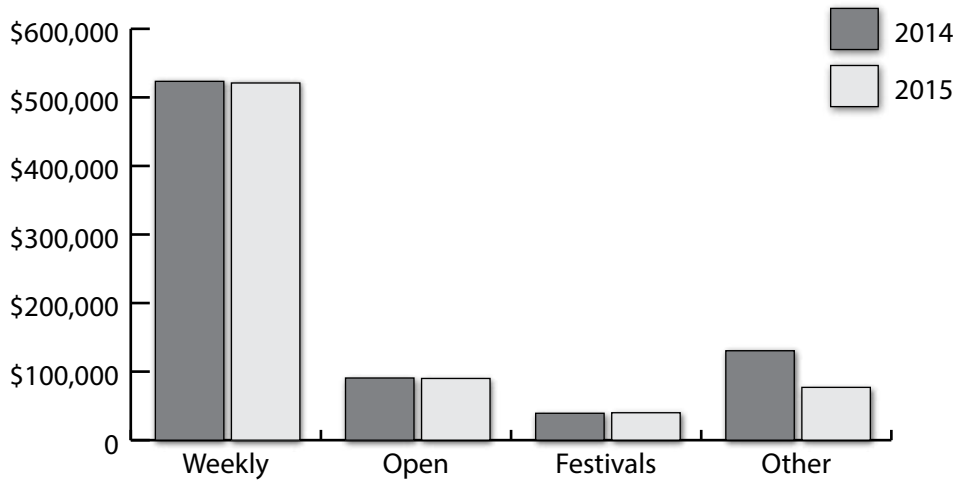
EACH ONE OF THESE REVENUE SOURCES IS IMPORTANT IN ENABLING US TO FULFILL OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY. CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS REPRESENT 30% OF OUR OPERATIONS BUDGET.

YOU ARE BEING INVITED TO CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP US CONTINUE THIS WORK TO WHICH GOD HAS CALLED US.



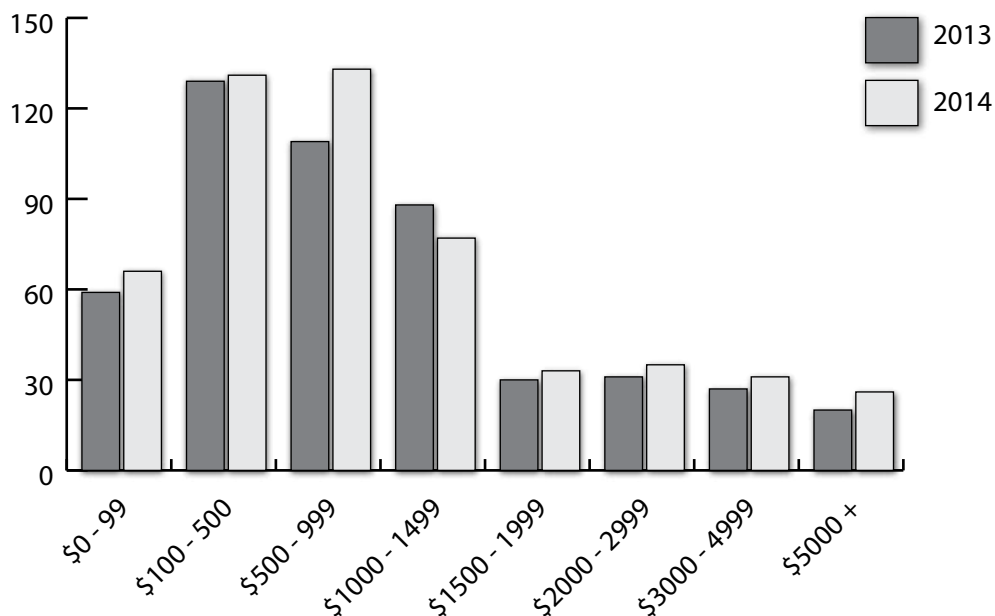
## CATHEDRAL OFFERINGS

The chart below compares the 2014 offerings you provided with our 2015 projection.



## NUMBER OF DONORS BY ANNUAL OFFERING

How our donors give on an individual basis is shown in the chart below.



IS IT POSSIBLE WHEN CONSIDERING YOUR 2016 COMMITMENT TO "MOVE UP" A LEVEL?

## LEGACY GIVING

The Cathedral is blessed with an abundance of resources made available through the generous gifts of our congregation. We have a number of projects that must be undertaken over the next 10 years to preserve the fabric of the Church and to improve the experience of those using our beautiful space for worship and community gathering. The bell tower has structural deficiencies that need to be addressed. The interior of the Church needs painting. The organ needs refurbishment. Acoustical enhancements can be made to improve the audibility of the spoken word, choir, and organ. These projects and a number of smaller but equally important works need to be addressed. The operating budget of the Cathedral does not support this work.

If the Cathedral is important to you, please consider a special gift during your lifetime or at death through your will and help continue this work with future generations.

# MAKING YOUR COMMITMENT

1. Think and pray about what you can commit for 2016.
2. Decide how you will fulfill your commitment:
  - Pre-authorized giving (brochure available in the Cathedral, online, or by calling the Cathedral office)
  - Envelopes
  - One time annual gift (cheque, credit card, or transfer of securities)
3. Complete the enclosed 2016 card.
4. Bring your completed commitment card to church on **Commitment Sunday, November 22**, and place it on the offertory plate in the envelope provided.
5. You can also access an electronic version of the commitment card online at **[www.stjamescathedral.on.ca](http://www.stjamescathedral.on.ca)**, which can be printed, completed and mailed or emailed back to us.
6. Legacy Gift: You may make a gift during your lifetime or at death through your will. Substantial gifts can be made without an immediate outlay of cash/assets, thereby protecting your immediate financial security.





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## THANK YOU

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