ST. ANDREW'S SESSION Session Summary from October 2, 2023 WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

The Session accepted the resignation of Ray Scanlan as an active elder. We thank Ray for his unwavering support while he sat on Session and look forward to him continuing to serve St. Andrew's as a Supporting Elder.

Task Force Survey

The Elders will continue to contact the members in their district to ask a few questions regarding the Church's life. Your answers will be anonymous, so answer freely.

Minister's Upcoming Vacation

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be on vacation for one week from October 23 to October 29, inclusive. Rev. Wayne will not be available during his holiday, but you may contact the office (Tues – Thurs), your elder or the Clerk of Session for pastoral concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Stewardship Committee

Financial Report: The Treasurer reported that expenses continue to exceed the amount we receive. Our line of credit is growing, and the interest rate is 8.75%.

You may notice there are new envelopes in the pews. These envelopes are for our afternoon members, the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM).

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is appealing for new or very lightly worn sweaters, coats, scarves, hats, and gloves for both men and women. We will invite our Kenyan refugees to shop on Sunday, October 29.

Christian Education

Coming soon: Plans are underway to reopen the library, with Eunice Boyd in charge.

Worship and Fellowship

The Committee is planning the 176th Anniversary on **Sunday**, **October 22**, **2023**. After the service, there will be a potluck luncheon; details are in the bulletin.

We will celebrate Remembrance Day on **November 5.** Worship is trying something new – the Sunday Hymns will be displayed on the TV Screens instead of the Hymn Boards.

Property

The Property Team follows the contractors as they replace the steps at the front of the Church, and the work will be completed by the end of the week.

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, the Congregation voted to withdraw \$100,000.00 from the Capital Fund to repair the building's eaves on the west side. The work on this project will start in mid-October and will be completed by the end of November.

In-Person/In-Church Worship Reminder

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. Masks are optional at this time; however, we encourage you during the flu season to be aware of those around you. If you are experiencing any COVID and/or FLU symptoms (cough, runny nose, fever), please stay home and join our livestreamed worship on YouTube.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to meet with anyone who wishes to drop by to meet or say "Hello." If you need to see a minister urgently, he is available 24/7 at 905-456-1727.

Our Congregational Care Team is also available to help you. Contact Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.

Our Prayer Circle is a <u>very confidential group</u> that prays for those needing prayer. If you request prayers for a family member or friend, their permission is required before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.