

2006 was a busy year for Missions at St. Andrew's. The Missions Committee regretfully accepted the resignations of Diane Purdy, whose minute-taking will be definitely missed, and Kathleen McGillivray, a source of boundless energy, ideas and bread!



The primary mission focus of St. Andrew's in 2006 continued to be the "Towards a World Without AIDS" campaign. A nearly sold out audience enjoyed a wonderful baritone recital concert by Peter McGillivray in April. Mary Rife organized a plant sale in May and a garage sale in August that were both very successful. In August, Rev. John Borthwick was able to attend the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. Many members of the congregation turned out for the Presbytery's AIDS Walk/Run/Bike-a-Thon in October. A presentation of photos about AIDS by Carl Hiebert helped mark World AIDS Day in December. By year-end, fund-raising events at St. Andrew's and donations had raised \$5,500 for "Towards a World Without AIDS" and a further \$3,763 for Malawi. Members of St. Andrew's accomplished much in 2006 in raising both awareness of, and money to fight, this horrible disease.

Mission Awareness Sunday, organized by the WMS, featured our own Margaret Evans as speaker. Her presentation about the real role of missions in our lives was thought-provoking and inspiring.

St. Andrew's continued to be a stalwart supporter of Presbyterians Sharing..., which supports the mission work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada within Canada, with donations of \$53,146 - exceeding once again our commitment of \$51,000. Givings to PWS & D's development and relief work were also high at \$15,552. Over \$2,767 was raised in support of Cornshare, a part of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Thanks to all the volunteer bread-bakers who helped to make a tangible reminder of this continuing important mission project. Lastly, as winter approached (albeit slowly!), St. Andrew's continued to support the inner-city mission work in Toronto by donating to Evangel Hall (kindly delivered by John Kerr).

Respectfully submitted,  
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