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Dear Friends,

I write to you to share my excitement regarding our 2018 Diocesan Young Adult Leadership Development Mission Trip. On April 29th, our team of twenty young adults from across our diocese will be heading to the inner city of Toronto, devoting a week of their time to learning, serving the oppressed, and sharing the love of Christ through discipleship.

While in Toronto, our team will be working with a number of non-profit organizations, shelter programs, as well as visiting Six Nations reserve outside Toronto to learn and experience the history and repercussions of our nation's indigenous history as it relates to the Christian church. Our team is enthusiastic to challenge themselves and encourage one another in the name of Christ to bring forth and share their love of and for the Kingdom, in the form of serving others.

After a successful pilot trip last year, it was evident that this trip needed to be a top priority opportunity that we provide for our youth and young adults in the diocese. Having had the chance to personally walk along side many of these youth, it was beyond rewarding to see the impact that last year's trip had on each of them. The growth that came out of their individual challenges, and the desire to share their experiences with others was beyond amazing to see. I am certain that each youth who participates in this year's mission opportunity, will be influenced or impacted at some level by the experiences they have in Toronto. Investing our time and funds into the youth of our church, helps us to provide them with opportunities that will challenge them, showing them what they are capable of, and fueling their desire to give back to their own communities.

This trip will cost approximately \$600 per person that attends. While our team has enthusiastically planned and organized a number of fundraising initiatives in the upcoming months, the cost is still relatively high, and we are in need of donations to help make this trip a reality for our team. With your donations to help fund this trip, you are investing in the Christian leadership of the youth in our diocese, and providing an opportunity for them to step outside the traditional church model and exclaim the joy of their faith in a way that lives out the gospel message.

Donations can be sent to the Synod Office, subject to the *2018 Diocesan Youth Mission Trip*. We are incredibly grateful for all donations that are made toward this mission opportunity. If there is a youth in your parish who is participating in this journey, we would like to encourage you to reach out to them, and encourage them in their preparation for Toronto.

Over the next four months our team will be preparing itself physically, financially, as well as spiritually. During this time we welcome your prayers and blessings over our team and look forward to sharing with you our experiences, upon our return.

Peace,

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