

# A vision for the future



**Second Century Fund recently began supporting Waterloo-based World Accord, which funds agricultural development in countries such as Honduras.**

*By Don Weston*  
**Co-Chair, Second Century Mission Fund**

The Second Century Mission Fund was created in 1989 on the Centennial celebration of the formation of St Olave's. There was a desire to provide money that would be used solely for mission work and/or outreach projects in the parish, in Canada and around the world. Since its inception, the Fund has been very capably led by Robert Ragsdale.

The primary source to the Fund has been through legacies, along with donations, for which we are most grateful. Combined with donations through offerings and other gifts, the value of the Fund is significant. Through wise investments, it has continued to grow and provide the money that is dispensed to worthy projects. The capital of the Fund will always be kept intact. Only the earned interest will be used.

Here is one example of the work of the Fund. Recently, when the Anglican Diocese of Toronto announced its latest fundraising initiative, called Our Faith, Our Hope, churches were all asked to make a donation. St. Olave's commitment was set at \$15,000 per year for five years. To reach that goal, the Fund is providing \$10,000 for each year. The remainder is to

be provided by parishioners, either directly or through the special envelopes found in the pews. There are two years left for this program. Our donation is directed to the Ministries of the North.

Another significant recipient has been Wycliffe College, where the Fund has created a bursary to the memory of former Rector, Dr. Versey Wigmore. He was a Wycliffe graduate in 1941. The Fund helps Theology students complete their studies at the College.

Each year, the Fund provides in excess of \$30,000 to more than 10 projects. It continues to be the primary source of funding for mission work from St Olave's (outside Kathy Langston's Romanian mission, which is separate). Each year, the donations are spread as follows:

- 60% within Canada
- 20% for theological and educational purposes
- 20% for Third World projects.

If you would like to make a donation, be it one-time or a regular monthly donation, it would be most welcomed! Do this by using the envelopes in the pews or by identifying your desires on the face of your regular offering envelopes. And if you know of a worthy cause that we should investigate, please contact us through the Rector.



## Pray for Christians around the world

*Rector's Letter*  
**The Reverend David Burrows**

When I was at McGill University in the late '60s, I became acquainted with a periodical called *Jesus to the Communist World*. This magazine made people in the West aware of the savage persecution of the churches in Communist countries. It was started by Richard Wurmbrand, a Romanian Jew who had become a Christian. He was persecuted by the Nazis during World War II, then became a Christian and a Lutheran minister after the war only to be persecuted by the Communists. He was imprisoned for his faith for 14 years in Romania. He was finally released and came to North America where he and his wife Sabrina worked very hard to make people here aware of the persecution of Christians in other countries. Pastor Wurmbrand spoke at McGill. The local leftists failed to shout him down.

Fast forward to 1989. Russian communism falls, the Berlin Wall falls. Liberty is proclaimed to all and sundry, including Christians. The churches and monasteries are revived, rebuilt. Christians can now proselytize; a new golden age for Christianity begins. Vladimir Putin goes to church. Former members of the Communist party are seen in church, signing themselves with the sign of the cross.

Fast forward again to 2014. Radical Sunni Muslim Jihadists are rounding up, enslaving and murdering thousand of, not just Christians, but also Yazidis, and Shiite Muslims. Mosul, in northern Iraq, had had a Christian presence for nearly two millennia; no more – all gone or dead. Christian homes are marked with an Arabic letter “n” to designate Nasara or Nazirite, ie Christian, so that their homes can be searched, plundered and the inhabitants killed or forcibly converted to Islam. It's not only in Iraq that Christians are being persecuted: Nigeria, Central African Republic, Sudan, Pakistan, Palestine, Indonesia – the list goes on.

What can WE do? Obviously PRAY both for the Christians AND for those persecuting them. But is that all? Certainly not! I'll be giving more ideas in the months to come.



## Patronal Festival another delicious success

In late July, we convened the dinner on the lawns following the Patronal Festival Evensong. We caught a tremendous break in the threatening weather when the showers stopped and some 80 parishioners and guests were able to enjoy a delightful evening.

With our own Romanian missionary – Kathy Langston – and her daughters in the house, we were delighted to welcome many of her supporters, who all expressed their appreciation at being invited.

There were a number of committee members helping with the evening and we particularly commend the outstanding contribution of former Warden Sheila Tait (still recovering from eye surgery) to both the kitchen prep and cleanup.

Also special thanks to our reunited BBQ “dream team” – Craig Douglas, Richard Fogel and Patrick McCormick. And finally special thanks to Sexton Dave Webb for all his help in setting up the tables and chairs on the lawns. As a side note, all the costs were recovered through freewill offering!

– Jim Shapland,  
Growth Committee Chair

Have you  
seen our new sign?  
Check it out on the  
wall facing Bloor!



Tours of the Alex Colville exhibit at the AGO will be on offer again through the Arts Guild.

## The arts come alive at St. Olave's!

By Annis Tebbutt  
Chair, Arts Guild

The Arts Guild looks forward to bringing the arts to our parish this fall. From drama, visual arts, fine arts and music, the Arts Guild offers a broad program.

On Gathering Sunday, September 7, a new **puppet play** will be presented at the 10:30 service for the benefit of the children of the Junior Church.

The Guild plans to have another mini-tour in the fall, at the Art Gallery of Ontario. The renowned Canadian painter, **Alex Colville** is featured this fall at the gallery, in a special exhibit.

Considerable media coverage has been given to the work of this influential artist. Through the Guild, members of our parish

may enjoy a free tour of this exhibit. Details to follow in the bulletin.

November 15 marks our second annual **Christmas Craft Show and Coffee House**. While this is primarily a Growth Committee event, about 25 artists and crafters will descend on our Parish Hall. A great place to find a unique Christmas gift!

As part of the November 30 Evensong, “Christmas Lights”, the Guild and consort will present **“A Child’s Christmas in Wales”**, with music by Vaughan Williams. The entertainment will follow the Evensong service at 4 p.m., along with Christmas Tea and all are welcome to attend.

Call for actors! If you are interested in reading for “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”, you may contact Annis Tebbutt at [annist@rogers.com](mailto:annist@rogers.com).

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at 8:30 or 10:30  
(with children’s program)  
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