

The Pikangikum Water Project



HOW TO DONATE

Be sure to designate your donation "National Youth Project"

ANGLICANS:

Through PWRDF:

www.justgeneration.ca
(the Youth Initiative of PWRDF)
1-866-308-7973
Mailing Address:
80 Hayden St., Toronto, ON
M4Y 3G2

LUTHERANS:

Through the ELCIC National Office:

www.elcic.ca
1-888-786-6707
Mailing Address:
600-177 Lombard Ave.,
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5

Additional Information

justgeneration.ca:

<http://www.justgeneration.ca/resources/national-youth-project/>

ELCIC:

<http://elcic.ca/Youth/RightToWater.cfm>

CLAY 2014: WORTH IT:

<http://claygathering.ca/national-youth-project/>

NYP FAQs:

<http://www.elcic.ca/Youth/documents/NYPProjectFAQs.pdf>

THE GOAL

To provide a source of potable drinking water to one home in Pikangikum, Ontario, by equipping the home with a cistern and a wastewater holding tank, as well as the necessary fixtures and fittings.

Approximate cost: \$20,000

Pikangikum: Current Situation

- Pikangikum is a remote fly-in First Nations' town in Northern Ontario located about 100 km north of Red Lake, ON. It has a population of about 2400, of which half are youth.
- Of the 450 homes in the community, 430 (95%) do not have water or waste water services.
- Surface water sources (lakes and rivers) are vulnerable to contamination, as are in-home water storage systems.
- Inadequate and decrepit wooden outhouses are used by most residents.
- Most of the homes do not have the space or the structural integrity to support bathroom facilities.
- A supply of safe drinking/washing water and the provision of safe sewage disposal are essential requirements for the health of a community.

Begin with Relationship

In order to be respectful and empowering, Indigenous leaders have consistently advised the church to begin with relationships. Through PWRDF—Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (the Canadian Anglican response to relief and development) our churches are connected to several groups, including the community's elders and school system, who are addressing several issues in order to create a healthy and sustainable community for Pikangikum youth. Pikangikum leaders have identified clean water as a top priority.

Benefits of the Project

- Water to one home impacts, on average, 7 people (including children).
- Represents training, certification and jobs for residents of Pikangikum.
- It is a first step in a long-term partnership to address issues of the right to water.
- A visible sign of hope: bearing the fruit of healthy and sustainable community.

As an expression of generosity, some groups contribute a portion of their fundraising to the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering to the National Youth Project.