

Second Sunday of Easter: *Living the Mission*

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul. ...With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all." (Acts 4:32,34)

Living the Mission is a partnership between parishes, the diocese and the national church to fund mission initiatives. Money raised is shared between participating parishes (45.8%), diocesan mission initiatives (45.8%) and national/global mission projects (8.4%). The goal is to *Enable, Equip and Engage* the people of the church for mission in rapidly changing world. Even during the Covid pandemic *Living the Mission* impacted people in a positive way. Here's an example.



Enabling the (Young) Saints: Digital Vacation Bible Camp

Because of the pandemic, CrossTalk in-person children's summer day camps could not be held. But that did not stop children from learning

together. Rev Chris Dowdeswell from St Stephens parish in Swift Current invited families from his parish and across the diocese to join him via Zoom for a digital vacation bible camp August 3-7. Rev Chris, together with his two children and six nieces and nephews, led the sessions from Camp Harding, and another ten children from Swift Current and Regina joined them online. Each morning was filled with games, songs, crafts, puppet shows and excellent Bible lessons, making for a week of fun spiritual growth. Both the kids and the adults loved it! *(Photo of the French children joining online)*

To donate to *Living the Mission* contact Cindy at 306-522-1608 to arrange for monthly donations, mail a cheque to the diocesan office or go to <https://quappelle.anglican.ca/donate> to donate online.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you never cease to water the seeds of our giving with your generous grace.

We thank you for everyone who gave their resources to Living the Mission.

We are grateful for the lives that have been changed because of the ministries it supports.

From those learning through the Qu'Appelle School of Mission and Ministry to youth growing and confirming their faith through the work of the Youth Missioner, lives have been changed.

The resources shared with the Diocese of Muyinga helped build a health clinic and money given to national indigenous ministries have strengthened those communities. Locally, nationally and globally your work is being done and for that we are thankful.

Continue to transform us through the power of your Spirit. Enable us to live a way of life marked by faithful prayer; loving action and generous giving; to equip congregations for mission and ministry; and to engage in outreach, service and the committed sharing of our faith.

May we continue to work together and advance the mission of every parish in our diocese, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.