

NEW ENGLAND COMPANY

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Mission expenditure in 2005

In 2005 the Court awarded grants totalling £243,665, comprising:

Canada **C\$ 288,500 (£125,369)**

West Indies **US\$ 225,000 (£118,296)**

In Canada, grants were given to the Vancouver School of Theology, the Dr Jessie Salteaux Resource Centre, the Henry Budd School for Ministry, the dioceses of Algoma, the Arctic, Athabasca, Brandon, Caledonia, Calgary, Edmonton, Huron LAIC, Keewatin, Moosonee, Nelson (RC), Ontario, Qu'Appelle, Quebec, Rupertsland, Saskatchewan and Yukon, and to the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior. A grant was also made in support of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

In the West Indies, grants were made to Codrington College and to the dioceses of Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba, Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos, Trinidad and Tobago and Windward Islands..

Litigation in Canada

During 2005 a further sum of £37,334 was expended by the New England Company in defending itself against claims for damages in the Canadian courts, bringing the cumulative costs to £320,670.

Visit by a member of the Court to Canada

Mr Timothy Duke, a member of the Court, made a visit to Canada between 17 September and 3 October 2005, to discuss recent projects funded by the Company and to give any necessary advice about future grant applications. He arrived in Calgary, and began by seeing the results of Archdeacon Sidney Black's work among the native communities in Brocket, Cardston and Standoff. In Edmonton he was shown the early stages of the new church hall at St Faith's and learned about the Inner City Pastoral Mission, which brings direct help to so many indigenous people in the city. In Winnipeg he was told about the Diocesan Urban Aboriginal Outreach Ministry, and was entertained to a Feast by the Indigenous Council at St Matthew's church. He was also able to discuss the work of the Rev Barry Bear at Peguis and Canon Ron McCullough at Fairford.

Mr Duke then travelled to The Pas in the diocese of Brandon, where he stayed with the Rev Paul Sodke and his wife Marion, co-ordinators of the Henry Budd College for Ministry, and met Archdeacon Lydia Constant, who has a responsibility for congregations on eight reserves.

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For the remaining five days of his visit, Mr Duke attended a meeting of the Council of the North through the kindness of the chair, the Rt Rev Anthony Burton, Bishop of Saskatchewan. The meeting was held at Split Lake, south west of Hudson's Bay, at the generous invitation of the Tataskweyak Cree Nation. This was an excellent opportunity for Mr Duke to identify issues affecting the church in Canada as a whole, and to discuss specific projects with diocesan representatives. He found it particularly heartening to discover the strides made by the Rt Rev David Ashdown in forming a partnership with First Nation's people in the diocese of Keewatin.

Visit by a member of the Court to the West Indies

Mr Charles Winnifrith visited the West Indies in May 2006. A report of his visit will be made in a future newsletter.