

Madagascar Update: Exciting News!

The AMSC (Anglican Missions Service Committee) Board of Directors is pleased and excited to announce that Pamala Stickney, has agreed to partner with us to continue the work of financially supporting and spiritually nourishing the young children and youth in Madagascar. As you know, we currently support two projects in Madagascar – an orphanage and a school – founded many years ago (1996 and 2002, respectively) with a great deal of assistance from long-time missionary, Mary Sherwood.

Over the past few years, after Mary's health necessitated a sudden and sooner-than-planned retirement from her mission work, the AMSC has been exploring options for moving forward in our continued support, with the long-term goal of eventual self-sustainability, of both Madagascar projects.

AMSC has prayerfully discerned that a return to in-person, boots on the ground, mission work is, at least for now, the best way to care for the children and youth of the two projects and goals of those projects. We are certain that we have chosen a highly suitable and capable partner to work in Madagascar with the children and leaders of the school and orphanage in Madagascar as well as partnering with us domestically to raise funds for, and awareness of, the life-giving work of the projects.

With all that having been said, I now let Pamala introduce herself to you below.

In the hope of Christ,

The Rev. Susan Montague Koyle, Chair
Anglican Missions Service Committee

Born and raised in rural northern Ontario, I am beyond thrilled to be introducing myself, God willing, as the new field agent for the orphanage and school projects in Madagascar. While my children were young, I became very active in Christ Church, North Bay, as Sunday School teacher and as Lay Reader and had hoped to visit the orphanage and school in Madagascar while Mary Sherwood was there. Sadly, that didn't happen and, though it would have been a wonderful opportunity for mentoring, I believe, God willing, that Mary's groundwork and support network will enable me to step into this role. I find great joy in helping nurture a child's interest in learning and being an aid and guide as they grow. Being a Lay Reader with the Northern Lights Parish and an officer with the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, I've learned how to listen to people and how to work at understanding and supporting without being overbearing. I look forward to learning how I can best serve God and these Malagasy youth and then sharing with supporters the ways in which your aid is making a difference.

