Diocese of London contributes to restoration of Fugitive Slave Chapel at Fanshawe Pioneer Village

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LONDON, ON (May 12, 2022) - The fundraising campaign to relocate and restore London’s Fugitive Slave Chapel at Fanshawe Pioneer Village (FPV) has received a generous contribution from the Diocese of London. Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, Bishop of London, visited the Village today to present a cheque for $5,000 to Steering Committee Members Christina Lord, and Carl Cadogan, and Fanshawe Pioneer Village Board Chair, Tom Peace.

“We appreciate that our support will enable future generations to learn about this important part of Canadian history, and the role that chapels like this one played to help those fleeing enslavement settle, after finding freedom in the north. We are grateful for the opportunity to support this worthy project to help preserve the histories of Black communities that have existed in southwestern Ontario for two centuries.” - shared Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, Bishop of London.

“The fundraising campaign to support the relocation and restoration of the Fugitive Slave Chapel at Fanshawe Pioneer Village is progressing well towards our $300,000 goal — thanks to this support from the Diocese of London. We are excited to see the community supporting this project, and hope to have more good news to share as the campaign progresses.” - added FPV Board Chair, Tom Peace.

Members of the community wishing to donate can visit: [The Chapel Project — London Community Foundation (lcf.on.ca)]

Business, corporate and community organizations wishing to make a contribution are encouraged to contact Dawn Miskelly, Executive Director of Fanshawe Pioneer Village to learn more.

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