September 11, 2019

Dear St. Mary’s Parishioners,

At the August meeting of your Parish Council, a decision regarding the shared fundraising between St. Mary’s and Tumaini Canada (the charity that supports poor and orphaned children in Tanzania) was reached.

Quoting from the Minutes of that meeting:   
“We have moved into a new era of financial well-being at St. Mary’s. Council feels it is time to allow Tumaini to realize all the funds from the quarterly Bottle Drives. Of course we encourage parishioners to be involved in supporting Tumaini if they feel moved to, and we appreciate the support of Tumaini members in church activities and fundraisers.” *(Please note that all Tumaini members abstained from the vote.)*

St. Mary’s support of Tumaini is one of the ways we can extend the international outreach that we, as a parish, value. We provide the registered charity with storage space in the church hall, an afternoon a month for the members (and anyone who is interested in joining in) to craft in the hall, and the opportunity to fundraise 4x a year.

We continue to support some of the poorest of the poor in the world through our birthday box – through both international charities Tumaini and Precious Jewels.

So let us continue to be generous – to care for others through our actions and donations.

Together we are learning how to become this body of Christ – which is our true calling: to love our God and our neighbours as ourselves.

In Christ,

Rev. Selinde Krayenhoff