

## **MEDIA RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **RETIREMENT OF MARY-MARTHA HALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CENTRE 454**

Mary Martha Hale, has announced her retirement as Executive Director of Centre 454, effective the end of June, 2014.

Centre 454 is one of five community ministries of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa that provides a safe and welcoming place to belong and offers a wide range of services to assist homeless men, women and their children to transform their lives with respect and dignity.

Ms. Hale has been the Executive Director of Centre 454 for 16 years and is a well-known figure among the homelessness sector in Ottawa. During her tenure, the Centre has grown into a highly-regarded, award winning, and essential partner in the City of Ottawa's plan to support individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty in our community. Recently, Ms. Hale managed and shepherded the return of the Centre to St. Alban's Church and its integration into the Sandy Hill neighbourhood and community.

Bishop John Chapman states:

“Mary-Martha has been a tireless and committed advocate of the Centre and its mandate to create a place of belonging and community for all. Her grace, leadership, and determination will be missed by all who have had the privilege to work with her. All of us at the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa wish Mary-Martha peace and happiness as she moves into her retirement”

Plans are underway to recognize Ms. Hale's contribution to the City of Ottawa and the Diocese at an event that will be held closer to her formal retirement. Details will be distributed through community networks.

Under the direction of the Director of Mission, Peter John Hobbs, a process is now underway to select a new Executive Director for the Centre. Details will be published in late February. Interested applicants are invited to view the posting, when it is available, at [www.centre454.ca](http://www.centre454.ca) and/or on the Diocesan Website at [www.ottawa.anglican.ca](http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca)

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