

Cameron Highlanders Formation: On 1 October (1920) the Ottawa Regiment was granted approval to begin conversion as a Highland (kilted) Regiment.”.....On 10 August 1933, the Regiment went through another change of identity, the third in 13 years, and became the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

Dr. Logan-Vencta Became Chaplain: In 1935, Major Harold Horsey died, one of his replacements, John Logan-Vencta became chaplain after resigning his commission as a combat officer. He had had first war experience with the Highland Brigade in the Imperial Army. It was therefore not altogether unexpected that he would become associated with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, first as a combatant officer and later, 1935, as chaplain.

National War Memorial: 1939 May 1939, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, on their royal tour of Canada visited Ottawa for three days to view the Trooping of the Colours on Parliament Hill and to unveil the newly-constructed National War Memorial. The Camerons played a significant role in the visit.

Regimental Colours at St. Giles On 12 May, 1940, the Colours of the Camerons were deposited with the padre for the duration of the war. In May of 1947, the Regiment reclaimed the Colours. They were used for another 20 years. On 5 July, 1967, the Queen presented new colours to the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. This was, as reported by a contemporary unit, the most important event in the unit's history since the end of the Second World War. Also on the same day, Dr. John Logan-Vencta, minister of St. Giles, and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), presided over a service receiving the colours at St. Giles.

In early 2005: Camerons' 2nd Lt. Daniel Brunette was engaged in a research project related to assembling historical information for the Regiment. 2nd Lt. Brunet drew to the attention of the Regiment the significant relationship between the Camerons and St. Giles, particularly during the 1930s and 1940s. Dr. Ken Reynolds, engaged to write the official history of the Camerons, was interested in further exploration of the linkage with the church. The St. Giles Session was informed of the Camerons' interest and asked elder Don Tate to follow up. In the meeting of May 2005, the Regiment and St. Giles agreed to foster their historical connection by: 1) St. Giles sending care packages to each deployed Cameron, on all their missions; 2) Camerons participating in St. Giles November Remembrance Services-readers, pipers and buglers.

Care Packages: St. Giles has sent care packages to Camerons deployed on a diverse array of missions abroad as well as Canadian nursing homes during the Covid pandemic. During the Afghan conflict, beginning in 2006, the church sent over 30 packages for each deployment. Experience has proven that the church should concentrate on sending baked goods to the soldiers. In 2025 the church expects to send at least 10 packages to at least 10 deployed Camerons.

Remembrance Services: The Camerons have faithfully supplied, except for the Covid period, readers, pipers, and buglers, for each St. Giles Remembrance service since 2005.

Christmas Concerts: In 2007, then-Major, and subsequently CO, Robert Patchett suggested that the Camerons and St. Giles work together and sponsor a Christmas benefit concert in support of the area food bank. St. Giles would host the concerts and the Camerons Pipes and Drums Band would supply the entertainment. The concerts would have no admittance charge but attendees could, if they wished, bring non-perishable food or cash donations. Since 2023, the concert has further expanded to include Vocestra Choir and The Band of the Governor General's Foot Guards.

The relationship between the Camerons and St. Giles has existed for over 90 of the church's 100 years. All have benefited. We look forward to continue to work together.