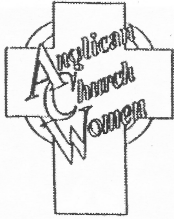


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*Our
50th
Year*



ACW NEWSLETTER

SPRING/ EASTER 2017

PRAYER LINKS

Please pray for our Prayer Partner, the Diocese of the Yukon and its President, Blanche Buckle.

- **April** – ACW sisters in Mississauga and North Peel deaneries, in the Dioceses of Ottawa, Qu'Appelle, and Quebec; Anglican sisters in Africa and in the Church Army.
- **May** – ACW sisters in Nottawasaga and Oshawa deaneries, in the Dioceses of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, and our sisters in the Episcopal Church of the United States and in Chaplaincies in the Diocese of Toronto.
- **June** – ACW sisters in the deaneries of Parkdale West Toronto and Peterborough; and others in the Dioceses of Toronto, Western Newfoundland and the Yukon; and our sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.



COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter: 3 publications:

- Spring/ Easter
- Fall
- Advent/ Christmas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anglican Church Women 50th Anniversary Year

Dear Friends In Christ,

There's a sense of preparation in this Newsletter. We're approaching Spring, God's earth is preparing for renewal in new buds, new leaves. We're in Lent, reflecting, praying, preparing and looking towards Easter. Easter, the Resurrection and the significance of renewed life, for us all.

We're preparing for our Annual General Meeting and 50th Anniversary Event. In 1967, with the blessing of Bishop Snell, the Diocese of Toronto launched the Anglican Church Women, formed from the 4 founding women's organizations of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Mothers' Union, the Chancel Guild and the Church Year.

Fifty years later, we have chosen "Moving Forward in Faith" as the theme for our event. The theme speaks to our reflection, prayers, preparation and renewal for the years to come.

We're looking forward to a wonderful Annual General Meeting and Anniversary Event on May 13, 2017 at Christ Church, Stouffville, starting with the Eucharist and Lay Anointing. Our Guest Speakers will include the Hon. Jane Philpott, MP and we encourage you to invite others to share in our celebration.

In this Newsletter, there's information on the National Gathering for ALL Anglican Women, an opportunity to meet and share with women from across the country.

Have a blessed Easter and I look forward to seeing you all on May 13.

Many blessings,

Anita

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Easter Letter 2017

The air is warmer, the ground is opening up and the sun shines longer. Every year we live through the winter with the hope and promise of spring. Life renews itself in the continuing cycle of growth and death. The earth is resurrecting itself in the wonder and beauty of God's world. Christ's resurrection is at the heart of what we believe as Christians. It is the source and foundation of our faith. The resurrection changed forever how we understand God's love, presence and hope in the world. We are forever changed because of Christ's sacrifice.

How are we changed and what does this event that happened, so long ago, still mean to us and the world? What does this love mean to each of us as children of God? It means we are saved and forgiven our sins. We are changed forever because we are children of God and loved by God beyond all measure. It means God is always with us. We are never, ever, alone. Whether we are experiencing dark hours, are in despair, living with a sorrow too deep for words, or sharing our deepest joys, and love, we are not alone.

Because of Christ's resurrection every day we have the choice, and opportunity, to share Christ's hope, love and faith with others. It is within our God given ability, and power, to use God's gift of renewed life for the good of others. How we share this gift of renewed life every day is our gift to God.

Lent is a time to reflect, and perhaps ask ourselves "What is it I believe and want"? Does there need to be a renewal of my heart, soul and mind? Am I the renewal that needs to take place in the life of the church and world? Every day presents a new opportunity to share our faith through our hearts, minds and voices with others by proclaiming the power of Jesus' resurrection to the world.

Have a blessed Easter.

Rev. Joan Cavanaugh+
Chaplain, Anglican Church Women,
Diocese of Toronto

*Never regret a day in your life:
good days give happiness,
bad days give experience,
worst days give lessons, and
best days give memories
from*

The Diocese of Edmonton March Newsletter

IN MEMORIAM JANE COOK

It was with deep sadness that we learnt that Jane Cook had passed away in Fergus, Ontario at the age of 90, on Dec. 12, 2016.

During an age when women were encouraged to be homemakers, Jane broke barriers and was one of the first female graduates of the University of Toronto's music program and also the first laywoman to preach from the pulpit at St. James Cathedral, which she did in her role as President of the Diocesan Anglican Church Women.

Jane served as Diocesan ACW President from 1991 to 1994. She made a positive contribution to the Diocesan ACW as well as to many other organizations such as the Anglican Worship Resources Society.

Jane's funeral service was held on Dec. 20, 2016 at St. George's on-the-Hill Anglican Church, Etobicoke, Ont.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/ LUNCHEON and 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendars

Saturday, May 13, 2017, will be our 2017 Annual General Meeting/ Luncheon and our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Our theme will be “Moving Forward in Faith”.

The event will be held at Christ Church, Stouffville, 254 Sunset Blvd. Stouffville, ON L4A 3R1

We look forward to hearing the Honourable Jane Philpott, MP, Canada’s Minister of Health. Prior to entering politics, Dr. Philpott had an extensive career in family medicine, public health, medical education and global advocacy for HIV/AIDS.

The program will include the Eucharist, Lay Anointing, lunch, public relations items for sale. There will be speakers and information on Social Justice and Advocacy concerns, Indigenous Peoples -Healing and Reconciliation and entertainment by “Sister Act” that you won’t want to miss.

Please post/ circulate the enclosed flyer and plan to attend.

Everyone is welcome - women and men - please invite some-one.

THROUGHOUT 50 YEARS OF ACW - WINNIFRED GOODAIRE



Winnifred Goodaire served as the President of the Toronto Diocesan ACW from 1970 to 1973. The picture shows her in the ACW office in 1970.

Winnifred was also the first ACW President at St. Clement’s, Eglinton. According to her son, she was a very strong woman who would still prefer to be known as Mrs. Edgar G.

Donald Holmes, archivist at St. Clement’s, writes that when he and his wife first attended a Vestry meeting at St. Clement’s, they were impressed by a woman at the back of the hall making an eloquent argument for something. That was Winnifred.

She was an A.T.C.L., an Associate of Trinity College London for speech and drama. She gave lessons on using the Queen’s language in speaking publicly. She said, “You must always speak to the back row!” How we could use her skills today.

In later years, she conceived of the idea and chaired the committee that developed the St. Clement’s College for Excellence in Preaching which helped in the development of preaching skills, for selected priests from across Canada.

The first session was held at Wycliffe College in 1991.

Sadly, as this Newsletter was being printed, we received the news that Winnifred had passed away, on March 20, 2017 in her 103rd year. May she rest in peace!

Special thanks to Winnifred’s son, Edgar Goodaire (Jr.), Donald Holmes and June Dyer for the photo.

Over the next few pages, we've included our ACW Prayer, our history and information on 2016/ 2017 Social Concern and Action Special Projects, as requested by some of our members.

Whilst this information has been previously circulated, members have told us that they more readily share newsletters with those who are not familiar with the work of the Anglican Church Women, when they know that the material will again be available for them in an upcoming issue of the Newsletter.

Please remember if you do have email access, send us your email address and we will gladly email a copy of the Newsletter.

TORONTO DIOCESAN ACW PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, enable us through Worship, Learning and Service, to live in a life in Christ, that strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we may show forth your love to others throughout the world. Amen

OUR HISTORY

In April 1885, Mrs. Roberta E Tilton and 7 brave ladies approached the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in Ottawa, to offer help with missionary work. They were given permission to form the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Canada, known as the W.A. was then formed to support missionary endeavours of the Church overseas and in Canada.

At that time, women had no rights, at home, in the community, the Church or politically, however the Woman's Auxiliary worked tirelessly, spreading the Word and supporting missionary work..

Over 70 years later, during the 1960's, changes were taking place as women were becoming even more active in the life of the Church. A broader vision was born, the opportunity for women to be stronger together, and to be better able to use their gifts in multiple areas of the Church, all to the Glory of God.

In 1966, by resolution of General Synod and acceptance by the Dominion Board, the Woman's Auxiliary was amalgamated with other women's ministries, specifically Mothers' Union, Chancel Guild and Church Year, to come under the umbrella of the Anglican Church Women.

The groups came together in various formats across the country. Some simply changed their names and continued the basic structures and practices of the Woman's Auxiliary, others were formally incorporated.

In 1967, the Diocese of Toronto launched the Anglican Church Women. With the blessing of the Rt. Rev. George Snell, the diocesan presidents of the 4 women's organizations - the Woman's Auxiliary, the Mothers' Union, the Chancel Guild and the Church Year agreed to the amalgamation of the organizations.

The Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women was legally incorporated on Nov. 22, 1967, undertaking to carry forward the aims and programs of the 4 founding groups.

The purpose of the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women is to be a focus for Christian community among all Anglican Women, affirming their gifts and encouraging their ministries through worship, learning and service.

Today, the ministries of Anglican Church Women, A.C.W. are as varied as the God given gifts of these dedicated women who are committed to enhancing and growing the Kingdom of God and to responding to his call.

OUR WORK

Our work is guided by prayer, our purpose, our motto/ A.C.W. Hymn " The Love of Jesus Calls Us ", and our study of the Five Marks of Mission.

Across the Diocese of Toronto, our Parish Anglican Church Women continue to identify areas where they can make a difference. They are involved in every and all aspects of the life of the Church.

Their gifts are being used in many ways - to name a few - lay readers, bible study leaders, Sunday school teachers, organizers of parish

dinners, bazaars and events, prayer groups, book clubs, travel clubs, facilitators of educational lecture series, catering to bereaved families after funerals, knitting prayer shawls for the sick, sewing caps for cancer patients and dolls for sick children, visiting seniors and shut-ins.

They are advocating for the poor, the homeless and against violence and abuse.

They are promoting justice and peace, lobbying in their communities. They are spreading the Word in their congregations, in their communities and beyond.

There is some fundraising, but our primary reason for existence is not fundraising, it is worship, learning, service and fellowship.

The work of the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women includes:

- Support of The Council of the North - the mission work of the Woman's Auxiliary included sending money and bales to support the clergy and people of the North.
The Toronto Diocesan Anglican Women continue to financially support the Council of the North by donating a large percentage of their ACW funds.
- Provision of Theological Student Bursaries to assist women theological students, enrolled in a degree course and seeking ordination into the priesthood.
- Provision of Lay Ministry/ Vocational Deacon Bursaries to assist women wishing to take training in Christian Lay Ministry or training for the Vocational Diaconate.
- Pension Assistance to women who were missionaries before the work of women in ministry and in the mission fields was duly recognized and who are now long retired without entitlement to pension.
- Support to Threshold Ministries (formerly Church Army) to help their work and continued on behalf of the founding Chancel Guild commitment.
- Chancel training and information - knowledge of everything pertaining to the Chancels and Sanctuaries of our churches and chapels.
- The Ecclesiastical Needleworkers' Committee of the Chancel - a group of ladies who create and make available for sale altar cloths, small linens as well as custom vestments and hangings with hand embroidery. Repairs and remounting of old hangings are also done.
- Interfaith work including being part of the commitment of Ruth's Daughters of Canada, a non-profit organization launched by Parkdale- High Park NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo, in 2010 and committed to promoting freedom from violence for all women. This work is supported by many faith groups - Christian and non Christian.
- Ecumenical work including the Catholic Women's League, Baptist and United Church Women, from attending their annual meetings to participating in World Day of Prayer Services and other ecumenical events in our Diocese.
- Social Concern and Action Special Projects - building increased awareness of Christian social responsibility amongst women in the Diocese. In each Episcopal Area, the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women financially support an organization, with programs and services that are in keeping with the Social Justice theme determined by our members' votes. For the years, 2012 and 2013, the theme was " Homeless Youth. For 2014 and 2015, it was " Mental Health" and it is "Assisting Senior Women" for 2016 and 2017. We will be choosing a new theme for 2018/ 2019 at our 2017 Annual General Meeting.

We connect with our sisters across the nation through newsletters and attendance at the National Anglican Church Women of Canada Conferences. At the 2013 Conference, we first participated in a candlelit Sisters in Spirit vigil and added our names to the petition to Prime Minister Harper in support of holding a National Inquiry into the over 582 occurrences of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls. Occurrences that remain unaddressed. We continue to support these petitions.

We connect to parish groups by newsletter, by website, parish mailings, through the members of our Diocesan Board, deanery representatives, committee members, attending events, activities and Annual General Meetings.

Our diocesan ACW funds are raised mostly from donations from Parish Anglican Church Women groups and designated for Council of the North, Bursaries, Social Concern and Action Special Projects. Other funds are raised from the sale of public relations items, sale of ACW pins, newsletter subscriptions, memorial book entries, the work of the Ecclesiastical Needleworkers' Committee and individuals.

Increased needs and requests at the parish level, church closures and the subsequent disbanding of those parish ACW groups as well as economic situations have resulted in reduced donations from parish groups to the Diocesan ACW. The reduced amounts impact our Diocesan outreach, however, our work continues.

2016/2017 SOCIAL CONCERN AND ACTION SPECIAL PROJECTS

Assisting Senior Women

Our Special Projects theme for 2016/ 2017 is “Assisting Senior Women”.

Aging is an important factor in women’s health. Based on an Ontario Women’s Health Evidence-based Report, though the difference in life expectancy between men and women is narrowing, women in Canada have outlived men. Women comprise the majority of the older population and have different patterns of illness and health needs than men.

Many of today’s older women grew up in very different circumstances and had fewer opportunities than women growing up today.

Currently older women tend to have fewer financial resources, fewer years of experience in the workforce and less experience managing family finances when compared to older men.

Accordingly, today’s older women may be less able to pay for supportive care and to access health services that are not funded.

Older women are more likely to live alone and are also more likely to be caregivers than men.

Older women are also more likely to have a greater burden of illness including multiple conditions, more functional limitations and a higher prevalence of disability than older men.

There are many issues facing senior women including mental health issues. Mental health issues such as depression, dementia and Alzheimer’s can lead to formerly active women retreating into a shell. These women need regular stimulation for mind, body and spirit.

There are a variety of organizations helping senior women in their homes, in seniors’ residences or in nursing homes.

There are other agencies helping marginalized senior women through food access programmes, drop-in centres, counselling, emotional support, social/ recreational support and adult day programmes.

Ethnocultural seniors’ programmes are also available in areas where more and more seniors who come from diverse cultural backgrounds are struggling with feelings of isolation.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada gives us the following facts:

- In 2011, 747,000 Canadians were living with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias - that's 14.9 per cent of Canadians 65 and older.
By 2031, if nothing changes in Canada, this figure will increase to 1.4 million.
- **Women make up approximately 72 per cent of Alzheimer’s patients in Canada.**
- One in five Canadians aged 45 and older provides some form of care to seniors living with long-term health problems.
- A quarter of all family caregivers are seniors themselves; a third of them (more than 200,000) are older than 75.
- Women make up about 70 per cent of family caregivers. Younger women may be caring for a loved one whilst working and raising their own families.

There is still no national strategy for Alzheimer’s and dementias, we can write to our MPP’s - become involved and be advocates for family and friends

In past newsletters, we highlighted the organizations chosen for support in 2 of our Episcopal Areas. There were Community and Home Assistance, CHATS for York Simcoe and Woodgreen O'Connor House for York Scarborough. Others will be highlighted in upcoming newsletters.

Without your donations, we could not support these Special Projects as we do.

Your support will make a difference not only to the organizations but by helping to improve the quality of life for many senior women.

Support of projects under the theme “Assisting Senior Women” will end December 31, 2017, please prayerfully consider a donation to help.



2018/2019 SOCIAL CONCERN AND ACTION SPECIAL PROJECTS

One of the business items of the 2017 Annual General Meeting will be for members to vote on a new theme that will be the focus of 2018/ 2019 Social Concern and Action Special Projects and support.

Please consider the areas of need where we can make a difference and send us your suggestions prior to the May 13, 2017 event, allowing time for research of the need and for addition to the ballots.

MOST RECENT THEMES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

2016-2017	Assisting Senior Women
2014-2015	Mental Health
2012-2013	Homeless Youth
2010-2011	Children's Breakfast /Nutrition Programs
2008-2009	Literacy
2006-2007	Women's Health

A PRAYER FOR SPRING

by Iris Hesselden

The Diocese of Edmonton Newsletter

Dear Lord of Creation,
As the earth awakes around me,
And all creatures rejoice with the Spring,
Let me, too, rejoice.
Let my heart be filled with thanksgiving,

Let me count my many blessings.
Go forward with me through the year.
Help me to travel cheerfully and hopefully,
Knowing You are near
And will always be my Friend.

NATIONAL GATHERING FOR ALL ANGLICAN WOMEN

Your Host: The National Executive of the Anglican Church Women of Canada

WHEN: Thursday June 15th to Sunday June 18th, 2017

WHERE: Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario (near Hamilton, Ontario)

Theme: *The Love of Jesus Calls Us to Learning, Worship and Service*

Registration Fee: \$500.00 this Includes Shared Accommodation and Meals including Sunday Breakfast

Your Other Cost & Responsibility: Transportation to the conference from your home to Anglican Gathering

COME JOIN IN: *Conversation with Primate Fred Hiltz & Sharing with women across CANADA*

Workshops such as: Prayer; Indigenous Ministries; The Church Volunteer; PWRDF; Storytelling of the Gospel; The ACC& Assisted Death and Much More.

Co-ordinator: Marion Saunders, 82 Foster Creek Dr. Newcastle Ontario L1B 1G5
Email: mares@idirect.ca Phone: 905-439-2728
OR Online Website: www.acwcanada.com

Registration DEADLINE: APRIL 30TH, 2017

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Stay away from anger... it hurtsonly you !
If you are right, then there is no need to get angry
And if you are wrong, then you don't have any right to get angry.

Patience with family is Love
Patience with others is Respect
Patience with self is Confidence and
Patience with God is Faith.

Never think hard about the Past, it brings Tears
Don't think more about the Future, it brings Fear
Live this moment with a Smile, it brings Cheer.

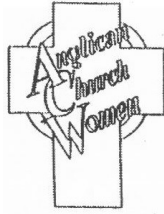
Every test in our life makes us Bitter or Better
Every problem comes to Make us or Break us.
The choice is ours whether we become Victims or Victorious.

Beautiful things are not always good but good things are always beautiful.

Do you know why God created gaps between fingers?
So that someone who is special to you, comes and fills those gaps, by holding your hand forever.

Happiness keeps you sweet but being sweet brings happiness.
Do share it with all the good people in your life.

Submitted by Carolyn Atkinson



"Moving Forward in Faith"

**ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
DIOCESE OF TORONTO**

***Annual General Meeting, Luncheon and
50th Anniversary Celebration***

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

Christ Church, Stouffville

254 Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 3R1

Guest Speaker: The Honourable Jane Philpott, MP

Canada's Minister of Health- Prior to entering politics, Dr. Philpott had an extensive career in family medicine, public health, medical education and global advocacy for HIV/AIDS.

Tickets: \$30.00 lunch included

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.)

All are welcome - women and men

Afternoon Entertainment - "Sister Act"

Tickets will be mailed* for paid orders received before May 3rd

* Please provide a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Other pre-ordered tickets can be picked up at the door.

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Enclosed please find \$ _____ for _____ tickets to the Annual Meeting.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Special Needs _____ Home Parish _____
