



ACW Newsletter Fall 2022

Anglican Church Women

Diocese of Toronto

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PRAYER LINKS

October

Deaneries of Tecumseth, St. James
ACW sisters in the Dioceses of
Qu'Appelle, Quebec, Rupert's Land
The Armed Forces

November

Deaneries of Toronto East, Victoria-
Haliburton
ACW Sisters in the Dioceses of
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Territory of
the People,
Canadian Mother's Union

December

Deaneries of York Central, York Mills
ACW Sisters in the Dioceses of
Toronto, Western Newfoundland,
Yukon
Chaplaincies in Diocese of Toronto
The College of Bishops

NATIONAL PRAYER PARTNERS

The ACW's in the Diocese of Toronto
are to pray for the ACW's in the
Diocese of Central Newfoundland.
The ACW's in the Diocese of British
Columbia are praying for the ACW's in
the Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO URBAN NATIVE MINISTRY

provides daily support to Indigenous people, all ages
and walks of life, supporting them in their spiritual,
mental, emotional and physical wellbeing. We are often
one of the only agencies that are accessible, low
barrier, and providing support to people in person
during the pandemic.

For example, every Thursday, rain or snow, we hold an
outdoor sharing and drumming circle, for people to
receive support, care, pray, get connected support
workers, and build their self-esteem through practicing
traditional drumming and singing.

*Does your parish have a Truth and Reconciliation
Working Group, or are part of an ecumenical network,
or hold an annual fundraiser for reparations for
Indigenous communities?*

We want to hear about it! Anglicans across the Diocese
of Toronto have been organizing and collaborating
around the goals of reconciliation with Indigenous
communities for decades.

Right Relations ministries is developing an accessible
database and resource sharing network, so that
ministries, working groups, committees, etc., can be
aware of and support one another.

Please tell us about the ministry you are involved with
by filling out the relevant information in this form so that
we can map out the incredible work happening across
the Diocese of Toronto.

<https://forms.gle/tKGjKVQmpG55Xrux5>

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.
The Rev. Leigh Kern lkern@toronto.anglican.ca

COMMUNICATIONS

Website: www.toronto.anglican.ca

(under Departments and Ministries)

Please send us your photos and

News of your women's activities.

Deadline for next issue November 15, 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ

Thanksgiving!! Although we set aside a special Monday in October for "Thanksgiving", each day should include our thank you to God for our many blessings. We have so many gifts to be thankful for, in spite of the difficulties of the last two and a half years. Some gifts can be huge – the safe recovery of health of a loved one. Some are almost unrecognized – a brief glimpse of a radiant sunset.

In the church we attend when we are away from home, the service begins with "God Sightings". Members of the congregation share news of an event or situation, during that week, where they have seen or felt the presence of God. It might be related to health, a moment in nature, or being in the right place at the right time to help or see someone being helped. I invite you to reflect each evening in the month of October on what "God Sighting" you saw that day and to say a prayer of thanksgiving.

Beginning this Fall, we plan to have two Women's Gatherings each year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring – days for fun and fellowship. All women in the Diocese (and friends) are invited to share in these events. They will be held in churches around the Diocese to allow for better regional attendance. The Annual General Meeting, for our necessary business items, will continue to be in April by Zoom to allow for greater participation for all women in the Diocese.

This Fall, life will almost be back to normal but different! Church will almost be back to normal but different! ACW will be almost back to normal but different! We can once again focus on our special women's ministry and investigate new aspects of this ministry.

I wish you many blessings as you plan your fall Anglican Church Women activities and meetings.

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Chaplain's Reflection

For most of us, the summer never lasts long enough, especially for students on break from classes or others who enjoy long walks on the beach, the beauty of the flowers, family gatherings and the freedom the lovely weather provides for communities. We are at the end of another Summer. The nights are becoming cooler and the days shorter. Fall is on the way, and creation is announcing it is entering into the liminal space between rest, and renewal, as we await God's promises for his creation.

I marvel at the fall colours and say, "These are the most beautiful fall colours I have ever seen."

My husband reminds me that I am consistent in saying that every year. It is probably true, as I believe consistency is essential. I am thankful my life has consistency, and how important consistency is to our spiritual journey. Imagine how different our lives would be as Christians if we were not consistent in the readings of scripture or prayer.

Life is not meant to be lived in fast-forward mode with no time for refreshment or relaxation. It is meant to be lived with consistency, but not the consistency of the continuous coercion or bombardment of being told we are not good enough, or if we use the right product or buy a particular item, our quest to be better will improve.

I began to ask what consistencies in my life and faith bring me to a place of solace and comfort. I discovered the consistent words of our liturgy, which engage our everchanging seasons of life, are words that consistently renew my faith and words of the liturgy are basked in forgiveness, love, hope, and God's promise of salvation, which brings consistency to my mind and soul. Romans 8:31-39 speaks of God's consistent love, solace and comfort and that nothing can separate us from such.

Let us thank God for the promise of his consistent love and salvation.

Consistent Blessings

Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark+

Chaplain, ACW Diocese of Toronto

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Theme: RENEWED FOR CHANGE

Once again, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women Annual General Meeting was held by Zoom on Saturday April 30, 2022. Approximately 51 members were welcomed into our Zoom room for the Meeting.

The meeting began with a warm welcome from our President, the reading of the Indigenous Declaration for our Diocesan Area, the singing of the Hymn "the love of Jesus Calls Us" and the Toronto Diocesan ACW Prayer.

Greetings were brought by Bishop Kevin Robertson on behalf of the College of Bishops. We welcomed our guests and received greetings from: Margaret Warwick, president of our National Board of Anglican Church Women of Canada, Sue Lubowitz, the newly elected president of the Catholic Women's League of Toronto, Maxine Hobden, president of the Women's Inter-Church Council Toronto, Anita Gittens, treasurer of WICC Canada. Past Presidents of Diocesan ACW, Gladys McClellan. June Dyer, Marion Saunders and Anita Gittens were welcomed.

The business meeting opened with a devotion by our chaplain, the Rev Joan Cavanaugh, followed by opening remarks on our theme "Renewed for Change". The minutes of the 2021 AGM were presented and accepted. Sandra McPhail, our treasurer, presented the 2021 financial reports, referring to the figures printed in the on-line Annual Report and shown on the Zoom screens. The review engagement statements were accepted and the 2022 budget was presented.

June Dyer presented the Nominations report which was displayed on-line. The Board of Directors and members of the Finance Committee were installed by Bishop Kevin. We are pleased to welcome one new Deanery Rep to the Board, Julia Nicholls (Huron)

Karen Bowman presented the Special Projects report, giving an overview of the 2021 recipient organizations. The theme for Special Projects for 2022/2023 is "Mental Health for Children and Youth". Marlene Gardiner read the names of the many members whose names were inscribed in the Diocesan Anglican Church Women Memorial Book in 2021.

Words of appreciation were expressed to the Board for their support during the past year. Special thank you's were extended to Sandy McPhail our treasurer (working from Nova Scotia) June Dyer who cheerfully works behind the scenes putting together the newsletter, Rev Joan Cavanaugh, our Chaplain, Swan Li who published our newsletter, Judy, our Office Administrator, and Cheryl Gallagher who acted as co-host manager for the meeting.

Using the wonders of Zoom and technology, our special guests from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, Dr. Scott Brubacher (Executive Director) and Michelle Hauser (Development and Communications Consultant) were able to join us from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and Port Hope, Ontario respectively. Their presentation highlighted the work of the Foundation over the last decade as well as the new "Say Yes! To Kids" initiative.

Our meeting closed with the hymn (Be Thou My Vision), a prayer and blessing from our Chaplain.

Facts about Thanksgiving

The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbers.

The turkey isn't to blame for your post-dinner slump. Any big meal is.

"Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song.

Female turkeys don't gobble

Tofu is the most hated Thanksgiving dish.

The Butterball hotline answers 100,000 turkey-related questions every year.

Prayers at Thanksgiving

A prayer point is the focal point of your prayer request. It's the main theme or topic that you're praying about. As you think about what to include in your thanksgiving prayer, try focusing on one of these things:

- Thank God for your family
- Praise God for the continued health of your family members and yourself
- Express gratitude for friendship and the people God has put in your life
- Give thanks for God's provision
- Thank God for His promises and the fact that He always keeps them
- Express thanks for the food you're about to eat and all the meals He has provided up to that point
- Give thanks for His presence
- Thank God for His protection

Giving with Grace **Council of the North**

A thank you note was received from the Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, giving thanks for the gift of \$10,000 sent to the Council of the North by the Diocesan ACW.

“The purpose of the Council is to respond with faith and vision, to God’s call to mission and ministry in the North and to provide pastoral and sacramental ministry to all who are living in the northern regions of Canada. With a commitment to Gospel-based, culturally sensitive ministry, the Council nurtures and encourages local initiatives while carefully evaluating their impact and effectiveness.

Thank you for helping our beloved church to sustain this vital ministry across the vast expanses of Canada’s North.”

Live Simply

Compassionate and living God,

You created the world for all of us to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.
Create in us a desire to live simply
so that our lives will reflect your generosity.

Creator God,

You gave us responsibility for the earth,
a world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably
so that those who follow after us
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice,

You give us the capacity to change,
to bring about a world that mirrors your way.
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity
so that the pillars of injustice crumble
and those now crushed are set free. AMEN.



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Say Yes! To Kids Campaign

In 2021 Canadian Anglicans generously supported the Anglican Foundation of Canada’s (AFC) first *Say Yes! To Kids* campaign. You enabled us to invest \$470,000 in youth-focused ministry, and I am grateful.

This year we have 22 teams involved in the campaign with fundraising goals that range from \$2,500 to \$25,000. I encourage you to visit campaign headquarters at www.anglicanfoundation.org/kids and find a team to support. Whether you give close to home, or to a cause that is close to your heart, your support will make a difference.

Dr. Scott Brubacher
Executive Director
Anglican Foundation of
Canada



Blessed Beading—June Dyer

After I wrote in the Fall 2021 ACW Newsletter about the book called “Blessed Beading” which comes from the parish of St. Mary with St. Mark in Mayo, in the Yukon, I decided to order one. It took four or five months to arrive, but arrive it did! Mayo is a small community on the Stewart River in the middle of the Yukon Territory. This little book illustrated their various altar coverings and beaded items, as well as providing a little history of their fishing community. The book sells for \$12 but I suggest including mailing costs, (at least \$3) and perhaps a gift for the parish. St. Mary with St. Mark, Box 309, Mayo, YT Y0B 1M0

From World Day of Prayer **(Women’s Inter-church Council of Canada)**

Exciting NEWS! Our half hour **Kids Pray Too!** Video related to World Day of Prayer 2022 is **available** on wicc.org! Direct link: <https://wicc.org/kids-pray-too-world-day-of-prayer-2022/>. This video features prayer, musical performances, stories, and interactive dialogue featuring children, youth, and board members from across Canada. **Please share this resource with churches. Great for Sunday School, youth camp or young families.** We welcome feedback!

New Path Youth & Family Services A 2022 Special Project

New Path is the Lead Agency for child and youth mental health in Simcoe County, planning for the integration of child and youth mental health services in their area. It offers a range of fully-funded child and youth mental health services to children, youth and their families across 10 office locations in Simcoe County, as well as in many elementary and secondary schools.

Through Youth and Family Engagement, opportunities are created for youth and family voices to be heard, New Path learns about the needs and concerns of young people and their families directly, which ensures accountability and services that reflect what's important to them.

Youth Engagement : Youth Engagement at New Path means adults and youth are working together, making decisions together and ensuring that youth voice is part of everything we do.

Family Engagement : Family Engagement isn't an activity, event or initiative. It's a philosophy and a practice – a way of doing things, together.

Services provided by New Path include:

- "Quick Access" therapeutic encounters for immediate or presenting needs
- Counselling/Therapy Services
- Crisis Services
- Family/Caregiver Skills Building & Support
- Intensive Treatment Services
- Specialized Consultation/Assessment Services
- Target Prevention
- Tele-Mental Health
- TAPS (Referrals from Child Welfare Agencies)
- Youth Justice Attendance Centre
- Youth Justice PICS & New Directions

Around the Diocese

Our ACW Chaplain, Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark, did a little turn on the catwalk in Minden, Ontario during the St. Paul's Anglican Church Canada Day fashion show highlighting great finds from the church thrift store on Invergordon Ave.

St. Paul's ACW donated two awards to the graduates of Haliburton Secondary School: Practical Academic Life Skills Program Award and a Workplace Studies Award.

Thank You for the Bursary

I'm currently Lay Pastoral Associate focusing on Missional Outreach and Discipleship at Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood. Thanks to you (Diocesan ACW), I am one step closer to reaching my education and career goals. This bursary allows me to focus on the most important aspect of school – learning. I am finishing my first year of the Master of Divinity through Trinity College at U of T. Generous support from sponsors like yourself is a valuable contribution to continuing my studies. Thank you again for your generous investment in students like myself.

Blessings,
Denise Byard.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY—September 30

In 2013 Phyllis Webstad, Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) grandmother, community leader, and Residential School Survivor, started the Orange Shirt Day movement to honour Survivors and their stories. To raise awareness and in honour of Phyllis, Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, and those who died and did not return home, we wear orange on September 30th. For more about Phyllis Webstad's story and to listen to her recordings on September 30th, please visit: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

SEASON OF CREATION

Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the [global Season of Creation](#), observed from September 1 to October 4 every year. [General Synod 2019 passed a resolution](#) adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education, and action and encouraging dioceses and parishes to participate. A number of worship and educational resources for the Season of Creation are listed on anglican.ca.



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
DIOCESE OF TORONTO

invite you to enjoy a

WOMENS' GATHERING

ON

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FOR

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

AT

ST. PAUL, MINDEN

19 Invergordon Ave., Minden ON K0M 2K0

Cost at the Door: \$12.00 per person (lunch included)

To register or for further information:

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