

**TORONTO DIOCESAN
ANGLICAN CHURCH
WOMEN**



**ANNUAL REPORT
2022**

Anglican Church Women

Diocese of Toronto

ACW PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God,
Enable us, through Worship,
Learning and Service,
To live a life in Christ,
That, strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
We may show forth your love
to others throughout the world.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022

We are all Anglican Church Women, some of us meeting in formal groups and some of us just quietly doing our ministry day by day, week by week or month by month. As we emerge from Covid restrictions, we are thinking “outside the box” to find new ways to carry out our ministry. Many “traditional” activities are being left behind. We are developing new focuses and ways for service or outreach, new venues for fellowship, new ideas or methods for learning, new ways to include worship in our meetings. Not all activities will be meaningful to all women, but the variety of activities includes all ages. Some activities have only a few participants, some have many. Some women are occasional participants and some are regulars. We welcome all women in our church to Anglican Church Women sponsored endeavours.

Last year's AGM was once again held by Zoom. It was a business meeting plus speakers. We were also able to add hymns to our format. Greetings were brought by Bishop Kevin Robertson on behalf of the College of Bishops, by Margaret Warwick, president of the National Anglican Church Women, by Susan Lubowitz, President of the Toronto Catholic Women's League, by Anita Gittens, Treasurer for the National WICC, and by Maxine Hobden, on behalf of the Women's Inter-Church Council (Toronto)

We were delighted to have Dr. Scott Brubacher, the Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada and Michelle Hauser, the Development & Communications Officer, update us on the “Say Yes to Kids” initiative.

Reports and the Financials were presented and accepted. Bishop Kevin Robertson officiated for the installation of the Board.

The theme for the 2022-2023 Special Projects is Mental Health, Children & Youth. In the recent newsletters, we have been highlighting the work of the organizations who received our Special Project donations in 2022.

Our Diocesan Anglican Church Women continue to support the Council of the North and Threshold Ministries. In addition to our annual commitment to COTN, the Board of Directors, on your behalf, voted to send \$10,000 to the newly formed Council of the North Retired Clergy Pension Fund. Vestments no longer needed in a Parish were also forwarded by the ACW to the Council of the North.

The 2022 National Anglican Church Women President's Conference was held at the end of September in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The theme was “Walk Humbly With Your God” (Micah 6:8). A full report of the conference was in the 2022 Advent newsletter. Prayer Partners for 2022-2023 were chosen. The Diocese of Qu'Apelle is praying for the Diocese of Toronto and the Diocese of Toronto is praying for the Diocese of Ottawa.

The 2023 Conference is to be held virtually next September, from Thunder Bay, in the Diocese of Algoma. Please contact me if you wish to attend as a guest.

We were saddened by the passing of Joyce Sweet, a past Treasurer of Diocesan Anglican Church Women, She contributed significantly to our work in the Diocese of Toronto.

We hope to welcome some new members to the Board/Finance Committee this coming year. The Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, seven times a year. The Finance Committee meets the Monday preceding the Board Meeting. In October and January the AGM committee meets. If you are considering expanding your ministry gifts, please consider serving on the Finance Committee and/or the Board and join us at one of our meetings as a guest. The Zoom link is available from Judy at acw@toronto.anglican.ca

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This past year, all meetings have been held by Zoom (computer or telephone) and we expect to continue having most meetings by Zoom, so that more women from a distance can participate. The newsletters are being sent out to the parishes by email. Printed copies are still mailed to those who have subscriptions or have become PALs.

A sincere thank you is extended to Judy Beal, our Office Administrator who is celebrating her 21st year with us. She keeps our office running smoothly. Her tireless effort and attention to detail keep us all on track.

A special thank you is extended to Sandra McPhail, our Treasurer, who is still working virtually most of the time.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to June Dyer who collects articles and helps with our newsletter.

Many thanks to the Rev. Joan Cavanagh, our Diocesan ACW Chaplain, who gives us much to think about during her reflections at the (virtual) Board Meetings and whose contributions to the Newsletter make us ponder more deeply.

To the Diocesan ACW Board and Committee members, thank you for your dedication, in using your time and talents, to enrich your Parish, Deanery and Diocesan ACW.

To Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Area Bishops and the Diocesan Staff, thank you for your encouragement and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Enid Corbett MA ODT
President, Toronto Diocesan ACW

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

The past year was a success financially for the Toronto Diocese Anglican Church Women compared to our previous year.

A generous bequest from the Estate of Edith Thompson, a former Board member, was received in March of this year. Most of the bequest was deposited to our Synod Investment account.

We rely on income from investment interest payments and income from the needleworkers to pay monthly communication and administration costs. With the lifting of covid restrictions, the needleworkers were able to meet again and contribute to these costs.

We rely on donations from Anglican women, individuals and church groups, for our outreach to The Council of the North and our "Mental Health: Children and Youth" Special Projects and other ministries as planned. This year Anglican women in our Diocese gave generously and we were able to meet our commitments without drawing on our reserves. Thank you for your understanding, compassion and support.

All Anglican women in the Diocese are members of the Anglican Church Women. We welcome any comments, insights, idea sharing and, of course, donations, either as a group or individual.

A special thank you to the Finance Committee members: Enid Corbett, Janice Hodgson, Dorothy MacLeod, Mavis McKenna and Ruth Pengelly. Their time and input is much appreciated. The Finance Committee meets seven times a year via zoom. We welcome anyone in the Diocese who is interested to join our team.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy McPhail
Treasurer, Toronto Diocesan ACW

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECCLESIASTIC NEEDLEWORKERS' REPORT

As mentioned in the Secretary-Treasurer's report, with the lifting of Covid restrictions, the Needleworkers have been able to resume their work in the ACW office at Diocesan Centre.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

WE HAVE MANY SPECIAL ITEMS THAT ARE FITTING FOR ALL TYPES OF RECOGNITION – A SMALL MEMENTO TO THE DIAMOND PIN!

The following items are available through the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women's Office
135 Adelaide Street East, Toronto ON M5C 1L8 acw@toronto.anglican.ca 416-363-0018

Diamond-Chip ACW or Chancel Guild Pins with Certificate	\$60.00
ACW or Chancel Guild Pins	\$35.00
National ACW Pins	\$5.00
Chancel Guild Manuals	\$5.00 each or 4/\$15.00
NEW! ACW Flashlights	\$5.00
ACW Tote Bags	\$5.00
ACW Notes with Envelopes (package of 4)	\$5.00
ACW Notebooks	\$3.00
ACW Pens	\$2.00
ACW Prayer Bookmarks	\$0.35 or 3/\$1.00
Chancel Guild Prayer Cards	\$0.35 or 3/\$1.00

SOCIAL CONCERN AND ACTION REPORT

The Special Project theme for 2022-2023 is Mental Health: Children and Youth. The following organizations received your Special Project monies in 2022.

Trent Durham	Carea Community Health Centre
York-Scarborough	The Neighbourhood Organization
York-Simcoe	New Path Youth and Family Counselling Services of Simcoe County
York-Credit Valley	Youth Without Shelter

AREA REPORTS

YORK - CREDIT VALLEY AREA REPORT

Etobicoke – Humber Deanery

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, ETOBICOKE

It was a quiet year for us with a total of 5 meetings, 1 special event and assisting at several funeral teas.

Planning in the new year included several hoped for events including a fall sale or garage sale (which did not happen). In May we held a business meeting and prepared for disbursements of funds in June.

A spring dinner was held, catered by Swiss Chalet. This was a nice way to meet together again and there were 18 people present. With very little fundraising we still managed to send support cheques to Diocesan ACW, Moorelands, Loft and to our own Christ the King.

Summer and fall were quiet with only September and December meetings. Our traditional Advent collection of Baby things for Moorelands Baby Bundles was a tremendous success due to the generosity of the parish. The baby things were picked up in early January 2023 to the delight of the Moorelands personnel.

At our Christmas luncheon there were 15 present and we were entertained by Nigel Rouse who accompanied a carol singing. Rev. Vernal Savage, our replacement priest, attended and all left feeling that the year ahead looked both promising and hopeful.

With fewer numbers attending meetings it was decided to continue monthly meetings with a rotating chairmanship each month. Our treasurer will still keep a record of our finances but instead of depositing these into our own account we will become a budget line on the parish financial accounts but will have control over where our funds are spent. This will be done early in the New Year.

Since 2020 we have lost a number of regular members, Jane Moore Anderson, Carolyn Fredenberg, Blanche Gray, Carol MacKay, May Hiscocks, Mary Lowe and Sharon Fletcher. With others not able to attend meetings and depleted numbers we are still planning ahead with a program of speakers, luncheons, and maybe a few fund raisers. As well, we hope to have a new Incumbent which will help to buoy our spirits and carry on.

We give thanks to members of the parish who have supported the ACW in their programs. We continue to try to follow our Motto:

Living Our Lives Through Worship, Learning and Service.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Pengelly
Etobicoke-Humber Deanery Representative

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, REXDALE

St. Paul the Apostle ACW Members participated in the World Day of Prayer on March 4th by Zoom featuring a video of the service written by the WDP Committee of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Theme was: I Know the Plans I Have for You. (Jeremiah 29: 1-14)

The Annual ACW General Meeting was held on Saturday April 30th through Zoom once again due to Covid restrictions, ACW members from St. Paul's were in attendance. The Theme for 2022 being "Renewed for Change" The special guests from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, Dr. Scott Brubacher (Executive Director) and Michelle Hauser (Development and Communications Consultant) were able to join with their presentation highlighting the work of the Foundation over the last decade as well as the new "Say Yes! To Kids" initiative.

Greetings were received from Bishop Kevin Robertson on behalf of the College of Bishops as well as from special guests who are members of other affiliated organizations.

The financial reports were reviewed, and the nomination of officers conducted. Members voted and selected Mental Health for Youth and Children for their Social Concern and Action priority for 2022/2023

The ACW Prayer Shawl Ministry is now two years old with 33 shawls blessed and 21 have been shared with loved ones from our parish to bring warmth, blessings, healing, and prayers. Some members have contributed the materials and some their time prayerfully making the beautiful prayer shawl. This Ministry is ongoing, and anyone interested in participating is very much welcomed.

St. Paul The Apostle collected non perishable food items at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as socks, gloves, knitted hats, scarves were donated to our Christmas Warmth Tree. These items were distributed to Youth Without Shelter, Ernestine's and to the Salvation Army as part of our Outreach for 2022. Many of our ACW members donated their time, collected, sorted and delivered the donated items to the respective locations.

ACW Diocese of Toronto quarterly newsletters were shared via emails to the parish. The newsletters can also be accessed on the Diocese of Toronto's Website.

2023 Canadian Church Calendars were available at \$8.00 each. The Calendar sold out quite quickly this year thanks to very generous support.

ACW Craft Table at the Bazaar had a number of items created by past members and some new items were made and/or donated by current members allowing us to share our talents as well as funds raised.

Appreciation was shared to ACW members who continue to donate financially, donated their time to make the wonderful Prayer Shawls, donated materials for the making of the Prayer Shawls, donated items for the Craft table and to those who supported quietly and behind the scenes.

The purpose of the Anglican Church Women (ACW) continues to be "A focus for Christian Community among Anglican women, affirming their and encouraging their ministries through worship, learning and service."

Margaret Durant,
ACW President,
St. Paul The Apostle, Rexdale

Parkdale – West Toronto Deanery

ST. OLAVE’S, SWANSEA (TORONTO)

The Anglican Church Women (ACW) includes all the women who are members of St. Olave’s Anglican Church.

Much appreciation is expressed to Rev. Canon Ruth S. Smith who stepped down as president of the ACW. We are grateful for her many years of leadership and wish her all the best during her retirement.

While many women belong to the Mary and Martha group and to the ACW Executive, many who do not are active in several ways, be it assisting with sales, singing in the choir, serving on the Altar Guild, arranging flowers, helping with Hunger Patrol, teaching Junior Church, greeting, reading lessons, simply volunteering for events or serving in some official capacity.

Activities in 2022 included the following: In January, stripping of the 2021 Christmas and mitten trees. Items from the mitten tree were delivered to a shelter. Funds were contributed to the ACW window in the *Lead Kindly Light* replacement campaign. Bibles were purchased for the confirmation candidates. Contribution was given for the organist's robe. In June a Book and Art Sale was held featuring the donation of the art of the late Sally Sloan. In July a Book Sale was held in conjunction with the Bloor St. BIA Street Fest. We hosted the October 16th coffee hour. November saw participation in the Christmas Market. December marked the decorating of the traditional Christmas and mitten trees. The items from the mitten tree will be donated and taken to the Ukrainian Social Services for war refugees.

With the resumption of fund-raising activities, the ACW charitable donations and church support will continue in 2023.

In the new partnership between St. Olave’s and Parkdale Golden Age Foundation (PGAF), the ACW assists in the Meal for Seniors Program by taking meal orders, and packing and delivering meals.

The Mary and Martha group enjoyed the three in person meetings following the social isolation of the Covid era. New members were welcomed.

We were saddened by the loss of longtime members Rita Irving and Jessie Powell. Both women will be remembered and celebrated for their outstanding contribution to the spiritual life of Saint Olave’s. Rita was our goodwill knitting ambassador who contributed and gave generously to the church and to Hunger Patrol. Jessie was the pioneer and instigator of the first **children’s Christmas** Pageant now a popular annual established tradition.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tait, ODT, St Olave’s ACW President
(*Edited / jb*)

YORK - SIMCOE AREA REPORT

We are indeed sad that Karen Bowman has had to leave her role as Area VP for personal reasons. Karen has done a fine job of attempting to be in touch with local ACW’s and churches without organized groups. She also contributed to Board plans and discussions. Thank you, Karen.

Holland Deanery

ST. JAMES, SHARON

In the Fall of 2022, the ACW met on three occasions immediately following the 10 a.m. service. As many of our members do not like to drive at night, the majority felt this was the best time to meet.

We decided to have mini-sales during the Sundays in Advent concentrating on cookies-in-a-jar, baking, crafts, jewellery, gift items, and sealed bids. The sales were very successful. We are continuing with our soup jar sales throughout the year.

We also participated in a successful church Fall Fair on September 10th. Many parishioners, including ACW members, worked, donated items (especially the baking), and supported the Fair. A good time was had by all. There was a great community feel to the event with many neighbourhood people visiting, happy to see each other after a 3-year hiatus because of COVID.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Hodgson
Toronto Diocesan ACW Finance Committee Member

Huronian Deanery

ST. GEORGE, FAIRVALLEY

St. George does not have an ACW report this year because we have not really been active. Hopefully we will be able to do more things in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Athron

ST. JAMES, ORILLIA

With the lifting of the Covid rules, we have been able to resume some of our projects, managing to do God's work in several areas. Most recently, only with outstanding support, we repeated our Christmas Hamper project assisting 100 individuals. All children received Walmart gift cards and all families received grocery cards. Also, this year, we made donations to the Honduras Scholarships, the Arthur Turner Training Centre, the Toronto Diocesan ACW, Couchiching Jubilee House, the school at Fox Lake Alberta, and St James itself. We were able to host a wonderful spring bake/craft/plant sale which did very well. We had a small bake and craft sale at the St Nick's children's shopping day.

A new venture was undertaken in partnership with the Pennywise Shoppe (our thrift store): the Fashion Show and High Tea. The Pennywise Shoppe provided ensembles and arranged for the models. The ACW arranged for sandwiches, baked goodies, tea, and servers. It was a sold out event as far as ticket sales, although the weather did keep a few people away from the event itself. Those attending gave the afternoon a "thumbs up", and we are considering repeating this event in the future, given how much we learned about what worked and what should be improved on.

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St Nick's Shopping Day returned this year after the Covid hiatus, on its traditional first Saturday in December. This is a morning available for children 12 and under to shop for Christmas presents for their family all by themselves, with no family adults in the room. "Elves" help the wee little ones with their lists, and all items for sale cost \$0.10 to a max of \$2.50. The attendance numbers were a disappointment, but the event itself made for an exciting and happy day for those little shoppers who snapped up great gifts for their family. As well, the mini-boutique in the parlour that day added to the offerings available for the adults as they waited for their children to finish their shopping. Both sales areas did not smash any financial records, but they did not operate in the red either.

30 Christmas Cheer token gifts were prepared and delivered to Pastoral Care for delivery to their parishioner list. (shut-ins, hospitalizations, seniors homes, etc)

Our annual Christmas Wish Gift Project continued this year, with the Covid-19 adjustments continuing as they have for the past two years. 24 families were accepted as referred from Catulpa, New Path, Simcoe County Resource Consultation Services (CLH DSS), and, a referral from Canon John; comprising of 100 individuals (68 children and 32 adults). Fundscript cards were ordered for both food from (3) grocery stores, as well as for gifts from Walmart. Not only will these families enjoy a better Christmas, but St James will also receive the corresponding dollar percentage back through the Fundscript program.

Our 2023 budget has been presented, massaged and accepted with some lower expectations than past years. As an aging membership, we are experiencing the same issues as the church in general, in that getting volunteers is becoming harder each year. Our grateful thanks to those volunteers that have stepped up this season.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Nicholls
Toronto Diocesan ACW Board Member

WASHAGO

Our parish, Washago Prices Corners, with St Paul's Washago leading the effort, collected 89 pounds of food and over \$300 for the Sharing Place food bank in Orillia. We delivered socks and underwear to the Lighthouse for both men, women and children. Our January project will be toiletries etc. for Green Haven and Jubilee house in Orillia. We are no more than 20 in attendance on Sundays so we have really put in some loving efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Ebbert

York Central Deanery

CHRIST CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE

Covid-19 continued to be a stumbling block for the early part of 2022. With no in-person AGM in January, we sent an e-mail to the members with proposed charities to support and requested their input. We sent monies to 6 charities.

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Being able to have a Christmas Market this year gave assurance that we could meet again while remaining vigilant to the fact that Covid has not gone away. We managed to hold an ACW luncheon with a Box Lunch on November 13 with 36 ladies present. This followed our celebration service for ACW Sunday with Anne Simons as our inspiring speaker and Cathy Tubb playing her violin. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and also delivered 6 lunches to some shut-ins. The messages back indicated how blessed they felt. We also enjoyed a Christmas Pot Luck with 26 women attending where the winning ticket of the beautiful quilt was drawn. This quilt took 3 years to complete because of Covid. The quilters are now working on a smaller quilt which may be the last one after about 40 years as it is difficult to get new quilters to join.

This year we ran the Poinsettia Fundraiser again bringing in \$643.00. Quilt tickets sales amounted to \$1047.00. The monies will be used to support charities that we decide on at the January AGM. We hope to elect a new President or a couple of women to share the role as I will retire after 6 years of service.

The biggest challenge is to find ways to keep communicating with our members, letting them know we are here for them. We also want to encourage the younger members of the parish to join with us. All women are members working as Altar Guild, Local Outreach, Wardens, Seniors Service, Hospitality, Greeters, Funeral Receptions, Sides teams, Choir, Welcoming, Social Justice, Teachers, Library, Lay Readers, Counters, Black History team, etc. It is the composition of the many ministries individually and collectively that make Christ Church such a vibrant community.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walmsley

CHRIST CHURCH, WOODBRIDGE

It was another challenging year. However there is hope. The ACW prayer gives great comfort to all. There is hope and we are at least able to meet in the Church for services again.

Even though our “in person” services have resumed, Rev. Mark continues to post our services “on line”. This has been a great way for many people to keep in touch.

We have a wonderful congregation. We are very friendly and are pleased to welcome some new members to the Church.

During the course of the COVID Pandemic our ACW has not been meeting. In order to keep in touch we have been sending the ACW newsletter to as many Christ Church women as possible. Word back tells us that this is appreciated.

Our Outreach Committee arranged an outdoor Strawberry Social, which was held on the front lawn of the Church. They also delivered to those who couldn't attend. It was a great day. The Church also sold Poinsettias which helped decorate the Church at Christmas. Everyone pitches in to decorate the Church for special seasons.

A couple of months into 2023 I will endeavour to get our ACW Committee together and see what we can come up with. The ACW Newsletter will no doubt offer some ideas!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Kean, President
Taflyn Maynard, Secretary

HOLY TRINITY, THORNHILL

During 2022 we experienced uncertainties as we lived through the lasting effects of the Covid pandemic and adjusted to the new normal. The ACW groups continued to meet in person or on zoom to enjoy a time of fellowship. The fund raising continued in a modest way. Diane Maines continued to make microwave bowl huggers, the treasure chest collected silver and a Sunday book sale was held.

We were able to host a Poinsettia Tea in November with a few favourites: Raffle, Christmas Past room, China and gifts, Poinsettias plants, a very popular bake sale and afternoon tea with squares made by Elaine Hishon. The money raised over the year and from the tea allowed us to make donations to chosen charities supporting women and children We are hopeful that 2023 will allow for more activities We are especially delighted to hear the quilters are able to meet and are busy with needle and thread on a beautiful quilt

We look forward to a year of fellowship as we unite together with prayer, love and service to continue God's work in the church and community.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Staples

ST. MARY'S, RICHMOND HILL

It was with great joy that we returned to an in-person Christmas Market & Luncheon on Saturday, November 19, 2022. We had great support from our parishioners. Our tables included Christmas gifts & décor, sewing, knitting, baking, plants & Christmas urns, Jewellery and a delicious Luncheon. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and great to welcome our community into our church. It was a huge success.

Our AGM was held on Sunday, December 11, 2022. We had 25 women in attendance and Bishop Patrick White joined us. He congratulated us on the success of our in-person Christmas Market and appealed to us to not go away, and that we will have good times together.

The meeting proceeded and we all voted to make monetary donations to the following groups within our parish and outreach to our community.

Within our Parish donations:

St. Mary's general fund, Green Team, Kitchen, Archives Committee, Garden Group, Card Tables and the ACW Memorial Book.

Outreach to our Community:

Toronto Diocesan ACW, St. Mary's Refugee Family, Richmond Hill Community Food Bank, Home on the Hill, Hill House Hospice, Out of the Cold, Yellow Brick House and UNICEF for Ukraine Relief Fund.

A total of \$9,000.00 was donated.

After 5 years as St. Mary's ACW President, I announced that I will be stepping down.

A new 2023 ACW Leadership Committee of five women has been formed. It is with gratitude that the baton has been passed and that our St. Mary's ACW will be alive and well for 2023!

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Gardiner, Outgoing Parish ACW President
Toronto Diocesan ACW Board Member

TRENT - DURHAM AREA REPORT

Durham-Northumberland Deanery

ST MARTIN'S COURTICE

- Related to COVID and an older population our church has not had many events for 2022.
- Sadly some long time and faithful members have passed away and others have gone elsewhere.
- We are a small congregation with ministry to the elderly at Whitecliffe Terrace where our church has been for many years.
- We are small but we offer a Sunday ministry to our congregation of long time members and the residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Atkinson
Toronto Diocesan ACW Board Member

Oshawa Deanery

ALL SAINTS, WHITBY

- May 5/22 Red Shirt Day honoring missing and murdered indigenous women at Carea Community Health Centre.
- In June several people attended the Oshawa Metis Heritage Festival.
- September 2022 A special outdoor service was held in the courtyard to commemorate Orange Shirt Day in honour of indigenous children lost in unmarked graves,
- October 22/22 National Orange Shirt Day was incorporated into the main Sunday service, orange shirts were worn and drums were provided by the All Saints Relations Metis Drum circle
- Fr. Geoff and Deacon Joanne were taught to play the drums so they could accompany the young people who spoke.
- A successful Bazaar and lunch was held in November.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, PORT PERRY

- There is a group of ladies who meet regularly called Thyme.
- This group meets and collect bedding for the needy coordinating with Matthews House in Toronto.
- The church contributes to the food bank of Scugog and contribute to North House, and help with the coldest night of the year campaign.
- The ladies here hosted a successful bazaar in November.
- The congregation is growing with folks joining on-line and in person.

ST. GEORGE'S OSHAWA

- This parish joined with the Oshawa Market in December and held a bazaar of hand crafted gifts and baking. This event was very successful,
- The St. Bede's ladies group knit prayer shawls and blankets and every person who is baptized receives a shawl or blanket.
- They contribute to the food bank and Meals On Wheels.

ST. JOHN'S WHITBY

- Their congregation is growing.
- A successful Christmas bazaar was held in November.
- Also they have a community garden with several members involved.

ST. MATTHEW'S OSHAWA

- This church held a successful Christmas Bazaar and also a successful on line Bazaar in the spring.
- There is a men's group called "The Hangout" that meets Thursday mornings for coffee and chats.

Reports respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Atkinson
Oshawa Deanery Representative

Peterborough Deanery

The ACW's in our Peterborough Deanery have struggled to resume meetings as pandemic restrictions lessened and in-person meetings were permitted.

Many people are reluctant to attend church or any ministry or group in-person meetings. Some prefer to rely on live-stream services in the comfort/ safety of their own homes. Leadership is a challenge to many groups. Death, illness, aging and concern re vulnerability all impact on membership numbers.

Although we have a Deanery Executive Committee, we have had no meetings of the Executive, or Deanery Days, since the Pandemic started; however, we have maintained phone contact.

Most ACWs are striving to keep going. Membership is down and fundraising is not planned by many. Those that continue to meet value the fellowship they share and ongoing support for their members.

ALL SAINTS, PETERBOROUGH: continue to meet monthly (except when Chairperson is away and alternate not available). They have decided not to fund raise this year but do plan to have a speaker at as many meetings as possible. Members contribute small amounts of money at each meeting.

CHRIST CHURCH, CAMPBELLFORD: have an active ACW. Welcome women from all regional churches but distance makes this problematic for many from other churches to join them. They hold monthly meetings and continue to fund raise (Rummage, bake and yard sales, teas and special dinners). They have a designated secretary and treasurer but take turns chairing the meeting by pairs of members.

ST. GEORGE, HASTINGS: no ACW but women hosted a Regional Church service/lunch afterwards in the fall with help from women from other churches comprising the Regional churches (includes Christ Church, Campbellford, Roseneath people and St. John, Havelock).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LAKEFIELD: another ACW with fewer and fewer members -5 or 6- striving to keep going. Used to meet weekly at the church to work together at the church on crafts etc. Now work is done at home. Some sewing or knitting requested by community people does result in the member of ACW doing the work, donating money received to the ACW. One member did speak at their annual ACW service in November. They did raise some funds at a Pumpkin Fest in the fall. They do plan to host Lenten lunches weekly with a speaker.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HAVELOCK: plan to host a Lenten Study for the Regional Churches. (Curate from St. John's, Peterborough will lead this.) One ACW woman is lay reader for Morning prayer on a Sunday when no Priest officiates. St. John's, Peterborough priest conducts a Communion service there once a month.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PETERBOROUGH: has an ACW, though membership has declined considerably since the pandemic...for reasons already affecting other ACWs in our Deanery. Prior to the pandemic we had 14 to 20 at a meeting. Now we get about 8 or 10. When a speaker comes, more attend but many are not regular members. The ACW struggled through 2022 trying to have a chairperson. 3 people took turns. There is a full executive entering 2023. The only fundraising event was held off site when 2 tables were rented when Activity Haven held their pre-Christmas sale. All money raised by this ACW was donated to the One Roof Community Centre when members heard they were running their meals for the homeless/desolate at a deficit. The ACW supports initiatives to aid the homeless. On two occasions speakers came to address membership of plans to house the homeless in our community. Tiny homes and later sleep cabins (less expensive) information was shared, Fifteen sleep cabins are ready to use as soon as a location is approved. Members support this endeavour and have contacted members of city council re this matter. Fortunately, this ACW, has trust funds and can use some to support the sleep cabin project. The ACW is reluctant to fund raise. Members say they have done it too long and are exhausted – wish to provide social and fellowship for members instead. The ACW has volunteered to provide refreshments at coffee hour between church services on Sunday once a month.

ST. MATTHEW / ST. ALBAN, BUCKHORN: unable to keep active ACW going. Disbanded in 2022 due to declining membership, age, illness, deaths, etc, All fund raising is as participation as a Parish now. They have sold frozen meat pies, held spaghetti dinners, community meals, had a plant sale, etc. They currently share their priest with St. Luke's. Peterborough (no ACW) but he will be at Buckhorn full time in April.

ST. THOMAS, MILLBROOK: Membership is down – both at Church and ACW – about an average of 13 in church on Sundays. They were discouraged in the fall – planned no meetings and considered quitting ACW. On Feb. 1st at a meeting of their priest and 5 women, they decided to keep going as an ACW. This is encouraging. They host a Lion's Club meeting/dinner every 3 months. They made 11 tie quilts and donated these to the One Roof Community Centre in Peterborough (for the homeless.) Another group at their church donated 4 or 5 back packs with toiletries as well. A small number of women doing good work.

No other Anglican Churches without ACWs have given me any information to share with you at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerri Currier
Peterborough Deanery Representative

Victoria-Haliburton Deanery

ST. PAUL, MINDEN

Thirteen members attend meetings and events called by our ACW President, Sandra Legge. The meetings are held in the parish hall on the second Thursday of the month at 10:15 a.m. The meetings open with the ACW prayer: *Almighty and Eternal God, enable us through worship, learning and service to live a life in Christ, that, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we may show forth your love to others throughout the world. Amen.*

Financial asset donations 2022 - donations were given to Haliburton High School Life Skills, a member of parish, Walkabout Farm Therapeutics Inc., World Day of Prayer, ACW Fair Share, and St. Paul's. Musical group Beth Johns "Simply Befuddled" musicians hosted on veranda of Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark's rectory for outreach of passersby and church community.

Events - fewer due to Covid compliance.

1. Catering Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark summer 'Garden Tea Party'
2. Oct. 22, 2022 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Deacons Deanery Day catered by ACW. At St. Paul's Church Minden, 22 attended.
3. Dec. 2 & Dec. 3, 2022 Kids sale for Christmas gifts @ \$1.00
4. Christmas pageant Dec. 15 catered by ACW.
5. ACW December meeting cancelled and Luncheon enjoyed by 20 members at Minden Legion 12 noon, Dec. 16, 2022.

ACW members continue to support St. Paul's including "A Gathering Place" store front Ministry and Thrift Shop.

President Sandra Legge, Vice President Gail Nicholson, Treasurer Wendy Connelly.

Respectfully submitted,
K. Millard, Parish ACW Secretary.
(Edited / jb)

YORK - SCARBOROUGH AREA REPORT

York Mills Deanery

As I finalize this report, we mark the third anniversary of the COVID-19 World Pandemic, which began for myself on that ominous date of Friday the thirteenth of March, 2020, when it was suggested that we shelter in place for a couple of weeks. For many, our lives and routines drastically changed. We never dreamt we would be held captive for so many years! We will never again know that "normal life" we had back then! Nevertheless, we have gotten better at smiling with our eyes, and recognizing people keeping safe behind their masks.

It eventually became clear that some aspects of society's structure had been weakened in ways that we lay people could never have imagined. Today, many of us are deeply concerned about the shortage of ministers in all denominations right across Canada, and we see for ourselves how this has affected and impacted many of our churches and including some in our Deanery.

Not all Anglican Churches have a women's group who meet on a regular basis and specifically one entitled the Anglican Church Women, affectionately known as the A.C.W. **It matters not, for the reality is, that every female attending an Anglican church IS an Anglican church woman!** As such, many, not belonging to an official group, regularly support the Diocesan A.C.W. by: attending the Annual General Meeting, and other sanctioned gatherings; generously donating financially; and subscribing annually to the Toronto Diocesan A.C.W. Newsletter through PAL (Prayer, Action, and Learning). This financial support is greatly appreciated as the Diocesan Board's largest charitable donation is ten thousand dollars forwarded annually to The Council of the North. If you have any questions or concerns, contact may be made via telephone at 416-363-0018 or Email to 'acw@toronto.anglican.ca'. Your suggestions, insight, comments, et cetera, are also most welcome.

Thankfully we now have vaccines which hopefully keep us out of hospital, if we happen to be infected with this deadly virus. The good news is, more people are slowly getting back out into the world, and including into our church pews on Sunday morning, easing back into a life of meet and greet, with hugs and kisses for treasured family and friends, and days once again of fun, food, and fellowship.

Here follows my 2022 Report for the Deanery of York Mills which consists of two Ministries and nine Congregations: The Sisterhood of St. John The Divine; Flemingdon Park Ministry; Church of Our Saviour Anglican Church; Church of the Ascension Anglican Church; The Church of the Incarnation Anglican Church; St. Christopher's Anglican Church; St. Cyprian's Anglican Church; St. George on Yonge Anglican Church; St. John's Anglican Church, Willowdale; St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole Anglican Church; and last but not least, St. Theodore of Canterbury Anglican Church.

We are forever grateful that modern technology has allowed us to participate with others in the world while keeping us safe at home. Most of us were eventually introduced to Facebook, Google Meet, YouTube, Zoom, and so on: with a variety of programs, meetings, and social interactions; family gatherings, Church Services, and much more; being livestreamed or pre-recorded. By December, 2022, all nine of our churches had reopened their doors for Sunday Worship, most with mask mandates, while the virtual Church Services continued for those who were still uncomfortable attending in person and/or for those who were unable to attend due to health concerns, age, weather, and in some cases, distance. **The lesson many of us eventually learned is that it is a most powerful experience to pray together IN PERSON with our church family which includes all of God's children, our sisters, brothers, and siblings in Christ.**

What would the House of God look like without the willing hands of the Chancel or Altar Guild? We are all so blessed to have the dedication, commitment, and organizational skills of our faithful women who lovingly take time away from their busy personal and business lives to share their time and talents for the work of God. In addition to the Chancel or Altar Guild, there are other loyal assistants at each Sunday Church Service: the sides people, choirs, cross bearers, servers, intercessors, lay readers, anointers, wardens, counters, and the teams of people who keep those at home connected virtually. Thank you all.

❖ Within the York Mills Deanery, **The Church of Our Saviour Anglican Church** and **Church of the Ascension Anglican Church** both have Anglican Church Women's groups. With all of our congregations aging, these A.C.W. groups have diminished in numbers, thus their activities over the past three years have been somewhat curtailed. On Saturday, June 11, 2022, **Church of Our Saviour** hosted their local World Day of Prayer Service with about ninety people in attendance.

❖ Working along with the parish members of **Church of Our Saviour**, two successful fund raiser events were held: a June Church Yard Sale; and a December Bazaar at which there was a wonderful selection of baked goods, preserves, jewellery, poinsettias, books, and a Silent Auction. In addition to meeting their annual financial commitments plus contributing to two world disaster funds, the A.C.W. group assisted financially with painting and rug cleaning projects within their church.

❖ During 2022, there were no fund raisers to benefit the **Church of the Ascension**, meantime people participated within the community at an Out of the Cold annual walkathon, plus they assisted weekly with the Wednesday "Community Share" North York Harvest Food Bank housed within their church building. A few ladies formed a new choir which sang regularly at the Sunday Church Services. Most Thursday evenings, there was a short virtual Prayer Service. The A.C.W. members, of which there are about four women in each group, kept in touch with each other regularly by telephone. "Café 65" is a weekly lunch and entertainment function enjoyed by church and community Seniors. A parish Thanksgiving Dinner was served in sponsorship with Revera Retirement Donway, and a Christmas Lunch was held in sponsorship with Delmanor Wynford. Fifty to sixty people attended each of these social events.

Congratulations to the parishioners of **St. George on Yonge Anglican Church**. On the Feast Day of St. George, Saturday, April 23, 2022, the Primate, The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls officiated at their One Hundredth Anniversary Service of Celebration. Guests were led on conducted building tours displaying historic artifacts. Due to COVID restrictions, the expected refreshments were not served, instead, those attending received a commemorative boxed red velvet cupcake. One year earlier, Area Bishop, The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson opened the hundredth year of St. George's ministry and service to the community by preaching and presiding on Sunday, April 25, 2021. An anniversary banner was displayed outside; an attractive web page was accessible with full details, and remains as a work in progress intending to be a living and expanding record of the parish; in February, a fascinating and nostalgic "Who walked in Willowdale" was virtually presented by a historian; and a piano recital was held in November. The planned celebratory anniversary meal for parish members has been deferred until a safer time. The celebrations continue on through to St. George's Day, Sunday, April 23, 2023, when The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, visits to end the One Hundredth Anniversary year of activities.

Most of our churches now have a weekly electronic update of congregational news. For those people with no internet service, a telephone tree keeps most of them connected with church happenings. I am pleased to report that most of our nine churches have a few new families worshipping regularly. Some of these folk were non-Christian newcomers to Canada, and are now being baptised! Welcome and Congratulations! Over and above their Sunday Church Services, some of the 2022 in person or virtual Services and/or events held within the Deanery of York Mills' nine congregations were: after church Hospitality; morning and evening Prayer groups and Services; Bible Study; Messy Church; Choir Practices; Sunday School; Children and Youth Ministry programs; a Blessing of the Animals event; Younger Adults Fellowship groups; the 'Senior Connection' and other Senior gatherings; Good Friday Stations of the Cross; Fireside Fridays; monthly Friday night meetings of "Pub Knights"; a Strawberry Social; and Bishop Kevin blessed the children of **St. Matthew's** and their backpacks at an autumn Service. There were also numerous business meetings: Advisory Boards; Chancel or Altar Guilds; Parish Nursing; Parish Selection Committees; and Diocesan Committees regarding Anti-Bias and AntiRacism (ABAR); Responsible Ministry; Social Justice, Outreach, and Advocacy; and so on.

✓ So much remained on hold due to COVID restrictions, meantime there was a minimal amount of Church Fund Raising: selling Church Calendars; Walkathons; a Zoom Pancake Supper; a Parking Lot Car Trunk Sale; and the aforementioned June Yard Sale and December Bazaar.

✓ **AFTER A THREE-YEAR HIATUS, ST. THEODORE'S CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING THEIR MONK'S CELL DINNER ON FRIDAY, MAY 5 AND SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023.**

✓ **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** participation in events such as the "Reverse Advent Calendar" Food Drive, and where the need continues to be so great, generous donations were made to food and clothing banks and including collections of socks, shoes, and boots; assisting at the North York Harvest Food Banks; Salvation Army back pack and school supplies drive; refugee sponsorship programs and including the purchase of honey and/or Amaryllis bulbs to support the Don Valley Refugee Resettlers (DVRR) projects; volunteering with NeighbourLink North York, plus the multi faith Willowdale Church Coalition which was formed following the 2018 Van Attack; Good Food Market purchases; provisions and clothing were supplied to the Mission to Seafarers; assisting with E.S.L. classes, and the Forest Manor School Reading Program; providing space for community vegetable gardens; meditation and exercise classes; every second month gift card distributions, plus the delivery of Christmas gift cards or hampers; and delivering Toronto Star Santa Claus boxes.

✓ Some recipients of financial donations were: Hurricane Fiona Relief Fund; Red Cross Ukrainian Fund in which the government doubled the money; Out of the Cold; Oriole Food Space; Moorelands Baby Bundles; DVRR; Toronto Urban Native Ministry; North York Women's Shelter; and gift cards were supplied to residents from All Saints Sherbourne Street, who were displaced by a fire.

✓ SPECIAL PROJECTS: at **St. Theodore's Church**, the outdoor 'Deacon's Cupboard', a mini food bank, was made available to their immediate community 24/7; at **St. John's Church**, a Pollinator Garden was established on the property between the church and the rectory; and the **St. Matthew's** Travel Adventure Series allowed members of the Parish to share their travel experiences via Zoom presentations, several times throughout the year.

Located within the York Mills Deanery, there are two Ministries, the first of which is **The Sisterhood of St. John The Divine**, an Anglican monastic community founded in Toronto in 1884. During the past one hundred and thirty-eight years, the sisters have lived a life of prayer and service to the church throughout Canada, pioneering in: health care; education; care of the elderly; retreats; and spiritual formation. St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital, which is next door to the east of the Convent, is partnered with Sunnybrook Hospital. For many years, in their sacred space at the Convent, they have provided "Food For The Soul" programs as they welcome visitors to participate in: worship, prayer, and song; a variety of programs and workshops; quiet days; daytime, overnight, personal, and group retreats; and so forth. Modern technology continues to allow for some delivery of their regular programs: via virtual meetings; Zoom lessons; musical retreats; spiritual direction; meditation; and livestreaming of Sunday evening prayers. Financially, they are fundraising for their Guest House Renovations which will begin in late 2023. For more details, or to learn about their publication entitled "The Eagle", their website address is www.ssjd.ca, their telephone number is 416-226-2201, and they are located at 233 Cummer Avenue in Willowdale. All would be welcome who could spare a few hours of volunteer time at the Convent.

Our second Ministry is the **Flemingdon Park Ministry**, incorporated in 2009, and whose slogan is "Building Community Through Compassionate Service". Maria Reolin is the Executive Director, ably assisted by Banazir, Martha, Melodie, and Anelia. This community based agency has been walking alongside, and working with the people of Flemingdon Park for fifty-five years. By the end of 2022, almost all of their regular programs had resumed. More than fifty clients attended the food bank each Monday and Wednesday, and Cob's Bakery provided bread twice a month for one hundred and fifty families. There was also: a clothing bank; weekly English classes, plus Bible and Koran studies; art classes; an exercise program five days per week; and a Seniors wellness program which included weekly food distribution. Workshops added in 2022 included: informing the immigrants of Canadian laws and basic women's rights; cooking classes which demonstrated nutritious and affordable meal preparation; and they partnered with community programs teaching financial independence, self defense, and much more. Women from Northlea United Church, visited regularly to support the Flemingdon Park Women's Group. Unfortunately, their "Food and Friendship Program" was put on hold due to the lack of funds. Beginning in 2017, **Church of Our Saviour**, provided the space for the "Common Table Farm" project which believes in access to healthy food for all communities. Partnering with a local Don Mills school gave the children the opportunity to visit and learn about farming, pollinators, and native plants throughout the different seasons. The grown produce was distributed to Flemingdon Park community residents, many of whom were newcomers to Canada. This project helped to alleviate food insecurity within the community as they worked to care for the Earth and toward a more just and equitable food system for all. Financial contributions or volunteering your time would be welcomed and appreciated.

In all of the York Scarborough Area, York Mills is the only Deanery represented within this Annual Report! Please consider: in February, 2024, submitting a 2023 Annual Report for your Deanery; and/or becoming a member of the Anglican Church Women's Board. You would be more than welcome, and it is a rewarding and informative experience to work with this wonderful group of remarkable women!

A sign at **St. George's Church** reads: "As you leave, take God's blessings with you, and share them, for you have an unlimited supply!" How very true. All in all, compared to most of the world, we, living in Canada, are extremely fortunate. May God continue to richly bless you and those you love.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Macnamara

York Mills Deanery Representative

A member of St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, in partnership with the Tri-Congregational Church

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NATIONAL ACW PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour.

Amen.

MEMORIAL BOOK

Inscribed in the Book of Memory, 2022

Shirley Harriet Weller
Church of the Apostles
Church of the Incarnation,
North York
April 25, 2020



Hermia Kwok
Grace Church, Markham
April 8, 2022

Marilyn McGregor
St. Mary, Richmond Hill
April 8, 2022

Eva Spafford
Holy Trinity, Thornhill
November 16, 2022

Joyce Sweet
Toronto Diocesan ACW
Past Treasurer
November 27, 2022

Doreen Lilian Stanton
Ecclesiastical
Needleworker
May 7, 2021

Doris Moore
St. Mary, Richmond Hill
April 19, 2022

Anne Barwell
Holy Trinity, Thornhill
December 2, 2022

Olga Louise McIntosh
St. Cyprian, Toronto
May 12, 2021

Yvonne Sutton
St. Mary, Richmond Hill
May 6, 2022

Caroline Roper
Christ Church, Stouffville
December 5, 2022

Ivy Speiran
Holy Trinity, Thornhill
October 28, 2021

Karen Ferrie
St. Mary, Richmond Hill
June 17, 2022

Pat King
St. Mary, Richmond Hill
July 6, 2022



Betty Case
Grace Church, Markham
January 10, 2022

Marion (Mandy) Galloway
Grace Church, Markham
October 2, 2022

Mary Price
Christ Church St. Jude, Ivy
January 21, 2022

Gail Thompson
Holy Trinity, Thornhill
October 20, 2022