

**TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD BY ZOOM – 10:00 a.m.  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022**

**REGISTRATION**

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, and emergency measures restricting gatherings, the business portion of the Annual General Meeting was held electronically. Approximately 51 people signed in by computer and/or telephone. A musical interlude was played as guests signed-in and waited for the meeting to begin.

**WELCOME**

Toronto Diocesan ACW President, Enid Corbett, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained details of how the meeting would be conducted. A trial poll was taken in preparation for votes that would be conducted during the meeting. We were pleased to welcome Enid's daughter, Cheryl, as the co-host.

**INDIGENOUS DECLARATION**

The Indigenous Declaration was read by Karen Bowman.

**OPENING HYMN**

With computers muted, everyone was invited to join in the singing of "The Love of Jesus Calls Us".

**ACW PRAYER**

With computers muted, the ACW Prayer was said together.

**GREETINGS**

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson brought greetings on behalf of the College of Bishops. In particular, they wanted to express their thanks for the ministry of Anglican Church Women across the Diocese. Bishop Robertson commented that we haven't had a chance to see each other during the pandemic, and that he is looking forward to the re-opening of Diocesan Centre so that we can once again work together and enjoy one another's company. Bishop Robertson mentioned that Bishop Ryscilla Walsh Shaw is currently in Saskatchewan attending the Truth and Reconciliation meetings with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Robertson also mentioned that he and Bishop Andrew Asbil will be ordaining eight Deacons at the Cathedral tomorrow. He expressed the opinion that wonderful things are happening in the life of the Diocese and that ACW is a big part of that. He wished blessings on our meeting and ongoing work.

Although travelling in Arizona, President Margaret Warwick signed in to bring greetings on behalf of the National Anglican Church Women. She mentioned a survey that is being conducted as a result of the last National meeting, to possibly change the method of meeting nationally. There would be more opportunities if meetings were held virtually. She has enjoyed receiving our newsletters and acknowledged that we are using technology for advancement. She has appreciated Enid Corbett's assistance in this regard. Consideration is being given to establishing an annual National cause. Say Yes! To Kids has been suggested for 2022. Although it was not discussed at the last meeting, the National ACW endorses the Council of the North pension fund being established by the ACW in the Diocese of New Westminster. She expressed best wishes, as well as her thanks, for the opportunity to address our Annual General Meeting.

Newly elected President, Sue Lubowitz, brought greetings from the Catholic Women's League. She thanked Enid Corbett for joining their annual meeting last Thursday. Their 101<sup>st</sup> annual conference was a rallying cry as everyone emerges from the pandemic. There were 285 people in attendance for their business meeting and almost 400 attended the banquet. The gradual return to normalcy will take time. Their Provincial convention will be held in Ottawa in July; followed by their National convention in Kelowna in August. They are currently looking at the structure of the League and focusing on core values. They wish to renew the spark that has energized women in the past. She expressed a wish for blessings and God's guidance.

President Maxine Hobden brought greetings on behalf of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Toronto. This year's World Day of Prayer service was written by the women of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. A full-length video of the World Day of Prayer service is available on the WICC website. She appreciated being invited to our AGM and was pleased to be able to join us by phone. She expressed the hope that regular meetings will resume in the Fall.

Treasurer Anita Gittens, ODT, brought greetings on behalf of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, extending best wishes for a rewarding Annual General Meeting. Anita is also the immediate Past-President of Toronto Diocesan ACW. She explained that the Women's Inter-Church Council is a national ecumenical organization representing eleven denominations across Canada. She spoke about their mission and initiatives, and noted that they are mostly known for the annual World Day of Prayer services. As previously mentioned, this year's service was written by the women of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The theme was "I know the plans I have for you." Next year's service will be written by the women of Taiwan. Anita noted that there is also a video available for children. It will be on the WICC website until September and is also available through YouTube. Anita mentioned that 25 grant applications have been received and that WICC is hoping to be able to support these causes through offerings received. Some groups are not able to meet virtually so they are looking forward to in-person gatherings in 2023. Anita wished continued blessings and encouraged us in our work.

Enid Corbett welcomed our two guests from Primate's World and Relief Development Fund. They will be bringing greetings later in the meeting.

Greetings received from the ACW in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI were read by Enid Corbett, including a prayer for the women in the Diocese of Toronto. Their theme is "New and Wonderous Ways". We were very pleased that their Diocesan President, Cynthia Pilichos, was in attendance at our meeting.

Enid Corbett welcomed, and acknowledged, the Past Presidents of the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women who were with us today: Gladys McClellan (1988-1991), June Dyer (2001-2004), Marion Saunders (2004-2008), and Anita Gittens (2008-2019).

She also acknowledged two members of the Toronto Diocesan ACW Board and Finance Committee who were presented with the Order of the Diocese of Toronto in January: Ruth Pengelly (Etobicoke) and Janice Hodgson (Sharon). Congratulations to these ladies and to all other ACW members who received the ODT this year.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Opening Devotion –**

**Toronto Diocesan ACW Chaplain Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh (Incumbent, St. Paul Minden)**

The Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh commented that so many meetings focus on change and growth. Do not strive to go back to the way things were. There is hope in change. It could potentially bring us closer to Christ. Jesus came to bring change ... so embrace it!

### **Opening Remarks –**

**Toronto Diocesan ACW President Enid Corbett, ODT**

Enid Corbett submitted the following comments in writing:

*The theme of this year's Annual General Meeting, "Renewed For Change" reminds us to be renewed and embrace change.*

*As we emerge from the isolation we have felt during the pandemic, life as we have known it **has** changed and will continue to change. How we adapt to this change is up to us. How we support our fellow Anglican Church Women during this change process is up to us. Are we being renewed, reawakened and energized or are we still feeling unsettled? As we are start to slowly resume activities, take time to pray and reflect on what is most important in your special women's ministry. Embrace what you missed most, but be prepared to put aside what you have not missed. Look for renewed ways to serve Christ, your fellow parishioners and your community. Be creative. Talk to neighbouring churches and learn how other women's groups have enriched their ministry by introducing new and innovative activities.*

*Our Special Project Theme for the next two years is Mental Health for children and youth. This issue has become more serious during the last two years. Take time to discover what the issues are for your area and how we as Anglican Church Women can help. Our speaker today will give us more insight into this subject.*

*As you read the annual report (found on our website), please pay special attention to all the work that is already being carried out by our ACW sisters in the Diocese.*

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2021**

**MOTION:** It is moved by Marion Saunders, and seconded by Mavis McKenna, that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held April 17, 2021, be accepted as circulated in the on-line Annual Report.  
**CARRIED.**

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

Enid Corbett noted that Special Projects will be addressed later in the meeting. There was no other business arising.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Diocesan ACW Treasurer, Sandy McPhail, brought greetings from Nova Scotia.

In reviewing the financial statements, Sandy noted that we depend on donations for outreach. In 2021, Capital Gains were used in order to honour our commitments to Council of the North and Special Projects.

The following statements were reviewed and explanations offered where necessary:

Balance Sheet  
Statement of Operations  
Special Funds  
Designated Funds

It was noted that the Auditor uses market value rather than principal invested. The financial statements are posted on the Diocesan website. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Sandy McPhail, and seconded by Dorothy MacLeod, that the Review Engagement Financial Statements for 2021 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2022**

At this meeting we should appoint the reviewer for the year 2022. During the past year, the firm who has reviewed our books merged with another company, and the cost has increased considerably. We are in the process of finding a new accountant to do this work. Recommendations would be appreciated.

**MOTION:** Moved by Sandy McPhail and seconded by June Dyer that the Board be given authority to appoint the accounting firm to provide the Review Engagement or Notice to Reader for the year 2022. **CARRIED.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** Moved by Karen Bowman, and seconded by Marlene Gardiner, that Enid Corbett, Anita Gittens, Dorothy MacLeod, Sandy McPhail, and Mary Macnamara continue to serve as signing officers. **CARRIED.**

It was noted that two signatures are needed on each cheque or document.

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#### **HYMN**

With computers muted, everyone was invited to join in the singing of the World Day of Prayer hymn “Surely I know the plans I have for you”. (Used with permission.)

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS**

Board and Area Reports are posted on the Diocesan website. It is hoped that you have had or will have a chance to read them.

**MOTION:** Moved by Gerri Currier, and seconded by Mavis McKenna, that the Board, Committee and Area reports be accepted as circulated in the on-line Annual Report. **CARRIED.**

**NOMINATIONS REPORT**

Toronto Diocesan ACW Past-President June Dyer presented the slate as follows:

President	Enid Corbett
Executive Vice President	(Vacant)
Secretary-Treasurer	Sandy McPhail
Chancel	Ruth Briffett (Leave of Absence) Peggy Perkins (Interim Chair of Chancel)
Nominating	(Vacant)
York-Credit Valley	Valma Hay Anita Gittens Ruth Pengelly
York-Simcoe	Karen Bowman June Dyer Carol Cryer (Leave of Absence) Marlene Gardiner Julia Nicholls
York-Scarborough	Mary Macnamara
Trent-Durham	Marion Saunders Gerri Currier Carolyn Atkinson Mavis McKenna

The vacancies for Executive Vice President and Nominations Chairperson were noted. It was noted that help is needed especially in the York-Scarborough Area.

There was a call for further nominations. Being none, the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Moved by June Dyer, and seconded by Marion Saunders, that the Nominations Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

The ballot was cast verbally by Toronto Diocesan ACW Treasurer, Sandy McPhail.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Bishop Kevin Robertson was called upon to officiate at the Installation of Officers. Joan Reid-Bicknell was the designated responder. Bishop Robertson expressed his delight to be able to officiate, offering his congratulations and thanks to those accepting positions.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT**

York-Simcoe Area Vice President, Karen Bowman, was invited to present the Special Projects report. Projects for 2021 were reviewed:

Trent Durham	Homeward Bound
York-Scarborough	Dr. Roz Healing Place
York Simcoe	360° Kids
York Credit Valley	Youth Without Shelter

The Special Project theme for 2022-2023 will be Mental Health for Youth and Children. Please contact your Area Vice President or the Diocesan ACW office if you wish to recommend an organization in your area.

**MEMORIAL BOOK**

York-Simcoe Deanery Representative, Marlene Gardiner, read the names that were inscribed in the Book of Memory for 2021. These names are also printed in the on-line Annual Report.

Edith F.G. Thompson	Toronto Diocesan ACW Peterborough Deanery Rep	December 11, 2006
Thelma Levesque	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	August 10, 2015
Marilyn Gilpin	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	December 8, 2017
Pauline Patricia Lashley	St. Mary’s Richmond Hill	February 1, 2019
Gwendolyn (Gwen) Edith Halliday	St. Mary’s Richmond Hill	June 17, 2019
Eileen Lee	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	July 5, 2019
Jacqueline George	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	July 5, 2019
Lorna Elizabeth Giles	St. Mary’s Richmond Hill	July 6, 2019
Vivan Hughes	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	December 1, 2019
Eleanor Elder	St. Luke’s Creemore	December 16, 2019
Hazel Lazier	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	July 5, 2020
Valerie Bell	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	September 19, 2020
Bette Woods	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	October 13, 2020
Pamela (Pam) Sellers	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	November 11, 2020
Katharina (Kathy) Laupacis	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	November 17, 2020
Jane Campbell	Holy Trinity Thornhill	November 23, 2020
Gertie Gowan	St. Luke’s Creemore	December 11, 2020
Gwendolyn Taylor	St. Luke’s Creemore	December 20, 2020
Frances White	Holy Trinity Thornhill	January 11, 2021
Shirley Aileen Rehill	Christ Church Stouffville	February 2, 2021
June Martin	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	February 3, 2021
Lorice Carter	Toronto Diocesan ACW Tecumseth Deanery Rep	March 8, 2021
Lillian Dyson-Babcock	St. Mary’s Richmond Hill	March 24, 2021
June (Reta) Money	Christ Church–St Jude Ivy	May 17, 2021
Joan Berry	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	August 3, 2021
Elizabeth (Betty) Tooby	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	August 5, 2021
Jane Emery	St. Cuthbert’s Leaside	September 26, 2021
Marion Chambers	Toronto Diocesan ACW Past President	November 10, 2021
Evelyn Scott	Christ Church Stouffville	December 14, 2021

### **APPRECIATION OF BOARD**

Enid Corbett expressed her appreciation of the Board as follows:

*I would like to say thank you to The Board and some special ladies.*

*To you, the Board, who have been so supportive during this pandemic year. It is a delight to work with you virtually. Thank you!*

*To – Sandy McPhail who has been carrying out her duties as treasurer electronically, while isolating in Nova Scotia, thank you.*

*To - June Dyer who cheerfully works with me behind the scenes putting together the newsletter, thank you.*

*To - Swan Li who publishes our newsletter in such a cheerful format.*

*To - Rev Joan Cavanaugh, our chaplain – for your reflection today and your insightful talks at our Board meetings, thank you.*

*Judy Beal – for all the work you do to keep the office running smoothly and for all the work you have done to make our AGM run smoothly. Judy has done all the behind the scenes work in preparing the Annual report, sending out the invitations to all the parishes and taking the minutes for Board meetings and this meeting, from her home.*

*To – Cheryl Gallagher who acted as co-host manager today.*

The Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh commented that she is so pleased to be our Chaplain and then paid a lovely compliment to office assistant, Judy Beal.

On behalf of the Board, and all Anglican Church Women, Marion Saunders expressed thanks to Enid Corbett for her leadership and exemplary ministry.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The business portion of the Annual General Meeting was adjourned.

### **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Enid Corbett introduced today's Guest Speakers as follows:

*It gives me great pleasure to invite Dr. Scott Brubacher, the Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada to update us on the "Say Yes to Kids" initiative.*

*For the past six years, as Executive Administrator at AFC, Scott has supported the Board of Directors and management in realizing a strategic vision for the Foundation as a catalyst for new ministry and growth. Prior to joining AFC in 2015, he served as Academic Program Manager, Examinations for The Royal Conservatory of Music, Assistant Manager of the Anglican Book Centre, and Lecturer in music theory at the Don Wright Faculty of Music at Western University, London, Ontario.*

*In addition to his professional and volunteer commitments within the Anglican Church of Canada, Scott is an award-winning composer and musician whose choral works have been performed by some of the finest choirs in Canada and the United States. Scott obtained a Doctor of Musical Arts in*

*Composition from the University of Toronto and a Master of Music in Composition from Western University.*

*Scott currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Exultate Chamber Singers, a charitable arts organization with which he sings on a volunteer basis. He resides in Toronto.*

*Scott is accompanied by Michelle Hauser, the Development and Communications Consultant for Anglican Foundation of Canada.*

*There will be time for questions at the end of his presentation.*

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dr. Scott Brubacher thanked Enid Corbett for her kind introduction. He was joining us from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he was attending the Truth and Reconciliation meetings. There was great excitement that the Archbishop of Canterbury was in attendance at such an important time in our church. It was noted that the Archbishop will continue on to Toronto for additional meetings.

Dr. Brubacher wished to express an enormous thank you to Anglican Church Women across the country for their staunch support of the Anglican Foundation.

Sharing his biography, Dr. Brubacher mentioned that he was raised Baptist; adding that his father and brothers are Baptist pastors. He always felt called to be of service to the church but followed a different path. He studied choral music under John Tuttle at Trinity College. This is where he was welcomed into the Anglican faith.

Travel has allowed him to see first hand the impact of support for the Anglican Foundation. He is grateful, humbled, and energized to serve in his role as Executive Director of the AFC. His goal is to be of service to God and to the church community.

He highlighted the work that has been done in the Diocese of Toronto over the past decade (2011-2021). Grants totaling \$1.2 million have been awarded to 211 recipients. Examples included Community Ministries, Leadership and Education, Sacred Music and Liturgical grants, Diverse Infrastructure, Garden Projects, and Indigenous Ministries.

Michelle Hauser, the Development and Communications Consultant for Anglican Church Foundation was introduced. She shared with us the Say Yes! To Kids journey.

Youth focused grants are not new – there is a 10-year history – but there was a new approach in 2021 as on-line fundraising was introduced. Grants totaling \$470,000 were awarded to 79 applicants. Responding to our Special Project theme for 2022, she mentioned that there are 20 projects focusing on resilience and mental health. It was also noted that Say Yes! To Kids lends itself to our Area Projects.

Most grants in this category are in partnership with churches and organizations. The Anglican Foundation would welcome the opportunity to partner with Anglican Church Women. In 2022, there are 20 fundraising teams with various themes including addressing a chronic under-valuing of children and youth ministry. Mentorship, training, and support is available for dynamic on-line campaigns and fundraising.

They are changing the conversation and the culture – making young people a priority. They are looking to Anglican Church Women for inspiration! Dr. Scott Brubacher commented that the Anglican Church has so many gifts to share including time and creativity. To find out how you can be involved in the work of the Anglican Foundation of Canada, please visit their website at [www.anglicanfoundation.org](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org). When we all give what we have, there is more than enough!



**APPRECIATION OF GUEST SPEAKERS**

Enid Corbett wished to express her thanks to Dr. Scott Brubacher and Michelle Hauser for being with us today.

The Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh commented that the Anglican Foundation of Canada is a wonderful foundation, and expressed gratitude for the assistance she received through them for her studies.

**CLOSING HYMN**

With computers muted, everyone was invited to join in the singing of “Be Thou My Vision”.

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

The Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh was invited to say the closing prayer and blessing.

**ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The Zoom line was left open for anyone who wished to chat.

It was noted that, thanks to Zoom, we welcomed participants from Nova Scotia, Arizona, and Saskatchewan to our meeting today! Amazing!

Minutes taken by Judy Beal.