

TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN



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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 2025

Dear Friends,

As I write this message, winter is hanging on and refusing to leave! I'm looking forward to Spring and Easter with warmer weather, sun shining and the first flowers pushing up through the soil in our gardens.

All women of the Diocese are ACW members whether they have a formal group, or not. Please join us at our Women's Gatherings, Deanery Days or any meeting you see advertised—you are always welcome. It doesn't mean you are automatically given a job! Just join us for the pleasure of each other's company.

I would like to acknowledge the good work that all ACW's are doing throughout the Diocese in our parishes and archdeaconries as well as the beautiful work done by our Needleworkers.

The Nottawasaga Deanery held a Deanery Day on May 3, 2025 which was hosted by Christ Church—St. Jude's, Ivy. The theme was "Growing Our Faith." We enjoyed fellowship, laughs, crafts and singing.

Our 2025 AGM was held by Zoom with our annual business meeting and special guest speakers. The theme was "Ministering with Compassion." Our special guest speakers were Ji-Sook Kyun, Lakeridge Health, Oshawa and Ryan Duarte, Community & Events Officer, Feed the Need In Durham.

Diocesan Bishop Kevin Robertson brought greetings on behalf of the College of Bishops and offered blessings to all and the assurance of the Bishops' prayers and support of the Anglican Church Women; Rosemarie Kingston, National ACW President brought greetings on behalf of the National ACW; and Kate O'Quinn, President, Toronto Diocesan Council, brought greetings on behalf of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Reports and financial statements were presented and accepted. Bishop Robertson officiated at the installation of the Board.

Our Special Project Theme for 2025-2026 was Food Insecurity. Each Archdeaconry received \$1,000 to distribute to organizations in their area. In 2025, the following organizations received Special Projects donations: Central Archdeaconry—York Region Food Network (\$500) and Feed Scarborough (\$500); East Archdeaconry—Kawartha Food Share (\$1,000); North Archdeaconry—Angus Food Bank (\$350), Elmvale Food Bank (\$350), and S.H.I.F.T (\$300); South Archdeaconry—Hunger Patrol (\$1,000); and West Archdeaconry—Youth Without Shelter (\$1,000).

In 2025, we supported the Council of the North, Threshold Ministries, and a Missionary Appeal.

I attended the National President's Conference via Zoom on September 19th and 20th, 2025. The theme was "A New Heart: Ezekiel 36:26" and was hosted virtually by the Diocese of New Westminster. The Opening Worship was hosted by St. Cuthbert, Delta ACW with Jet (James) Takaoka from Canada Food Grains Bank as the Key Note Speaker. Anglican Foundation (Michelle Hauser) and Alongside Hope (Will Postma, Director) provided information on their organizations.

The 2026 National Conference will take place in Grande Prairie, Alberta from September 24th to 27th. We will be hosted by the Diocese of Athabasca and the theme is "We are all God's creation."

ACW Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month (seven times a year). The Finance Committee meets the Monday prior to the Board meeting. AGM planning committees meet in October, January and as needed. All meetings are held via Zoom. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested in joining the Board, please let me know. The Newsletter is published four times a year either by subscription through the mail (nominal cost) or by email.

Thank you to Sandra McPhail, our Treasurer. Thank you to June Dyer and Enid Corbett for their work on the Newsletter. Thank you to Reverend Joan Cavanaugh, our Diocesan ACW Chaplain and her thoughtful reflections. And last but not least, thank you to the Diocesan Board for your support and encouragement and to Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Area Bishops, and the Diocesan staff. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hodgson, ODT

President, Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure the financial accountability and stability of the Toronto Diocese Anglican Church Women organization.

On behalf of all Anglican women in our Diocese, the Toronto Diocese Anglican Church Women planned and achieved an outreach objective of \$16,100.00 in 2025. This amount included \$10,000.00 to The Council of the North, \$5,000.00 to the "Food Insecurity" Special Projects, \$100.00 to Threshold Ministries and \$1,000.00 to a missionary appeal. Forty-five per cent of these givings was donated by Anglican women in our Diocese, both church groups and individuals. We thank them for their compassion and support. The balance of the outreach was covered by the Chancel Committee Needleworkers and a withdrawal from investment reserves.

Thank you to the members of the Finance Committee, Janice Hodgson, Enid Corbett, Ruth Pengelly and Margaret Durant for their time, effort and input.

The Finance Committee would welcome anyone who is interested and willing to join our team. Please contact me directly at sandra.mcphail.349@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy McPhail
Secretary-Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECCLESIASTIC NEEDLEWORKERS' REPORT

As usual the Needleworkers have been quite busy over the last year. Due to a long-term health problem, Anne Robson has not been able to supervise the white work, and Ruth Briffett has been looking after it. We have welcomed two new members to the group which brings our current membership to ten. New members are always welcome. Over the last year the membership has done the following work:

A coffin pall and an urn pall
A large dorsal veil
5 chasubles
5 stoles
4 burse and veil sets
3 maniples
and a variety of linens

At synod this year we did a display of white work and had a very good response. We sold a number of purificators, two baptismal towels, six purificators for private communion sets and a number of Chancel Manuals.

We have also had several people selecting items from our collection of gently used vestments.

We are currently nearing the completion of a red banner, a purple frontal, and matching burse and veil, re-working the embroidery on a pulpit fall and shortening a green chasuble and stole. We also have orders to repair a purple stole, two chalice palls, two burse and veil sets and a second red banner to pair with the first one as well as several things for St Martin in the Field, St Thomas Huron Street and Grace Church on the Hill.

Submitted by Ruth Briffett

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

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
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 2025-2026 is Food Insecurity. The following organizations received your Special Project monies in 2025.

North Archdeaconry:	Angus Foodbank (\$350) Elmvale Foodbank (\$350) S.H.I.F.T. (Support and Hope for Individuals And Families Today (\$300)
South Archdeaconry:	Hunger Patrol (\$1,000).
East Archdeaconry:	Kawartha Food Share (\$1,000)
West Archdeaconry:	Youth Without Shelter (\$1,000).
Central Archdeaconry:	York Region Food Network (\$500) Feed Scarborough (\$500)

ARCHDEACONRY REPORTS

NORTH ARCHDEACONRY REPORT

Holland Deanery

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE, SHARON

Meetings are held each month in person from April to December except for July and August. January, February and March meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month after the 11 a.m. church service.

Activities included: a presentation by Janice Hodgson outlining her role as President of the Diocesan ACW. The quarterly newsletters were also distributed to each member. We had a Spring Sale, a Volunteer Appreciation Sunday, a workshop on Indigenous Art and mini-sales the first three Sundays of Advent. The St. James' ACW will be hosting the 2026 World Day of Prayer on March 6, 2026 written by the women of Nigeria.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Kingston, President

Nottawasaga Deanery

The Nottawasaga Deanery continues to be a vibrant and diverse region, and its approach to Anglican Church Women reflects this richness. All fourteen parishes include female parishioners, and each maintains an active and dedicated altar guild. Five churches continue to sustain traditional, formally structured ACW organizations, engaging in a wide range of fundraising and outreach initiatives. We are also a district that has embraced the concept of Regional Ministry. The deanery is characterized by

several multi-point parishes and two multi-parish regional ministries serving multiple congregations. This has been reflected in a number of shared activities.

These activities demonstrate both continuity and innovation. While some parishes maintain longstanding traditions such as bake sales, others have adopted new methods, including online sales. Additional initiatives include nearly-new clothing sales, a highly successful Scrapbook Day, plant sales, quilt shows, and Saturday teas. Beyond fundraising, many groups play a vital role in their broader communities, supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, addressing food insecurity, and participating in local community events.

In 2025, a Deanery Day was hosted by Christ Church–St. Jude’s, Ivy. This gathering emphasized inclusivity, welcoming all Anglican women, not solely those affiliated with formal ACW organizations. On May 2, 2026, the ACW of St George’s Utopia will be hosting a similar women’s gathering. Looking ahead, there is a shared hope that these evolving dynamics will inspire new and innovative approaches to the organization and ministry of ACW groups.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Cryer

EAST ARCHDEACONRY REPORT

Oshawa Deanery

ST MATTHEWS, OSHAWA—Last September this parish held a concert in honor of their 70th anniversary. The Poinsettia Bazaar was held in December very successful. A pancake supper was hosted by the parish ladies and a potluck supper was held as a farewell for a long-time member.

CHRIST CHURCH, OSHAWA—This is a very active parish. They held a successful Christmas sale Baking and Crafts. A dinner supporting the migrant workers for this area was held. Christmas church supports outreach ministries in the Oshawa area. The Sunshine thrift store is doing well.

ST PETERS, OSHAWA—This parish has a successful, much appreciated food bank for the people in need in their area. Open Tuesday’s 6:30-7:30 p.m. This parish supports Save A Family in India working to empower families by promoting and enabling them to achieve economic independence. The parish partners with Carea Community Health to help give gifts for local teens at Christmas. The parish offers pastoral care, emotional support and spiritual support. Also, hospital visits.

ST GEORGES, OSHAWA—This is a very busy parish. A corporate communion was held in May and December followed by lunch and a speaker. The ladies made Easter and Christmas baskets, raffled them off and the proceeds went to buy Books of Alternative Services and a donation to the Rectors Discrepancy fund. In December, 20 plus bags of warm winter wear for the needy was sent to Durham Outlook and backdoor missions. Also, in December 27, Christmas shoeboxes were filled for Samaritan’s purse.

CHURCH OF THE ASSENTION PORT PERRY—This parish has an active altar guild. Monthly meetings "Thyme" where women gather together for fellowship and they have speakers come to enjoy. The Alzheimer society, local artists, and last year the most popular speaker was a lady who makes her own wool and felting.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Atkinson

Peterborough Deanery

St. Thomas, Millbrook: Their ACW holds monthly meetings. In winter they meet at member's homes. They have a guest speaker at some meetings. Though St. Thomas church has a small congregation, 8 women regularly attend ACW meetings. They do fundraise; i.e., they provide a Lion's Club dinner every 2 months, hold a craft sale and host a turkey dinner in December, hold a Pancake Supper, and as "Sandwich Sisters" they make sandwiches once a month for the homeless etc.

St. John the Baptist, Lakefield: hold monthly meetings with average attendance 12 (up from last year with a couple of new members). They still do craft and bake sales, especially so around Christmas. They do coffee time regularly after church services and assist at all special events. Lakefield churches host Lenten Lunches weekly with speakers. St. John's participates every year and regularly hosts at least 2 weeks of the event.

St. James, Emily: ACW meetings are held after church services on a Sunday--held randomly when there is a purpose for calling members together. There is no president. They try co-chairing and all members pitch in to help. They do keep minutes of meetings. It's mostly for "social things" but they have done fundraising for their kitchen renovation and local outreach. They have reached out to another local church to join them for a "soup and sandwich lunch).

St. Mathews/St. Aiden, Buckhorn: no ACW but women are actively participating in all events of their church and many are volunteering in various duties to support their church (Wardens, Chancel Guild etc.). They are interested in what is going on elsewhere and this year several attended a Women's Gathering (still considered Deanery Day) in a Peterborough Church in November 2025). One member continues to serve on our Deanery ACW executive).

ALL Saints, Peterborough: They have regular monthly meetings. Their average attendance has increased from about 12 to 21 as they have welcomed some new members and expect a couple more to join them. They do not fund raise. Their emphasis is on fellowship. Members donate \$5 at each meeting. They have a guest speaker at every meeting and give them an honorarium. (Fortunately, they still have significant reserve funds from the many years they made Easter Eggs that were sold widely across the city and county.) They have 4 small "snack teams" who provide refreshments at their meetings. They are happy with how things are going. The leadership was frustrated in the recent past because one or two were struggling to keep ACW going. What they are doing now seems to be working for them.

St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, St. Margaret's Guild: ACW meets monthly with an average attendance of about 12. They have a guest speaker about 4 times a year. The ACW invites any interested persons to attend and this attracts many more to hear the speaker. All meetings end with socialization and refreshments. Members do less fundraising than in the past but still enough to donate significant amounts to worthy causes; this year one recipient was the "Right to Heal" after members were so impressed by a speaker who initiated this program - a marvelous endeavour by a courageous woman and her staff with very little city or government support until she got success where others failed. Her program has gained recognition and is spreading across the country. Their emphasis is on showing love and respect to individuals dealing with addictions and other problems by seeking the cause of their problem and being available to them once management and control is reached. This ACW does have some reserve funds and investments and when a larger than usual amount is donated, a portion of these funds is used. In an attempt not to deplete this fund the ACW is careful to raise as much as possible in an attempt not to deplete it. Members provide refreshments after Sunday service one Sunday every month and participate in most church events. 2026 is this church's 200 anniversary and multiple plans are underway to celebrate in a meaningful way.

There had been no Deanery days since the pandemic and ACWs across our Deanery missed "getting together". We were used to having them once or twice a year. St John's decided to restart the practice and hosted one in November 2025. It was great to meet again. People from 10 Anglican churches attended. The theme was "Ministry through Music". The day was well appreciated and it is hoped another church ACW will host next year.

St. Luke's Peterborough and St. John's, Ida: share a priest. Neither has an ACW but are active churches with women working for their church family and communities.

The Regional Churches / Rice Lake: Five churches comprise this group. They have a combined regional church service for all congregations to worship together as one whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month. A lunch is served after the service. Only 2 of these churches have ACWs.

St. John the Evangelist, Havelock: have an ACW that meets every 2nd month after the Sunday service. Average attendance is 7 or 8 which is pretty good because the church attendance would be about a dozen people. Fund raising is a spring and fall sale. A retired priest conducts one church service per month. A lay reader leads morning prayer the other Sunday services.

St. Michaels/ Westwood: no ACW. One service per month--same priest as serves the Havelock church. Very small congregation but a few new members this year. They have a book sale a limited number of days per week.

The other 3 churches in this group used to have a retired priest conduct their service on 2 Sundays each month and relied on lay readers the other Sundays. That priest has been moved by the Diocese to another location. They have now been without a priest for over 6 months. To their credit they are "carrying on" as best they can.

Christ Church, Campbellford: the only church in this group (tri-church) with an ACW. They hold monthly meeting and have 17-20 attend. Leadership is shared. Members are divided into teams of 2 who plan and conduct a meeting. They do fund raise with yard sales, advent and other dinners and teas etc. They do have a speaker at some meetings. Lay readers doing all services.

St. James/ Roseneath: no ACW. Lay Reader.

St. George's Hastings: Lay reader. Hold regular butter tart sales several times per year--their very popular and successful fundraiser. They have book sales 3 days/ week.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Currier, Peterborough Deanery ACW Rep

WEST ARCHDEACONRY REPORT

Etobicoke – Humber Deanery

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING, ETOBICOKE

Nine monthly meetings were held in 2025 with between 2 and 8 members present. Always willing to help with parish activities, most members serve in different roles within the parish.

The book cart continues to provide reading material for many, and the monthly card parties still have some dedicated players, who attend from a variety of churches.

Reverend Jeff Nowers has had a successful first year with us and continues to develop new and different ventures for the parish.

In the fall we planned a Christmas Tea and mini bazaar, which was very successful. Thank you to all those who volunteered to set up, staff tables, host and clean up. This event allowed CTK to reconnect with many in the community and to raise funds (\$1500 +) to carry out our outreach projects.

With the funds raised, we distributed donations to:

- Doctors without Borders
- Youth without Shelter
- The Anglican Foundation, and
- Moorelands Kids.

We also continued to send seasonal cards to women in the parish who are unable to come out to services. We hope that no one ever feels forgotten.

Many of our women are joining in the activities of the Christian Women of Etobicoke group (CWE).

Initiated by CTK, this group has flourished with attendance over 25 each month. Many of us also attend and enjoy the Wednesday morning Communion and discussion group.

As our group of ACW members ages and have more difficulty with mobility, parish events and activities become more difficult to plan. But all are willing to assist when asked.

We have lost a number of members and miss especially Fran Corkill. We pray for those ill and unable to join us for meetings

Thank you to all who have worked alongside us as we carry on, following our goal: *To Live with Worship Learning and Service.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy McPhail, Ruth Pengelly, and Anne Saxton

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, REXDALE

In 2025, ACW members of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale actively participated in monthly meetings and supported parish events. Highlights include attending the Bob Marley Emancipation Mass at St. James Cathedral, joining the World Day of Prayer video reflection, and assisting with a 96th birthday party and memorial gatherings for departed members.

Nine past members were honoured and added to the ACW Diocesan Memorial Book. Several attended the Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting themed “Ministering with Compassion,” as well as Lenten observances, Palm making, and hosting coffee hours for Mother’s and Father’s Day, with youth participation.

We organized the successful 3rd Annual Spring Tea Party and summer prize draw, with winners announced at the Christmas Market. Outreach included donations to Jean Augustine Women’s Charity, Ernestine’s Women Shelter, the Diocesan ACW, and funds for church hall renovations.

Members attended the Spiritual Renewal service at St. Paul’s Bloor Street and participated in two Christmas markets. The Prayer Shawl Ministry remains active, distributing shawls to those in need. Seasonal Diocese ACW newsletters are shared at our resource table.

Our ACW continues to support the parish and community, fostering fellowship and fulfilling our mission to serve and live out Christ’s love.

Submitted by,
Margaret Durant, ACW Chair
St. Paul The Apostle, Rexdale

CENTRAL ARCHDEACONRY REPORT

York Central Deanery

CHRIST CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE

ACW Co-Presidents: Glenda Kerr & Wilma Scorrar
Past Co-Presidents: Susan Walmsley & Eleanor Winters
Deputy Leader(s): Gail Ranger & Bev Whittaker

The ACW plays a vibrant role in the life of the Anglican Church and serves to bring women of all ages together for social, learning and service opportunities. We are pleased to share the following report of events and activities for 2025.

Fundraising activities included a delicious Ham & Scalloped Potato dinner with a total of 94 tickets sold. Ticket holders were able to choose between a take-out box meal or a full service dine-in meal. We gratefully thank all who helped in the organization and preparation of this activity – including meal preparation, set up/take down of tables, ticket sellers, and ticket buyers.

A multi-year fundraising event concluded this year with the draw held on Easter Sunday for the beautiful “Variation on Courthouse Steps Quilt”. Many thanks to the talented quilters, ticket sellers and ticket buyers for the tremendous work on this king-size quilt.

We acknowledged Mother’s Day with a beautiful carnation for each lady who joined us at church on Mother’s Day Sunday. A big thank-you to Gail Ranger for her kind donation of flowers.

The ACW hosted two Muffin Breakfasts with exceptional guest speakers including Andrea Franklin who thoughtfully shared her spiritual inspiration achieved during her life and career experiences. The fall guest speaker was Ruth Patterson who delighted us with her recent experience as a volunteer at the Invictus Games in Vancouver Whistler. We are truly blessed to have these two talented and compassionate ladies in our parish community!

In November we celebrated ACW Sunday with the Rev Cannon Margaret Johnston-Jones who inspired us with her presentation on the daily practice of gratitude. We were very grateful to her for providing a Gratitude Calendar to us, 30 days of gratitude thoughts to incorporate into our daily practice. Special music was provided by Cathy Tubb, Rev Cannon Lisa, and accompanied by Gary Heard – thank you! After the service, the ACW hosted a parish light luncheon for a time of fun and fellowship.

Our Christmas pot-luck dinner was well attended, and a good time was held by all with yummy food, fun and laughter, and the always anticipated Secret Friend reveal. We missed everyone who was unable to attend!

Wilma and I have been blessed and enjoyed working with everyone at Christ Church over the past year.

Respectfully submitted by: Glenda Kerr & Wilma Scorrar (Co-Presidents)

HOLY TRINITY, THORNHILL

Throughout 2025, the ACW continued to be very active. Ongoing fundraising activities included an occasional book sale during coffee hours and the collection of gold and silver for the Treasure Chest. The talented quilters completed a beautiful quilt for the Festival of Christmas in November. The Festival of Christmas was again a popular and successful event, including the Raffle, Bake Sale, Country Store, Christmas Past Room, Jewellery table and This'nThat table. A delicious lunch of a chicken salad croissant, green salad and apple crumble was available. Laura Smith, MPP presented the ACW with a certificate recognizing the community benefit. The above fundraising activities allow us to donate to selected charities supporting women and children and to community programs. Our ACW has 6 groups – Alpha, Naomi, Rebecca, Ruth, Sarah and the Quilters. These groups meet in person or virtually to enjoy times of fellowship and plan the fundraising events. All women in the parish are ACW members and are welcome to join one of these groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Enid Corbett, ODT

ST. Paul's Washago

We soldier on here at St Paul's. Huge donation of food and cash to our local food bank, Sharing Place, Orillia in October. Trunk load of clothing—socks, undies, gently used clothes, and boots to the Lighthouse Orillia at Christmas. The Wednesday wish list of things plus cash to Mariposa House Hospice Orillia in February. We also gave money to the Water initiative in December. We are done now for a few months ready to charge up in September again. We are an average age of 75 and only 17 average attendance at church each week.

Judith Ebbert, St. Paul's Washago

York Mills Deanery

The nine congregations within our busy Deanery of York Mills are: Church of Our Saviour Anglican Church; Church of the Ascension Anglican Church; 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, however certainly not least, St. Theodore of Canterbury Anglican Church.

Located within the York Mills Deanery, there are also two Ministries, the first of which is the Flemingdon Park Ministry, incorporated in 2009, whose slogan is "Building Community Through Compassionate Service". Maria Reolin continues as Executive Director, ably assisted by Banazir and Melodie. This community-based agency has been walking alongside, and working with the people of Flemingdon Park for more than fifty-seven years. In addition to the local Food Bank's assistance within the community, food continued to be distributed to local families and to seniors through our Ministry's Wellness Program. Cob's Bakery again provided bread twice a month for these same people. We also offered a clothing bank; weekly English classes, plus Bible and Quran studies; art and craft activities; and an exercise program five days per week. These programs provide opportunities for learning, connection, and support in a neighbourhood that is home to many newcomers to Canada. Workshops informed immigrants about Canadian laws and basic women's rights, and partnerships with community programs offered sessions on financial independence, self-defence, and other practical life skills. Unfortunately, the popular cooking classes that demonstrated nutritious and affordable meal preparation had to be discontinued this past year due to lack of funding. Many past recipients of the Flemingdon Park Ministry now volunteer regularly, giving back to the community that once supported them. Women from Northlea United Church continue to visit and support the Flemingdon Park Women's Group. In 2017, Church of Our Saviour provided space for the "Common Table Farm" project which believes in access to healthy food for all communities. The farm produces approximately seven thousand kilograms of fresh produce each year, which is shared with Flemingdon Park residents, many of whom are newcomers to Canada. Local school children also visited learning about farming, pollinators, and native plants. Meanwhile, there is still much to be accomplished, and your financial contributions or volunteering your time would be warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Our second Ministry is The Sisterhood Of St. John The Divine, an Anglican monastic community founded in Toronto in 1884. During the past one hundred and forty-one 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 now fully under the direction of 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; and daytime, personal, and group retreats. Modern technology continued to allow for delivery of their regular programs: via virtual meetings; Zoom lessons; musical retreats; spiritual direction; and meditation. The newly renovated Guest House will be open for business in 2026. In 2024, the Anglican Church Women's Board generously donated ten thousand dollars towards those renovations. Personal donations are always gratefully accepted. As always, all would be welcome who could spare a few hours of volunteer time at the Convent. 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.

The Anglican Church Women's group at Church of Our Saviour had another productive year and including several successful fund-raising events. Their financial donations supported their favoured charities. Sadly, most Anglican Churches do not 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 Toronto Diocesan A.C.W. by: attending the Annual General Meeting (via Zoom), plus 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. You may also give some thought to becoming a member of the Anglican Church Women's Board and/or the Finance Committee, whose meetings are mainly held via Zoom. You would be more than welcome, and it is a rewarding and informative experience to work with this wonderful group of remarkable and inspirational women! If you have any A.C.W. 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.

I sincerely thank all of the Anglican Women who worshiped in the nine parishes within the Deanery of York Mills, as I recognize that, while wearing many hats, numerous women continue to work quietly and faithfully behind the scenes. I am pleased to report that most of our churches have a few new members and families worshipping regularly, of which several were non-Christian newcomers to Canada. On Sundays, we were incredibly grateful for those who assisted the Priests in Charge or the Interim Priests in Charge. We were blessed to have the dedication, commitment, and organizational skills of our faithful Chancel or Altar Guild members who shared their time and talents for the work of God. In addition to them, there were devoted women at each Sunday service: honorary assistants and deacons; candle bearers, crucifers, and servers; lay anointers, readers, and intercessors; wardens; music leaders and choir members; greeters, sides people, and counters; the livestreaming ministry teams who kept those at home connected virtually; Sunday School teachers, Messy Church leaders, nursery attendants, and creative volunteers who assisted with all the children and youth programs; and the dedicated hospitality teams who provided refreshments following Sunday Services. Thank you also to all of the parishioners for their continued generous financial support, encouragement, and commitment.

Over and above Sunday Worship Services, we thank all who were busily involved: churchwardens and deputies who worked tirelessly in countless ways and with a multitude of challenges; treasurers, envelope secretaries, stewardship campaigners, and financial steering committees; astute property managers; parish administrators; teams of people whose weekly electronic updates and/or telephone trees kept our congregants connected with church news and events; advisory board members; amazing fund raising teams; parish nurses; pastoral ministry teams; lay synod members; parish selection committees; and those members who were committed to the Diocesan Committees regarding Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism (ABAR), responsible ministry, social justice, outreach, and advocacy.

Additionally, some of the in person or virtual services, programs and/or events held within our nine parishes included: morning and/or “Evening Compline” services, prayer groups, and meditations; Good Friday Stations of the Cross; Bible study; World Day of Prayer services; Funeral and Celebration of Life Services; pastoral care visits with the elderly and those shut-in, and sending greeting cards; and weekly insightful old testament commentaries.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH: For all who contributed their time, talent, and treasure, thank you for caring, assisting, and participating in congregational events. Where the need continued to be so great, generous donations were made to local food and clothing banks, a “Reverse Advent Calendar” Food Drive, every second month gift card distributions, delivery of Christmas gift cards or hampers, supporting Thanksgiving harvest festivities, and an Advent “adopt a family” project. Continuing programs were: Salvation Army back pack and school supplies drive; NeighbourLink North York volunteers; provisions and clothing were delivered to the Mission to Seafarers; assisting with English as a Second Language classes, and children’s reading programs; providing space for community vegetable gardens; financially supporting or purchasing honey and Amaryllis bulbs in support of the Don Valley Refugee Resettlers (DVRR) program which has sponsored twenty-three refugee families since 1998; addressing health challenges and mental health issues; meditation and exercise classes; September welcome back barbecues; involvement with the multi faith Willowdale Church Coalition which was formed following the 2018 van attack; and used postage stamp plus eye glass collections which were donated to the appropriate charities. Several of our church buildings host day care programs for which parish members were active on the Board of Directors. Numerous volunteers assisted elsewhere in the community, outside of the church walls. Over and above the aforementioned, a few of the 2025 fund raisers: choir concerts; walkathons; pancake suppers; and selling of poinsettias and Church Calendars. Financial assistance was provided to: the Oriole Food Space; the North York Harvest Food Bank; and to the Toronto Urban Native Ministry.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: At St. Theodore’s, the outdoor mini food bank “Deacon’s Cupboard”, was available for their immediate community 24/7; they supported newcomers to Canada plus church neighbours through several projects including a “clothes swap”; and they held their annual Monk’s Cell Dinner fund raiser: at St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole, they continued their popular Travel Adventure Series which allowed members of the parish to share their travel experiences via Zoom presentations, several times throughout the year: at St. John’s, the Pollinator Garden continues to thrive on the property between the church and the rectory: at St. George on Yonge, Ukrainian children meet and play together every two weeks; and parishioners have a monthly Friday night “Pub Knights” meeting which now includes a few members from Church of the Incarnation: St. Cyprian’s celebrated its sixtieth anniversary on September 14; being a partner in the Tri-Congregational Church, they continue their worship with the Iona Presbyterian Church congregants, subsequently some now call us “Angliterations”: St. Christopher’s, a Cantonese congregation, and also a partner in the Tri-Congregational Church, held senior exercise classes several times per week: Church of the Incarnation: they held monthly Young At Heart social events plus weekly senior exercise classes; they also have a healing prayer shawl ministry; Church of the Ascension hosts a Wednesday morning food bank: and Church of Our Saviour generously shared their outdoor space with the Flemingdon Park Ministry’s “Common Table Farm” project.

Blessings and heartfelt thanks to all our angels, seen and unseen. May God continue to richly bless you and those you love.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Macnamara

The A.C.W. Representative for the Deanery of York Mills

A member of St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, a partner in the Tri-Congregational Church which marked its Fifty-Fifth Anniversary in 2025, the longest standing Tri-Partnership in Canada!

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DECEMBER 31, 2025
(Unaudited - See Accompanying Review Engagement Report)



INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of operations and change in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the organization, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to me obtaining evidence I considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women. Therefore, I was unable to determine whether any adjustments might have been found necessary with respect to fundraising revenue, excess of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, current assets as at December 31, 2025 and 2024, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2025 and 2024 year ends. My conclusion on the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2025 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on my review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Pickering, Ontario
April 1, 2026

John J. Loreto, CPA, CA
Licensed Public Accountant

**TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025**

(Unaudited - See Accompanying Review Engagement)

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 10,721	\$ 3,384
Investments - Consolidated Trust Fund(notes 3)	553,704	514,832
Investments - other(note 3)	57,200	57,200
HST recoverable	621	574
	<u>\$ 622,246</u>	<u>\$ 575,990</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
FUND BALANCES		
General fund	\$ 539,451	\$ 495,728
Internally restricted		
Special funds	23,095	20,562
Designated funds	57,200	57,200
	<u>619,746</u>	<u>573,490</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 622,246</u>	<u>\$ 575,990</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board

 _____, Director



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

(Unaudited - See Accompanying Review Engagement)

	2025	2024
Revenue		
Other offerings	\$ 300	\$ 1,057
Parish commitments	6,127	8,111
Chancel committee - needlework	7,678	5,098
HST recovered	579	483
Newsletter subscriptions	15	105
Interest income	20,474	20,120
Realized gain on sale of investments	10,000	15,000
Unrealized gain(loss) on investments	38,873	24,613
	84,046	74,587
Expenses		
Administration	9,929	15,988
Bank charges	64	50
Commitments - Council of the North	10,000	10,000
Insurance	-	1,892
Newsletter costs	471	616
Office and general	16	83
Professional fees	2,825	2,825
Special appeals	100	10,100
Telephone and internet	1,046	1,102
Utilities and maintenance	10,140	10,140
	34,591	52,796
Excess of revenues over expenses	49,455	21,791
Fund balance, beginning of year	495,728	473,937
Opening balance adjustment	1,950	443
Transfers - designated funds	(1,020)	339
Transfers - special funds	(6,662)	(782)
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 539,451	\$ 495,728



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**TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

(Unaudited - See Accompanying Review Engagement)

	2025	2024
Operating Activities		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 46,346	\$ 18,879
Item not requiring an outlay of cash:		
Unrealized gain on investment	(38,873)	(24,613)
	<u>7,473</u>	<u>(5,734)</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital items:		
HST recoverable	(47)	-
Fund balance adjustment	(89)	-
	<u>7,337</u>	<u>(5,734)</u>
Increase(decrease) in cash during the year		
	<u>3,384</u>	<u>9,118</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	3,384	9,118
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 10,721</u>	<u>\$ 3,384</u>



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - SPECIAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

(Unaudited - See Accompanying Review Engagement)

						2025	2024
	Diocesan Memorial	Bursary Fund	Missionary Appeal	President's Discretionary	Special Projects		
Revenue							
Donations	\$ 380	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,590	\$ 2,245
Expenses							
Grants, allowances, sundry	(120)		(1,000)	(370)	(5,000)	(6,490)	(5,950)
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenses	260	40	(1,000)	(370)	(3,830)	(4,900)	(3,705)
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	13,694	2,127	7,057	(2,316)	20,562	23,474
Opening balance adjustment - Special projects					2,316	2,316	-
Transfers - designated funds		34	547		190	771	11
Transfers - special funds/operating fund	(260)			966	3,640	4,346	782
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ 13,768	\$ 1,674	\$ 7,653	\$ -	\$ 23,096	\$ 20,562



**TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

(Unaudited – See Accompanying Review Engagement Report)

GENERAL

Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in Ontario on November 21, 1967. The organization is also considered as a not-for-profit organization under the Income Tax Act.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Fund Accounting

The Organization adopts the principles of fund accounting under which resources, obligations and transactions for particular purposes are classified into funds corresponding to these purposes.

Revenue, expense, assets and liabilities related to the Diocesan Memorial Fund, the Bursary Fund, the President's Discretionary Fund and the Special Projects Fund are reported in the Special Funds.

Revenue, expense, assets and liabilities related to designated purposes are reported in the Designated Funds.

Cash and Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and money market investments, if any.

Financial Instruments

The organization initially measures its financial instruments at fair value. Transaction costs related to financial assets are recognized in the statement of operations in the year in which they are incurred. The Organization subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Investments are measured at fair value. Change in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost includes HST receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost includes accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of possible impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in the statement of operations. Any previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations.



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1. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES(Cont'd)**

Revenue Recognition

General revenues from donations and various programs and activities are recorded when received. Revenues are reported in the appropriate fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year the contributions are received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting year. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Contributed Services

Volunteers contribute a significant number of hours per year to assist in carrying out the activities of the fund. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair market value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Capital Assets

The Organization has annual gross revenues for the current and proceeding year of less than \$500,000, therefore is exempt under Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations from the requirement to capitalize and amortize capital assets over their estimated useful lives.

2. **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, the carrying values of which approximate their fair values. Financial instruments also include investments, which are stated at fair value.

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the organization's risk exposure and concentrations as at December 31, 2025.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's main credit risk relates to its short-term investments. Given that the term deposits are held by a chartered bank, the level of credit risk is considered to be low.



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2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS(Cont'd)

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The exposure of the organization to interest rate risk arises from its interest bearing assets. The organization's cash includes amounts on deposit with financial institutions that earn interest at market rates. The interest rate risk is considered to be low.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity also includes the risk of the organization not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price.

The organization meets its liquidity requirements by holding assets that are primarily cash and short term investments that can be readily converted to cash. The organization is not exposed to liquidity risk.

Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices(other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments traded in the market. The organization is not exposed to other price risk.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments in the consolidated Trust Fund

The Diocese holds certain financial assets that belong to the Organization in the Consolidated Trust Fund and pays dividend income quarterly on the investments. The investments are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

	2025	2024
Undesignated – bequest unrestricted	\$434,023	\$395,880
Reserve – investment unrestricted	119,681	118,952
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	\$553,704	\$514,832
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Investments – Other

The organization has cash invested in guaranteed investment certificates with maturity dates ranging from August 2026 to August 2029, with interest earned paid out annually. The total amount of guaranteed investment certificates is \$57,200(2024 - \$57,200).



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4. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

Internally restricted funds have been established for particular programs and activities. The internally restricted funds include the following:

Diocesan Memorial Fund – funds derived from fees charged for the inscribing of names of deceased individuals in the Book of Memory.

Theological Student Bursary – financial assistance to women theological students enrolled in a degree course and seeking ordination to priesthood.

Lay Ministry/Vocational Deacon Bursary – financial assistance for women wishing to train in Christian Lay Ministry or Vocational Diaconate

Missionary Appeal Fund – any special appeal which is in the nature of missionary work

President's Discretionary Fund – funds available for use at the President's discretion. These discretionary expenses do not require the approval of the Board of Directors.

St. Clement's Bequest Fund/Guy Bequest Fund – financial assistance for the Chancel needleworkers.

Annie Mosley Bursary Fund – financial assistance for women theological and women lay ministry students

Cartwright Cottage Fund/ Cherry Missionary Appeal Fund – funding for the Missionary Appeal Special Fund

Special Projects Funds – consist of income earned from the Winnifred Holland, St. Peter Missionary and Ruth Walsh Memorial Funds

At the end of the fiscal year, any surplus from the income of the Bequest Fund is added to the President's Discretionary Fund.



**TORONTO DIOCESAN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD BY ZOOM – 10:00 a.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

REGISTRATION

The business portion of the Annual General Meeting was held by Zoom again this year. Approximately 34 people signed in by computer and/or telephone.

WELCOME

Toronto Diocesan ACW President, Janice Hodgson ODT, introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women's Annual General Meeting. Zoom protocol was reviewed. Polls will be taken by a show of hands. Participants were advised that the meeting was being recorded.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Indigenous Land Acknowledgement was read by Marion Saunders, Toronto Diocesan ACW Past President and Diocesan ACW Vice-President for East Archdeaconry.

ACW PRAYER

With computers muted, the ACW Prayer was said together.

*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.*

HYMN

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

GREETINGS

College of Bishops:

Bishop Robertson was pleased to bring warm greetings on behalf of the three members of the College of Bishops – Diocesan Bishop Andrew Asbil, Bishop Riscylla Shaw, and himself.

He wished to thank Janice Hodgson for her leadership and expressed gratitude to all leaders – past, present, and future – for the good and important work done by the ACW. He expressed condolences to our guest, Kate O'Quinn, President of the Catholic Women's League, on the recent death of Pope Francis. Bishop Robertson acknowledged the ministry of ACW as an integral part of the wider mission of the Diocese. He drew attention to Cast the Net: 20 Calls to Action and gave thanks that ACW is seen in many aspects of this Diocesan initiative. He commented on our key-note speaker's topic of ministering with compassion in the world, and those that work at all levels, especially lay ministry. It is so timely and it is sure to inspire all of us as we seek to be renewed in our faith. In closing, he offered blessing to all, and the assurance of the Bishops' prayers and support.

National ACW President:

Rosemarie Kingston brought greetings from the East Coast on behalf of the National ACW. Paying tribute to Pope Francis, Rosemary also wished to express condolences to our guest from the Catholic Women's League. Rosemary reflected on change. At first, people were very hesitant to hold meetings by Zoom but now they are a great benefit. The next National Annual Conference will be held in September. Everyone is welcome to attend at no additional charge to the Diocese. On behalf of all Anglican Women across Canada, Rosemary expressed her thanks, and wished us a great AGM and all the very best to our new officers.

Catholic Women's League:

Kate O'Quinn, President of the Catholic Women's League, expressed her thanks for our condolences on the death of Pope Francis. The theme of this year's CWL conference will be "Here I am Lord, Send Me".

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee year is Pilgrims of Hope. Their annual conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday next week (April 28-29). As the result of a 5-year plan, they have a new structure, with 92 councils in the Diocese. Our theme resonates with theirs as both organizations continue most needed ministry with compassion.

Other Guests:

Guest speakers, who we will hear from later in the meeting, were acknowledged.

OPENING DEVOTION

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

The Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh reflected on today's theme. What is compassion? The dictionary definition, based on the Latin root, would suggest that it means "suffer together our own personal ministries of compassion". In the Lord's Prayer we say "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". In other words, all things with compassion. Rev'd Joan suggested that life experiences influence our compassion. People might forget what was said but they never forget how it made them feel. Rev'd Joan is currently writing her thesis based on compassion in community – bringing people in who are marginalized. She noted that many things are missing in rural communities but there is compassion. She reflected on people who come into our lives – bridge people – who show us compassion when we need it most. She shared a very personal testimony from her childhood that possibly led her to become a Priest. She noted the importance of someone asking "Will you pray for me?" because they are recognizing you as someone they trust as a person of compassion and hope. Never underestimate the power of compassion and always remember that it is different than kindness.

OPENING REMARKS

Toronto Diocesan ACW President Janice Hodgson, ODT

Janice Hodgson submitted the following comments in writing:

Our AGM theme is Ministering with Compassion. How can we as leaders in our churches and our communities show compassion to others in what we do and how we do it. Compassion for each other is what we need in these uncertain times. We need to become more aware of how people are coping with the loss or losing a loved one. The fear of losing a job and not being able to put food on the table, paying rent, buying clothes for themselves and their families. We cannot simply jump to conclusions about their actions. All of this is heightened by talk on the news of prices going up and things becoming more and more expensive.

In addition, with compassion, we need to learn forgiveness and taking responsibility for our actions. I think about the sentence in the Prayers of the People that states, "In all whom we have injured or offended. We pray to you, Lord."

Compassion is also the foundation for our Special Projects. We are supporting organizations that help those facing challenges today. The theme for 2024 and 2025 is Food Insecurity. I encourage you to take time to discover what the issues are for your Archdeaconry and how we as Anglican Church Women can help. Please contact your Archdeaconry Vice President or the ACW office if you know of a local organization dealing with Food Insecurity that can use our help. There will be information about the selected organizations that we will be supporting in 2025 in the upcoming newsletters.

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 Anglican sisters in the Diocese.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD APRIL 25, 2025

MOTION: It is moved by June Dyer, and seconded by Linda Hadaway, that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held April 20, 2024, be accepted as circulated in the on-line Annual Report.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Diocesan ACW Secretary-Treasurer, Sandra McPhail, reviewed the financial statements for 2024 as posted on the Diocesan website.

In particular, she noted Diocesan ACW outreach which is supported by donations and investment interest, supplemented by investment reserves.

MOTION: Moved by Sandra McPhail, and seconded by Margaret Durant, that the Review Engagement Financial Statements for 2024 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2025

MOTION: Moved by Sandra McPhail, and seconded by Enid Corbett, that the accounting firm John L. Loreta CPA be appointed to provide the Review Engagement for the year 2025. **CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS

MOTION: Moved by Gerri Currier, and seconded by June Dyer, that Janice Hodgson, Sandra McPhail, Enid Corbett, and Ruth Pengelly serve as signing officers. **CARRIED.** Two signatures are needed on each cheque or document.

PRESENTATION OF 2025 BUDGET

Diocesan ACW Secretary-Treasurer, Sandra McPhail, presented the proposed budget. This was for information purposes only and did not require a vote.

Sandra McPhail commented that the budget will be updated as necessary throughout the year. For example, if Special Project donations exceed expectations, the budget will be adjusted accordingly. She noted that "Gain on Redemption" would more accurately be recorded as withdrawals from investments.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Immediate Past President, Enid Corbett, was pleased to introduce bursary recipient Anne Lane, from the Church of the Ascension, Port Perry ON. Enid explained that there are two bursaries available from Toronto Diocesan ACW. One is for Priests and the other is for lay ministry including Vocational Deacons. Enid read an excerpt from the reference letter received in support of Anne's bursary application.

GUEST SPEAKER

Bursary recipient, Anne Lane, expressed her thanks for the invitation to join us today. As a child, her mother was an ACW member. She remembers auxiliaries from her time at St. Paul Innisfil. She moved to Port Perry after she got married and served as ACW Vice President prior to the birth of her first child.

The parish of Ascencion Port Perry has no formal ACW group but is dedicated to outreach. Anne was encouraged to sign up for courses. She took Education for Ministry as a first-year course by Zoom. She expressed her gratitude for the bursary she received from Diocesan ACW. It helped to cover the cost of fees and text books. She has met with the Spiritual Director to identify the steps ahead and is looking forward to studying Deaconate Ministry at Trinity College. She noted that every Baptized Christian is called to ministry and this is renewed through Confirmation.

Thank You:

Enid Corbett thanked Anne Lane for being a guest speaker today, saying that we were pleased to help her on this journey.

----- **BREAK** -----

HYMN

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulty, we were not able to join in the singing of the post-break hymn "For the Healing of the Nations".

ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2024 Annual Reports are posted on the Diocesan website.

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

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Enid Corbett, Toronto Diocesan ACW Immediate Past-President and Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate as follows:

President	Janice Hodgson
Immediate Past President	Enid Corbett
Secretary-Treasurer	Sandra McPhail
Chancel Co-Chairs	Ruth Briffett and Peggy Perkins
Nominating	Enid Corbett
West Archdeaconry	Valma Hay (Vice President), Ruth Briffett, Anita Gittens
Central Archdeaconry	Mary Macnamara (Vice President), June Dyer, Linda Hadaway
North Archdeaconry	Carol Cryer
East Archdeaconry	Marion Saunders (Vice President), Carolyn Atkinson, Gerri Currier
South Archdeaconry	vacant
Chaplain	The Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh

MOTION: Moved by Enid Corbett, and seconded by Sandra McPhail, that the Nominations Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

OFFICIAL BALLOT

The ballot was cast verbally by Designated Responder, Margaret Durant.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Bishop Kevin Robertson was called upon to officiate at the Installation of Officers. Margaret Durant was the designated responder.

Bishop Robertson commented that he was very honoured to officiate. He was concerned to learn that South Archdeaconry is not represented and pledged that he will encourage participation. He expressed his congratulations to the new officers.

MEMORIAL BOOK

Diocesan ACW Chaplain, the Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh, read the names that were inscribed in the Book of Memory for 2024. These names are also printed in the on-line Annual Report.

Florence Weatherston	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	May 14, 2007
Margaret Cady	Christ the King, Etobicoke	June 1, 2009
Doreen Collins	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	October 7, 2011
Constance Peters	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	February 28, 2013
Evelyn Grover	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	December 16, 2014
Lindell May Mitchell	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	January 4, 2017
Betty Oakley	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	March 3, 2017
Barbara Payne	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	June 12, 2017
Jane Moore Anderson	Christ the King, Etobicoke	May 13, 2021

Carolyn Fredenburg	Christ the King, Etobicoke	July 15, 2021
Velma Leaver	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	August 26, 2021
Jessie Adams	Christ the King, Etobicoke	October 31, 2022
Carol MacKay	Christ the King, Etobicoke	November 25, 2022
Vivian Brennen	Christ the King, Etobicoke	August 21, 2023
Maria (Mieke) Gerdina Delange	Christ Church, Stouffville	December 31, 2023
Shelagh Ann Heath	Holy Trinity, Thornhill	January 16, 2024
Hazel Audrey Denning	Holy Trinity, Thornhill	March 17, 2024
Mary Evers	Christ Church, Stouffville	May 12, 2024
Ruth Grace Burritt	Ecclesiastical Needleworker	May 28, 2024
Margaret Raymond	Holy Trinity, Thornhill	June 12, 2024
Olga Clarke	St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale	July 22, 2024
Louise Reid	Ecclesiastical Needleworker	July 28, 2024
Carol Mary McGlaughlin	Holy Trinity, Thornhill	October 19, 2024
Florence Elizabeth Neville	Holy Trinity, Thornhill	January 16, 2024

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Carolyn Atkinson, Representative for Oshawa Deanery, East Archdeaconry, reviewed the Special Projects chosen for 2025 and the amounts paid as follows:

North Archdeaconry:	Angus Foodbank (\$350) Elmvale Foodbank (\$350) Barrie Friendship Centre (\$300)
South Archdeaconry:	Teresa Group and the Infant Formula Program (\$1,000).
East Archdeaconry:	Feed the Need In Durham (\$1,000)
West Archdeaconry:	Youth Without Shelter (\$1,000).
Central Archdeaconry:	York Region Food Network (\$500) Feed Scarborough (\$500)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Marion Saunders, Toronto Diocesan ACW Past President and Diocesan ACW Vice-President for East Archdeaconry, was pleased to introduce Ryan Duarte, Community and Events Officer for Feed the Need in Durham. Feed the Need in Durham was the Special Project selected by East Archdeaconry for 2024.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ryan Duarte expressed his thanks for the invitation to be with us today. He shared a very informative slide presentation. Feed the Need in Durham has been a registered charity since 2008 and is the regional food distribution hub. Their reach includes 70 community food programs and the distribution of \$8.8 million worth of fresh and non-perishable food annually (2.5 million pounds). When people visit the food market, they are given a basket to fill. The size of the basket is based on the number of people in their household. The basket is their budget. This method creates less waste. They service 400 families and the number is growing. They receive food from 3 sources: food rescue, community food drives, and the purchase of items such as milk and eggs. There is an escalating crisis of food insecurity. This does not mean starvation; it means inadequate diet, with not enough food to provide a healthy and nutritious diet. In Durham, one in four households are food insecure. This is in part due to the increased cost of necessities such as food and housing. The monthly food bill for a family of four has increased by 36%. Food bank use has increased by 60% since 2021. Feed the Need Durham has only 10 employees but over 200 volunteers running their program. The list of items most needed includes: canned protein, hearty canned foods, grains, canned fruit and vegetables, and baby items.

Ryan Duarte once again expressed his thanks for the invitation. He also wished to express his thanks for our donation. It was especially appreciated during the low-time after Christmas. We are stronger together. \$1,000 = 2,000 meals!

Thank You:

Marion Saunders thanked Ryan for making us more aware of the food insecurity situation. We appreciated his time. It was noted that this is not exclusive to Durham. There is a wide-spread need. Janice Hodgson added her thanks for a very informative presentation.

THANK YOU'S

Janice Hodgson wished to express her thanks to the following members of the Board:

Marlene Gardiner and Mavis McKenna for serving on the Board. Both stepped down in 2024.

Board Members for their support during the first year of her Presidency.

Welcome to those Board members who are returning to office.

Sandy McPhail and the Finance Committee.

Enid Corbett and June Dyer for their work on the newsletter.

Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh for her insightful talks at Board meetings and today's Devotion.

Judy Beal for keeping the office running smoothly, AGM preparation, help and encouragement that was appreciated through the year.

Cheryl Gallagher for her patience co-hosting today's AGM.

QUESTIONS

Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh wished to ask about the budget. Is the only source of revenue donations from the parishes? Enid Corbett responded that funds are received through parish donations, orders filled by the Needleworkers, and investment interest.

Rev'd Canon Joan Cavanaugh wished to invite everyone to her parish tea party in Minden on Sunday August 17 at 3 p.m. It is a wonderful time of camaraderie. More details to follow.

Once again, Rev'd Joan wished to express her thanks for the honour of being Diocesan ACW Chaplain.

ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

With a motion put forward by Linda Hadaway, the business portion of the Annual General Meeting was adjourned.

Marion Saunders thanked Janice Hodgson for her leadership, and wished her well as she moves forward in her Presidency.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Marion Saunders was pleased to introduce Ji-Sook Kyun, Lead Health Practitioner, Pastoral Counsellor, Spiritual Care from Lakeridge Health in Oshawa. This is perhaps the largest community hospital in Canada with 5 hospitals, 30 locations, 9000 staff members, physicians and volunteers. Interfaith ministry in hospitals is sometimes overlooked. Chaplaincy in hospitals are pilgrims of hope who endure through many difficult trials.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ji-Sook Kyun expressed her thanks for the invitation to be with us today. She began by asking "What is compassionate spiritual care?". Life can have difficult challenges. There are many faith backgrounds and hospital chaplains are working to support and help people of different beliefs.

The role of chaplain is often challenged and questioned. It is the non-religious who have sometimes faced the most difficult challenges. They talk about their life journey, struggles, worries, and health challenges. Never once is church discussed during those conversations. At the end of the visit, they bless you on what you are doing. They welcome you back because you are willing to listen, recognizing that "this is a

friend who cares”. Being present and available is all that is needed in the pain. To be there and present in the midst of their pain. Through our own pain, we have some understanding of their struggle.

Chaplains are often called in when death is near or when diagnosis have been received. They are asked “Where is God” or “How does God allow this?” They help people through mental health – depression, anxiety, and all other afflictions. They provide hospitality and a safe space where people can come and rest. Staff receive training to look at their own struggles so that doesn’t impact people reaching out for support. A new “Code Lavendar” has been established to provide support to staff.

We have experienced the goodness of God; give people the opportunity to be aware of His presence. One cancer patient said, look at my soul, not my body. God is in me. This was a witness to God’s compassionate care. God is there. God’s care is our ultimate comfort.

An Anglican Church Minister was the first Chaplain, perhaps over 40 years ago. There are 6 spiritual health practitioners. It is an honour to meet so many people and witness their strength. It is an honour to journey with them in that spiritual space.

Psalm 46: God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble. Be glad in the City of God!

Every moment of the day you, yourself, in your ministry can make a difference.

Questions:

Rev’d Canon Joan Cavanaugh spoke about previous training received at Lakeridge during SARS, remembering Ji-Sook Kyun being so lovely and gracious.

Linda Hadaway, Diocesan ACW Representative for Christ Church Stouffville, shared that she is a retired health care practitioner. She stayed on during Covid and felt that Code Lavender would have been a great idea at that time. She wondered if the concept has been shared with other hospitals. Ji-Sook Kyun responded that there were waves of people leaving during that time and they recognized the importance of supporting staff, and meeting with teams, when called. Code Lavender is being implemented at some Toronto hospitals.

Thank You:

Marion Saunders wished to thank our guest speaker, Ji-Sook Kyun, for opening our hearts and minds, saying that she has personified for us the compassion that the Spiritual Care team bring to many.

Janice Hodgson wished to add her thanks and announced that an honorarium is to be sent to Lakeridge Health Spiritual Care. Ji-Sook Kyun expressed her thanks for the donation, saying that it would be used to benefit staff and patients in the multifaith space.

CLOSING HYMN

With computers muted, everyone was invited to join in the singing of “Sister Let me be Your Servant”.

CLOSING BLESSING

The Rev’d Canon Joan Cavanaugh offered the blessing.

ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. Thank you everyone who joined us today.

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 2025
Anglican Church Women

Dianne Dbonne Abbott
Grace Church, Markham
January 22, 2025

Shirley Esther Brown
St. Cuthbert's Leaside
June 18, 2024

Ann Patricia Coneybeare
St. Cuthbert's Leaside
September 15, 2024

Joy Sarojanee Deonarine-Clarke
Grace Church, Markham
May 11, 2025

Patricia Fanning
Christ Church, Stouffville
February 2, 2025

Gladys Irene Keeble
Grace Church, Markham
April 8, 2025

Patricia (Pat) McCrimmon
St. Cuthbert's Leaside
December 30, 2024

Linda McVeigh
Holy Trinity, Thornhill
December 23, 2024

Flavia Redelmeier
St. Mary's Richmond Hill
July 2024