



# Anglican Church Women

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*Thank  
You*

to all

Social Action Chairs and everyone  
for all your contributions during the  
year



Do not forget to do good and to share with others...

..Hebrews 13:16

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# From the President . . .

*by Donna Kohmyr*

The ACW National Presidents' Conference was held in Langley B.C. on October 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The conference took place at Springbrooke Retreat Center in Langley. This is a very picturesque location on the banks of the Fraser River. It rained every day but Friday, so although the location was very inviting for walking everything was too wet.

I arrived late afternoon and met up with Barbie Garvin our Diocesan Vice President and Janet Pike the National Secretary. Supper was meatloaf. There were meetings of the five Ecclesiastical Provinces. Then we had some social time with Archbishop Fred and Bishop Melissa of the Diocese of New Westminster. The evening concluded with Compline at 9 p.m.

Thursday morning there was a Matins at 7:30 followed by breakfast at 8. Bishop Barbara spoke to us about the Council of the North. It is amazing how large an area that the Council of the North covers. There was a short Annual General Meeting. Rev, Sue Foley-Currie gave the presentation for the theme for this conference - "I am the vine, you are the branches".

Tasha Carrothers lead a question and answer session on the difficulties of engaging the young people in the work of the ACW. The final conclusion was that the young are quite willing to help with any project as long as there is a specific purpose and timeline. They are not interested in a long term commitment of time or attending of meetings or holding offices. This seemed to be all over the country.

Supper was Fresh B.C. salmon baked in the oven with pesto sauce. Delicious.

We were transferred to St. George's church in Langley. A beautiful historical building. The men's club call themselves the Knights of St. George. The women said that they always were fighting with the men and therefore they called themselves the Dragon Ladies. I have never seen so many purple shirts at one service. The ACW chaplain is a bishop. The Bishop of New Westminster is Melisa. The sidesperson was a retired bishop and his wife. There was a very tall man and a very short man in the congregations both wearing purple shirts with the white collar. The primate gave the sermon and his theme was to reach out beyond our usual concerns. The installation of the new National Executive Officers took place. The wine and cheese social in the parish hall followed the service.

Friday started with morning worship followed by

breakfast. We had a bus tour of Vancouver and Michael Kluckner was our very informative tour guide. We toured Downtown Eastside, Chinatown (saw the narrowest building (5 feet), Gastown, Stanley Park and the totem poles, Prospect Point and the Lions Gate Bridge, Spanish Banks, The University of British Columbia and of course ACW Place.

We stopped at ACW place and some of the ladies helped to pack bales for the north. We had lunch. One of the ladies was from an area where the bales would be delivered and this gave a more meaning to the whole project. Later that evening we received word that the bales were on their way. That afternoon we were given some free time to shop at Fort Langley.

After supper Tasha did a windup of her presentation. There was a short business meeting and the compline service. Algoma's prayer partner for 2017 is the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

Saturday there was a closing worship service and then breakfast and everyone started leaving.

It was a good experience. I meet some old friends and made some new ones. It is wonderful to meet people from so many parts of Canada and share their stories. I was pleased to note that there were two young women in the group.

Next June 15-18 there will be a National Gathering for All Anglican Women at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario. Registration fee is \$500.00 includes shared accommodation and all meals including Sunday breakfast. There will be no planned tours but if you wanted to come early or stay later it sounded like that could be arranged. Coordinator is Marion Saunders 1 905 439 2728 or Email:mares@indirect.ca

Tomorrow is December 1st already. Where did the year go? Hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Blessing to you and your families.

Yours in Christ

*Donna*  
ACW Diocesan President



# Greetings from the Chaplain

by Rev . Heather Manuel

Grace and peace to you, my sisters!

If you are like me, you've spent much of the fall season pondering the conflict and strife in our world.

Conflict overseas in countries like Syria and Iraq, where people live with daily violence.

Conflict in politics that dominates the airwaves, where division seems more effective than compassion.

Many people in my churches have asked me; 'how do we find hope where hate seems to rule?'

Thanks be to God, we are in the season of Advent: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy!

We are in the season where we contemplate these virtues, and marvel that God trusted us so much that he came among us as a baby – the most vulnerable of creatures – and relied on us to provide the love, peace, hope and joy that a child needs to grow into a person of virtue in a world of strife.

In honour of the season, I want to share with you part of a Christmas poem by our sister Maya Angelou, whose words use the Christmas season to call the world back to hope, love, joy and peace.

Many blessings to you all.

*Heather*



## Mutli Thoughts

*from your Diocesan Treasurer, Jacquie Howell*

Thank you to all the Unit treasurers and parish contacts, who sent their donations for 2016. You made my work so much easier with your early donations.

Your Diocesan board has been very careful with the association expenses and focussed on the mission of ACW to support mission work. A full report will be in the annual booklet.

I wish to remind Deanery Presidents and ALL parish presidents and contacts that we need current email contacts. This is how we communicate with each parish.

## Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem By Dr. Maya Angelou

"Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,  
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope  
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.  
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,  
Come the way of friendship.  
It is the Glad Season.

Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly  
in the corner.  
Flood waters recede into memory.  
Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us  
As we make our way to higher ground.  
Hope is born again in the faces of children  
It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk  
into their sunsets.

Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things,  
Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors.  
In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.  
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.  
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.  
We hear a sweetness.

The word is Peace.  
It is loud now. It is louder.  
Louder than the explosion of bombs.  
Peace, My Brother.  
Peace, My Sister.  
Peace, My Soul.

Send lists to Janet Pike. (Deanery of Temiskaming you were first.)

**Did you know**, every woman in your parish can receive the newsletter that allows you to be connected to women across our Diocese? As individuals just sign on.

**Most importantly**, plan to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Diocesan ACW. –May 30 –June 1 - I know we will have a great time and I am wondering how many will be present that attended the first ACW annual – special women.



# Family Life

by Judy Pratt

December is a time of year when families seem to be the focus with all of the preparations for Christmas: gifts, meals, special baking, teas and sales, concerts, plays and, of course, special outfits and new Christmas pyjamas. But as our busy lives get busier perhaps our loved ones actually receive less attention as we try to cram in all the extras plus fulfill our regular roles: take-out pizza for supper, more TV and tablet time, fewer opportunities for exercising or for visiting Grandma and Pops.

When do we allow the sunrise to take our breath away or the beauty of the trees laced with snow to turn our thoughts to grateful prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the glory of the firmament? Moments of joy and wonder will help restore a peaceful core that we are able to draw upon when life is harried and the snow blower breaks down. The repetition of these minor yet breath-taking minutes of praise (your grandson remembered his lines in the lighting of the Advent candle; the baby took her first step; the choir's solo brought tears of comfort) enhance the sense that "God's in his place: all's right with the world".

Family traditions – new, developing and old - may anchor us to our faith and bring us closer together. I was fortunate to have a mother-in-law who for many years sent us different booklets of daily thoughts or short readings that brought our family together to focus on Advent, the getting ready for the birth of the baby Jesus. Each day there would be a brief prayer to bind these concerns and praises together.

As women of the church (mothers, grandmothers,

aunts, sisters and friends) may we commit to continue to pray for the needs of our families and churches. Let's remember that many parishes, most especially in the Deanery of Muskoka, are facing huge decisions and changes as amalgamation of churches is in the forefront of planning this year. As a member of Emmaus Anglican Church, the new parish from the joining of St. John the Evangelist and St. Matthew's Anglican churches in the Deanery of Algoma, I am able to state that praying for the family of God to work through these times of growth and pain, is a commitment that we all could consider as an extra focus for prayer. Moments may seem to be few but driving alone with the radio off may allow a brief time to offer up petitions; the workout time may allow reflection on the needs of others as there may an early morning walk or after supper ramble with the dog.

Whatever we may commit to let us do all "for the glory of God, for He made you" (a popular song on local Christian radio). In a prayer "For The Human Family" from the Book of Common Prayer (United States Episcopal Church, p. 815),

"Look with compassion on the whole human family; ... break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purpose on earth..."

Merry Christmas to all and may our new church year just begun be a time of "peace and goodwill to all".

Judy



**"We must be willing to let go of the life we've planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us". Joseph Campbell thought it could easily be adjusted to read "the life God has waiting for us".**

*Submitted by Carole Kostyniuk, Thunder Bay*

## Christian Salvage Mission a worldwide distribution centre of evangelical literature

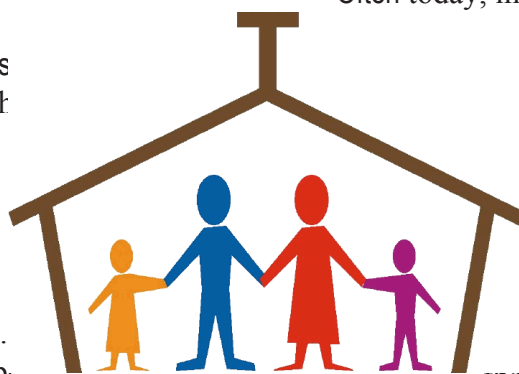
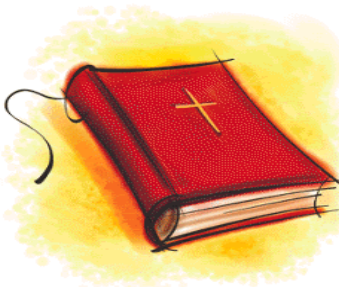
Christian Salvage Mission started in 1994 in the garage of Lauren, a retired pastor, and his wife Dorothy Redinger of Beamsville. Their main focus was and is to provide and ship evangelical literature to individuals, pastors, Christian workers and Bible students, free of charge. This organization is duly registered with the Canadian Government and issues valid receipts for financial gifts to the Mission. There is only one individual, the Office Administrator, who is a paid staff member whereas all individuals involved are volunteers.

The CSM Board of Directors decide where containers will be shipped after the Board is satisfied the ministry is legitimate and if they agree to the requirements set out by CSM. It is always a concern for Christian Salvage Mission that materials being shipped are provided free of charge and no one is generating monies from the sale of such materials.

Requests are received daily from overseas, pleading for a Bible, Bible dictionaries, medical, educational, children's books and other materials.

The Hamilton headquarters carefully sort the materials they receive and items are directed to the Bible Library, the Barrel & Box, or the Container Program. The Pastor's Bible Library allows for a Bible and a few books to be sent in a 2 kg package and mailed to the requested recipient. The cost, during 2016, approximately \$30.00 to \$35.00 for this type of package to be shipped, depending on the country.

The Barrel & Box Program is a request from a church or Bible school needing a quantity of books and packaging them in a barrel (maximum weight 300 lbs). Barrels are shipped to the Caribbean area only. The Door-to-Door Box Program continues to provide materials to Christian workers in the Philippines, and \$85.00 is the average cost to ship a box (maximum weight 200 lbs).



Requests from a ministry or mission, are also handled and when there is a need for a large quantity of resources, CSM will ship 20 foot containers. Each container weighs approximately 16.5 tons (or 591 banana boxes). The cost to ship a container averages from \$3,500.00 up to \$6,000.00 depending on the conditions and country involved. The first container was shipped out of Hamilton around 2000-2001. Africa, West Africa, India, Uganda, Nigeria, Liberia, Gambia, Trinidad, Zimbabwe, Ghana, and the Philippines are some of the countries receiving materials. In 2009, thirteen containers were shipped, making it a record year. Presently, CSM ships an average of ten to eleven containers per year. Before a container is shipped, CSM must be assured proper documentation and all delivery conditions are in place so that the container will be released at the dock upon arrival. This is no small feat especially where Christian values are not recognized. Donations are willingly accepted to cover shipping costs.

Often today, in our studies, Bibles and evangelical materials are being used and one does not wish to see them go to waste. At the beginning of CSM in 1994, well over one million pounds of evangelical materials have been shipped. This year alone, 400,000 pounds of materials have been collected and sent in for shipping. Out of that volume, CSM have received 280,000 pounds of materials in the hands of fellow believers.

In the Diocese of Algoma 'Book Sunday' is held and these books are sent to CSM, so we are doing our small part in assisting with this ministry. A transport company traveling from the West makes stops, upon prior arrangements, and picks up all evangelical materials, which are packed in banana boxes, and delivered to the CSM warehouse in Hamilton. A banana box

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## Green Christmas (December)

On one hand, you find a baby in a manger, the simplicity of shepherds and Mary pondering these events in her heart. On the other hand, the mountain of gifts under the tree, the banquet of wasted food and the ton of trash at the end. What is left of the spiritual significance of Christmas? Green Church wishes you a very Merry Green Christmas.



## National Sweater Day (February 6)

We hope National Sweater Day was a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy, and inspired you to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada, and is a significant source of emissions. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 million tons.



## Eco-Valentine (February 14)

Give your Valentine a gift of fair trade chocolate on Valentine's Day! Your love for the one close to your heart will reach out to embrace the workers in developing countries whose labour produces the cocoa, often in unjust conditions. Who knew that the legend of Saint Valentine, a 3rd century priest, could inspire ecological action?

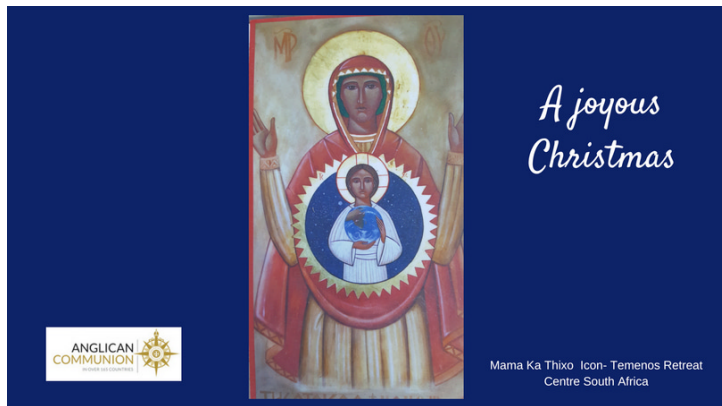


## Earth Hour (last Saturday of March)

Earth Hour will take place on Saturday, March 29th 2014, from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. You may want to share this time with your church congregation and make it a time for prayer. A candlelight service per-



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by Rev Rachel Mash [rmash@mweb.co.za](mailto:rmash@mweb.co.za)

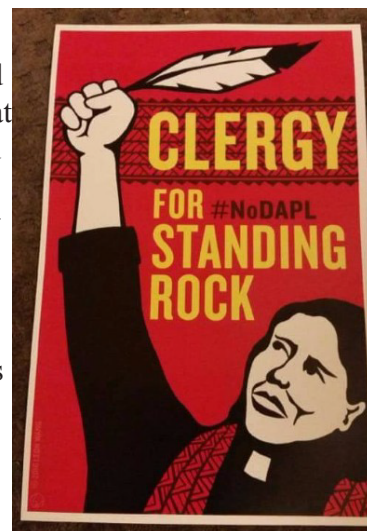
On behalf of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network we would like to wish you a joyous Christmas and a well earned break with your family and friends.



Although 2016 will be remembered as the year when darkness was very strong, the advent period reminds us that light is stronger than darkness and it will not be overcome. The small army of those people filled with hate is much smaller than the great army of those filled with love and compassion - our task - to mobilise the big army! Here are a few stories of how Anglicans around the world are making a difference. In the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu . "Good is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death. Victory is ours, through him who loves us".

## Standing Rock

The prayers of the world were with the Sioux nation at Standing Rock as they stood to protect their water from the proposed oil pipe. Water is more precious than oil. The Episcopal Church took a strong stand and stood in solidarity with the protestors - and joined them in celebration as the Pipeline was halted - for now.



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# Around the Diocese

## Algoma

*by Marilyn Schmidt for Barbara Sherwood*

We are very excited that our own former ACW Chaplain and Sudbury's Archdeacon Ann Germond is our newly elected 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Algoma Diocese. Ann is our first female Bishop and do you remember in the eighties the thought of a female priest was horrible and forbidden. Bishop elect Ann was our first Diocesan Chaplain thanks to Ena Conliffe of Thunder Bay who appointed Ann as our Chaplain, who served us well and was always here for us with an open heart and mind and arms. We know she has big shoes to fill following our former Bishops Ron Ferris and Bishop Stephen Andrews and she is more than qualified to fill those shoes. This is an exciting time for our Diocese. Diocesan President Donna Komyhr was telling us how excited and privileged she was to attend the Electoral Synod and have a vote and to vote for us knowing how we all adored Ann and her qualifications. We CONGRATULATE ARCHDEACON ANN on becoming our Diocesan Bishop. At one time our ACW never had a seat on EXECUTIVE or a vote in the early 90's but The Ven. Archdeacon Mark Conliffe of Thunder Bay brought this issue up at Synod and argued that the ACW who were the backbone of every church should have a seat and vote at Executive. We have The Ven. Archdeacon Mark to thank for all he did for our ACW.

I am on my soap box again BISHOPHURST our Bishop's home has had all the chimney's repaired as after all these years they were eroding. This past month the roofs have been replaced with lifetime shingles along with the garage roof. The bathroom between the Master bedroom has a GREEN BATHTUB and TOILET and UGLY WALL TILES, nothing has been done to it since 1948. It needs to be replaced and money has run out in the BISHOPHURST budget. It would be wonderful to remodel this bathroom and our committee responsible for the maintenance of Bishophurst are wondering if any of your groups would make a donation to the bathroom fund as every dollar adds up and this project could be done. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS as this is a beautiful stately home and used for many occasions which otherwise would have to rent a hall for or put people visiting in a hotel instead of the apartment.

St. John's the Evangelist and St. Matthews are now united in St. Matthews Church renamed Emmaus Church with The Rev. Patrick McManus full time and The Rev. Pam Rayment half time. Congratulations to these two

churches joining in Faith and Love together. St. John The Evangelist is now closed.

St. Andrews Day November 30th. will be held at St. Luke's Cathedral with Dean Jim McShane presiding and our Lutheran sisters have been invited to join us as they have in previous years. All our groups have been busy with teas and dinners. A joint Emmaus / St. Luke's MARY and MARTHA Group meet monthly providing a social time for seniors. Most of our churches support St. Vincent's Place and men's shelter and Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon make gifts of ANGELS for the residences of Algoma Manor a home for the aged. Most of our churches are involved in CHRISTMAS CHEER which is city wide with food boxes and toys and scarfs and mitts for children. Every church donates money, food, toys, clean and repair toys or are depots. We also stuff shoe boxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. We all contribute to our COMMUNITY in some way. Our ACW'S are busy bees with too much going on to mention.

St. Luke's Cathedral on November the 4th had AN EVENING OF MILITARY MUSIC with the 49th Field Regiment RCA Pipes and Drums and branch 25 Royal Canadian Legion and the Theme was WE WILL REMEMBER THEM which was well attended city wide. On a closing note November 11th, has just passed and we always remember those who served our country and gave us our freedom to religion, speech and the right to vote. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN WAR and PEACE. On Sunday Nov. 20th a Blessing and Dedication SERVICE of the SACRISTY was held in memory of Dean Emeritus Lawrence Robertson and his wife Joyce. St. Luke's has also joined Zion Lutheran Church in NEW BEGINNINGS INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SPONSORSHIP GROUP for refugees.

IN SEPTEMBER our own Diocesan Secretary Emily Noble was the recipient of the 2016 Mickey Contini Award of Merit. She is a STRONG and PASSIONATE VOICE For Public Education. She had been District 3 Algoma President in 2001. Emily Thrived at the district level and was a Panelist on a Provincial ADVOCACY workshop. Emily continues to toil with the organization as the DISTRICT RTO/ERO Foundation representative which enhances the quality of life for aging adults. Emily



served as an active and respected teacher (who many students come up to her while we are out and remind her she taught them or their children) also served as a local president of FWTAO, Provincial President of ETFO, National President of CTF and Eight years as a member of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL (the organization for the world teachers) CONGRATULATIONS EMILY. Emily finds time to help many people with food, rides, takes Communion and visits shut-ins, plays the organ at St. Peters and belongs to many community organizations where she is all over the community helping out.

HAVE A HOLY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY HEALTHY 2017. BLESSINGS TO ALL

*Marilyn Schmidt*



## Muskoka

*by Jacquie Howell and Darla McQueen*

All Saints', Huntsville and St. Thomas Bracebridge presented Ruth Binks and Elsie Wilkie with a Certificate of Recognition during All Saint's Huntsville's ACW Corporate Communion Service on Sunday, November 27th.

Mary Andison, who made the application for Elsie Wilke, presented the rose to a very surprised Elsie; Linda Smith, President of All Saints' Huntsville, ACW and President of ACW Muskoka Deanery; The Ven. Dawn Henderson, Archdeacon of Muskoka Deanery and Rector of All Saints presenting, and Ruth Binks.

*Mary Andison, Elsie Wilke, Linda Smith, PThe Ven. Dawn Henderson and Ruth Binks.*



## Temiskaming

*by Ann Burton*

We have some news for you about the 50th Annual. This is what has been decided for the first day of the Annual - Tues. May 30th.

The executive will meet at 2:00 PM at St. Brice's Church, 1225 Cassells St. North Bay. At 5:00 PM dinner for only the executive will be served. This means that everyone else will be on their own for dinner that night. Registration will be at the Hotel (Best Western - Lakeshore Dr. - times to be announced later). The service will be at St. Brice's and will begin at 7:00 PM. After the Service we can socialize in the Hall over coffee, tea, etc. sweets, veggies and fruit. Don't forget your Thank Offerings to be presented at this Service. Also, each Deanery President needs a list of all the ladies who have died this year, 2016, in January, that the presidents will send on to the Diocesan Secretary for inclusion in the booklet the registrants will receive. These names are read out by all the Deanery Presidents at this service.

We are progressing very nicely with all the other plans for the Annual. All the information you will need will be sent out in March.

Please think about donation something very nice for the Margaret Wright Table that Mary Rossiter will be looking after. It is always fun to shop and to see what others are making.

We have all had our teas and bake sales raising money for missions. Temiskaming always does well.

Churches are making some innovations to their ACW structures in order to get more help for their events. St. John's, North Bay has combined their ACW with their friendship groups to socialize. First there is communion then everyone either has a shared lunch or goes out to lunch. They are building relationships for no ACW group runs a project by themselves - we all need all of the ladies and their husbands to help at one time or another.

St. Brice's is preparing for the Seniors Lunch Dec. 3rd. We make up about 20 baskets filled with books, movies, small white elephant items, baking etc. for a penny sale. People enjoy buying the tickets and putting them in a numbered container in front of the basket. It is just for fun.

Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, looking forward to an interesting, service filled New Year.

Blessings

*Anne Burton*

# Thunder Bay – North Shore

by Barbara Williams

As I write this report, it's raining out and I can see green grass in the front yard. It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner.

Due to circumstances beyond our 'control', our Fall Deanery didn't take place. Our executive will remain the same for the upcoming year. The long range plan is to hold the Fall Deanery in Nipigon next year enough advance notice so that more ladies can attend.

Most churches have held their Christmas teas, which, from what I hear, were all successful. At St. Paul's, they held a luncheon consisting of chili, coleslaw and buns while the children had hot dogs and potato chips with beverages and dessert. They even had a chili bake off between Archdeacon Deborah Kraft and Rev. Gordon Holroyd. You could taste their chili for a small fee and vote on the best one. As it was close to Hallowe'en, you were encouraged to wear costumes. I was a witch.

Many ladies knit toques for the seafarers for the Christmas gift bags. It was quite a production line to fill the gift bags. Nine ladies filled bags and when were done, 232 bags were ready to be delivered to the seafarers this December. We usually make only 50 gift bags.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, all the Sunday School children from each parish were invited to join together and put on a singing concert at St. Michael and All Angels church. Costumes were optional. Following the performance, each child received a small gift.

As Christmas will soon be here, I'd like to share with you something that happened at church a few Sundays ago. On the blackboard were written the words associated with Advent and ending with the word Christmas. My nine year old grandson circled the word 'Christ' in Christmas. In this busy season, we must stop and remember the real reason for the season. Wishing you and yours blessings of the season and in the year to come.

*Barb*

*Barbara Williams was presented with the Anglican Church Women's Certificate of Recognition on Sunday, November 20 at St. Stephen's.*

*submitted by Janet Pike*



Dear Lord Jesus

Open my eyes this day,

so that I might see you more clearly.

Open my ears,

that I may hear you speak to me.

Open my heart,

that I might be overwhelmed by your love for me.

Open my will,

so that I might do what you would have me do.

I am yours, Lord.

Teach me to be your servant.

Amen.

by Barbara Williams



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by Sharon Corston





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haps? This event allows us to shed some light (!) on the abuse of fossil fuels and its impact on climate change (and human rights). If you are not able to hold a church gathering, you can mark Earth Hour at home by turning off your lights and any unnecessary equipment.



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costs an average of \$400.00 per box at a rate of \$7.50 per pound. That said, every dollar contributed to the mission allows the mission to send out \$29.00 worth of Bible and materials to the hands of Christian workers.

All postage stamps, which are collected in the Diocese of Algoma, are sent to CSM, as well. Once the stamps reach Hamilton they are sorted and shipped to a broker in Eastern Ontario who sells and distributes them to individuals. Money generated through donations and the sale of stamps cover a portion of the shipping costs, regardless of the method. The annual revenue of stamps is big business. As of September 7, 2016 a total of



\$3,132.00 (for this year alone) had been raised from postage stamps. So, please remember these stamps are needed and appreciated. As CSM said, 'To us, that is not pocket change, it is a very big help.'

All stats have been provided by CSM Newsletter, 4, 2016

To learn more about Christian Salvage Mission go to [www.csmcanada.org](http://www.csmcanada.org)

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**'When you give someone a Bible, you don't give him just paper, ink, and glue. You give him the possibility of a whole new life.'** Christopher Morley





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## Historic encounter of the Portuguese speaking countries of Africa

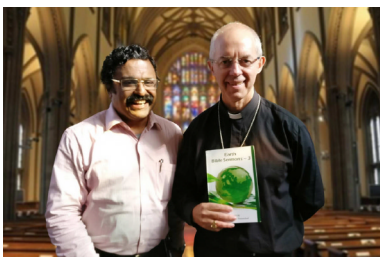
Mozambique and Angola are more than 2000 km apart and the youth has never connected up to now. After meeting up at the Young Green Anglicans Workshop in Lusaka before ACC, connections were made and a wonderful encounter was had. High on the agenda were actions plans on the environment.



<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2016/12/historic-gathering-of-the-portuguese-speaking-dioceses-of-africa.aspx>

## COP22

The nations of the world again came together in Marrakesh and continued to build on the commitments made in Paris.



Although the conference was somewhat overshadowed by the Trump win, significant progress was made by other countries. A highlight was the commitment made by the 47 most vulnerable nations to move to complete renewable energy.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2016/11/faiths-applaud-unprecedented-global-consensus-on-climate-change-action-at-cop22.aspx>

## International Consultation on the Environment

Dr Koshy Punnackadu, the environmental Coordinator of the Church of South India, was invited to attend a three day workshop on the Environment organised by the Church of Scotland and Christian Aid. He also had the opportunity to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury [http://www.csisynod.com/news\\_view.php?Id=450](http://www.csisynod.com/news_view.php?Id=450)

## A quote from a Hopi Elder

“Banish the word ‘struggle’ from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. We are the ones we have been waiting for.”