



Anglican Church Women

Diocese of Algoma Newsletter

Spring 2017

Certificate of Recognition History - What is it

by Jacquie Howell

This recognition came about at the request of a clergy member, who felt that the work done in the church by women needed some form of recognition. The Diocesan ACW Executive was not sure how this could/should be considered. Many women of the WA were recognized and we continue to recognize them. There were many questions about how – why – and who could make these decisions. During a National ACW President's gathering, I was able to ask questions of other Presidents and their thoughts. Much to my surprise, Algoma ACW was in the minority for not recognizing the work of women. The form of recognition across the country varied, 3 or 4 Dioceses had continued with the WA model pins and life memberships. Others had just pins, others had services with letters and Nova Scotia had a certificate of recognition. Community organizations, municipal, provincial and federal government recognised contributions to the "good of the community" but not the Church with some exceptions.

The hard work of establishing some form of recognition started with prayer. This was to be an individual church decision; the Diocesan ACW would facilitate the certificate and maintain a record but would not pass judgement on the quality or kind of service. The

candidate would have been active in her parish for a minimum of 10 years. In the spirit of ACW all women (Choir, Altar Guild, lay readers, clergy wives, organists etc) could receive this certificate. The Rector of the

parish would sign the letter of request to the Diocesan ACW and the local Church would present the Certificate of Recognition. The cost of producing the certificate and a donation to the outreach program of the Diocesan ACW would be required (Total currently at \$50.00). A form was created giving direction on how to request a certificate and the presentation.

The Diocesan ACW board approved this idea and the Bishop approved it. The first few he followed up with a letter to the candidates, however, this was changed to the Bishop's signature being part of the Certificate.

As you look at the beautiful booklet that has been created with the names of recipients from all across our Diocese, it is a wonderful tribute to the work of women in the Algoma Church. I know the decision of the Church to participate is not done without prayer. The appreciation of the individuals and their families has been overwhelming.

A single rose is made at the time of presentation.

Take a few moments at our 50th annual to look at the scrap book.



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Diocese of Algoma

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25.35)

The Bishop's Message to the Diocesan ACW Spring 2017

Dear friends in Christ,

What a joy it is to be contributing to your newsletter once again. As you know you hold a special place in my heart, having come to know many of you when I served as the ACW Chaplain. Following the episcopal election some of the first greetings I received were from many of you, including a beautiful note from Donna Komhyr your president. In my travels around the diocese as bishop I am looking forward to connecting with you again.

Thank you for the gift of the leather bound Book of Common Prayer that was presented to me following the consecration service. I was introduced to Anglican worship through the BCP and it has special meaning to me.

The past few months, as Colin and I have been planning our move to Sault Ste. Marie, have been a time of great upheaval in our lives. We've lived in our Sudbury home for close to 25 years, so you can imagine the accumulation of 'stuff' that needed sorting through in order to pack up. We moved into the beautiful and stately Bishophurst here in Sault Ste. Marie towards the end of January and we are very comfortable living in the home where Algoma bishops and their families have rested their heads for over 100 years.

The move to the Sault reminded me a little of arriving in Canada some 30 years ago when everything was lonely and strange and new. What made that time easier was being greeted warmly in church by the woman sitting in front of me on my first Sunday in church. It wasn't a long conversation and Evelyn later admitted that she'd never done anything like that in her life – speak to a stranger in church, yet that small act of kindness made a lasting impression and difference in my life. She and I still friends to this day.

A similar thing happened on my arrival in Sault Ste. Marie. On the Friday before the consecration there was a knock at the door of Bishophurst and when I opened it there was Marilyn Schmidt and

Emily Noble with a wonderful gift basket for each member of our family, welcoming them to town. It was evident that much thought had gone into the selection of gifts and I later learned that every visiting Bishop had received a similar bag as a sign of northern hospitality. I'm sure that members of the ACW had been hard at work preparing these bags. Archbishop Colin Johnson and his wife wrote a letter of thanks for the wonderful way in which they were welcomed to the diocese.

In reflecting on the welcome we received upon our arrival here, I think of the ministry of hospitality in our congregations and communities. What is it like for someone to enter a church for the first time, wondering how they will be received? Will they be noticed or invited to fellowship hour after worship or will they simply be invisible as church members engage with each other and avoid them?

On a much broader scale, what is it like for a newcomer family to arrive on our shores?

Almost every day for the past couple of years there have been reports in the news on the refugee crisis in the world. Some of your parishes might be in the midst of making plans to welcome a family to your community. Since the beginning of time, because of personal circumstances, war or unrest, people have been uprooted from their homes and have found themselves moving to faraway places, feeling vulnerable and alone, relying on the hospitality of others.

We are often fearful of strangers who we may sometimes look upon with superstition and fear. We teach our children not to talk to strangers.

But from the Scriptures we know that offering hospitality to the stranger is not a suggestion, but rather a command. The Torah, or the law in Leviticus that said that, *"The alien who resides with you shall be to you as a citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself."* (Leviticus 19:34) Where does this come

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Spring Greetings from the Chaplain

by Rev. Heather Manuel

As this newsletter arrives, we will be deep into the season of Lent. I always treasure this season, as it is an opportunity to focus on the things that are most important in the kingdom of God, and to give ourselves permission to let go of the rest. My prayer for each of you is that you are finding rest and refinement in these days of fasting, prayer and giving. My prayer for each of our ACWs and Contact Groups is that you take the time during this season to focus on the most important parts of your mission, and give your group permission to let go of the rest.

Let go of events that drain your energy, and focus your energy on the events that give you joy.

Let go of things that discourage, and focus on building up each other and the world around you.

Let go of the generations past, and focus the generations present and to come.

I'd like to leave you with the following story, which illustrate the virtues of attitude and simplicity that we advocate in Lent. I hope it blesses your Lenten journey, and inspires your group.

Heather

The 92 year-old petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years passed away, making the move necessary. After an hour of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an 8-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room . . . just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do." Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from fear
2. Fill your heart with compassion.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

A Note from the Treasurer

Jacquie Howell

It is time to think about your DONATIONS to the Mission, Ministry and Administration of your Diocesan ACW.

The request for these donations is in an email to every branch and church.

I know some prefer written requests; however, email has saved us over \$175.00 per year.

Give prayerful consider to this request.

If you no longer have an active branch, please consider an Associate membership of \$50.00. This will also give you a vote at annual.

We give thanks for the many branches that support Women's work in Algoma.

Family Life

by Judy Pratt

The encompassing arms of our families, homes, churches, other environments and all points in between, are embraced by the term “Family Life”. In our commitment as Anglican Church Women, it seems that our focus and purpose in these situations are gradually changing; many of us have been active members for more years than we care to count. Some of us are just realizing our usefulness in the ACW We are older; our families may be grown. We may have left work (although I wouldn’t say “retired” since many have just moved from one form of employment to another). We are the church – the nurturers, the caregivers, organizers, bakers, cleaners and an endless list of other tasks performed, joined by our fellow church members, the men of the parish, also assuming these roles.

But we women are also the encouragers; we lead the way as examples to the young. I remember myself as a young teenager, volunteering to assist one of the oldest members, Winnie, with the work of the Altar Guild when regular members were not available. Before we began, Winnie asked me if I would like to choose a prayer to start this service to the church. Caught off guard, I mentioned the words of the general confession from Morning Prayer: “We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done”. As an older sister in a large family, I had many responsibilities and concerns, and this

kind, older woman led us through the prayer that allowed me – then and now - to acknowledge my shortcomings and my needs. This is still wisdom today as I contemplate the busyness of life... and the omissions of action or love. There was no questioning from Winnie; it was a shared, honest prayer.

There was another neighbor, Paula; I remember her good cheer - always the spark of laughter and her sense of just get on with it, ... There’s no crying over spilt milk. She had been deserted by her husband and was left with seven children. Yet, she managed to make life enjoyable in spite of hardship and provided a haven from which many of us gained confidence and acceptance.

Later, during my first job as a young teacher, a thousand miles from home, there was Annie T, a practical, efficient woman providing a place for me to stay on weekends, warm comfort, some advice for a homesick 20-something, and a chance to relax away from my school in a tiny community.

These Christian women were all women of prayer, supporting the needs of their families, friends and others such as me. This is a role many of us may embrace. Today this may be appropriate as we search to find time to include more challenges within our busy schedules. Thanks be to God!

Shampoo Warning!

submitted by Jacquie Howell

I don’t know why I didn’t figure this out sooner!

I use shampoo in the shower...when I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body and Printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, “for extra body and volume”.

No wonder I have been gaining weight!

Well! I have gotten rid of that shampoo and

I am going to start showering with Dawn

dish soap instead. Its label reads, “dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove”.

Problem solved!



The Anglican Women

2017 Missions

The 2017 Annual Thank Offering will go to the Pimattisiwin Nipi Living Water as voted and approved at the 2016 Anglican Church Women Annual Conference, in Sudbury.

The Annual Thank Offering

Donations are collected throughout the year, by all Anglican Church Women, and the monies presented at the Opening Eucharist of the Annual Conference.

The ACW Chair of Social Action will seek suggestions for the annual mission from registered of Provincial, National or International charities. The list will be circulated to the Board and TWO projects will be selected. A vote is taken at the Annual General Meeting for the selection of the Annual Thank Offering, for the coming year.



Annual Eucharist Offerings

The Host Deanery selects two registered local charities and two registered national or international charities and submits the list to the Diocesan ACW Secretary.

Margaret Wright Bazaar Table

Presently the Margaret Wright table is involved at the Annual Conference, under the leadership of Mary Rossiter, of the Deanery of Algoma. Mary started this mission project to honour Margaret Wright, wife of Bishop Wright. Margaret Wright was a supporter of ACW and mission and ministry of women. All Anglican ladies are encouraged to contribute to the Margaret Wright Table. For the past couple of years funds generated from this table have actually been decreasing. I encourage all ladies, of each deanery, to please step up and assist in this mission work. Your crafts are needed and welcomed. The proceeds of this table will be designated for a registered Mission work with Children and Women.



The Anglican Church Women

Social Action Report

A History outline of the WA (Women's Auxiliary) & ACW

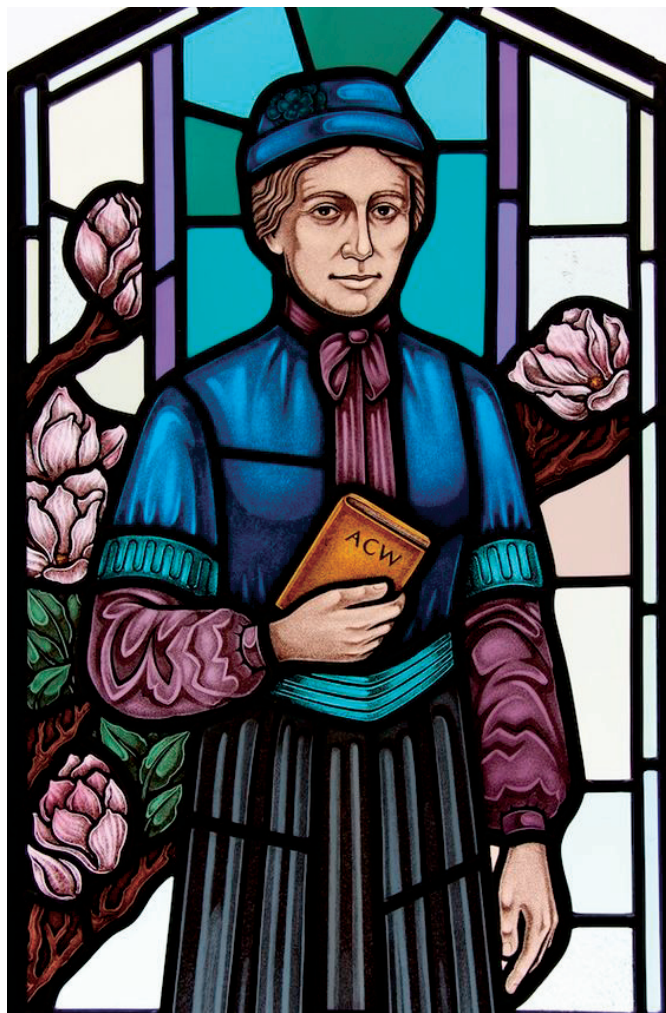
On April 21, 1885, Ms. Roberta E. Tilton and several other women approached the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in Ottawa, to help with missionary work. They were given permission to form the (WA) Women's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada so the first official Board was set in motion.

Mrs. Tilton chose the motto, 'The Love of Christ Constraineth', the hymn of the same name became the official hymn for the WA.

Branches began to spring up in parishes, throughout the churches all over Canada. The main focus of their ministry actually took place in the North as they set up Sunday schools, medical care, and education.

In 1917, the Dominion Board resolved that the name should be 'The Women's Auxiliary of The Church of England in Canada'. In 1966, by resolution of General Synod and the acceptance by the Dominion Bank WA was amalgamated with other women's ministries such as Mother's Union and Chancel Guild to come under the umbrella of Anglican Church Women. The units came together with varying and varied formats, some formally incorporated and others merely changing their names and continuing on with the basic structures and practices of WA. Diocesan Presidents continue to meet regularly as Coordinators and Presidents' at conferences to discuss the various need and concerns of Anglican Church Women and in this way kept connected across the county. The meetings continue, to this day, to be held in different locations across the Diocese.

The Diocese of Algoma celebrates our 50th anniversary as ACW at our Annual in North Bay, May 30, 2017.



Window by Gilroy Stained Glass depicting Roberta Tilton, founder of the Anglican Church Women.



Earth Hour - An Hour to Pray

March 25th, 2017, 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Join us on our: Earth Hour Facebook Event "Blackout in the Name of Love"

from? Well, God once protected the people of Israel when they were refugees wandering in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, and so out of gratitude for this, there is the expectation that God's people will be a people who will remember that, and offer hospitality to others.

In the New Testament the Greek word for stranger 'xenos' also means a guest, or a host, suggesting that we have as much to gain from a stranger as we do in offering the hand of welcome. Priest and writer, Henri Nouwen says that, "Hospitality is the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy." (Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life)

In Matthew's gospel Jesus speaks to his followers about the grounds on which they will be judged at the end of time. Not, he says, on whether we were able to change the whole world, but on how we reached out to the least of these who are called God's children – the most vulnerable in our society. In the end, we are told, it is the small things that really do count – "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25.35) Our impact on the world will be the one on one contact we have with our fellow human beings. The refreshing cup of cool water. The hour spent visiting a sick friend one afternoon. The welcome we extend to someone entering our church for the first time on a Sunday morning. The meal we serve at an Out of the Cold dinner. The clothes we no longer wear that we bring to the women's shelter.

In her book, "The Other Face of God; When the Stranger Calls us Home", Mary Jo Leddy writes about refugee women moving to a new country at a place called 'stillness' which is the border between what the women have always known and what they are moving to.

She writes, "On the other side of stillness is the vast space of uncertainty. Whom will I meet? Will they welcome me or will they walk away? Will they tell me to move on? The still small voices whisper to the woman. "Or maybe someone will look me in the face, and will tell me I am beautiful beyond all words. Perhaps someone will tell me that my children will be treasured by the nation. Perhaps someone will look upon us and see that we are good." (pg. 127)

In God's eyes we are all beautiful and good. We, who live in the safety of this beloved country, who worship God in our beautiful churches each week and pray for

those who are lonely, in need, afraid, for refugees, the poor, the hungry, the outsiders, are now the ones who must recognise this goodness and beauty in others, and reach out and welcome the stranger (even a new bishop!) when we find them at our doors. "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it." (Hebrews 13.2)

More than this, when we extend the hand of welcome to a stranger we are welcoming none other than Christ himself.

With gratitude for the gift of hospitality that you show in your hearts, homes, churches and communities, and for the welcome extended to me and mine.

In the joy of Christ,

+ Anne



Lenten Calendar 2017



Lent is a time of year when one tries to live a little more soberly, inspired by the 40-day fast that Jesus did in the wilderness. At this moment in time when the work of God is threatened, Christians are invited to convert and change their behavior to reduce their footprint on Creation. The calendar is found on pages 14 and 15.

Green Churches Forum 2017 - Ottawa - May 11, 2017

A Christian and ecological event! Celebrating the Spirit of Creation

Opening the conference is noted Canadian spiritual and ecological figure and Keynote Speaker, Bishop Mark MacDonald, followed by workshops on topics related to spirituality, education and action.

Special Guest: The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.



ACW
50
years



Canada
150
years



2017 Algoma ACW Annual Hosted by Temiskaming Deanery

INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2017 ACW ANNUAL

THEME: SEASONS – Ecclesiastes 3:1 *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”*

LOCATION/ACCOMMODATION:

Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Dr., North Bay: Toll free: 1 (800) 461-6199 for conference room rate of \$119.99 plus tax; booking code: **Anglican Church Women’s Group and/or contract # 107536** – rooms have double beds, no extra charge for two to four occupants; rooms with queen beds are \$129.99 and king beds are \$139.99 plus tax – no breakfast provided but there is a restaurant in the hotel as well as down the street; hotel has heated pool, spa, and exercise facility; rooms have fridges, microwaves, coffee makers. 30 rooms are being held until **April 30th**

Travelodge, 718 Lakeshore Drive: Toll free: 1 (866) 278-7171 for a room rate of \$90 + tax for up to 2 occupants; \$100 + tax for 3 to 4 occupants; rooms have 2 double or 1 queen bed; there are 32 rooms on lower level; booking code: **Anglican Church Women**. Hotel has complimentary hot/cold breakfast; fridge, microwave, coffee maker in rooms; no elevator. 20 rooms are held until **April 30th**

Rooms are mostly together, but need to BOOK EARLY; soccer players are arriving for a tournament.

REGISTRATION: **Tuesday, May 30th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm – Best Western**
Wednesday, May 31st from 7:45 – 8:30 am – Best Western

REGISTRATIONS must be received by April 30th (mail no later than April 15th) in order to properly accommodate dietary restrictions.

Please make cheques payable to: **Deanery of Temiskaming ACW**

MEALS:

Buffet lunches on Wednesday and Thursday

Plated, sit-down dinner for the Wednesday evening banquet

OPENING SERVICE: Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00pm at St. Brice’s (1225 Cassells St) celebrated by our Bishop. Light refreshments following the service. Parking is limited – please carpool.



ACW ANNUAL REGISTRATION – May 30th – June 1st, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Church: _____ Deanery: _____

Registrar:

Mary Lee Stennett

115 Turner Drive

North Bay, ON, P1A 4H5

705-498-6549

jamlsnb@cogeco.ca

Each Primary Branch is entitled to only **4** Voting delegates, but ALL women are welcome.

Associate Member groups are entitled to **1** voting delegate.

Are you a Primary Branch Voting Delegate? Please check one: Yes No

Are you an Associate voting delegate? Please check one: Yes No

For meals at the Holiday Inn:

Dietary restrictions: _____ Note: if you have multiple sensitivities, please enclose a separate sheet listing **what you can eat.**

Do you require pick-up? Type of travel: _____ Time of Arrival: _____

REGISTRATION \$ _____ \$90.00 – includes Registration, Banquet
& Two lunches - Form and payment due by Apr. 30

LATE REGISTRATION FEE \$ _____ \$5.00 – for registration after Apr. 30

EXTRA BANQUET \$ _____ \$50.00 (persons attending banquet only)

ONE DAY REGISTRATION \$ _____ \$25.00 – Please indicate day:

(includes lunch but does not include banquet) Wed. Thur.

Please make cheques payable to: **Deanery of Temiskaming ACW**

No Refunds after April 30, but you may substitute your attendee.

You must make your own reservations directly with any of the following:

Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Dr., North Bay: Toll free: 1 (800) 461-6199 for conference room rate of \$119.99 plus tax; booking code: **Anglican Church Women's Group and/or contract # 107536** –double beds, no extra charge for two to four occupants; rooms with queen beds are \$129.99 and king beds are \$139.99 plus tax –breakfast not included - 30 rooms held until **April 30th**.

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See information sheet for further details.

National Gathering for All Anglican Women

June 15-18, 2017

**Redeemer University College
Ancaster, Ontario**

Join in:

†Worship †Workshops *

†Conversations with Primate Fred

†Sharing with women from across Canada

*** Prayer; Indigenous Ministries; The Church Volunteer; PWRDF; Storytelling
of the Gospel; The ACC and Assisted Dying and many more**

Registration fee: \$500 for shared accommodation and all meals
including Sunday breakfast

Registration deadline: April 30, 2017

Transportation costs are individual's responsibility.

Coordinator: Marion Saunders, 82 Foster Creek Dr.

Newcastle Ontario L1B 1G5

1-905-439-2728 Email: mares@idirect.ca

Online Website: www.acwcanada.com

Your host: The National Executive of the Anglican Church Women



Don't miss this great opportunity.

Come and bring a friend!



The National Anglican Women's Gathering June 15-18, 2017 Registration Form

The Love of Jesus Calls Us to Learning, Worship and Service
Celebrating 50 years as Anglican Church Women

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Diocese: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____
Home telephone: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail address: _____
Anglican Church Women position in your Diocese if any : _____
Emergency Contact: Name: _____
Telephone Home: _____ Cell: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Dietary restrictions: _____

Allergies: _____
Mobility requirements: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS at Redeemer University College, Ancaster Ontario (Diocese of Niagara)
Website: redeemer.ca

Registration fees are for SHARED ACCOMMODATION
Single accommodation is \$25 extra per person per night. Single preferred _____

TRAVEL -

You will travel to (Circle as appropriate) **Hamilton** or **Toronto(Pearson)** _____
Bus _____ Car _____

Things to know:

- **Arrangement of flight/transportation to and from the Gathering is the responsibility of each person attending.**
- **We will attempt to coordinate transportation from the airport to the Gathering, but travel costs remain the responsibility of the delegate attending.**

Arrival Date: _____ Arrival at _____ (airport, bus station, train etc) Airline: _____
Flight#: _____ Time: _____

Departure Date: _____ Airline: _____ (bus,train etc.)
Flight#: _____ Time: _____

REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE

Registration fee is **\$500** per person which includes all meals (Thursday dinner – Sunday breakfast), snacks, shared accommodation for 3 nights and all workshop, plenary sessions.

Once you have completed your registration:

***Send Registration Form and Travel Arrangements to:**

Marion Saunders, 82 Foster Creek Dr. Newcastle ON L1B 1G5 Email: mares@idirect.ca

Send Registration fee and one copy of registration to:

Joanna Muzyka, National Treasurer
Box 725
Boyle, AB, T0A 0M0

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM & FEES BY April 30th, 2017

Note: Once agenda is complete, information will be emailed so that you may make your choices of workshops/sessions you would like to attend.

Further details re travel from the airport will follow.

Contact Marion Saunders (email: mares@idirect.ca; phone: 905-439-2728 (cell)) if you have any questions/concerns.



Communications

by Sharon Corston

Prayer is a Steering Wheel

Sent in by3 Helen Kyle, Thunder Bay

1. Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car’s windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it’s going well, enjoy it, that won’t last long. If it’s going badly, don’t worry, that won’t last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond!

**If you get a diamond, don’t forget the gold!
Because to hold a diamond, you always need a
base of gold!**

6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, “Relax, sweetheart, it’s just a bend, not the end!”
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; When God doesn’t solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, “Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?”
He replied, “Yes, losing your vision!”
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; Sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles, it takes away today’s peace.

See you at the Annual!

LENTEN CHALLENGE 2017

PROTECTING GOD'S CREATION — MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center;">Network Green Churches LENT.GREENCHURCHES.CA</p>			<p>ASH WEDNESDAY 1 Do you fast for the coming of God's Kingdom? Why not also join with Christians around the world in fasting for the climate? #ClimateFast</p>	<p>Do you do composting at home or at church? Our food comes from the earth and through composting returns to enrich the earth. #Composting</p>	<p>Eat certified sustainable seafood on Fridays. msc.ca #SustainableFishing</p>	<p>Taking time for rest and relaxation also allows the earth to renew itself. Go for a walk in the woods and take a photo to share with others. #GodsCreation</p>
<p>May Christ guard us against the temptation of being too self-centered. 5 Genesis 3: 1-21 Matthew 4: 1-11</p>	<p>Nearly 1/5 of the world's greenhouse gases are produced by cattle. Make each Monday your vegetarian day. 6 #MeatlessMondays</p>	<p>Instead of the oil industry, consider investing in renewable energy. 7 Do you choose socially responsible investments? #SRI</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 Did you know that women manage 80% of small family farms and feed half the world's population? #BeBoldForChange</p>	<p>Would you like to be part of a community garden on the church grounds? Togetherness grows here! #CommunityGarden</p>	<p>Purchase more local products like produce from farms in your area and fish from Canadian waters. 10 #FishFriday</p>	<p>Have you heard of the Earth Charter? Take the time to read it this weekend. earthcharter.org</p>
<p>May the transfigured Christ bring to life in us an abiding concern for all of Creation. 12 Matthew 17: 1-9 John 3: 1-17</p>	<p>On tonight's menu: an omelette (or frittata) made with eggs from free range chickens. 13 Mmmmmmm! #MeatlessMondays</p>	<p>Each Canadian produces an average of one ton of trash per year. How can you do more recycling? 14 #RecyclePlus</p>	<p>Used electronics 15 are toxic when thrown away and left to leach into the earth. Take your E-Waste to a collection site. epra.ca</p>	<p>Donate your used clothes to the church thrift shop. 16 There isn't one? Hold an annual bazaar so that toys, books and other items can be reused. #ThriftShop #Bazaar</p>	<p>It's time to sow the seedlings for your vegetable garden. 17 Exchange seeds with others in the church. #FishFriday</p>	<p>Go for a walk near a lake or river. 18 You may catch a glimpse of migrating waterfowl. Take a photo to share on: #GodsCreation</p>
<p>May God help us to give to drink to those who thirst. Ask Christ to give us that living water overflowing with love for all life! 19 Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-42</p>	<p>On tonight's menu: leguminous vegetables like beans or peas. For best results, soak them in water before cooking. 20 #MeatlessMondays</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS 21 Protect our Canadian forests by printing on FSC certified paper... or just don't print! #ForestsDay</p>	<p>WORLD WATER DAY 22 1.1 billion people don't have access to clean water. Pray for all who are thirsty or ill from lack of water. WorldWaterDay.org</p>	<p>Protect our lakes and rivers by using biodegradable cleaning products. 23 #Biodegradable</p>	<p>Avoid disposable water bottles. Too few are recycled. Opt instead for a colourful reusable bottle. 24 #FishFriday</p>	<p>EARTH HOUR 25 Mark Earth Hour at home or church. Turn off lights from 8:30-9:30pm as a symbol of our commitment to the planet. #EarthHour</p>
<p>May Christ keep our eyes wide open to perceive the gifts and the challenges surrounding us and our planet. 26 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41</p>	<p>On tonight's menu: Your own tofu recipe like tofu chilli or General Tao Tofu. Try it. You'll like it! 27 #MeatlessMondays</p>	<p>Electric and hybrid cars 28 are good for the atmosphere and easy on the wallet. Think about it. #ElectricVehicles</p>	<p>Climate change 29 impacts more the poor who cannot easily recover from damages caused by natural disasters. What are you doing to fight climate change? #ClimateAction</p>	<p>Does your church have a large roof? Why not install solar panels and see a sizeable reduction in electricity bills? Let there be light! #SolarPanels</p>	<p>Opt for LED Lighting 31 which uses 4 times less energy and lasts 40 times longer. A brilliant idea! #FishFriday</p>	<p>As you fast for the climate today, take time to watch a video on climate science ... just to keep up to date. 1 #ClimateFast</p>

LENTEN CHALLENGE 2017

PROTECTING GOD'S CREATION — APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>In his concern for our physical well-being, may God help us hear the groaning of all Creation to be unbound and freed. 2</p> <p>Romans 8: 6-24 John 11: 1-45</p>	<p>On tonight's menu: a falafel recipe with chickpeas and spice and everything nice! 3</p> <p>#MeatlessMondays</p>	<p>Public transit gives you the freedom to travel and forget about the traffic. Are you ready to get on board? 4</p> <p>#PublicTransit</p>	<p>Your last plane trip emitted thousands of kilos of CO2 into the atmosphere. Offset these emissions through carbon credits. 5</p> <p>GoldStandard.org</p>	<p>Church members gather at the same location at the same time. A carpooling program helps the environment and strengthens community bonds. 6</p> <p>#Carpooling</p>	<p>Biking season starts again. Does your church have bike racks? 7</p> <p>#FishFriday</p>	<p>Go for a walk in your neighbourhood. See the buds, the insects and other little marvels so nearby. Share a photo on the hashtag: 8</p> <p>#GodsCreation</p>
<p>Palm Sunday 9</p> <p>Use fair trade eco-palms. Even simpler, just cut some evergreen branches. Hosanna!</p> <p>Matthew 21: 1-11</p>	<p>Your choice to purchase organic foods limits the spread of pesticides and chemical fertilizers. 10</p> <p>#MeatlessMondays</p>	<p>Styrofoam is so obsolete. Use a ceramic cup or an insulated bottle instead. Now, you're in style! 11</p> <p>#ReusableCups</p>	<p>Let fair trade chocolate be your Easter candy. This will assure a just salary for the small cocoa producers and they will thank you! 12</p> <p>fairtrade.ca</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday 13</p> <p>Celebrate the Lord's Supper with organic bread and local wine, just like Jesus did!</p> <p>Matthew 26: 26-29</p>	<p>Good Friday 14</p> <p>"Through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, on earth and in heaven, making peace through the blood of his cross."</p> <p>Colossians 1:20</p>	<p>Holy Saturday 15</p> <p>God created heaven and earth and made us co-creators. Do you beautify the earth?</p> <p>Genesis 1</p>
<p>Easter Sunday 16</p> <p>Christ is risen! Let us hold firmly to hope and do our best to bring new life to all around us.</p> <p>John 20: 1-9</p>	<p>Kateri Tekakwitha 17</p> <p>This Native saint was absorbed in the contemplation of Creation. Let us pray for the First Nations who show us how to respect our earth.</p>	<p>Calendar use:</p> <p>Following up on the suggestions found here, thousands of Canadian Christians will reduce their ecological footprint during the 2017 Lenten season. This fast from wastage and pollution will contribute to the health and beauty of our environment. Multiply your impact in the real world by sharing these hashtags in the virtual world.</p>			<p>Earth Day 22</p> <p>Join in an event to celebrate this day or create your own commemoration. Let the bells of our churches ring out with joy!</p> <p>#EarthDay</p>	



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Around the Diocese

Algoma

by Marilyn Schmidt for Barbara Sherwood

I just discovered my age group! I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50-60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the liquor store. I like the liquor store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. They aren't scared of anything. They have been blessed to live this long. Why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age. It just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something. When they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

The Oldest Computer

sent in by Carole Lee Kostyniuk

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise ! Surprise! It was an Apple. But with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte. Then everything crashed.

Temiskaming

by Ann Burton

Hello everyone,

This has been quite a year so far and promises to be more exciting as we approach The 50th ACW Annual. We are expecting a good crowd. Our co-coordinators Enid Bastien and Mary Lee Stennett are pleased with how well our agenda and program are coming together. Please note changes in times that are now posted on the Diocesan website.

At this Annual, we are trying some new things - beginning with a shortened executive meeting, and dinner only for the executive before the Service. Starting the Annual on Tuesday instead of Monday will save money for those who must fly to get to the executive meeting. Flying on Monday is a lower price than flying on the weekend.

This year we will be having a silent auction along with the Margaret Wright table. May Seguin has generously offered to look after this aspect of the proceedings, while Mary Rossiter will be looking after the rest. We still will need donations for sale at this table.

One of our speakers Dr. Gretchen Roedde has written a book about her travels and all the people she has met and helped. One of my friends has the book and says it is a worthwhile, well-written book. The cost is \$20.00 which will go to a charity of her choice.

Time for tours has been shortened but it is felt that we will still see and experience an aspect of the North Bay waterfront that can be found nowhere else. We have 2 carousels with hand carved and hand painted horses and other animals and 2 chariots - for easy riding for those who do not want to climb up on a horse. For more riding, there is a little train with about a km of track. There will be help getting on and off the carousels and the train-cost for 2 rides on the Carousel and twice around on the little train is \$1.60/person. Then there is the train museum, special rate for a group - \$5.00/person. There is an excellent store there also with Carousel Colouring Books, to name just one of the quality items for sale. For those who do not want to leave the Hotel, there will be a fun book review, where good books and authors can be added and discussed. All has not been finalized but most of the things are in place. You can see that there will be some further expense to participate in this annual fully.

Then the Annual will be much like all the other Annuals, with the banquet Wednesday night and entertainment. Thursday, the closing service, more voting, lunch and then home.

I have been compiling the survey's that just 4 out of 9 of our churches filled out. As you would expect, the churches with larger congregations could do more things. In the Family Life Section, no Church is running a Junior Auxiliary, or a Girl's Auxiliary, a Youth Group. Most do not send birthday cards or emails, or baptismal anniversary cards to our children. My conclusion is that we need to remind our children who loves them. Jesus loved them yesterday, loves them today, and tomorrow whether they failed a test at school or lost a game or said the wrong thing. This is something that means a lot to me. Children and adults alike need to be encouraged always.

One can see that we are all getting older, yet we push ourselves to do more. We get tired! The answer may be working together more!

Our Churches have done so well raising money for missions, congratulations. Those of us who have to raise money to keep your churches viable, again congratulations. From the survey, the lunches, dinners, bake sales, teas, white elephant tables, garage sales, and other events - the sheer number of these is astounding never mind the funeral lunches we all do. We should all feel very close to Jesus as we help others.

The year has gone by fast, the things I hoped to do as in visiting groups and taking pictures at functions, I have not been able to do. There always seemed to be other things that needed attention. I always hope to do better.

We have already enjoyed a good Spring Fling last year with a full report on the Sudbury Annual. This took up a lot of time and still it was difficult to get the ambiance of the conference across. An Annual needs to be experienced in person to be fully appreciated. Then we enjoyed a very good speaker telling us about Sturgeon Fall's refugee family that was coming from the Congo. He also explained how the system worked through the Mennonite Central Committee.

Our Fall Fling was held at St. Alban's Restoule was very nice, good service, reports given, a lunch prepared by all three Trillium Parish Churches, and then we learned how to put our gardens to bed by Rose Marie Rose. This Fall Meeting was notable because all three churches worked together.

Thank you to St. Mary Magdalene's ACW and to St. Alban's, ACW for organizing these events

We are looking forward to this years Spring Fling to

be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Callander. They have planned everything and are just now finalizing their plans.

I am looking forward to a relaxing and entertaining event. Further information to follow.

Blessings.

Thunder Bay – North Shore

by Barbara Williams

I was lucky to attend Bishop Anne's consecration. It was quite an adventure to get to Sault Ste Marie. My ride didn't want to try to drive in the snowy weather. I really wanted to go. At 8:30 am I called the bus depot to hear the bus left at 9:30 am. You never say someone get moving faster. First, wake up my husband and then brush the snow off the car and drive to the bus depot. The worker had me going to Toronto. Luckily my husband noticed or I don't know what I would have done. At 10:00 am we were off – the roads were snowy and at one point we almost ran off the road. Finally, at 10:00 pm, we arrived at our destination. Due to the weather, it was another hour before I reached my motel. As all I could think about was I hoped someone was still on at the desk. Lady Luck was with me and I registered and headed to my room. I enjoyed snacks and some wine before calling it a night. The next morning I phoned a few friends but couldn't get a ride so I took a taxi. The service was unbelievable – the number of bishops, clergy, lay readers and guests. I won't forget this service for a while. Off to the reception to realize that I forgot my purse at the cathedral. Later, I found out the Dean had it. We caught up with each other at the reception. I had the chance to chat with our Diocesan President Donna and Anne, Deanery President from Temiskaming, to say a few words. I got to talk to our former Bishop and his wife and other friends from Sault Ste Marie. My path crossed with a friend from Thunder Bay and he offered me a ride home. What a difference in the roads – clear pavement.

It is with mixed emotions that I must report St Luke's ACW has disbanded.

Upcoming Events: Spring Deanery on Thursday, March 23rd at St Thomas Church. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Nancy Ringham talking about CLAY.

- Camp Gitchigomee Bake Sale, Friday, March 31st
- 2nd Annual Deanery ACW Tea on Saturday, April 29th at St Michael and All Angels
- ACW Annual in North Bay
- The National Gathering for All Anglican Women in Ancaster.

As you can see we have a busy Spring ahead of us.

Sudbury-Manitoulin

by Beverley van der Jagt

Rev. Aidan Armstrong presented this sermon at our Fall Gathering.

Joy in Jesus, this is the theme of today's gathering, when I was told that this was the theme for today's gathering I started asking myself joy in Jesus what do I really think that means and what is that all about. I don't know about you but I have met many people in the church who are very happy for Jesus always a smile on their face doing the work of the Lord pretending that everything is okay all the time and that with Jesus there can never be any hardship, sadness of despair. Now although these types of people exist in the church I still kept thinking to myself that joy in Jesus must mean something more – it must be something that runs much deeper than just being happy for Jesus all the time. Because in our lives we do face hardships, sadness and despair, So what does joy in Jesus really mean, what does that look like in our everyday lives, what does it look like when we go through very hard and real experiences that cause us to feel quite the opposite of Joy – I would invite you to sit and ponder that question over the next few moments as we explore scripture together.

Today in our reading from Paul we find Paul reflecting on what I think one aspect of joy in Jesus really means and how that comes about. Paul in his letter to the Corinthian Church states the following: "Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness". So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me". What a curious little section of Paul's letters – just think about this Saint Paul the great evangelizer and preacher for Christ a man of gargantuan faith asks Jesus three times to heal him, but as Paul shares with us in his letter, he is not healed. Paul tells us that instead of getting healed the Lord told him that his grace is sufficient – that Christ himself is sufficient and that he did not need to be healed. So Paul in his weakness finds strength because that is where he encounters Christ – so Paul tells us he will boast of his weaknesses. Saint Paul goes on to say "Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong". Paul says that he is willing to endure any hardship because Christ is enough. For Paul Christ is enough – Christ is sufficient for his life and for

the ministry that he offers to the world. Saint Paul a great hero of the faith is suffering from this very great physical hardship – but he is still a man of joy going forward and serving Christ in his ministry. And what brings Paul joy in his ministry – it is coming to the point where he realizes that he needs nothing else in this world, Christ is enough, Christ is sufficient.

Now Paul is not the only person throughout history who has come to the realization that Christ is sufficient and that Christ is enough and that is where true joy comes from. Who has ever heard of Saint John Vianney? Let me tell you about him. Saint John Vianney was an 18th century Roman Catholic Priest in a very small village in France. Saint John Vianney would one day become the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Saint John was a boy during the time of the French Revolution when it was illegal to be a Christian in France, he and his family would travel for miles each and every Sunday to go somewhere to an illegal Mass usually held in a barn somewhere in the French countryside. These were very formative years for the young boy and where he would develop his call to the Priesthood and when he would decide that he would give his life to the Church. When he was a young man in his twenties he would go on the run because he was a deserter from Napoleons armies, refusing to fight because of his Christians beliefs. Vianney at a very young age decided that he was going to give his life to the Lord and his Church, but there was one problem, he had a very hard time getting into seminary because he could hardly read or write – so how was he able to become a Priest and to serve Christ in his Church when so much of the work consisted of reading and writing. Although he could not read or write he had such a great piety and faith in the Lord that the authorities in the Church decided that they would ordain him anyways – and after they ordained him they sent him to a very small and dying country Church in France.

Now, although this sounds wonderful, that this man was able to overcome and serve Christ in his Church, this is not where the story ends, in fact, the story gets even better. Now not only did John Vianney get ordained and become a Priest and serve Christ in this little country parish, it very quickly became evident to the church authorities that people were travelling hours and days from all over France to see this man- now saint John Vianney because of his weaknesses had trouble reading and writing and therefore preaching. But he found another way to offer Christ to the people of France. All these people were coming from all over to see him that Saint John would be spending 16 hours a day in the confessional both hearing confessions and listening to people's

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problems. It is said that by the end of his life over 20,000 people a year were coming to his little church in the countryside of France to spend a few moments in council with this man. It is even said that his Bishop would not allow him to come to church functions because there were just too many souls waiting to see this humble priest and man in the confessional booth. Now Saint John Vianney had a very real and present weakness in his life, he could not read or write and this made it very hard for him. But what he could do was listen, he could still serve Christ despite his weakness, he could listen and offer Christ – and this was enough, not only for a few people, but people all around the world – Saint John just simply listening and offering Christ was enough – Christ was and is sufficient. His weakness is what made him strong – his weakness is what allowed him to simply offer Christ.

So here we have these two great examples of people of faith- these two persons both have great weaknesses they overcame. Just like all of us they went through hard times, and although they went through these hard times they did not leave Christ behind, in fact they did quite the opposite, they fully embraced him in all ways and that is where they found grace, that is where they found joy. The simple realization that when

all else fails that Christ is enough and that nothing in this world will ever bring us the joy that Christ can bring – they both came to the very simple yet profound realization that Christ is enough, and when they came to this simple realization they found joy and fulfillment. Whenever I think about what Joy in Jesus I always think of those famous words from the Christmas hymn, “joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her king”. This is the king who says my grace is sufficient for you, so let’s turn to him and offer him to others and come to the profound realization that Christ is sufficient, that Christ is enough and together have joy in Jesus. Amen.





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Made in Canada Eh! A 2 part series

submitted by Enid Bastien

1. Did You Know Most of the World's French Fries Come from New Brunswick ?

New Brunswick-based McCain Foods makes one-third of all the frozen French fries produced in the world, and many come from a \$65-million state-of-the art potato processing plant that's in Florenceville-Bristol. This small town in western New Brunswick is known as 'The French Fry Capital of the World' and is the location of the Potato World museum..

2. Did You Know Carleton Place Makes the World's Best Baseball Bats?

In 2012, more than 100 Major League Baseball players chose to swing Canadian maple wood bats - better known as the "Sam Bat". Sam Holman, founder of the The Original Maple Bat Corporation, invented the bat by choosing maple wood, a harder wood than the traditionally used ash. So, if you see a professional player with a little logo on his baseball bat, that's one of the 18,000 sluggers produced each year in Carleton Place, a half-hour from Ottawa .

3. Did You Know Saskatchewan Makes Most of the

World's Lentils?

Mmmm, Lentils! Whether home or travelling abroad, order some lentil soup and odds are you're getting a little taste of home. Canada is the largest exporter of green lentils in the world - about 1.5 million metric tonnes annually, with 95% of it coming from Saskatchewan ..

4. Did You Know Scarborough Makes Most of the World's Halls?

If you pick up a pack of Halls you'll be getting another little taste of home since they are made in Scarborough , Ontario . The plant at Bertrand produced more than 6 billion pieces of "medicine" for the U.S. last year – enough that if you lined them side-by-side they would circle the earth at the equator approximately 3.4 times.

5. Did You Know Winnipeg Mints Coins for Over 60 Countries?

Canada produces currency for more countries than you can imagine! The Royal Winnipeg Mint produces coins for 60 different countries, including Centavos for Cuba , kroner for Norway , and pesos for Colombia . Currently the mint can produce over 20 million coins a day.