



Anglican Church Women - Diocese of Algoma

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of Algoma is to unite all women in promoting the love of Christ with their time, talents and resources.

Greetings to Anglican Church Women (and Men) Across the Diocese of Algoma

October 2010

It is with joy that I communicate with you via the web page. I do hope that you will share the updates with members of your parish and ALL Anglican Church Women. The use of technology can and will assist us to lower our costs of operation while keeping each member of your parish more informed. Anglican women are involved in every aspect of church life and as was said by Bishop Cowan of the Diocese of British Columbia, many, many churches would not exist without WOMEN. They are the Mary's and the Martha's and we need them both equally.

Your Anglican Church Women of Algoma Board met September 28 and September 29th, and I thank each member who attended. It is a large commitment of travel time – especially the women of Thunder Bay and Sault Saint Marie. We met from 2:00 p.m. Tuesday until 9:00 p.m. and started Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. These were intense, thoughtful hours with wonderful fellowship after the meetings. I am pleased to tell you that Barb Williams did have her swim in the lake and pool in between meetings - and Yes, it was cold!

We did miss Fawna and The Ven. Anne; however, our prayers were with them as they had previous commitments. I thank all who attended.

I am pleased to bring this update:

Our opening prayer and lighting of the candle gave thanks for all Anglican Church Women far and near and with special prayers for Christine Wright, truly a faithful and dedicated Anglican Church woman.

Our Prayer partner for the coming year is the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, their president Edith Maddaford of Saltscoat, Saskatchewan. They are praying for us and Edith and I will continue to be in contact via email. Please consider adding the Diocesan Prayer Partner to your parish prayers.



Edith Maddaford, Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Prayer Partner

Financial Business:

Donna Oliver reviewed the budget.

Income YTD	\$14,907.00	Budgeted - \$21,830.00
Expenses YTD	\$18,594.96	Budgeted - \$22,100.00

These expenses were itemized in the meeting kit sent 2 weeks prior to the meeting

- A great deal of thought and discussion was given to the 2012 budget, addressing income and expenses.
- The Board passed three motions for the 2012 budget. These will be included in the 2012 budget for the 2011 Spring Conference and AGM.
 1. That a reserved fund of \$20,000.00 be targeted to enable the Diocesan ACW to manage one year in the event of disestablishment.
 2. That the donation to the Diocese of Algoma treasurer be set at \$1000.00
 3. That once the reserve target is achieved the board recommend additional donation to Ministry/Mission
- The registration forms be posted on the web page and emailed to each parish – these can be downloaded and printed by Primary Branches
- The Spring Board meeting will not be a dinner but an informal gathering for review of necessary business prior to the AGM.

Deanery Chair Reports

- **Nomination:** Verlie Toman past president and Nominating Chair distributed nomination forms for Devotion Chairperson to be elected at the 2011 AGM.

Please give this prayerful consideration and allow your name to be nominated or volunteer yourself to be nominated.

- **Newsletter:** Enid announced that the cost of photo copying has gone up but she can continue to manage the newsletter at \$7.00. We have 12 complimentary newsletters sent out. The calendar was discussed and it was decided to eliminate it from the December issue. It needs to be reviewed and then can be place on the web.
- **Devotion:** Ingrid asked all to remember their prayer partner and to make an attempt to contact that person. Each Deanery President has the list.
- **Family Life:** Ruth continues to work hard at keeping us focus on the importance of our young people. She has a beautiful BAPTISMAL card for use for both infants and adults. This is a card created by Muriel Newton-White and I know all who receive this card from their church will keep it as a special treasure. Remember there are cards for children up to the age of seven years.



- **Social Action:** Barb asked that when completing the questionnaire that all activities of ALL church women in your parish should be included. It could be a custom for your church but it could be a bright new idea for another parish.

Please complete your questionnaire for

Devotion, Social Action, Family Life and Primary Branch Contacts - including email address

If not one person in a parish has an email, please ask your Incumbent to assist in passing information.

- **Deanery Presidents:** Every deanery and Primary Branch continues to be very busy with Ministry and Mission – a lot of wonderful outreach projects and several devotion groups.
- **Information re Annual Conference and AGM 2011** MAY 31st, 30th, JUNE 1st
 - same hotel as last time - Howard Johnson Plaza - Ann Trimmer is working with the hotel.
 - Room rates are \$99.00 + HST double occupancy per night.
 - There are a limited number of first floor rooms and these should be reserved for delegates on walkers, canes and wheelchairs. This will require separation of groups.
 - Registration at the Church of Epiphany. Registration \$65.00 per delegate.
 - Opening service at Church of the Ascension.

Strategic Planning and Church Growth led by The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle

This report will available before December. This was an inspirational workshop that gave the Board a great deal to digest and pray about. We will be sharing as much as possible with everyone as it was an important session for the board. Many decisions will be considered, however, "Tradition must be innovative. We also must also think about the difference between Tradition and Custom." Jay explained to us the importance of a Missional Church. Since we wish the message to be correct we are having Jay have input into the report. Patience is part of change!



This is a lengthy update and I hope you enjoy being part of the activities.

We are truly rich in Canada and we must keep all who have not heard the word of our Lord and Saviour in our prayers and invite them to share in your great joy by inviting them to participating in one of your activities.

Continue to pray for all in need, sickness and victims of war and environmental disasters.

Give thanks for the blessings that we enjoy each day.

Jacquie

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The report from **National President's Conference** follows and I wish to express my appreciation to the membership for allowing me to represent Algoma at this conference. The opportunity to listen, share and be with one's peers from sea to sea is a privilege and very humbling experience. During the entire conference, you know that God is in our presence and giving us strength and direction in our daily sessions. I wish to highlight three items:

1. **Anglican Church Women of Canada Trust Fund:** This fund has been established with the Anglican Foundation to provide leadership opportunities, by the attendance of Anglican women from across Canada, at conferences. With our vast Canadian geography it is very challenging for many women in the Arctic, and distant Diocese to share with their peers and to be have an opportunity to learn, listen, share and rejuvenate their spiritual needs. To start to build this fund, a challenge has been given to each Diocese to contribute \$100.00 – a onetime gift. Each Parish has been challenged to contribute \$10.00, again a onetime gift. I am pleased to tell you that the Board approved this gift and we are the third Diocese to make our contribution. I am also very pleased to tell you that at the Board meeting, Six Parish presidents from Dioceses of Algoma contributed \$10.00.

These cheques/cash should be forwarded to the Diocesan ACW Treasurer
Donna Oliver, 8 North Portage Road , Huntsville. P1H 2J6.

2. National Presidents joined in the "SILENT NIGHT PROJECT" The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, knows a beautiful carol when he hears one. "'Silent Night' has a way of bringing the whole world together," he said, "if only for a few moments of quiet as we reflect on God's will for love and peace throughout all nations." We were pleased to contribute our video and \$85.00, Marion Saunders, has a fond attachment to this need, as her husband served for many years as a chaplain. I was very aware of our Algoma priests who serve daily as Military Chaplains. Keep them in your prayers.

3. We reviewed the five Marks of Mission and the seven indicator/recommendations coming for vision 2019. I encourage everyone to go to the Anglican Church of Canada and read these statements. They are the foundation of our church and challenge us to be disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Anglican Church Women
National Conference 2010.**

September 15th to 19th



What do 33 women representing dioceses from British Columbia to Newfoundland do when they get together? One thing they do not do is "nothing!" We arrived at Shawinigan Easter Seal Camp with anticipation, excitement and openness to the theme "*Be Still and Know that I Am God*" with an eagerness to learn and share.

So, what do we do when they get together? We worship, share in fellowship, make decisions and play as we try to represent our dioceses with grace, gentleness and courage and demonstrate strong leadership.

The entire time, including the AGM business meeting, was enveloped by a special experience of the Eucharist that began on Thursday evening with the Gathering of the Community. Friday included a renewal of baptismal vows. Saturday, a special liturgy welcoming the Sabbath, and concluded Sunday morning with the Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Dismissal. Sharing from personal moments in her faith journey, our Chaplain, The Reverend Lyn Oldale's homilies wove the theme of "be-ing" throughout the four days in her reflections about letting-go of unnecessary detail, unconditional love and inner strength in our daily be-ingness. Bishop James Cowan welcomed us and shared in these services. He explained the importance of living our love of Jesus Christ by action and words. He confirmed that women have been and will continue to be the "back bone" in most churches; however, the structure must include ALL women and integrate ALL women in ministry of their gifts. "Take time to be guided by God", it is a time of challenge, adventure and excitement, if the church gets on with it and meets the new generation.

The theme continued on Friday- Saturday and Sunday on "Be-ing Playful":

- playing with water and chalk, making beautiful bookmarks and envelopes, laughing and getting to know one another and learn about the ministry of the Anglican Church Women across Canada.
- playing tourist" as we toured the Cowichan Valley, visited the Cultural Centre in Duncan and listened as a First Nations Elder spoke of legends that explained the aboriginal history and unique culture of the Cowichan Valley.
- being creative, we embellished our own wooden framed mirrors in uniquely creative ways. Each handcrafted "Mirror Meditation" came home (a challenge to the packing) and will become a gentle and constant reminder that in our very be-ingness, each of us is made in God's image, and are loved as a child of God.

The business part of the conference "Be-ing Community."

- Election of officers: Terri Parrill (Diocese of Western Newfoundland) was acclaimed President; Delorie Walsh (Diocese of Calgary) was elected Vice-President; Joanna Muzyka (Diocese of Athabasca) was acclaimed Secretary; Adelaide Sullivan (Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador) continues as national ACW Treasurer; and Marion Saunders (Diocese of Toronto) as outgoing President remains on the national Executive as Past President. A dedicated, faithful group of Anglican Women.
- Anglican Church Women of Canada Trust Fund under the auspices of the Anglican Foundation was explained and a challenge issued to each Diocese and Primary Branch across Canada. Each Diocese is challenged to contribute at least \$100.00 (Two Diocese responded on the floor). Each Primary Branch has been challenged to contribute a minimum of \$10.00. One third of the Sunday collection went to this trust. (1/3 to the camp; 1/3 to Council of North suicide prevention). Along with President Terri, Past President Marion Saunders, Treasurer Addie Sullivan, I have been asked to chair the committee on establishing guidelines and responding to enquires for the Trust.
- Carol Pryznyk (Diocese of Saskatchewan) has researched the production of a National Pin with the new Anglican Church Women's logo, which symbolize that **all** women who worship and serve in the Anglican Church of Canada are Anglican Church Women. It was moved to produce these pins and the cost would be \$5.00.

- Using the 5 Marks of Mission and the 7 recommendations/indicators coming out of the Vision 2019 report to General Synod was the base for the Ecclesiastical Provincial groups to discuss which of the recommendations they felt their particular diocesan ACW needed to focus on. While there was strong agreement that Anglican Church Women excel in mission via works, there was a deep sense that improvement is needed to be made in sharing their story and talking about God-in-Christ. We are not as adept in mission via proclamation of the Word. Not surprisingly, education and evangelism training are perceived to be the greatest need at this time. In the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, we recommended the option, that the tradition of personal gifts exchanged with attendees is discontinued and a gift to the Trust Fund be given. This was moved and accepted by the women.
- Prayer Partners were drawn and Algoma will be praying for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, their President Edith Maddaford. Amazingly, Qu'Appelle will be praying for us. Qu'Appelle Diocese is the lower 3rd of the Province of Saskatchewan. Edith and I plan to communicate on a regular basis.
- We sang "Silent Night", the National program to raise funds for the Bishop Ordinaries. This was fun and we raise \$85.00.

Discussions were held re:

- Life member: discontinued in most Dioceses
 - Recognition of service is observed by certificate in over half the Diocese- important.
 - Dedicated Anglican Church Women's Sunday – last Sunday of May closest to Commemoration of Roberta Tilton anniversary, recognized by the National Church.
 - Thank Offering collect in several diocese for Mission (open to all parishioners at Dedicated Sunday)
 - National ACW web page available.
 - Structure of Primary Branches changing – MUST be more inclusive of ALL women
 - Use the words Anglican Church Women
 - Finances & structure of Diocese: Many models only 2 Diocese that ACW does not have Diocesan Executive seat. Less than half the Diocese contributes to Diocesan General Budget. Money over budget is given to a chosen Mission each year.
 - Public Relations. Tell our story and share our love of Christ by the Ministry we do including outreach, pastoral care, participation in the liturgy, administration etc
 - Reach out to non Anglican Women – remember our Lutheran sisters
 - I was elected to be on the Nominating Committee for 2011.
- Next national will be held in the Diocese of Ottawa September 22-25, 2011

Thank you for sending me to National Anglican Church Women's Conference; it is an honour and privilege to represent the women of Algoma, who continue the ministry and love of Christ to the glory of God in their parishes, every day.

Respectfully submitted

Jacquie Howell



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