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Turning the Tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa
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Dear Friends at Diocese of Algoma ACW,

I was privileged to spend much of this autumn travelling across Canada with 20 grandmothers and project staff from eight of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's (SLF) community-based partners from Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Swaziland and Uganda. We visited communities to participate in events hosted by Canadian grandmothers' groups to launch the recently published book: *Powered By Love: A Grandmothers Movement to End AIDS in Africa*.

To speak personally for a moment, I was deeply touched and inspired as I came to know these women, and it was all the more gratifying to hear them speaking out, knowing that their voices have been so rarely heard, and certainly not to audiences across our country. I was struck by the tales of transformation they told: how in the early days of the AIDS pandemic they were isolated and in the grips of grief – today they are respected leaders within their communities. It was so joyous to see the pride on their faces as they flipped through the book for the first time to see their families, communities and stories represented in its pages. Their journey here in Canada invigorated them. They returned home energized by the solidarity they felt from Canadians and the realization that their experiences are shared by other African women. That they are not alone and that their experiences cross languages, cultures and now traverses continents.

They reminded us that the struggle to end AIDS in Africa is not over. As one grandmother said, "HIV is like a fire that has ash over it, but it is still smoldering beneath that ash". Their voices are powerful. They are advocating for change and mobilizing for their human rights. They are paving the way for the next generation, so their walk will be less difficult. They are at the heart of the response to the AIDS pandemic and they leading a global grandmothers' movement.

You are part of this movement through your support of the SLF and your solidarity with African grandmothers and community-based organizations. Many of you have supported the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign since it began in 2006. In these eleven years, a movement has emerged unlike anything we could have imagined. A movement powered by love.

Your ongoing support and generosity have a lasting impact on so many families and communities at the frontlines of the AIDS pandemic in Africa. I know the African grandmothers went home buoyed by it, and strengthened for all that they must continue to do.

Warmly,

Sarah Dopp

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P.S. Enclosed please find a piece written by my colleague and Powered By Love author, Joanna Henry. Joanna wrote this piece a few years back while travelling with a group of grandmothers and granddaughters from South Africa, Malawi and Swaziland. For more information about Powered By Love, please visit: www.grandmotherspoweredbylove.com

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Diocese of Algoma

From the Bishop

March 1, 2018

Dear friends in Christ,

In the days and weeks leading up to Easter many of us in Algoma have been on a pilgrimage of sorts, meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John through the devotionals prepared by SSJE. In words we are all familiar with in John's Gospel (John 3:16) we learn about God's great love for the whole world, but as we go further into the Gospel we discover that it is God's desire to be in a close and intimate relationship with us, in the same way that God's son Jesus enjoys a closeness with the one he calls 'Abba', 'Father'. "Just as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." (John 15.9)

Then Good Friday happened - a day of death.

"But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb." (John 20.11)

Without knowing all the details, one has the idea that Mary Magdalene, who we find weeping at the empty tomb had a special closeness to Jesus. They are friends. There is so much for her to cry about with the body of her Lord missing. She had already watched him die a gruesome death on a cross and now there is nothing to say good-bye to. The relationship with Jesus is all but over.

For ten days this winter I attended a course for bishops in the early years of their ministry at Canterbury Cathedral. There were 33 of us from 17 provinces around the Anglican Com-



munion. We spent a great deal of time every day listening to each other describing in detail what there is to weep about in the countries we call home. There continues to be civil unrest in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo with millions of men, women and children forever displaced from their homes. Disease and starvation are rampant. In Kenya, bishops spend most of their time ministering to those living in refugee camps helping them cope with the profound sense of loss and hopelessness they are experiencing. Bangladesh Christians are often persecuted for their faith, and in many countries around the Anglican Communion women are still treated as second class citizens. While we were in Canterbury there was flooding in Mozambique and we saw photos of small homesteads washed away in rivers of muddy water. People weep for what is gone and many must wonder if Jesus has gone too.

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!
(which means teacher) (John 20.16)

When Jesus speaks her name she knows exactly who the mysterious stranger in front of her is. She responds to the call of her name. Then Jesus commissions her to go and tell what she has seen, just as he commissioned the woman at the well (John 4) earlier in his ministry. And what has she seen? That death does not have the final word and that in the resurrection of Jesus there is life after death. Naturally Mary wants to cling onto Jesus and keep Him for herself forever. But he is clear - she must go and tell the good news. If Mary had not told what she knew to be true, Easter

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From the President . . .

Hi, Girls.

SPRING!

We seem to have waited a very long time, this year. Oh, I know, spring officially starts on March 20th, and for those of you in the southern climes of our Diocese, it may be starting to feel that way. For those in the north, though, it is still a bit of a dream. We will have ice and snow up till May. At the cottage, the lake clears just in time for fishing season to start on the long weekend.

When we think of spring, we think about new beginnings, new growth, birth and resurrection. As nature goes through its changes, we are inspired to consider our own spiritual growth. This is a wonderful time to take a walk or sit outside (before the blackflies wake up) and commune with our Lord. Some of my most fulfilling hours are spent outside at the lake or inside, listening to the rain on the roof and watching God's world at play.

This brings to mind the old hymn by our own Mary Edgar.

God, who touchest earth with beauty,
Make my life anew;
With thy Spirit re-create me.
Pure and strong and true.

(from the old blue Hymn Book, # 597)

Please take some time this spring (and all year through) to spend more time with our Creator.

You are forever in my heart.

Barbie

Story noted in the P.S. from the letter from the Steohen Lewis Foundation on page 1 starts here

This letter was written by Joanna Henry during her time travelling with African grandmothers and granddaughter from South Africa, Malawi and Swaziland, visiting 42 communities throughout Canada

The room is quiet, armchairs are filled and gathered in a semicircle around the two guests of honour, a grandmother and granddaughter from Swaziland. Lamps are low, light from the gas fire flickers across the walls, and just outside the large picture windows, moonlight glints

off the sides of the snow-capped mountains of Banff.

The silence is laced with expectation. The crowd, primarily made up of Canadian grandmothers, is waiting for the first of the two women, Gogo [grandmother] Nde, to begin speaking.

Here is what they know about her:

She is 56 years old and is taking care of 30 orphans in her community, seven of whom live with her. She is a beneficiary of and volunteer with SWAPOL (Swaziland Positive Living)-an African community-based organization that has been partnering with the Stephen Lewis Foundation for more than a decade. Gogo Nde started the first support group for grandmothers in her community and is an avid speaker and advocate for access to treatment. She also conducts home visits to terminally ill clients while working with SWAPOL's mobile outreach team.

Here is what they do not yet know:

Countless children have passed through Gogo Nde's doors over the years. She has lost some to illness, while others have grown to teenagers as she has watched with all the angst and heartache of a parent who weathers the phase of adolescent rebellion. She can only hope that she has loved these children well enough to carry them safely into adulthood. And yet the doors to her house and heart remain open to any child who needs a home, usually ones no one else will take. Like any grandmother, she always has photos on hand and does not need much encouragement to pull them out and start boasting about her grandchildren's many accomplishments.

The children currently living in her house range in age from 18 to four. The two youngest - Sizwe (six) and Ncamiso (four) - are brothers with special needs and have recently come into her life. Sizwe has tuberculosis and Ncamiso was born with severe birth defects. Both require intensive daily care, at least for now. Gogo Nde is disabled herself and walks with two canes - her legs and knees, were shattered in a car accident and never properly set. Despite this, she somehow managed to travel with Ncamiso by bus, 450 kilometres from Swaziland to South Africa, when he needed emergency surgery.

When she talks about Ncamiso, which she does often, it is always about what he has given her. She found him abandoned, covered in sores, and incontinent. She describes him as lithe child of my heart." Her brown eyes melt when she speaks of him. "This boy is so brilliant. He is four years old and just the other day he told me he wanted to grow up and be a doctor so he can help other children - just imagine!"

The next speaker at this evening in Banff, partway through the Caravan's winding tour across Canada, is Thandeka Motsa. She is not one of Gogo Nde's many grandchildren, but you wouldn't know it, so deep is the affection between them.

Thandeka is only 19 but has carried an adult-sized burden for many years. At 12 she nursed her mother until she lost her to AIDS. Three days later, her father died in a tragic accident. She and her two brothers and sister moved in with their great-grandmother, and Thandeka became the mother to her siblings and nurse to her guardian, until her great-grandmother, too, passed away, at 99.

Thandeka dropped out of school to manage the load. She works as a hairdresser and is proud that she is putting her siblings through school. At this moment her overwhelming fear is that they may soon be homeless. Now that her great-grandmother is gone, their land and home is forfeited to other relatives who are trying to evict them.

Thandeka makes it through the telling tonight, but when she told her story a few nights ago in Edmonton, her voice had cracked and she began to cry, unable to go on. The booming voice of Gogo Nde filled the silence, as she threw back her head and started to sing. Thandeka waited quietly, allowing the song to wrap around her. The song over, Gogo Nde declared, "Now she can continue." Then Thandeka finished her speech.

This morning as I write, we are passing through the heart of the Rockies, mountains rising on every side. A fresh snowfall has blanketed every pine needle, and from time to time the sun breaks through and throws red morning light on the mountainside. All the while, Gogo Nde is singing, singing, singing. Occasionally, Thandeka, who is sleeping across several seats, lifts her head and sings a few lines. As the deep timbre of Gogo's voice mixes with the delicate tones of Thandeka's, I feel I am witnessing an alchemy of sorts, where suffering and heartache is transformed into courage and strength.

Listening to their song I move a bit closer to understanding the mystery of their resilience, the answer to a question that is asked of them time and time again-by Canadian grandmothers who come out to hear them speak, by media, by children when we stop at their schools - "How do you do it?"

They do it together.

They give each other the strength to stand, and one by one they have pulled those around them to their feet until there is a community standing together, turning the tide of HIV&AIDS.

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submitted by Jacquie Howell

It is that time of year when the treasurer sends requests to as many as possible Anglican Church Women's groups within our Dioceses.

The requests have been forwarded and I hope you have all received the email from me. It has been a challenging effort as my old (15 years) computer crashed and I had to purchase a new computer. Unfortunately, some programs could not be transferred and the new programs do not work as my ancient mind!

If you have not received a request, PLEASE get in touch by email with me.

As the members of your Board will tell you I am very tight with the ACW money and with the assistance of the outstanding Outreach Chair - May Sequin, we have continued to fulfil the mandate of WA and ACW to provide for the poor and the needy through registered Canadian charities locally, nationally and international.

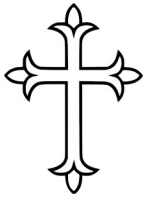
In 2018, donations for projects totaled \$15,934.00, plus a donation to Algoma Synod of \$3000.00.

Thank you for your generosity and support - you do make a difference.

MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU

Jacquie





ACW
The Quiet Corner

Algoma ACW
Devotional Chair.

Sue Goodwin

Welcome, come and rest awhile and take some time to reflect.

Read the word of God and allow it to fill your being let it say to you what God wants you to hear. Then if you wish read on, as I share with you what it said to me, for truly we are all different and he treats us that way. John 20: 1-31

This is a sort of compilation of the above readings a creative use of the story to imagine what it might have been like for the disciples at the time, of course we cannot really know but sometimes it helps to give us a fresh perspective on the readings that are so familiar.

Have you ever wondered about those first disciples? What it must have been like for them? We are after all in the fortunate position of having hind sight. For them things were very different! For them it must have seemed like the end of the world, their Master arrested and taken from them, beaten and humiliated and then put to death. A cruel horrifying death for which He had done nothing to deserve. Afterward it is not surprising that they kept a low profile hid themselves away from all who might point the finger, for surely, Jesus never meant for this to happen something must have gone terribly wrong.

And yet the women had been so certain that they had seen Jesus in the garden near the tomb, of course it could have been the gardener, you know how badly they wanted him not to be dead, but they were so sure so excited, adamant that the men should go and meet

Him in Jerusalem,

So here they were, huddled in a locked room hoping against hope that the next ones at the door would not be the Temple guards coming to arrest them!

And then, there He was, as large as life among them sharing the meal, talking and smiling at their amazement and soothing their fear. These down to earth fishermen and traders were witness to an incredible event, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and they could hardly contain themselves, what a miracle, what an amazing experience.

Today, two thousand years later we still talk about it, still try to take it all in even try to explain it, which of course is a mistake. For who can explain the unfathomable love of God, a God who would stoop so low simply to redeem his beloved children and bring them home.

For the disciples this would be the beginning of a new chapter in their story, and so it is with us as we celebrate this wonderful occasion and all that it means for us.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Sue



Greetings from the Chaplain

Greetings, Friends,

At this time of year, this season of Lent, we often experience many questions concerning Lent's purpose in our lives in 2018. So often we try to follow the tradition of giving up something that we like to do or eat, etc. for the Lenten period. The purpose of that was to have a constant reminder at the back of your mind that you aren't supposed to do or eat that particular thing for Lent. Not too successful, and in 99% of the time, the minute Lent was over, we picked up where we left off, indulging in the very things that we probably shouldn't be doing or eating in the first place.

This Lent our Bishop commended a wonderful booklet, "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John", as a Lenten devotional time, or study. I do hope you all were able to get a copy of this book and take a short time each day reading (and/or listening) to the daily verse - taking time to sit with it quietly - letting God speak to you about how those words you read are appropriate for you on each particular day. There is space in this booklet to journal, draw, write poetry or do something that has struck you about the verses you read. I am enjoying so many new insights that I never took the time to see before this. By taking on this devotion each day, rather than give up my coffee, desserts, chocolate, etc. for Lent, I am recognizing a change in my relationship with God as creator, redeemer and sustainer/sanctifier - a relationship that abounds in love and care - a relationship that results in a peace that only God can give.

Fasting without devotional time spent with God can easily end up being a pain in the neck, leaving us feeling eager to "get it over with". But Pope Francis has shared a wonderful way to fast:

- ✝ fast from hurting words and say kind words
- ✝ fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- ✝ fast from anger and be filled with patience
- ✝ fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- ✝ fast from worries and trust in God
- ✝ fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- ✝ fast from pressures and be prayerful
- ✝ fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- ✝ fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- ✝ fast from grudges and be reconciled
- ✝ fast from words and be silent so you can listen

and after a good length of time (40 days?) you will be able to end your fast on Easter Day beginning a new life in Christ as you gather at Christ's table nourished by his very presence in the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation. ALLELUIA!

Your sister in Christ,

Edna+



Family Life

submitted by Joy Stott

As I sit here at my computer, full of the flu, contemplating what message I can share with you, ... I first turn to God in prayer. My private prayer between Him and I. For only He knows me best, my life's, "ups" and "downs" of whatever life throws at me. It is so hard for me to concentrate sometimes. In my weakness, He is strong; I lean on Him. His love fills me up with His comforting peace.

For my family and I a lot has happened in the last little while. I am sure for many of you, undergoing changes in your lives, and in your church Family Life ... fear of the unknown thrives on what we think *could* happen, not on reality. The more we speculate, the more we anticipate the worst our imaginations can conjure up.

I sometimes find change extremely scary... I have learned to accept little changes and move on. (Whew! I can accept that !)

Then there are the big changes, life-altering changes -- anything outside my comfortable life and routine causes me to resist, complain, and often plant my feet down firmly and lean back with all my might. I'm afraid I won't be able to adapt, things will get worse instead of better. Anything new or different will take more energy and effort than I can give. Change sounds just too, too ... messy to deal with.

It is so easy to lose sight of God in our real world.

God uses changes -- especially difficult changes -- to draw us closer to Him.

If we are too focused in our comfy place or zone, we choose the easy decision rather than facing the uncomfortable place of seeking the *right decision*.

James 1:2-3 says, "Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colours." The verse says, not "if" trials come your way, it reads "when". It is a given ladies! It doesn't mean you've done something wrong. It doesn't mean you are being punished. The verse says, we must endure these rough patches in order to become spiritually mature. This is a necessary part of the growing process.

I recall today the comforting lesson,... the story of Martha and Mary, in the book of Luke. (especially after all the winter, hustle and bustle of Christmas entertaining, and church responsibilities: company dinners, church dinners, bazaars, services and responsibilities)

Martha made a comfortable home for her siblings, Mary and Lazarus. Her daily duties went far beyond that. Martha was the head of the family, expecting to offer hospitality to travelers, provide for the poor, and live an exemplary life.

Martha was full of energy and kept her house immaculate. I am sure Martha felt overworked many a time when things piled up, and sudden emergencies shattered her routine, and I too, know how it feels when the day is done and my plans aren't!

Martha I'm sure; as I, are so busy serving others that we lose sight of what we really need: daily spiritual sustenance!

Jesus noticed this. As Martha rushed around frantically preparing and spreading the "picture-perfect meal" before our Lord, all the while she was looking at Mary who was comfortably, calmly sat at our Lord's feet.

Martha questioned Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.". (Luke 10:40)

"Martha, Martha!" with a gentle rebuke and grace-filled smile (I can just picture His smile!), Jesus prompted her to rethink her priorities. Her service was important, (don't get me wrong here!) Jesus is saying here, we also need to stop, and be refresh, and re-nourished, where only Jesus can offer.

"Let me serve you, Martha!" (and you and me!) as Jesus tenderly leads us from our frantic world to quiet repose, calling us always to reflect on our relationship with Him. Jesus wants us to take a journey with him. A journey free from stress, to stillness, from fear and panic to peace of mind.

I so look forward to the season of Lent ! Where He invites us to journey with Him. To be in conversation with His Father.

For us, to put him first, in our lives, and then take on our responsibilities, lovingly, freely, nourished with His Love.

Let us open our hearts and minds, this Season and always. Open up, to allow the gifts of others to bless your life, as your gifts bless theirs.

Welcome Jesus into our hearts, with the peace of His presence.

Prayerfully,

Joy Stott

More from Joy Stott

Spring Cleaning Our Minds During Lent

(taken from: Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much, by Anne Wilson Schaef)

Clutter is what silts up exactly like silt in a flowing stream when the current, the free flow of the mind, is held up by an obstruction.

- May Sarton

Clutter seems like a constant in our lives. Our houses are cluttered, our desks are cluttered, our minds are cluttered, and our lives are cluttered. This is the curse of women who do too much.

We can never find our creative selves unless we reduce some of the clutter in our lives. The mind must have the opportunity to flow freely if we are to be healthy.

We are such strong, powerful, beautiful, and intelligent women. The world needs what we have to offer.

RECOVERY is like a dredge clearing a silted stream.

from the Meditations book

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Absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

(Romans 8: 39 MSG)

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Do You Ever Have One Of Those Days !!

Do you have days, like you don't know who's in the mirror?

Mirror, mirror... on the wall is that an illusion ?

You know, those times when you look at yourself, and say, "oh no, I look awful !"

(so you say to yourself, I feel awful too ! just to justify things)

I call these "soggy tea bag days." (when you feel like a used-up, sapped-out tea bag, yuck !)

I must not have slept well last night, ... or I shouldn't have burned that mid-night oil. What was I thinking !

It's on those soggy tea bag days that it's most impor-

tant for us to remember that, even though we feel (or look) terrible at this moment, we are still God's own. Our heavenly Father's masterpiece, the work of art He created with his abounding pure love.

"We are God's masterpiece" (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)

I've never thought of myself as loveable when I look and feel awful. (stay away!)

Especially, on those soggy tea bag days when I pretty much look and feel like, well, -- ugly, lumpy, and useless.

Much to my surprise, I do recall that used tea bags aren't to be tossed away at all. We use them for puffy, sore eyes, taking stings out of sunburn and minor burns, (keep them cool in your fridge); giving that bathroom mirror a streak free shine, I've even heard that they help turn gray hair dark again! (tell me if this works ladies !), and they are a good feed for rosebushes ! and much more.

Hey, I like this, I am worthy on my soggy days! Thank you, Lord ! I feel better now !.

So ladies, save those soggy tea bags! And give yourself a radical makeover. A fresh start.

And remember ... God loves us, no matter what!



My daughter borrowed the phrase from online and put it on her church sign in Oshawa.

Joy

OPERATION SMILE (OSCF) CANADA---Our 2018 ACW Thankoffering

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At our Annual ACW Conference, being held in May 2018, in the Deanery of Muskoka, our Thankoffering funds will be accepted and directed to **OPERATION SMILE (OSCF) CANADA**.

Operation Smile Canada provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe and is built on the foundation of volunteer support. They ensure the highest standard of care for all patients by using qualified and medically credentialed volunteers in their mission work. Medical volunteer positions available are anesthesia, biomedical technicians, dentistry, nursing, pediatrics, plastic surgery, speech language pathology, etc. Do you feel this may be of interest to you? Five thousand medical volunteers, around the world, give the gift of hope and a new smile. These professionals, the medical team, reach out to each child, generously offering their time, knowledge and skills to heal smiles. Every three minutes a child is born, in the world, with a cleft lip or palate.

'Every child that has a facial deformity is our responsibility.

**If we don't take care of that child,
there's no guarantee that anyone else will.'**

(Kathy Magee, Operation Smile co-founder)

When surgery is not performed at an early age many individuals---children, youth and adults, experience ridicule, name-calling, bullying, rejection, derogatory remarks or name calling. Often individuals refuse to attend school simply because of the cruelty of their peers or future class mates. Poor speech is quite evident in many cases. Isolation and loss of confidence also becomes involved.

Research continues around the causes of cleft conditions, whether it be genetics and family history, pre-existing medical conditions, poor nutrition or harmful environment substances that affect the healthy development of a baby.

'It is known that a contribution of \$240. and a 45-minute procedure will provide life-changing surgery and a bright new smile to a waiting child. This price quoted may vary depending on the seriousness of an individual case.

These medical volunteers do make a difference in the lives of children giving each a new sense of confidence and a big smile to carry on.



'WHEN ALL SEEMED LOST----HOPE WAS RESTORED'



The 2018 World Day of Prayer

As many of us prepared or attended the World Day of Prayer Service we were reminded that God has given to us one of the greatest gift --- our creation.

We celebrated this year **The Republic Of Suriname** which is in the northeastern part of South America and named after one of the Indigenous tribes of the land. This area is very beautiful and Suriname is a very rich country with beautiful flowers and animals. They depend on the harvest of the land to survive----vegetables, fruits, fish, etc. , and there is sufficient food for everyone.

**The THEME for the service was ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD
and in this statement it urges us to evaluate how our actions affect our planet.**

Along with our enthusiasm to celebrate Suriname we must also reflect on the fact that we have to take better care of our environment and of God's creation. God prepared and created a world for us that was very good. Unfortunately, we did not appreciate what we got as a gift, and have treated it very poorly. Today we, and also the whole creation, suffer from the damages that have developed mostly because of our greed and our striving for comfort and/or conveniences. The earth where we live is suffering. Our rivers, oceans and air are polluted, the ozone layer is damaged, and many countries suffer from terrible disasters such as hurricanes, tsunamis, flooding, and so on. Even the animals in the rivers and seas, get wrapped up, struggle and die in our plastic waste. Beautiful creatures become extinct because we do not care enough to stop hunting. Many children are born with disabilities because of the pollution in the water we drink or use for our daily needs along with the air in which we breath. We continually bring to governments our concerns for our environment---but, does this fall on deaf ears?

WHAT CAN YOU AND I DO TO KEEP GOD'S CREATION GOOD?

I am certain you can individually think of many ways in which you can recycle to give a new use to objects—OR ---reduce the consumption of resources that may degrade the planet OR ways in which to educate and campaign for climate justice.



I ask you to **REMEMBER THE 3 R'S**

yes, you and I can make a difference!

So
there will
be a
Tomorrow



**2018 ALGOMA ACW ANNUAL
HOSTED BY MUSKOKA DEANERY**

INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2018 ACW ANNUAL

THEME: SMILE – Genesis 33 10B “How wonderful it is to see your smile! It is like seeing the face of God.”

LOCATION/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Quality Inn, 300 Ecclestone Dr. Bracebridge: **Toll free: 1-800-461-4474**
Room rate \$99.00 plus tax; booking code: Anglican Church Women’s Annual # 3032168
30 rooms are held until April 27, 2018. Some rooms are on the second floor and the hotel has no elevator so book early if you need a ground floor room.

St. Thomas’ Anglican Church/Browning Hall 4 Mary Street, Bracebridge

REGISTRATION: Tues. May 29th from 3:00 – 5:45 pm – Quality Inn
Wed. May 30th from 7:45 – 8:30 am – St. Thomas’ Church

MEALS: Buffet lunches on Wednesday and Thursday at St. Thomas’ Church
Plated, sit down dinner for the Wednesday evening banquet at Quality Inn

OPENING SERVICE: Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas’ Anglican Church (4 Mary St.)
celebrated by Bishop Anne. Light refreshments following the service.

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 7th (MAIL NO LATER THAN APRIL 23rd) Late fee of \$10.00

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: DEANERY OF MUSKOKA ACW

ACW ANNUAL REGISTRATION – MAY 29TH - MAY 31ST, 2018

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____ DEANERY: _____

REGISTRAR:
 Barb McDougall
 14 Andrea Dr.
 Bracebridge, ON P1L 1C5
 705 644-0078
 bdmcdougall@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 a Contact/Associate Voting Delegate? Please check one: Yes _____ No _____

For Meals:
Dietary restrictions: _____ Note: if you have multiple
 Sensitivities please enclose a separate sheet listing of what you can eat.

REGISTRATION – FORM AND PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 7TH

Registration	\$ _____	\$90.00 includes registration, banquet & two lunches
Late Registration fee	\$ _____	\$10.00 for registration after May 7 th
Extra Banquet	\$ _____	\$50.00 (persons attending banquet only)
One Day Registration	\$ _____	\$25.00 – please indicate day – includes lunch but not banquet
		Wed. _____ Thur. _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: DEANERY OF MUSKOKA ACW
 NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 7th, BUT YOU MAY SUBSTITUTE YOUR ATTENDEE.

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ACW ANNUAL DIOCESAN BOARD REGISTRATION

MAY 29TH - MAY 31ST, 2018

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

ACW DIOCESAN POSITION: _____

DEANERY: _____

REGISTRAR:

Barb McDougall
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I will attend the Board meeting on Tuesday, May 29th at 10:30 to 3:00 Yes ____ No ____

For Meals:

Dietary restrictions: _____ Note: if you have multiple Sensitivities please enclose a separate sheet listing of what you can eat.

REGISTRATION:

Registration fee is paid by ACW Diocesan Board and includes Tuesday board lunch. Transportation costs and expenses for meals while travelling are reimbursed according to ACW policy and must be submitted on the travel form to ACW Diocesan Treasurer at the conference. Email registration is accepted.

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Diocese Of Algoma, Anglican Church Women
Annual Meeting May 29-31, 2018
Provisional Agenda - Draft

Tues. May 29

10:30 am- The board will convene at St. Thomas' Church - Lunch will be provided
3:00-5:45 pm- Registration at Quality Inn
7:00 pm- Opening Service at St. Thomas' Church followed by light refreshments

Wed. May 30

7:45-8:30 am- Registration at St. Thomas' Church

8:30 am- Sing along

8:45 am- Devotions

9:00 am- Call to order

- Sing O Canada

- Acceptance of the Agenda

- Welcome to Muskoka Deanery- Linda

- Introduction of Executive

- Registrar's Report

- Roll Call

- President's Remarks- Barbie

- Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting- Pam

- Correspondence

- Financial Report for 2017- Jacquie

- Nominations-

Elections if needed

10:15 am- 15 min. break

-Sing along

-Report of Thank Offering Collection

-Distribution of Opening Service Offering

11:45 am- Mid Day Prayer and Grace- Muskoka Deanery

12:00 pm- Lunch

1:15 pm- Sing- along

1:30 pm- Speaker- Operation Smile

3:00 pm- Free time activities

5:45 pm- Gathering for pictures- Board and Deaneries as desired

6:30 pm- Dinner- Grace - Toasts to the Queen and Canada

8:00 pm- Evening Entertainment

8:45 pm- Closing Prayer

Thurs. May 31

8:30 am- Sing- along

8:45 am- Devotions

9:00 am- New Business: Decision on Mission 2018-2019/Presentation of 2018 Budget

9:30 am- Speakers- Ruth Hoshkiw and Mary Mitchell, Medical Ministry International

10:30 am- Report from Margaret Wright Table

Invitation to 2019 Annual- Algoma Deanery

10:45 am- Break- Chance to check out

11:00 am- Closing Eucharist- Rev'd Canon Edna Murdy, ACW Chaplain

12:30 pm- Lunch

Farewell- Safe Travels- See You Next Year in Algoma

Speakers from:



Around the Diocese

Muskoka

by Darla McMeekin

All Saints' Church, Huntsville, hosted the World Day of Prayer Service for 2018 Suriname today, March 02, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. and served 'Surinamese' foods for refreshments afterwards in Sutherland Hall. Photos include entering our new foyer, some of the décor, and foods.



We have been making use of our foyer since Christmas for small congregation events and a Serenade, with this event being one of the first greater community involvements. A congregational Dedication is being planned for after services on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 with a community event to follow later in the spring or early summer 'weather'

Hope this is in time to be of use to you.

Thanks and Blessings

Darla

Temiskaming

by Anne Burton



So..... this is one of the banners Gayle and I have been working on. The 2nd one needs to be embroidered, then backed. When it is done I'll send you a picture. This picture was taken by Gayle's daughter Sue. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. love and blessings to you and your family and friends.

Anne

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Thunder Bay – North Shore

by Ruth Merkley

At this time, early in March, we look forward to Spring -- to warmth, sunshine, green grass and flowers. We also look forward to Easter and the annual celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

We had a Deanery Executive meeting on February 8th with eight of us present. We discussed plans for the Annual Bake Sale for Camp Gitchigomee, the Anglican Church Camp in this deanery, to be held on April 6th. In the past, we have been able to give the Camp \$1,500.00 each year, \$1,200.00 for bursaries to enable children to go to camp and \$300.00 for craft supplies, i.e. \$100.00 for each of the three camps.

Our Spring Deanery meeting is scheduled to be held at St. George's on April 12th.

We are planning an ACW Deanery fundraiser, but the place and date for that have not yet be finalized.

We currently have plans for six of us to come to The Diocesan Annual, and we'll see all of you then.

Ruth



Bishop's Message

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would just be a happy reunion story with hugs and kisses all around. Mary obeys the risen Lord and leaves the garden to share what she knows to be true. The unexpected ending becomes a new beginning for Mary, and for all those who have ears to hear. There is life on the other side of death. The bishops I met in Canterbury are all bearers of good news in their contexts. God is praised and Jesus is believed in spite of dismal daily circumstances.

“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord, “and she told them he had said these things to her. (John 20.18)

Jesus knows our names. Anne, Betty, Joan. In baptism we have been named as His precious sons and daughters, known and loved. We are not called to remain in church even as we continue to abide in His love. We are a people who are sent out into the world to be messengers of hope and to tell the truth about how we have seen the Lord, and received the gift of new life in Him. In Algoma we have some amazing stories of abundance and blessing to share. There are many people who only want to deal in death. *Let us be the ones to offer living water and the bread of life to everyone we meet.*

Wishing you and those you love a happy and blessed Easter season.

In the love of Jesus,

The Rt. Rev. Anne Germond
Bishop of Algoma



Handy Little Chart

God has a positive Answer

You Say	God Says	Bible Verses
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
Nobody really loves me.	I love you.	John 3:1-6 and 3:34
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9 and Psalm 91:15
I can't figure things out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I can't forgive myself.	I Forgive you.	1John 1:9 and Romans 8:1
I can't manage.	I will supply all your needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not give you a spirit of fear.	II Timothy 1:7
I'm always worried and frustrated.	Cast all your cares on ME.	1 Peter 5:7
I'm not smart enough.	I give you wisdom.	1 Corinthians 1:30
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you or forsake you.	Hebrews 13:5

I found this lovely chart as a give away when visiting St Mary's in Nipigon for a deanery meeting.



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Communications

by Sharon Corston

Happy Spring – Happy Easter Ladies!

It seems inevitable that as I sit down to put the newsletter together, my brain cannot think of anything to write. And just when I was going to pass for tonight, I realized that I hadn't reported on one of the projects our Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group just completed in November 2017.

The Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group (AELG) were blessed to receive a \$2,000.00 grant from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) to do Welcome Baskets for women transitioning from the John Howard Society into their own apartments. The Society gave us a list of items to put in the baskets with any other item that would be required to 'start up' a new household. Guided by, 'think basic - as our clients are starting basically with nothing to very little', our shopping committee went far and wide looking for deals to purchase fifteen each of whatever was on their list. They all reported getting some strange looks!



The baskets contained: bath towel/hand towel/face cloth; shower gel, hand soap, face soap, shampoo and conditioner; comb/brush, hair ties; 3 pairs socks; shower curtain/hooks; dish cloth and towels; dish detergent; box of garbage bags; laundry soap/bounce sheets; 4 have toasters, 5 have kettles, 5 have coffee makers, 1 has a kettle and a food processor (these last items were donated); in laundry baskets; and a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificates with which to buy feminine products.

It was our very great pleasure to do these baskets!

The pictures:

Sharon Corston, Liisa Strasser, Fran Faubert and Walter Strasser with the baskets. (above left)

Fran Faubert unloading baskets. (above right)

We used 3 cars to get the finished baskets over to the John Howard Society. (left hand page)



Cross Vigil

*The Cross of Christ
Upon this place,
The Cross of Christ
To give it grace.*

*The Cross of Christ
With arms out wide,
The Cross of Christ
That his love abide.*

*The Cross of Christ
Upon your brow,
The Cross of Christ
Protect you now.*

*The Cross of Christ
Upon your voice,
The Cross of Christ
Make you rejoice.*

*The Cross of Christ
Upon your heart,
The Cross of Christ
Set you apart.*

*The Cross of Christ
On your body whole,
The Cross of Christ
To save your soul.*

submitted by Carol Lee Kostyniuk