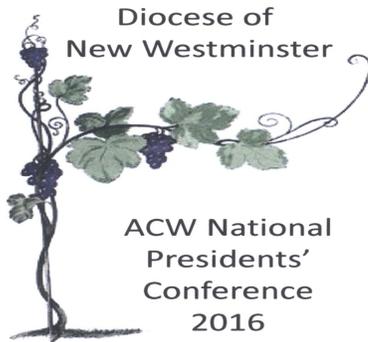




NATIONAL ACW PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE



Plans by your Board to welcome the Presidents from each Diocesan ACW across the country are now well in hand. 36 people are registered and will be arriving at the Springbrooke Retreat Centre in Langley on October 25th and 26th.

CONFERENCE FAVOURS

We would like to thank the Branches who have donated favours for the Goody Bags - if you haven't yet sent yours to ACW Place, please do so as soon as possible so the bags can be packed and ready.

THE AGENDA

The theme of the conference is "I am the Vine, You are the Branches". Our Chaplain, The Rev. Sue Foley Currie, will be leading the worship, Tasha Carrothers from the Synod Office is our guest presenter, and we will be taking the guests on an escorted bus tour of Vancouver with local artist and historian Michael Kluckner. The tour will include a stop for lunch at ACW Place, where we will have the delegates pack a layette and a couple of bales for the Yukon!

Add to this the business meetings, the exchange of ideas with the leadership from across the country, and we promise a full report in the next issue of News 'n' Views!

SOCIAL ACTION AT ACW PLACE

We are accepting donations during
September:
HOWEVER

PLEASE do not send any clothing donations to ACW Place during the month of October except new baby items.

The Board will be hosting the National Presidents' Conference for lunch in our headquarters and we would like it to be tidy!

We will be open for donations again in
November.

Note: Campbells are discontinuing the soup label programme in December - all labels for redemption should be at ACW Place by end of November.

GREATER VANCOUVER/NORTH SHORE AREA MEETING

St Agnes Anglican Church
530 12th St E, North Vancouver, BC
phone 604-987-0432

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH

Coffee/Registration 9.30 am
Holy Eucharist 10.00 am
Bag Lunch 12 noon
Guest Speaker

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Fall is upon us and we are all busy gearing up for a new year in ACW and our many other activities. I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to the upcoming events.

I am looking forward to visiting a few more of the branches over the next few months – starting with Abbotsford this week and Sechelt in early October. Please let me know if it would be convenient for me to attend one of your upcoming meetings as I would like to see all of you at some point this year. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to visit with the members in Hope, Mission, Maple Ridge, Port Moody and St. Mary's Kerrisdale earlier this year – so hopefully will be able to add to that list shortly!

As most of you know – we have been very busy with the planning for our upcoming National Presidents' Conference at the end of October and I do so want to acknowledge the amazing work being done by our Co-ordinator Sheila Puls. She has been so organized and on top of all facets of the event that it is bound to be an event to remember! Thank you in advance for your dedication and diligence Sheila. Thank you as well for the generosity of the various branches – your gifts for the delegates are wonderful and I know they will be much appreciated. There are still opportunities for volunteer drivers and such so if you are interested – please get in touch with Sheila to let her know of your availability.

We will provide a full report after the Conference to share our experiences with you – we are going to have several special guests in attendance including the Primate, Bishop Melissa, as well as Bishop Barbara – representing the Council of the North. We are also looking forward to hearing many words of wisdom from our keynote Speakers Tasha Carrothers and our Chaplain, Reverend Sue. All we need now is for good weather so that we can really show off our beautiful part of this great country!

Once again, I want to send a big Thank You to our Social Action Chair Beth Fortin and her crew for the great job on our Second Summer Open House! Although I arrived a bit late, I did hear it was a good day and we hope that those who were able to

attend will help us advertise the event for 2017! I know you have been busy getting the Warehouse "spiffed-up" for the upcoming visit by the Primate and our National delegates – so that they can experience first-hand the work you do on a regular basis! Thank you so much for your extra efforts!

Albeit a bit late, the order for our 2017 Calendars has been placed – we have been experiencing a few challenges this year as there has been a change in the supplier and information has been slow in coming. We do sincerely appreciate the support we have received from many of the churches in the Diocese and hope that there will be less confusion in the future!

In closing, I send many Blessings and these words from John Gardner:

*We are all faced with a series of great
opportunities –
Brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems!*

Margaret Warwick

LEAF DANCE

*Why is it people say
(You'll notice that they do),
"In autumn, the leaves fall"?
It isn't really true.
I've watched them, and I know
From more than casual glancing,
Leaves never fall, they go
Earthward dancing.*

*Seeds of the sycamore
And chestnut do the Twist,
Twirling about in joy.
Staid leaves resist
The breeze's coaxing tune,
Then slowly let
Themselves be drawn into
A minuet.*

*And after they have all
Danced from the tree
Leaves cannot be still,
But scratchily
Follow the piper's tune,
Wild and sweet,
In jaunty Conga lines
Down every street.*

R. Grenville

SOCIAL ACTION

The Open House on June 13th, 2016 was a great success once again. Beth Fortin's son manned the barbecue, and the open donation netted sufficient funds for a profit of \$124.48.

The Monday Ladies are hard at work again, aiming to get all the bales packed ready to ship out immediately after the National Presidents' Conference - we will leave just the last two bales for those ladies to pack! There are at least two boxes of Christmas presents to go to each of the northern Parishes - with much left over, which will find spots to tuck in somewhere. These Christmas gifts are kept apart all year - obvious gift items, childrens toys and books and any brand new clothing (tags still attached). You are all so generous keeping us supplied!

Krista Fry has been working with Social Action and acting as a spiritual support - she is leaving for Ontario on September 19th - we wish her well but she will be greatly missed.

Please note we especially at this time need warm blankets, scarves and gloves.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT DONATIONS DURING OCTOBER UNLESS THEY ARE NEW BABY ITEMS. We need to keep the Warehouse looking its best!

As always, ACW Place needs:

Blankets of all sizes,
Games, and small toys
Men's clothes any type, in large or extra-large
Baby sleepers: especially boys:
 sizes 6-12, 9-12, and 18-24 months
Girls & boys 2 piece outfits
 all sizes under size 2
Girls dresses all sizes under size 2
Knitted baby booties:
 blue, pink, white, yellow, and green
Hooded baby towels, burp pads,
 blue /and or green
Knitted 40x40 square blankets,
Vaseline, (baby oil, baby lotion, shampoo) all in
small sizes, baby soap, bath wash, rattles, teething
rings, brushes, combs.
NO BABY POWDER PLEASE!

GRAINS OF SALT

Social Action of the Anglican Church Women involves taking tiny pieces from everyone --grains of salt-- and putting them together to form a substantial amount of good.

These Grains of Salt have been collected by ACW for many years and will continue into the future to help many organizations as long as there is a need.

Campbell Soup Labels: The whole label is required to receive reimbursement. Boxes and wrappers from flats are not acceptable. The labels are processed by groups in similar types and given to the School for the Deaf in Burnaby, BC to purchase needed equipment.

Pop Can Tabs: These are given to Seeing Eye Dogs organization to help with the cost of training dogs.

Used Postage Stamps: Stamps are collected by Grace Turner, niece of Arthur Turner who was a Missionary from the early 1920's until the 1950's in Pangnirtung, Nunavut. The Arthur Turner Training School (ATTS) in Pangnirtung, Nunavut was established in 1970. The ATTS has been moved to Iqaluit, Nunavut due to the buildings in Pangnirtung no longer being suitable and will reopen in Sept 2016. Stamps are prepared by a seniors group in East Vancouver and sold. Proceeds are sent to ATTS to assist Inuit students in their vocational training. Please try to leave 1/4" around the stamps if possible.

Used Eye Glasses: Glasses, both prescription and non prescription and sunglasses are acceptable and are given to the Burnaby Lions Club. After being processed with size and prescription, Third World Eye Care takes the glasses, optometrists and ophthalmologists to countries where the need is the greatest.

Aluminum Pie Plates: Any aluminum as well as pie plates are collected from us by the Burnaby Lions Club who use the money earned to donate to the Kidney Foundation.

Thanks to all of you who support the Social Action work of the ACW.

Gail Revitt, Social Action Co-chair

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BRANCHES AROUND THE DIOCESE

St Cuthberts, Delta

At their ACW Meeting on September 12th there were 9 ladies present and Dr. Joy Wee from BethanyKids presented information about that organization.

BethanyKids is a compassionate Christian mission transforming the lives of African children with surgical conditions and disabilities through pediatric surgery, rehabilitation, public education, spiritual ministry, and training health professionals.

We chose our founding verse because it exemplifies Jesus' approach to ministry; "Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel." Matthew 15:30-31

Our surgeons, cooks, residents, cleaners, pediatricians, nurses, administrators, therapists, and volunteers are in the business of Kingdom building. Our surgical ministry is just that: ministry.

St Matthew's, Abbotsford

Held a breakfast meeting in their Fireside Lounge with guests Diocesan ACW President Margaret Warwick, Area Rep Gail Cadotte. A total of 23 large bags of womens, men's and children's clothing and household items were taken to ACW Place. Three of their members attended the ACW summer luncheon in Hope in June and enjoyed a tour of the Christ Church Heritage Site.

Several members also attended the Annual Barbecue at ACW Place and were interested in seeing how the bales are put together.

St John the Apostle, Port Moody

Enjoyed a Chinese wind-up dinner in June where Linda Aiken spoke about her safari trip to Tanzania, Africa. The Coffee and Crafts group met through the summer to prepare for the upcoming Fall Bazaar. They held a "High Tea" fundraiser in August and are looking forward to a Welcome Back potluck dinner where Andy Bird from the "Bird's Nest" (an outreach initiative serving First Nations young adults) will be guest speaker.

Send in your Branch Report to your Area Rep before the Board meetings, and we will feature interesting happenings here in future editions of News 'n' Views.



CAMP ARTABAN SUMMER 2016

This summer, we welcomed campers, volunteers and permanent staff back to Camp Artaban. The camps were small but perfectly formed and Camp Artaban did what it has always done best, be a place of Christian community overflowing with God's blessings where the Gospel is gently shared.

It was wonderful to hear the laughter and excitement echo through the trees and down the bay once again.

Through our campership programme we were able to help 11 campers come to Camp who would not have otherwise had the opportunity.

None of this would have been possible without the support of both time and finances, given by our members, volunteers, donors and friends. We are so grateful for your continued support.

There is still much to do to keep Camp moving forward. The 2017 camping schedule will be available by the end on December. The dates will be posted on our website and we will be sending out registration details both by email and by post. Committees will be starting up! Do you have a skill you would love to share with Camp? We'd love to hear from you. The following committees will be coming together in the fall to plan and prepare for the 2017 camping season:

Marketing and PR
Health and Safety
Programme
Human Resources/Volunteer Management
Rentals
Property
Work Party

If you would like to put your name forward, please email: office@campartaban.com

REFUGEE ARRIVAL

The North Vancouver Regional Ecumenical Support Team (REST) is a partnership of 10 churches and individuals who have come together to support the sponsorship of refugees. The group operates in close cooperation with the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster.



"Ali" was to arrive in December but there was a communication problem between the Embassy and the UN and because he is blind and was all alone, he was not able to contact anyone. It turns out we read his paperwork wrong and his name is actually Bugare. Ali is his middle name. He doesn't mind being called either one.

He is extremely happy and grateful to have finally made it to Canada. There was a friendly welcome for him at the airport with two people who speak Swahili, Gulnar and Aryn. Abdullah, who is from Somalia was also there. He is the tall fellow next to Bugare in the photo. When he heard his own language from this lovely man, Bugare broke out in a huge smile.

Once in North Vancouver, Bugare was eager to get into the shower and to say his prayers before eating any dinner. Bugare is a smart and determined young man who is very eager to move forward in his life. He really wants to see a doctor and a dentist to sort out tummy troubles, a back injury, and lack of dental care. Once that is taken care of, he wants to learn Braille so that he can read by himself.

Bugare understands quite a lot of English, but he is shy to speak it. It seems as though he will catch on very quickly. He has an excellent sense of humour. Look out Canada, Bugare is here!

The man in the blue outfit is named Peter. He was hired to travel with Bugare from Kenya. He gets two days off to explore Vancouver and then returns to Nairobi.

For his first day, Aryn gave Peter and Bugare breakfast. They went to Dunderave, since it was lunch time and enjoyed a picnic. Bugare was incredibly excited about being near the sea, which he could smell and hear. So, after they'd eaten, they ventured onto the beach and put their feet in the water. Not surprisingly, both Africans thought the water was really, really cold. Then they were shown the German Friendship Globe and Bugare could put his hand on Somalia and on Vancouver - he loved it!

Now to sort out his medical problems and help him settle into his new life in Canada.

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THE PRESENT

***Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift -
That's why it's called
"the Present"***

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p align="center">Christ Church, Hope Rummage Sale ~ Coffee & Muffins Saturday September 24th 9 am to noon</p>	<p align="center">Christ Church, Hope Christmas Tea and Bake Sale Saturday November 26th 1 pm to 3 pm</p>
<p align="center">St. John the Apostle, Port Moody Fall Bazaar Saturday November 5th 10 am to 3 pm Crafts, 'New to You', Games Bake Table, White Elephant and Lunch</p>	<p align="center">St. Catherine's, Port Coquitlam (jointly with Trinity United) Christmas Bazaar Saturday November 26th 10 am to 2 pm</p>
<p align="center">All Saints, Mission Christmas Bazaar & Tea Saturday November 19th Noon to 3 pm Baking, Crafts, Mincemeat (orders taken)</p>	<p align="center">St. George's Church, Fort Langley Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 3rd 10 am to 2 pm Crafts, Bake Table, Jams & Jellies, Books Holly & Wreaths, Kids only Shopping Delicious lunches and teas</p>

A REQUEST FOR NOVEMBER 11TH

"Please wear a poppy," the lady said
And held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them
there,

And her face was old and lined with care;
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on care-free feet.
His smile was full of joy and fun,
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"
When she's pinned it on he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is the symbol for
The gallant men who died in war.
And because they did, you and I are free -
That's why we wear a poppy, you see.

"I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about.
As the years went by he learned and grew
and became a man - as you will, too.

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
But he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away.
I still remember his face that day
When he smiled at me and said, Goodbye,
I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry.

"But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the awful fight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),
"Till at last, at last, the war was won -
And that's why we wear a poppy son."

The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know.
But your son - did he come back all right?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head, but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the same;
For our thanks, in giving, if often delayed,
Though our freedom was bought
- and thousands paid!

And so when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their very all
When asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy! Remember and give.