



Diocese of New Westminster
Anglican Church Women
56th AGM

Walk Humbly with your God



Saturday, May 27, 2023, 10:00 – 2:30:

Registration starting @ 9:30

St. Thomas Anglican Church, 2444 E 41st Ave, Vancouver

Election of Officers & Business Meeting

Morning Eucharist; Celebrant: Bishop John Stephens

Afternoon Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Brubacher, "Say Yes to Kids"

Presidents, please pre-register your groups before May 12th

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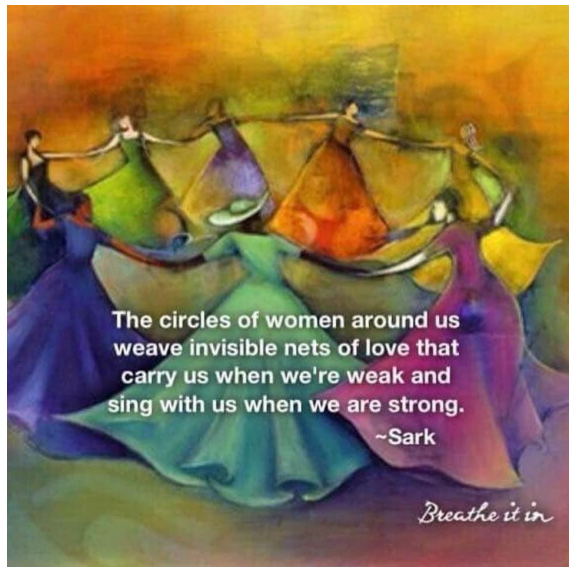
Cost \$20. incl. morning coffee/muffins and lunch.

Payable at registration table

A Message From Your President

Where has time gone? Seems like we just finished Christmas celebrations and already it is almost Easter. I can still vision our Christmas Open House with many visitors and donations to our mission to Seafarers and others. It was amazing to see so many boxes and bags of hand knitted items, wool socks, toiletries, and many other items. I think I was just as delighted with your generosity as the people receiving your gifts. A huge thank you to all of you.

In reading the reports that have come in this year, I can see that many of you have been enjoying time together, keeping busy and have much more planned for spring. I believe everyone is happy in their ACW groups. Your board members are also keeping busy with planning for our AGM and June Open House. Lots to look forward to. Many Board members have long since finished their commitments as secretary, treasurer, area reps. and membership coordinator. All have expressed the need to mentor new members to eventually take on the positions. We now have zoom for meetings. You can attend from anywhere. If we are to continue with a diocesan board to lead our memberships, we must have new members. Please consider giving it a try. We need to have your commitment soon. Voting will be at the AGM with installation by the bishop.



This poster was shared by my friend and fellow ACW member Jennifer Tennant. Jennifer said, "it made me think of you all at home fellowship who are woven into my life". We all agreed on how wonderful it was to be part of this circle of friends that study together and support each other.

I pray that it fits with your ACW and bible study groups too!

I was recently contacted by a friend and ACW member in need of prayer for her granddaughter and great granddaughter. I sent the request to my church's prayer team. Many people came together in prayer to carry Gods love and care to this family.

I soon came to realize that with our ACW membership we could have an even larger prayer team. Imagine the impact that so many Christian women could have when we weave nets together for our friends and family. Is this something that you'd like to be part of or organize? Let's talk and make it happen!

It's Spring and Easter!!! So much to be thankful for. What did you give up for Lent? I always opt for spending more time with God. Oddly enough, with my busy schedule, I always find that giving up "me time" and spending it with our Lord is much more beneficial than giving up dessert.

St. Cuthbert's is studying the book "Backyard Pilgrim" forty days at Godspeed, by Matt Canlis. It has really made me look inside myself and helped me to come closer to God. It's going to take a while to learn to live at Godspeed. However, I feel confident that when the Lord calls to me with "where are you?" I will answer back "here I am". I recommend this study for everyone. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all answer God with "Here I am".

ACW Place

The new year started off relatively quiet with business as usual. March came in like a lion but has not gone out like a lamb for ACW Place and the board members. Our ACW Place lease is up for renewal. Our landlord proposed a huge rent increase. As well taxes and pretty much everything has gone up this year. In an effort not to squander the funds provided through the hard work and insight of past board members, the executive decided not to commit to a long-term lease. After viewing this year's budget and our options, the board has decided we must move. We need your help to find a new home. You may have read our story (printed below) in the Diocesan E-News or Parish News. We hope to find space with one of our churches to lease. Another option is to purchase a house/ warehouse. We need you to spread the word at your church, with friends and family. It may be your clergy & wardens didn't read the article. Or perhaps one of you have a suitable house for sale. We are putting a task force together to find our new home. For now, please contact me directly at: acw.kelly@gmail.com or 604-441-7450 if you or your church needs more information or possibly have a place for us. We anticipate moving late summer or early fall. Please pray for us to be settled into a new place in time to continue the bales for the north in September.

Article in the Diocesan E-News and Parish News.

The Board of the diocesan Anglican Church Women are thankful to the many people who've worked diligently over the years to help the diocesan ACW thrive in God's service. With the smart initiatives of those before us, and the sale of the W.A. Memorial House in Vancouver, we have the means to flourish for generations to come. Sadly, we've hit a snag.

Our currently leased warehouse in Burnaby will have a significant increase in rent at the end of the lease on May 31. The board executives are concerned that the Bales to the North and other outreach we support will be jeopardized with continued expense increases over the coming years. We need to find a new home in a church that welcomes our commitment to God's service.

Our warehouse is 1750 square feet. It provides us with a boardroom, warehouse area with a washer/dryer hookup, washroom, and small kitchen area. We can downsize to a smaller area, no less than 1000 sq. ft. We are prepared to pay between \$38,000 to \$42,000 yearly, depending on the space. Ideally, we'd like to relocate to an area that is accessible to the majority of our members such as south Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, North Delta or Surrey.

If you believe your parish could have room for us, please contact Kelly Bowman with information at: acw.kelly@gmail.com. We appreciate your consideration to our request and ask for your prayers that we find a good home to continue our work for many more generations of Anglican Church Women.

I want to wish all of you a Blessed and happy Easter.

Rejoice, the Lord has risen. Alleluia!

Kelly Bowman

Diocesan ACW President



Coronation Tea



St Catherines ACW
ignYte (Youth Group)

Saturday May 6th 2023

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

\$10.00

Place: St. Laurence Church
825 St. Laurence Street
Coquitlam, BC V3J 6G7



For tickets, contact:
Ann Blue 604-942-9962
Chris Longley 604-942-7918
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The King's
CORONATION

MAY 6, 2023



Saturday May 06
Christ Church, Hope
Rummage Sale
Parish hall
from 9a.m. to 2p.m.



Saturday, June 17
ACW Place
7012 Merritt Ave.
Burnaby
Spring Open House
10am - 2pm

ACW, St John the Apostle,
Port Moody.
******SPRING TEA *****
MAY 6 **
2PM to 4PM
\$5.00
****PIE or BROWNIE**
with Ice Cream,
TEA or COFFEE

Wednesday June 21
Christ Church, Hope
Strawberry Tea
Parish hall from
1-3 p.m.

"New to You" Sale on
Saturday, May 6, 2023
from 10AM to 2PM at
St. Thomas
Anglican Church
2444 East 41st Avenue,
Vancouver

News From Our Branches

St John the Apostle, Port Moody

Our ACW has been holding afternoon meetings over the winter and voted to keep them at 1pm through the summer. Usually there are 15 attendees.

There are 2 faithful ladies that help with the bales and have been delivering our parish donations.

At the January meeting, a couple of ladies organized a SURPRISE! party for a member in honour of her 90th birthday in early February.

In February we were pleased to facilitate a funeral reception in memory of one of our long time members.

Alma Oldenburg,
ACW President

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 10AM

YOU'RE INVITED

ST. HELEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

10787 128 STREET, SURREY



COME AND BROWSE, ENJOY A BITE TO EAT & HAVE FUN! ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Christ Church, Hope

I have taken on the position of ACW president for Christ Church Hope - all new to me so I am grateful for any suggestions and direction.

For our upcoming events:

In March we have been gathering items for baby layette

In May - Saturday May 06 we will have our first rummage sale since covid. This event will take place in the Parish hall from 9a.m. to 2p.m.

In June - Wednesday June 21 we will be hosting a strawberry tea . The tea will be in the Parish hall from 1-3 p.m.

Thank you for your time,
Best regards,
Lorna Nicol

St. Catherine's ACW

Along with the youth group, IGnyte are hosting a Coronation Tea, in honour of King Charles III Coronation. We will be serving tea, coffee, juice, scones with clotted cream and raspberry jam. The proceeds will be split between the two groups, enabling us to continue our support to ACW Place and the Youth group to send some of their youth to CLAY, which is the Anglican Lutheran Youth Conference, this summer.

Tea details on previous page.

St. Catherine's ACW continues to hold their monthly meetings in the library at Trinity United Church. Our attendance ranges from 7-11 members.

Our group attended the World Day of Prayer service, by the women of Taiwan on March 3, hosted by the women of Trinity United Church. Three of our members took part of the service.

Our group has also been volunteering at ACW Place on the 2nd Monday of each month. One of our members, Patricia Yengtesh suffered a stroke two months ago and is now recovering and doing therapy at home.

If you need tickets, Anne Blue: 604-942-9962

St. Cuthbert ACW

We had elections in March and have a full slate of board members. We will have fundraisers starting with DeVry Greenhouses selling plants and baskets in time for Mother's Day, and a meat fundraiser with Neufeld Meats in time for Father's Day.

We are happy to add three NEW members to the ACW!

All my relations, Beth Fortin

Branch President of St. Cuthbert ACW



Used Stamps Update

The sale of used stamps in 2022 created \$700. for the Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

A generous donation of several stamp albums from Deacon Anne Anchor, St. John's, Port Moody was received a short time ago and they will be going to auction to supplement the funds raised this year. The stamp albums were given from Deacon Anchor from her mother, Eleanor Bishop's collection. We are very grateful for this contribution.

Please continue to send in your used stamps, carefully leaving a ¼ inch around the stamp.

Changes In Perspective

I wrote this and was posted in the Blogs on the DoNW website on March 16. I have added some changes I felt needed to be added since I wrote the original article.

Most people are quick to agree that "trials make the person." I have had more than enough trials, to know God is with me.

My mom and dad and I were driving to a family funeral through Stevens Pass, to Wenatchee, Washington, when I lost control of the car and spun circles into oncoming traffic. My father, Petar, died instantly, in my arms, pinning me to the driver's seat. Everything was white and I couldn't understand why I could see shapes and genders of people, but not in colour. My mother, Maria (Imexosem Tleqtameth – Walks Tall) and I shared the ambulance together to the hospital in west Wenatchee. She later died in surgery.



My surgeon kept saying over and over again, "Why isn't her (me) back broken?" as she read the x-ray with disbelief. As a child I had an early diagnosis of Idiopathic Scoliosis, and later had surgery at 13, when I had two Harrington rods placed to try and straighten my back some. The surgery did not make my back straight but keeps it from getting worse. I had lived my whole childhood, wondering why God hated me so much to give me this disease, and the arthritis I now suffer from.

I lived every day with the curse of Scoliosis.

Until February 8, 2023 at 8:34 am.

Those rods saved my life. God saved me, from dying in that car accident. My WHOLE LIFE had led up to that day, place and time. My rods are no longer a curse, they are a blessing. God was truly with me that day!

Mom and dad's dog, Augi, was in the car with us, and he survived without a scratch. A passerby took Augi home with them, fed him, and took care of him until I was able to collect him the next day. I was discharged from the hospital, like Lazarus coming out of the tomb, naked. I was wearing paper clothes since mine had been cut off me because of the accident. My cousins were having the funeral for their father and they took care of me, fed me, and dressed me. My father's younger brother, Nick and his wife Yuriko were at the funeral for my uncle Mike, and they happily drove me and Augi home! Augi has found his forever home, with a dear friend of mine from St. Cuthbert, Rassamee and her family. Augi is a blessed addition to their family.

Every day I live now is a blessing, that God has given to me, to be a beacon of light to others!

All my relations,
Beth Fortin

Hot Cross Buns by Andrea Wood

(Grandmother was a past ACW President Lucie Moore)

¾ c. unsalted butter, melted and cooled
1 c. plus 1 T. milk
2 pkg. active dry yeast
½ c. sugar
2 t. salt
¾ t. ground cinnamon
¾ t. ground nutmeg

4 large eggs, lightly beaten
5 ½ c. flour, plus more for dusting
1 ½ c. currants
1 large egg white
2 c. icing sugar
2 T. fresh lemon juice

Generously butter a large heat proof bowl. Heat 1 cup of milk over medium heat until warm to the touch. Pour warm milk into bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the dough hook. Add yeast and sugar, stir and let sit 10 mins. With mixer on low, add 2 t. salt, melted butter, cinnamon, nutmeg and beaten eggs. Add flour one cup at a time with mixer still on low until a soft, slightly sticky dough forms around the dough hook, about 3 minutes. Continue kneading until smooth, about 4 mins. longer. Add currants and knead until combined, about 30 seconds.

Turn dough out onto a heavily floured surface. Knead by hand for 1 minute, to evenly distribute currants. Shape dough into a ball and place in buttered bowl. Turn to coat ball evenly with butter and cover bowl with a tea towel. Turn oven on for 1 minute to warm and then turn off. Place dough in warmed oven until doubled in bulk, 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours. You can also let dough rise in fridge overnight.

Generously butter an 11x 17 inch baking sheet. Turn dough gently to work surface and knead briefly to redistribute the yeast. Divide dough into 24 equal pieces. Shape pieces into tight balls and place on baking sheet half an inch apart. Cover with a tea towel and place in warm oven, turned on to 400 F for 1 minute as before. Let rise until doubled in bulk, 1 to 1 ½ hours.

Heat oven to 375 F with rack in centre. Make an egg wash with egg white and 1 T. water, whisking them together in a small bowl. Brush tops of buns with egg wash. Using very sharp scissors or knife, cut a cross into the top of each bun. Bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes. Cool. Whisk together 1 T. milk, icing sugar and lemon juice in a bowl. Ladle over buns and serve.

**Hot Cross Buns
Hot cross buns!
Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!**

**If you have no daughters,
Give them to your sons.
Give a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns!**



Council of the North - Retired Clergy Fund



In the fall of 2020, an article was written in the Anglican Journal of the hardship Rev. Jonas Alloloo had in finding accommodation after his retirement in Iqulait, Nunavut.

The ACW Board discussed the possibility of offering financial assistance to Rev. Alloloo and after much discussion, thought that there are probably others like him who would have difficulty finding accommodation after they retire, when they had been living in church accommodation while serving.

We have contacted the chair of the Council of the North, Bishop David Lehmann, to discuss this and have learned that many of the clergy in the Council of the North are non-stipendiary and do not receive a pension from the Anglican church on retirement.

There are 9 Dioceses in the Council of the North, 3 of which are in British Columbia. Salaries for clergy in the Council of the North are substantially less than in the rest of Canada while expenses for everyday living: ie: food, internet, hydro, etc, is much more costly than in lower Canada.

The ACW Board has offered an amount of \$100,000. to the Council of the North to administer to retired clergy. This will be held by the Anglican Foundation.

While \$100,000. sounds like a lot of money, when divided between the nine Dioceses of the Council of the North it is only \$11,000. per diocese. A challenge was made to all National ACW's and others across Canada to increase the initial amount of the fund. Several National ACW Dioceses replied positively.

The official setting up of the Fund with the Anglican Foundation completed on Nov. 15, 2022 and will be called "ACW Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund". Since writing of this in the Anglican Journal, we are pleased to know that the fund has substantially grown from other donors and will make a difference to those retiring from the Council of the North who have sustained the Church in Northern Canada on behalf of the Anglican Church.

Individuals may also contribute to the fund through the Anglican Foundation, noting the name of the fund when contributing.

Gail Revitt, Past President
DONW Diocesan ACW

When I woke up this morning
I asked myself, "What is life about?"
I found the answer in my room...

The fan said, "Be cool."

The roof said, "Aim high."

The window said, "See the world!"

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The mirror said, "Reflect before you act."

The calendar said, "Be up to date."

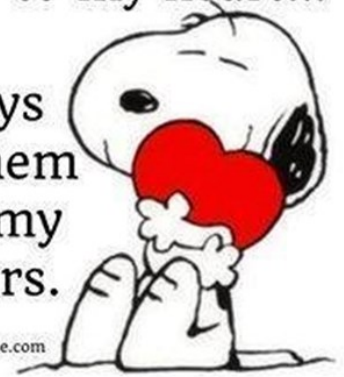
The door said, "Push hard for your goals."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray"

Straight From The Heart

When my arms can't
reach people who are
close to my heart...

I
always
hug them
with my
prayers.



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L = Let's

E = Eliminate

N = Negative

T = Thoughts



2022-2023

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