



Diocese of New Westminster
Anglican Church Women
57th AGM



*Ecclesiastes 3: 1 For everything
there is a season, and a time for
every matter under heaven.*

Saturday, May 4, 10:00-2:00
St. Clements Anglican Church
3400 Institute Rd, North Vancouver

Registration	9:30am – 9:55am - cost \$5 per person
General Meeting	10:00am – 11:00am
Holy Eucharist	11:15
Lunch	Noon – 1:00pm – cost \$15 per person
Speaker	The Reverend Miranda Sutherland

Please pre-register before April 20, 2024, with your church ACW president.

Please be sure you can attend when registering as we must pay for all lunches pre-ordered to cover the cost of food provided by either ACW groups or catering. Thank you.

All presidents and individual members please send registration information to: acw.kelly@gmail.com before April 21st , 2024, thank you.

President's Message Spring 2024



Happy spring, ladies. It's such a joyful time of year with the birds back singing and blossoms coming out. Even the sunshine has made a very warm appearance lately. Sometimes I forget that we're in the season of "Lent" and living with less when we have so very much. It's also a time for reflection. This year's "World Day of Prayer" was helpful for me in reflecting on the sad events going on throughout the world. It gave me hope that with informed prayer and prayerful action, we can work towards a better tomorrow as we "bear with one another in love." I really enjoy walks in nature that bring me so close to God and all his majesty around us. During my time and walks with God I come to understand it's okay to be happy, enjoy and give thanks for this beautiful season.

As I see the new growth on the trees, I'm reminded of how our society is also growing. I was overjoyed with the news from board member, Judith Carling that St. Michael's Multicultural has 18 ACW members. More than half are young adults and mothers, ensuring that the ACW group will remain at SMM as a dedicated strong working arm of the church. I'm also thrilled to announce that Linda Burton of St. Matthew's, Abbotsford has come forward to join the board (if elected) as our new secretary following the AGM. I'm sure everyone is grateful for Alberta's dedication spanning into her 9th year with the board. It's delightful to see God's work in keeping us strong and moving forward. We are still in need of more new board members to manage our memorial roll and treasury. Mary has also dedicated many years to the board as President and treasurer. Some big shoes for us to fill. However, all of you are exceptional too and will be a great addition to our team of diocesan board members.

I've visited 3 more churches since January, 2024. The congregations have been very kind and welcoming. I have enjoyed meeting new women and sharing news of ACW society with them. It's my hope that more women will join us as either new ACW groups, friendship circles or as an individual. I'm very happy that Cathy of St. Paul's, Vancouver has been able to come to ACW Place on Mondays to work on the bales a few times. One by one, we will make new friends and grow.

We're still working ways to keep many of us connected in between gatherings and the News N Views publications. Mother Miranda and I are working on creating a monthly evening zoom chat time to be called "Friendship Connections". Ideally, this will enable those who are unable to attend meetings/events regularly will be able to connect with friends from all over the diocese when time permits. We're planning the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm. This Photo by Unknown Initially, this will be a time to visit and connect with one another. Perhaps an opportunity to ask for prayer or to give thanks. Over time we can expand and develop as we discover what are friends need. Keep watch for more information and a zoom link to be emailed later. I will also send out a poster to be shared with as many people as possible. Ideally, we can have it put up at many churches to welcome new friends to join in and be connected.



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Our first workshop with our chaplain Miranda was such a great success that she has offered us more. Mother Miranda will host a spring and fall workshop starting this year on April 10th. Details to follow. I encourage all of you to join us in this great opportunity to grow in understanding and knowledge of the many seasons as we discuss and study Ecclesiastes 3.

Our AGM is just around the corner. Looking forward to the opportunity to visit and share with many of you. It's hard to imagine that we are in our 120th year together. Thanks be to God for his blessings upon us as we study and serve as ACW. Our Fall Gathering is in the planning stages with Bishop John and the cathedral already confirmed for the big event. Please send me your thoughts and ideas to make this a celebration we'll always remember. Let's work together to make this a joyous year!



Kelly Bowman

My dear Anglican knitters,

XPEY is one of the only Indigenous elementary schools in Vancouver. On behalf of the students, I told the students, when our Vancouver Soroptimist club provided ninety bags complete with art supplies, and much more that the kind "aunties" (their word for elders,) had lovingly knitted the toques that we were giving to them.

I told them that the aunties did not know their favourite colour or shape, so the aunties would like if they wanted to trade and that was the aunties request.

Out of 90 boys and girls, only one boy tried to trade, and was informed, No. I drove away with the students waving and some pointed to their heads with big smiles, so many, many thanks for all of those hours and all that love knitting the distinctive hats.



The first year, we made up K to 8 with hats in the bags. This year, I spread them out, and they chose. Back and forth they went, liking so many, and finally selecting their favourite one.

Alberta brought me, I think much later, but just in time, 30 more small ones, and we had 35 extra mitts and gloves. I am Rotarian, and we were sending a container of medical supplies to the Ukraine. I asked if your sweet lovely hats could be somehow placed in the container. It was agreed, and for the first time clothing was sent, so your hats are now on the heads of Ukraine boys and girls suffering with the war and the cold.

From the bottom of my heart and the lots and lots of thanks, feel all of the appreciation as you stitch those precious stitches.

Donna Webb (a Soroptimist and a Rotarian and an occasional sewer with the bales headed northbound from your warehouse.)



UTO -- UNITED THANK OFFERING



Have you ever wondered what the letters UTO stand for? About its beginnings? How you or your ACW members might consider giving 'thanks' for your many blessings?

As early as 1895, when the ever-increasing work of the Dominion of Canada W.A. Board's work necessitated an Annual Meeting, the first Thankoffering was presented. During the Communion Service, each Diocesan President placed a cheque on the offertory plate for their total annual UTO.

The first Thankoffering in the Diocese of New Westminster was from Holy Trinity Parish (Vancouver) for \$5.49. By 1908, the Diocesan amount was about \$25.00 -- and in 1953, the amount had grown to \$3,103.38. By 1962, the Dominion Treasurer presented a proposed UTO budget of \$85,672.00!! A clear indication of the growth and dedication of the Women's Auxiliary across Canada.

In a 1934 W.A. publication, there is a heading,

'What is the W.A. United Thankoffering?'

which goes on to explain it as a free will offering made by members in gratitude to Almighty God for individual mercies. Continuing with, 'the money so given is used for the training and sending out of missionaries, and for their Pension Fund. Interestingly, the W.A. had a Pension Fund 'by means of which a missionary on retirement received an annuity for the remainder of her life.'

Another 1961 W.A. Handbook says the UTO is 'funds procured through the distribution of offertory boxes and contributions made in gratitude to the Heavenly Father for individual blessings.' At that time, 2/3 of the monies presented at the Dominion Board AGMs were used to train women for service in dioceses and overseas, teacher training or professional social work. The other 1/3 was credited to the Pension Fund to provide W.A. missionaries with retirement allowances and grants-in-aid.

In time, our Diocesan WA/ACW Board took on the responsibility of collecting UTO monies from various parish branches and presenting a proposed Outreach Budget for members to approve at Annual General Meetings. Support for missionaries, their training, housing, and pensions has been replaced with support for other worthwhile causes, locally, nationally and globally.

Whichever pamphlet or source one reads, there is a call for us to be ever mindful of our many blessings. Quite simply, it may be a good night's sleep, enjoying a quiet moment with coffee and the newspaper, a day with your family, a call from a friend or on a more serious note, the successful delivery of food supplies to those living in a war torn country, news of successful surgery, working together to prepare a bale or food hamper for those in need, or _____????_____ (you fill in the blank).

Perhaps, you or your parish ACW members might like to find small containers, insert coins or bills at home, and pick a month to gather them together, and offer a prayer and blessing for those who will benefit from 'your' many blessings. And individually, and together say,

*Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray,
these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life.*

*Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings
of joy and challenge that come our way.*

*Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach
of the United Thank Offering.*

This we ask through him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all Jesus Christ. Amen.

Judy Nicholson ODNW, St. Helen's, Surrey

St. Mark's Ocean Park ACW

On January 31, 2024, Janet Cormode, our faithful and well-loved member of St. Mark's ACW, Ocean Park, Surrey, passed away in Peace Arch Hospital, White Rock, B.C. Janet was a very active ACW member and she was never without her large knitting basket with a little Maltese dog by her side as she knit multi sets of Fish and Chip outfits, blankets for Bales Up North and toques, etc., for Seafarers. She served as President of our ACW in the past and she was our Secretary for the last two years. First Mondays of the month she would faithfully be at ACW Place sorting and helping with preparing Bales for the North. She was an active member of St. Mark's and was always transporting our seniors who no longer were driving to church services and other functions. She was an original partner with Sue Indridson in starting our Savvy Senior ministry at St. Mark's. She was a very active Altar Guild member.



Our ACW along with our Afternoon Guild hosted her Celebration of Life and reception on March 12, 2024, where we shared our good times and memories of our beloved and faithful member.
Rest in Peace, Janet.

Joyce McQuarrie

All Saints, Mission ACW

We have two of our members, Joy Cox and Margaret Peake, who began a Green Living event in Mission several years ago that started in our church hall and it has now grown so much it has become the Mission Environmental Society (MESS) community event every April and is being held in Heritage Park since it has gotten so big. It is organized by a very busy committee that spend the year organizing it. Joy and Margaret are no longer organizing it as they went on to start the Festival of Trees held every Christmas in our church hall but they are still participating in MESS and they will have an All Saints table with a few of us volunteering to help including the husband of an ACW member.

Linda Burton

GREEN LIVING 2024

COME CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN MISSION!

APRIL 20, 2024 11AM-3PM
FRASER RIVER HERITAGE PARK

FREE ADMISSION!
LEARN MORE AT MESSOCIETY.CA/GL
WANT TO GET INVOLVED? CONTACT INFO@MESSOCIETY.CA
We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of B.C.

MISSION ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY
MISSION Community Futures
What's On
OPTIMIST CLUB OF MISSION
SCIENCE WORLD
ON THE ROAD
RECORD

Help Wanted

Positions needed for the board this year are:

Memorial Roll
Rep to Vancouver Council of Women
3 Area Representatives.
Treasurer, job description below

Anglican Church Women Diocese of New Westminster Duties and timeline for Position of Treasurer
Fiscal year from March 1st to February 28th/29th

Maintain log of online account's Access ID's and Passwords and Secondary Security protocols.

Telus, BC Hydro, Fortis BC, Zoom, VanCity Credit Union, TST logistics, WorkSafe BC, Norton Antivirus, Microsoft Account, Gmail account, BC Registries online Services, Cooperator.ca (insurance).
Monthly –

Retrieve and Print out BC Hydro, Fortis BC and Telus Communications Bills that are Auto Paid and enter into Sage Accounting based on date of payment

Post cheques issued for the month including post dated rent cheques.

Record donations deposited via Receivables and email paid receipt/invoice to donor and print copy of paid invoice for deposit file. (through deposit clearing account 1150)

Pay any payable invoices and flow through funds for the month (Cleaner, Bale postage reimbursed, outreach funds, freight bills, etc.)

Reconcile the bank accounts for the month recording any fees paid or interest earned.

Record CTF account activity for the month.

Prepare balance sheet and income statement for board meeting (email to board a couple dates before meeting)

Forward any Memorial roll forms received with payments on to Memorial Roll person.

Annual

March – Pay annual dues to Vancouver Council of Women and Camp Artaban Society

March – Prepare files for review and take to Marnie Campbell in Langley – honorarium \$500

April – Prepare Treasurer's report for AGM booklet with letter from reviewer.

April – Prepare registration forms for AGM

collect registration and lunch fees, give sign in sheet to secretary for minutes.

Pay organist/pianist (\$150)

Pay speaker honorarium (\$300) – may forward on to a charity on their behalf or pay direct to them

Pay caterer based on reservation numbers. (paid members plus board guests)

Pay church Altar Guild for flowers (up to \$65)

April – Renew Zoom License

May – Do annual online Society registration with list of officers.

May – Update bank with list of officers with copy of the minutes.

May/June – send out Outreach/ United Thank Offering cheques with letters per pasted budget. (note Bishop will advise you of who, when and how much of his discretionary fund to distribute)

July – prepare post dated rent cheque for land lord.

August – prepare voucher for annual remittance to National Anglican Women's Board for Presidents conference or Zoom.

(Zoom= \$250 + \$100 for National President travel; Conference = President \$1700; National President \$100; Vice-President if going \$700)

August – send out invoices and/or receipts for calendar orders. Advise calendar coordinator when orders are paid and/or who has not paid.

October – prepare registration sign in forms for Fall Gathering,

collect registration and lunch fees, give sign in sheet to secretary for minutes.

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January/ February – report any membership moneys received to Membership Registrar.

Frances Alice RUEGG Obituary

April 2, 1927 - December 21, 2023

ACW Diocesan President 1996-1999

Our dearest Frances passed away peacefully on December 21st, 2023. She was reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband of 60 years, Arthur, on what would be his 100th birthday, as well as her son, David. We know they celebrated together in Heaven.

Frances was born in Calgary, to William and Maude Dorward who had immigrated from Scotland. She met her husband Arthur, who came to Calgary to serve in the Air Force during World War II. Following the war, they settled in North Vancouver where they started their family and welcomed three children, Susan, Diane and David.

Frances was very involved in Girl Guides and travelled to Texas as a guide commissioner. She also enjoyed Scottish Country dancing and celebrating her rich Scottish heritage. She was an active member of the St. Martin's Anglican Church in North Vancouver where she served many years as president of the ACW, Anglican Church Women. She had a talent for sewing and knitting, creating beautiful blankets and stuffed animals for her grandchildren and the children at church. She loved caring for children through the years as well as spending time making ice-cream and going for walks with her great grandchildren.

In 2018, Frances moved to Abbotsford to live with her daughter, Diane, who lovingly cared for her. She continued to be a part of the ACW at St. Matthew's Anglican Church.

Frances will always be remembered for her quick wit and personality, that filled the room. She was a loving wife, mom, Gran, and friend.

Special thank you to the staff at Valhaven Home where mom spent her last year.

A Memorial Service will be held at
1:00pm on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at
St. Matthew's Church,
2010 Guilford Drive, Abbotsford, B.C.

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Some History About Girl's Auxiliary

When we moved from Burnaby, a presentation cup was found and no one had any idea about it. I went down to the Archives at Synod office and spent time going through the WA Board Minutes from the 1940's to see if I could learn some information.

From the minutes, I found that there was a Girl's Festival held each spring in May. In 1944, Mrs. Cousins (Diocesan WA President 1947-1953) asked for a cup for a prize to be awarded. The Festival included First Aid, Group singing, Plays and displays of Work. In 1945, a pennant was added to be given to the second place group.

In 1946, a Junior Division Banner was presented to St. Nicholas for the year, 280 Juniors and 80 adults attended the Festival.

In 1947, a Banner was awarded to Chilliwack for the out-of-town groups.

The presentation cup was awarded in
1944 to St. Mary's S.H. Girl's Auxiliary, again in 1947
1945 to St. Margaret's G. A. and again in 1949
1946 to St. Augustine's G.A.
1948 to St. Andrew's G.A.
1950 to St. Mary's Kerrisdale G. A.
1951 and 1952 to St. Faith's G.A.

The Presentation cup engraving stops there.

Some other interesting things I learned from the WA Board Minutes

1942: There was a Life Members Meeting held prior to the start of the WA AGM, May 24. The Church service was held at the Cathedral, May 25. The meeting itself, May 26, was held in the Georgian Room at the Hudson's Bay with a roll call of 627 members. They had 5 WA Missionaries in China and 7 WA Missionaries in India. One of the reports given at the meeting was from Camp Artaban. A question asked at the end of the meeting was "Would it be possible to have Evening Missionary Meetings again?" The answer: "The possibility of a Blackout prevents this at present".



1943: The Girl's Report indicated 205 members.

Re Dorcas: Letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Ellis, Old Crow, re bales

Request from Yukon especially for children's clothing

Supplies were sent to the Lytton Hospital

Sept 14 Meeting: all belongings were moved to 430 E. Cordova St.

Large bales were packed and sent out to the Yukon before moving and extra clothing was sent to Prince Rupert.

Sept 28 Meeting: 20 sweaters ordered from Eaton's for Alert Bay

400 Yards of Flannelette ordered

UTO: \$1,060 sent to the Dominion Annual, the largest amount ever sent.

1944: The WA AGM was held at Christ Church Cathedral. Cost of 20 cents for tea with cream and sugar and pie or cake. Roll Call was 78 Branches with 660 members.

1948: The Hope Branch of W.A. was founded.

A little bit of history for us to think about in this the 120 Anniversary year. Isn't it interesting to see that back in the 40's we were making diapers and sending bales? That the WA AGM was held over 3 days.

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Past President DoNW ACW
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PALESTINE FRIDAY MARCH 1ST

The parish of St Hilda's hosted the 2024 WDP on March 1st it was well attended by various denominations on the Sunshine Coast with a total of 60, and an offering of \$600 was collected for the WICC. After the service we served lovely refreshments.

We are grateful to live in this beautiful part of God's creation.

Respectfully submitted by:
President: Amelia Foster ODNW

Several other parishes in the Diocesan also hosted World Day of Prayer: All Saint's, Mission and St. Cuthbert's, North Delta"



GRAINS OF SALT

Small things can make a big difference when gathered together.

For many, many years, we have collected items at ACW Place that help other organizations with no cost to us but shows our support for the wider community.

Used Postage Stamps are trimmed to ¼ inch, sorted and sold to support Theological training at the Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit, Nunavut

Pop Can Tabs are recycled to raise money for a new organization to us, Spina Bifida B.C.

Travel Soap & Shampoo, unopened and unused, go into a package to be given to transition homes and shelters.

Used Baby Clothing is distributed to various locations around the lower mainland and helps a women's organization in Williams Lake.

Used Eye Glasses are collected and sent to Third World Eye Care or Costco for distribution around the world.

Good Quality Clothing supports Dress for Success, Working Gear (clothing for men in office or trades), Covenant House, Aunt Leah's (supports teens leaving foster care) and several other local organizations supporting those in need, including refugees and homeless.

Gail Revitt, ODNW, St. Cuthbert, North Delta

Anointing Oils

Anointing oil goes back to the days of Moses who was given instruction by God. Exodus 30:22-25. They included the most delicate spices, measured in shekels, liquid myrrh, sweet smelling cinnamon, cassia, aromatic cane & a hint of olive oil. Olive oil with a sweet perfume, usually balsam is also used. In the Anglican tradition we use oils which are blessed and renewed, by the Bishop, to be used in the sacraments. This takes place during a Chrism Mass held at the Cathedral during Holy Week, each year. To be placed on the altar for blessing the Chrism, Catechumens & Unction oils. Chrism is used for the sacraments of confirmation & holy orders.; Catechumens used for baptism & Unction is used for the sick & the dying. After the Chrism Mass these oils will be distributed to every parish in the Diocese. The Diocese of New Westminster now uses environmentally friendly local tree & herb ingredients introduced by The Salal & Cedar ministry.

Ann Blue, ODNW, St. Catherine's of Alexandria

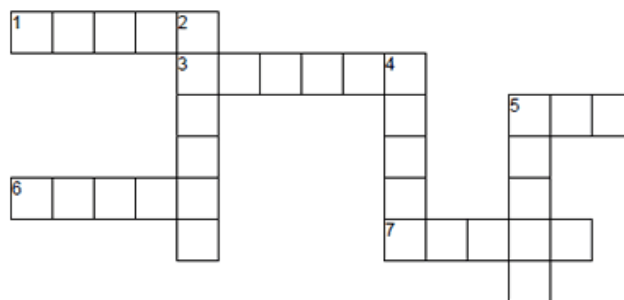


I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)



Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.



ACROSS

1. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. Messengers from heaven
5. To produce tears; to weep
6. Not dead
7. To have nothing inside

DOWN

2. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
4. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb
5. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers

EASTER
ALIVE

CLOTH
WHITE

CRY
STONE

EMPTY
ANGELS

SPRING TEA

Saturday May 11th 2024

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Pie and Ice Cream

Coffee or Tea

Baking, Crafts,

Jewellery and Plants

St John's Anglican Church Hall

2208 St. John's St., Port Moody

Plenty of parking at Spring St.

Please come and join us!



Yard Sale (New to You)

May 25, 2024
10 AM to 2 PM

St. Thomas Anglican Church
2444 East 41st Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.

2023-2024

NEW WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN BOARD

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