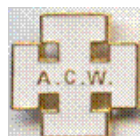




ACW Launching Out



OUR PURPOSE

- * To unite women in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.
- * To work for and sustain an informed interest in the mission of the Church.



Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting
Tuesday-Wednesday
May 1-2, 2012
Miramichi, NB



Dinner tickets: \$20

Send requests for tickets (with payment) to:

Kathy Page, 184 Rennie Road, Miramichi, NB E1V 5Z8

Dinner to be held at the Kin Centre

Motels and rates to be available soon - will be in the NB Anglican and the April issue of "Launching Out"



Dear Friends!

Greetings from Uganda! I hope you all have entered the New Year well. We have launched a new school web site at www.bishopmcallistercollege.com My latest newsletter is now posted there.

God Bless!

Paul

Rector, Bishop McAllister College &
Bishop McAllister Anglican Seminary



Deadline for
April issue of
Launching Out
~ March 20 ~



The next Diocesan ACW Executive meeting is Wednesday, March 7
9:30 am, coffee/tea, muffins; 10 am, meeting begins
Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton.



From the President's Pen . . .

Greetings and best wishes to you all for 2012. I hope you have had a blessed and happy Christmas season with family and friends — and beautiful Christmas services.

I know it will be a struggle for many branches with fewer members than ever, but don't lose faith in our wonderful works accomplished by Anglican Church Women. When your branch becomes too small — maybe you could amalgamate with another branch instead of giving up altogether — just a thought. Pray for us. God hears our prayers and will always help us, whether our groups be many or few.

Please make sure to send your Annual Report (on one page typed) to me for the Annual Booklet no later than Wednesday, March 7. I have one already — hooray for Saint John Deanery! Just a general overview of what your branches have done over the past year.

I hope you will all try to attend and participate in the World Day of Prayer Service in your area. It is good to pray for those less fortunate than ourselves with people of all denominations. This year, the service was planned by the ladies of Malaysia.

This is a short prayer I found in the meditations booklet Forward Day by Day:

"Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth. Grant us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey, hearts to love. Then declare what thou wilt, reveal what thou wilt, command what thou wilt, demand what thou wilt."

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1-2, 2012 in Miramichi.

Yours in Christ,
Florence Joy



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The Diocesan ACW Banner
is on display in the
Shediac Deanery -
in St. John the Baptist,
Riverview, NB



Prayer ~ Keeping in Touch

Philippians 4:4-9 (*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*)



Have you taken that step forward yet? Let's look at Prayer this time, without it we are lost.

What is Prayer? It is communication with God. Like any relationship, communication is very important - getting to know each other and growing that relationship is what holds it together.

Remember Jesus tells us He is with us always, through good times and bad, so don't forget "Thanksgiving," as well as "asking."

Never stop talking to Him, He loves to hear our voice; however, we also must stop, take time to listen to Him. Remember communication is a two-way street.

We are studying Exodus in one of our studies, and you would think it was about us Christians today - so much grumbling and blaming others; however, as soon as Moses turned to his Lord in faith, the Lord brought them through each of their predicaments. Are we any different today? We do so much complaining about falling Church attendance, things going on in the church we don't approve of, etc. What do we do about it? Mostly grumble amongst ourselves in our little groups. What about turning to our Lord God in faithful prayer, asking Him what He would have us do?

If you have trouble praying, we have a wonderful resource book - The Book of Common Prayer. Use it often, and don't get caught up in the things we have no control over. I believe God is still in control. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ~ *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*)

Remember - don't be so Heavenly minded that you are no earthly good - one of our dear sister Pauline Chambers' favourite sayings.

Until next time . . .

Yours in Christ's service,
Kay Kilpatrick



Deanery News



Fredericton-York Deanery

Parish of Stanley

submitted by Betty MacGillivray

ACW Sunday celebrated on November 13 at Saint Thomas church in the Parish of Stanley was the opportune time to recognize the work of four special ladies of the church who have been involved with the ACW work for many years.



Maxine Fullarton, President, (second from the left) presented ACW pins and "Roll of Honour Certificates" to L-R: Barb Davies, Julia Kerr, Peg Huff, and Marion Plume.

Kingston-Kennebecasis Deanery

I sincerely hope everyone had a blessed and happy Christmas. Now that the Christmas "rush" is over, it is time for me to turn to the business of Deanery President. Please contact me if you would like me to attend your meeting or a special event. I can be reached at 847-2997, or by email at jmcelman@nbnet.nb.ca I would like to visit as many ACW Branches as possible over the next two years. Looking ahead to the Annual Deanery meeting next fall, it is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 20, at Cambridge Narrows. More information will follow when final plans have been made.

Joyce McElman



Book of Remembrance and Roll of Honour

Please notify Sybil Slade and your Deanery representative (or President) with names of those who should be entered into the Book of Remembrance OR for a certificate for the Roll of Honour.

Sybil Slade
71 Pollet River Road,
Petitcodiac, NB E4Z 4P6

My Influence

My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done;
Leave countless marks for good or ill,
Ere sets the evening sun.

So this the wish I always wish,
The prayer I ever pray—
"Lord, may my life help other lives
It touches by the way."

— Author unknown



Did you know?

That May 30 is set aside to recognize Roberta Elizabeth Tilton, founder of the WA?

It all began in the winter of 1885, when Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa, formerly of Saint John, NB, visited in New York. While there she attended a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mrs. Tilton was much impressed by the interest displayed and realized the value of such an organization in the Canadian Church.



Upon her return to Ottawa, Mrs. Tilton discussed the matter with prominent church women. As a result, a deputation of seven women was received by the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, who requested that the services of women be given a place in the missionary work of the church. The Bishops were assured that the women of the Church of England in Canada were prepared to accept any plan the Board considered wisest for the promotion of missionary effort.

Signed — Fanny M. Forest — Harriet Muckleston — Annie M. Pollard
Geraldine Stewart — Jessie Bell — Annie Matheson — Roberta E. Tilton

These seven women were authorized to act as a provisional committee to initiate the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary. At the request of the Lord Bishop of Ontario, a meeting of interested church women of Ottawa (then in the Diocese of Ontario) was held on Tuesday, April 21, 1885, in St. John's Church schoolroom. Thus was organized the first Branch in Canada.

The provisional committee communicated with the various Bishops asking that this matter be discussed at their Synod meetings in the hope that Diocesan Committees might be formed. Many Bishops signified their approval thus encouraging the Committee. Several months elapsed before Ontario (which then included Ottawa) organized a Diocesan Board after which several Dioceses did likewise.

The motto, "The Love of Christ constraineth us," was chosen by Mrs. Tilton.

On the afternoon of November 4, 1903, a group of women, representing twenty parishes in the Diocese of Fredericton, meet in Trinity Church Parish Hall, Saint John, to consider the formation of a Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. The Rector of Trinity Church, Rev. J. A. Richardson, presided and introduced a member of the Dominion Board, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Toronto, who had come to explain the aims and objects of the W.A. and to assist in the organization of a Board should such a decision be reached. After considerable discussion, a resolution to organize was moved, seconded, and carried.

To be continued.

W.A. History ~ Our First Fifty Years, 1903—1953



Deanery Presidents ~ 2011-2012

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~ BRANCH PROFILE—CHRIST CHURCH, BLOOMFIELD ~

What a year we have had! Our congregation celebrated the 225th Anniversary of Anglican worship in our community and the 200th Anniversary of our Church building. We had monthly Anniversary services where we were blessed to have six past rectors as guest preachers, plus our Bishop Claude Miller, our Rector's Dad—Bishop Eddie Marsh from Newfoundland, and our Territorial Arch-deacon—Ven. David Barrett, plus a Youth Service organized by Rev'd Rob Marsh. We also enjoyed a mission with Canon Keith Osborne on our theme "Will You Come and Follow Me." A Parish hot potluck lunch followed each special service.

Our talented ACW President Anne Walling made photo displays of our history and our monthly Anniversary services that grew all year long and was really enjoyed by everyone.

We had a busy year: quilting every Monday (open-door policy—we have a group of 12 faithful quilters), held a Parish Poor Man's Lunch with donations going to PWRDF, a very successful Chili/Chowder/Soup Supper and Auction, held a Parish Strawberry Festival with lots of help from the community, the Kings County Historical Society held a Heritage Day here when we organized a

lobster roll supper, had a musical evening to raise money for the upkeep of our Hall, our first ever Quilt Show, organized a Flea Market, and held a Parish Christmas Party including jolly ol' St. Nick.

We were able to help our Prayer Partners Murray and Ann O'Coin on the Tyendingaga Mohawk Territory helping out youth-at-risk and families, supported a student at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, and we sent over \$2,000 to help other people and/or organizations.

So you see we have had a very busy, successful year. Why do I tell you all of this? We only have 6 members! Small Branches can make a big difference in the world—at home and abroad.

So whose next? Tell us about your Branch and what you are doing. We 'd love to hear from you.

FARRALINE HOME needs a new roof

Please set aside some money to go toward a new roof for Farraline Home. When you send in your donations, please mark it for the roof. Thanks!



.~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE DIOCESAN ACW EXECUTIVE ~.

Treasurer:

Would YOU like to be the next Treasurer? You do NOT need to use a computer. The bookkeeping has been done in a ledger for the past four years. It is easy to understand, easy to do, and a job description is in the making so you will know what to do and when to do it. If you are not interested in taking on the Treasurer job, maybe you would approach someone who might be. For further information, contact Ruth Gorlick or Patti Hoyt (Diocesan ACW Treasurer) patti23 at nbnet.nb.ca.

Secretary:

Would you like to take on the job of Secretary of the Diocesan ACW? Minutes are taken at three Executive Meetings (June, November, and March), plus the Diocesan Annual Meeting in early May. Following the meetings, the minutes are e-mailed (or snail mailed) to the Executive members. If you are not interested in taking on the Secretary job, maybe you would approach someone who might be. For further information, contact Ruth Gorlick or Inez Estabrooks (Diocesan ACW Secretary) inezw at nb.sympatico.ca.

2nd Vice-President also needed. Who would like to offer some time for this important ministry?

Ruth Gorlick (gorlick at nb.sympatico.ca)
Nominating Committee



.WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT.

Give up watching television one evening a week. Visit some lonely or sick person instead.

Give up looking at other people's worst points. Concentrate on their strong points and positive attributes.

Give up speaking unkindly. Let your speech be generous and understanding.

Give up your worries. Trust God with your problems and frustrations.

Give up hatred or dislike of anyone. Learn to love instead.

Give up the fear which prevent Christian witness. Seek courage to speak about your faith to others.

Give up spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. Use some of that time to study your Bible.

Give up grumbling. Learn to give thanks in everything.

Give up ten to fifteen minutes each day. Use that time in prayer.

Give up buying anything but essentials for yourself. Give that money to God's work or someone in need.

Give up judging by appearance and by the standards of the world. Learn to give up yourself to God.