



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.



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Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th
& Wednesday, May 6th

"Let Your Light Shine"

St. James the Less
Anglican Church,
1760 Rothesay Avenue,
Rothesay N.B.

Tuesday Registration:

9:30 a.m.

Service:

10:30 a.m

St. James the Less
has a large flat parking lot
with enough space for
everyone to
park.

ROOMS:

20 non-smoking rooms
being held at
Quality Inn & Suites Amsterdam,
114 Millenium Drive,
Quispamsis N.B.
506-849-8050

All rooms have 2 queen beds.
Single rooms \$106,
double \$116;
Hot breakfast included.
Room rates expire
March 30.

BANQUET:

St. Luke's Anglican Church,
Parish of Gondola Point,
12 Quispamsis Road,
Quispamsis

REGISTER:

PAULA ADAMS,
16 KENSINGTON AVE.
QUISPAMISIS, N.B.
E2E 2T9

Cathy Luter is the new diocesan ACW treasurer.

Any cheques from parish ACW groups should be
sent to Cathy at this address:

87 Venus Cres., Hanwell, N.B. E3C 1N1 | 506-459-3265

NOTE: Any parishes that have not received
a receipt should contact Cathy.





St. Luke's annual bazaar & coffee party

The ACW Coffee Party and Bazaar on Nov. 13 was a wonderful success in the Parish of Woodstock. We extend many thanks to all St. Luke's parishioners who so generously donated items for the sale tables. Ladies from the ACW and the Guild provided a pleasant and festive atmosphere for those in attendance. Proceeds amounted to more than \$2,000! A wonderful effort! At right is Rosalie Brown manning a table of baked goods.



JILL CRAIG PHOTOS

Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour

Please notify Linda Collins LeBans and your Deanery representative with the names of those who should be entered into the Book of Remembrance. If you would like to put a member on the Roll of Honour, please contact Linda at 506-454-2649; email: lclebans@gmail.com or 55 Woodfield Crescent, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 2N2

Please allow sufficient time for Roll of Honour certificates.



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115 Church St., Fredericton, NB E3B 4C8

BMC library construction finished ahead of schedule

Editor's note: Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, under the direction of Canon Paul Jeffries, is the grateful recipient of long-term funding from many ACWs in the Diocese of Fredericton. The library project was kicked off using \$7,500 raised at the first annual diocesan bowling tournament held in 2017.

BY PAUL JEFFRIES

There was much excitement amongst the students as we prepared to close for the end of our school year last November. Library construction was completed far sooner than we had anticipated (by four or five years).

As parents were arriving to pick their children for holidays, many were snapping photos with their phones, quite impressed by our newest structure, which is our biggest project ever.

And we are so grateful to all those who have been supporting the project, locally and in Canada and the U.S.

We have embarked on furnishing the library, starting first with the upper floor, which is a large reading hall furnished with tables and chairs. If all goes well, this part will be completed when students arrive in late January.

We have engaged a local carpenter who has been working away for a while now here at the school.

Then we will quickly get started on the lower floor, the main library. We are planning for a special section just for the primary students to encourage them in their reading.

They have well established reading groups now which were started by Mari Robertson of Sackville.

Project boys were still digging at the site this hol-



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iday, but they will soon finish this enormous task and we will begin landscaping.

Thank you so much to everyone for your continued support, and for making this ministry a success.

The finished library is seen in the top two photos. Above is the interior, with furniture construction in progress, and some completed furniture for the upstairs reading hall.

From your diocesan ACW treasurer

As I get the financial books balanced and closed for 2019 (with a lot of help from past treasurer Joyce McElman), I would like to thank all the branches who sent in their yearly dues.

Below is the Branch Treasurer's Form that each branch is to use and send to me at the address on the bottom of the form. Please include the Branch Treasurer's name, address, phone

number and email, if available. I look forward to accepting all dues and monies throughout the year.

I would appreciate all dues and monies in by the second week of December, 2020. If you have any questions, my phone number and email are on the form. See you all at the Annual!
Cathy Lutes



Branch Treasurer's Report Form

Please read information carefully before completing the form.

Date: _____

Deanery: _____

Church: _____

Place: _____

Divinity Scholarship Fund

Administration Fund - \$50 per Branch

Social Action Fund - \$25 per Branch

Extra-Cent-A-Day Fund

Our Fair Share

Helen Burton Fund

Diocesan Camps Projects

Camp Medley

Camp Brookwood

Paul Jeffries' Stipend

Bishop McAllister College, Uganda

Farraline Place

Farraline Place Roof Fund

PWRDF

Council of the North

Threshold Ministries (Church Army renamed)

Kara and Nelson Mejia - Honduras

Anglican Foundation of Canada - ACW Trust Fund

Other

TOTAL: _____

Name of Branch Treasurer: _____ Phone# _____

Postal Address: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE make cheque payable to: ACW, Diocese of Fredericton, and mail to: Cathy Lutes, Diocesan ACW Treasurer; 87 Venus Crescent, Hanwell, NB E3C 1N1
(E-mail: lutescathy@hotmail.com); Phone: 506-459-3265

News from around the diocese



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Lila Haughn, a faithful member of All Saints Church, Parish of St. Andrews, has decided, at the age of 95, to retire from the choir and the presidency of the ACW. On Sunday, Oct. 20, church members, family and friends honoured her during the 11 a.m. service. Following the service, the tribute continued at a luncheon in the parish hall.



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

Your executive at work! Members of the ACW diocesan executive met Oct. 28 at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton to discuss items of interest to the ACW membership and hear reports from each deanery and executive member.



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ACW Sunday was held in the Parish of Stanley on Nov. 17. The Diocesan Roll of Honour Award and ACW membership pins were presented by Maxine Fullarton and Betty MacGillivray. Honoured for their outstanding long-term involvement with the ACW: Irene Colford, Heather Logan, Debbie MacKinnon, Annette Price and Annie Ray. ACW president Carol Wilson highlighted the ACW commitments of each recipient.

On The Journey, with Eva Morton

"Gloom, despair, and agony on me, deep dark depression, excessive misery. If it weren't for hard luck, I'd have no luck at all...." *

The words of this humorous ditty popped into my head recently as I found myself muttering, "I'm sick and tired of bad news!"

Added to the bad news constantly sliding by the CBC news feed, it seemed that I had an inordinate amount of gloomy prophetic writings in my daily scripture readings over the last little while: Isaiah, Micah, Amos, Hosea. Everywhere I turned it seemed I was confronted by gloom and doom.

On top of the state of the world, our immediate family went through a loss that compounded it all. My daughter Rose, shook her head and sighed, "The world is a really, really hard place."

I've often wondered why so much of scripture is taken up with negativity. Not just the prophets, but the historical narratives and the Psalms as well, are full of violent people doing unspeakable things to one another.

One of my Christmas gifts, chosen by me, with book money, has turned out to be a treasure: *Inspired, (Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again)*, by Rachel Held Evans.

In the chapter entitled, War Stories, the writer tackles what she calls, "texts of terror," those horrific accounts of slaughter, rape, human sacrifice and so on.

"It's not always clear what we are meant to learn from the Bible's most troubling stories, but if we simply look away, we learn nothing." (p.75)

Looking away — that's been my default position for years. I find the suffering of the world



unbearable: the Haitian earthquake, the thousands of Syrian civilians slaughtered in a 10-year old civil war, the wildfires in Australia.

But burying my head in the sand doesn't make me part of any solution. I may not like it, but the real world will not go away if I just close my eyes and refuse to look. And there it is — in my Bible readings, day after day.

My default position isn't working. The message will get through whether I want it to or not: the world is a really hard place.

So, rather than turn away, perhaps God is telling me to take a closer look. It's time to face the truth, and find where the Kingdom of God fits into the picture.

I recently read an article entitled, *Highway to Help*,** about a group of Christians, strategically situated along the 2,300 mile route from Texas to Maine, who quietly enable Congolese refugees, mainly women and families, to make their way to a large stable community of Congolese immigrants in Portland.

They provide food, toiletries, and transportation. There's pressure to make the migrants "as invisible and unobtrusive as possible to avoid confron-



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This Wikimedia photo from Jan. 17, 2016 shows Syrian and Iraqi refugees as they reach the coastal waters of Lesbos in Greece, after having crossed from Turkey. Volunteers (life rescue team - with yellow-red clothes) from the Spanish NGO Proactiva Open Arms help the refugees.

“...Burying my head in the sand doesn't make me part of any solution.

tation.” It reminded me of the Underground Railroad.

This effort is not well publicized, for good reason, but how refreshing to know that there are Christians out there welcoming strangers, feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked (see Matthew 25). The Kingdom of God is at work, but not always in the public eye, unlike my CBC newsfeed.

Some prominent Christian leaders are speaking truth to power. That's what Mark Galli was doing when he wrote his infamous essay calling out Donald Trump's immorality.***

If we close our eyes, the world will not just go away. Jesus did not turn His back and give up on us. He stepped right into the middle of our mess.

And He didn't give in to the temptation to use the world's methods to achieve His purpose. He did just the opposite.

“God became flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ...and chose to die by

violence rather than commit it...On the cross Christ not only bore the brunt of human cruelty and bloodlust and fear, he remained faithful to the nonviolence He taught and modeled throughout His ministry...

“On the cross, Jesus chose to align himself with the victims of suffering rather than the inflictors of it...So to whatever extent God owes us an explanation for the Bible's war stories, Jesus is that explanation. And Christ the King won His kingdom without war.” (Held Evans, p.77)

We, the Church really are a counter-culture. Let's embrace that. The Kingdom of God is in our midst. Jesus called us “lights shining in the darkness.” Blessings, Eva

*Buck Owens and Roy Clark
** Christianity Today, December, 2019

*** Trump Should be Removed from Office, Christianity Today, December 19, 2019

THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK



Linda Fury

As we sit and enjoy the winter sunshine — and maybe enjoy the snow — I pray that all ACW members have a restful winter. Soon our weather will improve and we will be able to travel safely and enjoy all New Brunswick has to offer.

Spring brings many activities for all of us. One of our important events is our Diocesan Annual ACW meeting. This

year it will be held in the Kingston-Kennebecasis Deanery at St. James the Less Church in Rothesay on May 5-6.

At this business meeting, one of the items discussed will be the possibility of a one-day spring meeting for the Diocesan ACW. Some things we would like all members to think about before voting are the following:

1. A one-day meeting would probably mean no banquet, speaker or entertainment during the evening of the first day. If there were to be a banquet, most who participate would probably end up spending the night.
2. The second-day meeting ends at noon, giving all who attend time to travel home during daylight.
3. A one-day meeting would require less funds and less commitment of time.
4. A one-day meeting would not allow time for members to hear about the missions we support.

Each branch in every Deanery has many rewarding activities planned for the spring season. If you are wondering

what you can do this year, look back to the November issue of *Launching Out* where lists of both fundraising activities and outreach programs were published.

We all tend to stick to plans we have had for years, but there are many wonderful, different things we can do.

One mistake I made in these lists was to put the prayer shawl ministry in the fundraising category. It should have been listed as an outreach project, of which I was well aware.

Our editor, Gisele, has a great article on the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the February *NB Anglican* and Jan. 21 eNews for the Diocese. I believe that even I could make a prayer shawl and shall attempt that this spring!

Blessings to all,
Linda Fury, president

Lenten study suggestion

Liturgy of the ordinary

Bishop David, with the Spiritual Development Team, is recommending the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary" by Anglican priest Tish Harrison Warren (IVP) for parish/group study in Lent. Pricing is expected to be about \$12 per book. Contact Cheryl Jacobs to order: 506-459-1801, ext. 223; or cjacobs@dioften.ca

ACE PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

Is your group looking for a guest speaker at an upcoming function? Erin Rideout and the Rev. Jasmine Chandra have recently qualified to give presentations on ACE Interface, a concept to better understand how trauma experienced in childhood can affect physical and mental health in adulthood.

Promoting healthy families

CONTACTS:
Erin: icysmj@gmail.com or 506-647-9813
Jasmine: jasminechandra@gmail.com

coldest night
OF THE YEAR

Help bring an end to homelessness

Once again this year, the Diocesan Synod Office staff will walk in the *Coldest Night of the Year* fundraiser Feb. 22 to help end homelessness.

Can you help?

- You can form your own team in your community, raise money and walk on Feb. 22.
- Or you can support our team, Anglican Energy.

To donate, visit
cnoy.org/donate
and search "Anglican Energy"

Diocesan Lenten Retreat

Plowing the Fields

with Bishop David Edwards

March 6-7, 2020 OR March 8-9, 2020
4PM - 4PM
Villa Madonna Retreat Centre, Rothesay NB

Two opportunities to gather together for teaching and reflection this coming Lent. Preregistration is required for all participants. For more details & to register, visit:
nb.anglican.ca/Lent2020



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Busy at St. Mark's

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: All set up for the Christmas Tea & Sale in mid-November at St. Mark's Church Hall in the Parish of Westmorland. Once the crowd arrives, everything goes very quickly at the bake table! • The items on the silent auction table are always very popular. • Setting up for the Christmas closing dinner in December. • The Men's Fellowship Club were invited guests for our dinner.



Reminders from Launching Out

- The deadline for submissions is always the 22nd of the month before publication: Aug. 22 for September; Oct. 22 for November; Jan. 22 for February and March 22 for April.
- Launching Out needs your news! Please consider sharing your news so it can be included in the next publication of Launching Out. Don't hide it under a bushel — let it shine!



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

DIOCESAN ACW ANNUAL MEETING, May 5 & 6

St. James The Less Anglican Church,

1760 Rothesay Ave., Rothesay, N.B. E2H 2J5

THIS FORM IS DUE APRIL 14

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH/LOCATION: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes and enclose a cheque for the total amount made payable to "Paula Adams."

☐

Registration fee - \$ 6

☐

Banquet ticket - \$ 20

***If you have any food allergies or gluten free issues, please mention them here:**

Please check the following box if you plan to stay for the second day. This will help us in planning coffee break on that day.

I plan to stay for the second day. ☐

Please return this form with your cheque made out to Paula Adams by April 14; mail it to: Paula Adams, 16 Kensington Ave. Quispamsis, N.B. E2E 2T9

• • • Banquet Tickets • • •

Banquet tickets will be held for pick up at the time of registration on the morning of May 5th. Cut off date for ordering banquet tickets is April 14. There will be no banquet tickets available at the meeting.