

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN BOARD

Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island



*Let's Keep
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Community: Care... Courage... Compassion



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2020-2021 PROJECT - *Supporting Parents: Stories That Matter* **Parents Supporting Parents Facilitator Training**



Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board is partnering with the Canadian Mothers' Union to raise funds for the Mothers' Union Supporting Parents Facilitator Training Course in the Council of the North. This National Project for 2020/21 will come to a close at the end of June. If you would like to donate to this project please send your donation to:

Marjorie Davis, Board Treasurer, 204-111 Pebblecreek Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1

If you have already sent in a donation the Board extends to you our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Thank You for your ongoing support of our annual projects.

Stay tuned for our next exciting local 2021/2022 project; more details in the July/August Edition of the Let's Keep in Touch newsletter and the next issue of Keep in Touch magazine.



Check out the news release (April 21/21) on the Anglican Foundation of Canada's

Website: www.anglicanfoundation.org that highlights the generosity of our Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board and the Cathedral's St. Catherine's Women's Group for the AFC's Say Yes! to Kids campaign. The following link takes one directly to the story and a photo: [\\$1,000 from the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board, and \\$500 from the St. Catherine's Group of the Cathedral Church of All Saints](#) The Board encourages your support of

Say Yes! to Kids.

THE WORLD NEEDS COMMUNITY LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

The Corrymeela Community praying for communities through their #couragepentecost movement. The following prayer is from April 5th 2021.

God of the courage that comes from the heart; God of the journey that starts from within: we pray that this small step we take today will lead us from our tomb and along a path of solidarity and peace. As we come to you in prayer as pilgrims in the dark may your fiery, contagious spirit resurrect a hope-filled life so that we might be your people with new courage in our heart. Amen

A Prayer for Moms & Dads

As we approach the season of honouring our mothers and fathers.

Mother's Day, May 9th – Father's Day, June 20th

Almighty and loving God, thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace. Help moms and dads rest in You as they go about their daily lives. Provide them with wisdom and patience, and the strength and encouragement they need to be all You desire them to be. Bless their homes with peace and love. May they find joy and hope in each day, may they laugh off their mistakes, may they live in the moment and expect good things for the future. As we honour and celebrate our moms and dads, we acknowledge the wide spectrum of parenting. Bless their labours; keep them always in your care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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ACW Board 2021/22 Theme:
Community: Care... Courage... Compassion

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ACW BOARD'S THEME FOR 2021/2022

Exploring the Concept of Community

The Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board is inviting you to explore what community means to you. We are suggesting there are **3 key components: care, courage, and compassion**. We are calling these the **3 C's of Community**. We do not pretend that these qualities are exhaustive, but they are the 3 that the Board plans to concentrate on for the remainder of 2021 and into the first part of 2022. They will be the Board's theme for 2021/22 – **"Community: Care . . . Courage . . . Compassion"**. We will draw our sense of community from Romans 12:5 – "So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." The qualities of care and compassion for one another abound in the New Testament, with what follows being a small sample only: Ephesians 4:32 ". . . Be kind and compassionate to one another . . .". Philippians 2:4 – "Do not merely look out for your own interests, but also for the interests of others." Colossians 3:12-14 – "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience . . . And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." The concept of courage may not be what first comes to mind when thinking of community, but we are suggesting that it takes great courage to be in community with one another, caring for each other, "clothing [oneself] with compassion." It is Saint Teresa of Avila who makes the case for courage: "To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that." On a more modern note, the Canadian mystery writer, Louise Penny, in her second Armand Gamache novel, "A Fatal Grace", concludes with:

**'Where there is love, there is courage
Where there is courage, there is peace
Where there is peace, there is God.
And when you have God, you have everything.'**

Join us in exploring "Community: Care . . . Courage . . . Compassion."

Taken from an article for The Diocesan Times, written by Cynthia Pilichos, ACW Board Co-coordinator.