

Anglican Church Women Board

Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island



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SEASON OF CREATION 2021 – A HOME FOR ALL? RENEWING THE OIKOS OF GOD



Amid crises that have shaken our world, the global Christian family has been awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other during the ecumenical *Season of Creation* (September 1st to October 4th), with its theme this year of ***A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.***

This theme for the *Season of Creation 2021* parallels that of our diocesan Anglican Church Women for 2021/22, ***Community: Care . . . Courage . . . Compassion***, with both themes focusing on renewing our world as an interconnected and interdependent global community. We learn in Genesis that God put us all under the same “domed” roof – we are all in this house, the *oikos of God* – a “beloved community”, the latter as expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is a community in which all of life are equal members. We know that this oikos of God, this home for all, is now in danger.

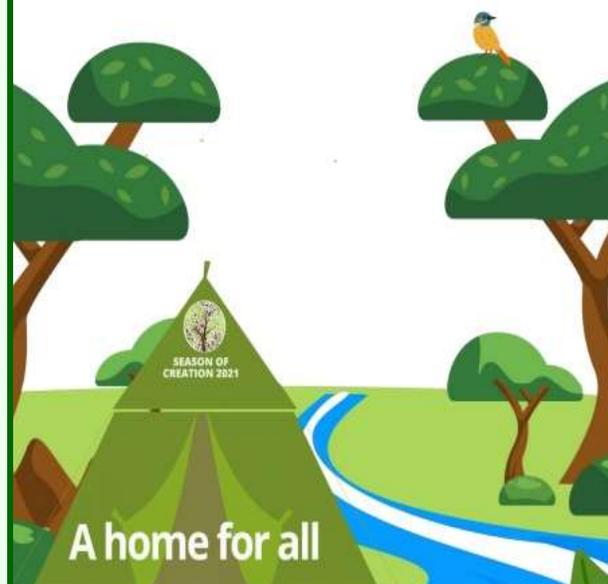
During the 2021 *Season of Creation*, thousands of Christians on six continents will get together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation. More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate’s recognition of the *Day of Prayer for Creation* (Sept. 1) and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community. Prayer is a powerful experience and tool to raise awareness and foster transformational relations and ministry.

We have forgotten that we all live in the household of God, the oikos, the “beloved community”. Our fundamental interconnectedness has been at best overlooked, at worst deliberately denied. It is the hope and prayer of the *Season of Creation 2021* Advisory Committee that we can become again this “beloved community” of intentional discipleship. It will take courage, but we can be champions to renew all of life in the “Beloved Community”, the Oikos of God, so that all of creation are welcomed and nurtured under a “dome” of care and compassion.



SEASON OF
CREATION

2021 Celebration Guide **A Home for All?** Renewing the *Oikos* of God



For a full guide on the many ways the *Season of Creation 2021* can be recognized, celebrated, and championed, go to:
<https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf>

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2021-2022
PROJECT

the
marguerite
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I know
THE PLANS
I have for you...
TO GIVE YOU A

Future WITH Hope

Jeremiah 29: 11

Please make cheques payable to Anglican Church Women Board,
Annual Project noted in memo line.



Mail to:

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204-111 Pebblecreek Drive
Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1



The board will accept donations for this project up to and including April 2022.

Marguerite Centre: A Future with Hope

The Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board could not have chosen a better 2021/22 theme to support its locally *focused Annual Project 2021/22, Marguerite Centre: A Future with Hope*. With its **3 C's of Community: care, courage, and compassion**, this theme sets the stage for soliciting funds to sponsor a woman to live for a year at the **Marguerite Centre, a place of healing for women recovering from addiction**. With its unique residential and holistic approach, the Marguerite Centre, just outside metro Halifax, provides a supportive community of care and compassion where these women can courageously chart a **future with hope**. We have taken our Project title, **Marguerite Centre: A Future with Hope**, from Jeremiah 29:11 – For, surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you **a future with hope**. We appreciate all contributions for this Project, just as we have for all our projects – you are integral to the success of each and every project!

The Marguerite Centre is restoring the dreams of women caught in the vicious cycle of addiction, trauma, and abuse. – CH, past resident. The restoration of dreams means a **Future with Hope!**



INQUIRING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN IN PERSON REGIONAL MEETINGS

At the time of publication of this newsletter, we did not know if it would be possible to hold any in person meetings. If your region, in the diocese of NS and PEI, is considering hosting a regional meeting please contact the ACW board office via email at acw.nsboard@gmail.com so that we can inform the board and also publish the event. **Please note**, that the **Executive Director of the Marguerite Centre, Lisa Mullin**, is willing to be a guest speaker and would appreciate the opportunity to speak and tell us just how special this place of healing is for women recovering from addiction. **Please support the Anglican Church Women Board project for 2021/2022, Marguerite Centre: A Future with Hope**



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If your parish is ordering calendars through the Anglican Church Women Board, the order must be submitted via e-mail only at acw.nsboard@gmail.com. Please provide the name of the person ordering, the name of the Parish and its community, and the number of calendars being ordered. Payment must be submitted by cheque or money order. Payments submitted before pick-up are to be sent to Marjorie Davis, 204 – 111 Pebblecreek Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1. **PLEASE NOTE:** All payments must be submitted **no later than October 29, 2021**. Pick-up is at the Anglican Diocesan Centre, 1340 Cathedral Lane, Halifax.



O give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures
forever. Psalm 107:1

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Wishing You and Your Family happiness on
this special day and always.
May the beauty and blessings of
Thanksgiving bring you warmth, love,
peace and joy. Blessings to All!

Happy
Thanksgiving