



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Fellow ACW Members,

My name is Gail Revitt and I have been installed as your new Diocesan ACW President. I am a 'cradle' Anglican and have been attending St. Cuthbert's Church in North elta since 1975 where I have been ACW since the late 1970's; was Envelope Secretary for many years; involved with Christmas Bazaars; am currently a sides person and reader and on the Social Committee. In my home church in Calgary, AB, I was GA and also JA for those of you who remember the groups for young women - a precursor to becoming what at that time was WA and subsequently changed to ACW. I also work each week at ACW Place along with Beth Fortin, Social Action Chair and many others who come along to help in the warehouse to prepare the bales for the Diocese of Yukon and then also distribute to many organizations in the lower mainland.

I thank you for the trust you have placed in me to be your President. I know I have big shoes to fill in following Margaret Warwick, your Past President. Margaret has now made the move to Edmonton to live close to her daughters, their children and her great grandchildren. I know that you will all wish her well in this move and also as she takes on the job of National ACW President in Jujne. I hope that she will bisit us over the coming years.

The Annual ACW AGM was a lovely day and we thank the memberts at St. George's, Maple Ridge for their hospitality. We welcome four new members-at-large to the Board - Ann Turner, Lesley Goodbrand, Carreen Adams and one other member who came forward during the lunch time - Ginny Sveinson.

We would also like to thank Reverend Sue Fole-Currie for her many years of buidance as our Chaplain and wish her well in her continued retirement. The Venerable Beverley Stewart has agreed to become our ACW Chaplain. This

appointment has the approval of Bishop Melissa and we look forward to working with the Ven. Bev in the coming years.

The Board is very excited that the membership approved the funds for the establishment of a trust fund to be administered by the Anglican Foundation as a perpetual bursary for those taking theological studies with the view to contributing to the Anglican Church of Canada. We will be working with the Foundation on the wording of the requirements to meet our criteria.

Wishing everyone a summer of soft breezes, warm weather and a chance to take some time away from your everyday lives to enjoy the little things that God has created, to return refreshed for the fall.

Blessings,
Gail



President Gail Revitt with past President Joy Easingwood (1987-1990) Photo: Shurl Nicholls

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
MEETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR**



Greater Vancouver/North Shore
October 10th 2017
St. Mary's Kerrisdale

South West Fraser
November 21st 2017
St. Cuthbert's, North Delta

North West Fraser
March 13th 2018
St Catherine's, Port Coquitlam

Annual General Meeting
May 5th 2018
St. Mark's, Ocean Park

ACW Place

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday - June 24th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**7012B Merritt Avenue,
Burnaby**

Come get a tour, see what we do, and who
we help!

Bring the children, and grandchildren!
Face painting and activities for children.

NEWS FOR KNITTERS



We have lots of Fish n Chip sweaters in the smaller size - we would appreciate larger sizes and/or baby sweaters, also gloves and mitts in all sizes.

NEWS FROM THE WAREHOUSE



We are in urgent need of blankets - all sizes larger than twin - for packing the bales.

We also need **baby plastic pants** - if you are heading for England or know anyone who is, they are easily available there. Ask if a few pairs could be tucked into luggage on the way home!

Gloves and Mitts are also in short supply and are in demand for the Bales.

We welcome all helpers Monday mornings from 9.30 until noon - no experience necessary, a fun social activity while we sort and pack the bales which are so appreciated by the churches in the North.



*Beth Fortin - Social
Outreach co-ordinator
Photo: Shurl Nicholls*

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Introducing the new ACW Chaplain,
The Venerable Beverley Stewart

Hello everyone,

First to say how honoured I am to have been asked to be the ACW Chaplain. I hope that I will be able to get to know at least some of you, and that I will serve you well. In the process of getting to know you, I thought it appropriate that I would first introduce myself to those who might not already know me.

How far back shall we go . . . Well, I was born in Winnipeg - I am Canadian! Then spent early childhood years in Vancouver, and my school years in Victoria. My passions then were Girl Guides - achieving my Gold Cord and attending an International Camp in Norway - formative times for me. Other activities included piano, and playing the piano for the local Sunday School (remember those days!) And a group at our high school which gave service to what was then termed "mentally and physically disabled".

Skipping ahead, over to Vancouver, graduated with a B.Ed. from UBC and taught elementary school - focus on music. And . . . The highlight was getting married to my high school sweetheart, Jim Stewart, in January, 1968 - Yes, 50 years coming up! Then the children started coming - Alan in 1973, Kristine in 1976, and Carrie in 1981. It was fortunate that I was able to be a "stay at home mum" - for those were good years. Girl Guide leader, commissioner, choir member, Youth Group leader, Bible study leader, and general fun of being with the children.

Alas, those days drew to a close, as I received the call to ordained ministry and with great trepidation and excitement set off for study for my M.Div. at VST. Along the way I was a year-long intern at Christ Church Cathedral, and Biblical teaching assistant. By the grace of God, we all survived and I was ordained deacon 25 years ago this June, priested the same year in December, serving my curacy at St. Paul's in the West End. All of them challenging, but wonderful years of learning and learning.

Another jump in time . . . In 1994 I was appointed rector of St. Alban's and St. Dunstan's in Aldergrove. Thus it was that our family made the move from Coquitlam to Langley and we learned about country life. It was my privilege to serve those faithful and wonderful people for thirteen years. We came through a lot together - St. Alban's officially



*The Ven. Bev Stewart
Photo: Caitlin Reilley Beck*

joined with St. Dunstan's and we became one congregation under one roof. But then, the building of that one roof burned down on Halloween night of the year 2000. We "wandered in the wilderness", worshipping in school gyms, meanwhile finding a new, larger property and building a new church building - on 264th just south of the Fraser Highway. Ring the bells that still can ring - two bells - one from St. Alban's and one from St. Dunstan's - truly becoming one.

But all good things must end, and so that chapter came to a close ten years ago with my retirement. Retirement from serving a parish, and also from serving as regional archdeacon. (During some tumultuous times in this Diocese . . . but that's another story)

Not to remain idle for long - Bishop Michael sent me off to Lambeth as part of a delegation of the International Anglican Women's Network, and continuing working with them, also attending the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York. What incredible experiences with our global Anglican communion leaning about women's issues.

International has always been a passion - so off I went to St. George's College in Jerusalem, eventually going to Israel/Palestine three more times, including the most recent trip attending a Sabeel Conference (Palestinian Christians) on the Balfour Declaration of 1917. I have been so very fortunate that I have been able to travel abroad - now having been to virtually every continent, including a few countries which some people might not have heard of. I have hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, and sailed the seven seas.

In my spare time, during these past few years, I have completed the Diploma in International Development from UBC, and for five years completed intensive week long courses in Indigenous Studies at the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg. These have led to being part of a delegation to Jordan to work with Syrian refugees, as well as working with Canadians for a New Partnership.

But, like many of you, my real joy is family, all three children happily married, and blessing us with seven grandchildren altogether. If I am not at home, I might be found visiting them in both Calgary and Williams Lake, (or out in my garden).

Thus endeth the epistle! I look forward to being with you, and getting to know new friends and old, one is silver and the other gold. Thank you.

In Christ we serve.

Blessings, **Beverley**

LETTER FROM THE EDMONTON

To My ACW Sisters
in the Diocese of New Westminster

I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the warmth of your "send-off" at our April 22nd AGM. However, it was a bittersweet day for me as I was there to celebrate another great year together but at the same time knowing it would possibly be my last with you in the Diocese of New Westminster. We had a very good turnout; a wonderfully productive Business Meeting (with the exception of the still vacant VP Position!) during which we voted to establish the legacy of a self-funding Bursary; great food and fellowship; an amazing group of speakers, who were so inspirational; and we concluded with a new and upbeat (but traditional in its own way) Eucharist! Your generous hugs, well-wishes and gifts were all so wonderful and I shall remember them and you for a very long time. Thank you to each and every one of you – your love and support over the years has been most sincerely appreciated.

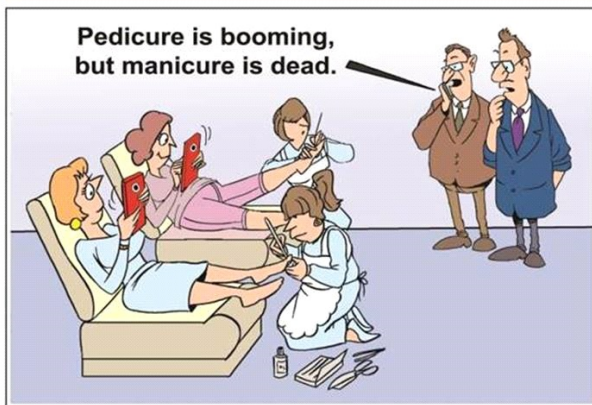
Congratulations to Gail Revitt and all of the new (and continuing) Board Members – I know you will serve the membership well! Always know that I will be there to support you in any way I can – I am so very proud of you all!!

I look forward to keeping up to date with things through the News 'N' Views – and also hopefully by some e-mails when you have time.

Love and God Bless,
Margaret Warwick
"Retiring" President

iToons

Sunil Agarwal & Ajit Ninan



For those who are "always connected"



Past President Sheila Puls presents retiring president Margaret Warwick with a gift and Certificate of Appreciation Photo: Ann Blue

Make your Magic

*Do not say that nothing lovely ever comes your way.
Make your magic -
find the gold that's hidden in the clay.
Learn to look behind the mask of life's unsmiling face,
seeing beauty in the features of the commonplace.*

*Wait expecting wonders and anticipate the best.
Be prepared for something good
and surely you'll be blessed...
Take possession of your kingdom.
Health and happiness -
ask of the Eternal. Be content with nothing less.*

*Is your daily world mundane, prosaic, dull and drear?
Change it.
If you wish it you can make a heaven here...
Walk in glory. Seek whatever things are good and true.
Make your magic.
Use the powers that God has given you.*

Patience Strong.

**OUTREACH BUDGET
AS PASSED AT THE AGM**

	\$
Yukon School food programme	5,000
Covenant House	1,000
Camp Artaban	1,000
St Jude’s Home	1,000
Diocesan Refugee Unit	1,000
Care & Share	1,000
Mission to Seafarers	1,000
Urban Native Youth - Elder Mentor	1,000
West Side Mobile Care Unit	1,000
Youth Delegate to the UN	5,000
PWRDF	2,500
Basic Human Needs	5,000
The Birds Nest	1,000
Street 2 Peak	1,000
Board Discretionary Fund	<u>2,500</u>
.....	\$ 30,000

Ongoing budget amounts:

Territory of the People (Registration for 1 for DNW Leadership School)	1,000
Bishop’s Discretionary Fund	5,000

The following pages give more information about some of the initiatives we are supporting.

THE STREET2PEAK PROJECT

The Street2Peak Project is a 10 year venture that will take some of Vancouver’s most vulnerable youth on 5 magnificent adventures across 5 continents. The purpose of these trips is to give disadvantaged students an opportunity to share their stories of struggle and success with the rest of the world.

They are going to travel the globe and expose the students to those wondrous and beautiful lands outside of our inner-city borders. They will get to meet, firsthand, other indigenous youth from different countries and start to participate in a global conversation about what it’s like to be a kid in an ever-changing and overly complex world. These will not be “holidays”, but rather, these expeditions will be rigorous and demanding, pushing the students to their limits in the hopes of showing them and the world what youth are capable of.

Drawing the majority of our students from the Streetfront Alternative Program is an added benefit due to their commitment to physical fitness, outdoor pursuits and marathon training the program offers. From these expeditions, they will be creating a leadership cohort that will take their experiences to students around the province, inspiring youth to believe in themselves and know that it doesn’t matter where they come from – what matters is where they go. They have just received initial approval from the Vancouver School Board on the next exciting expedition.

**URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION
ELDER MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME**

The main goal of the Mentorship Program is to connect Indigenous youth ages 12-15 years old to trained community volunteer mentors. With the support of positive role-models, Indigenous youth can build upon their strengths and work towards their goals. The program aims to empower youth and provide them with the tools they need to make positive choices and changes, helping them grow into strong, independent and confident adults. Together, youth and mentors participate in fun, positive and healthy community-based activities.

The Mentorship Program is great for Indigenous youth who are willing to work towards positive change in their lives by accepting and making the most of the mentorship opportunities. Youth must be willing to commit to meeting with a volunteer mentor for two to four hours per week for at least one year.

The program partners with volunteer mentors from all backgrounds, who engage in meaningful and supportive relationships with Indigenous youth. The Program Coordinator works with both mentors and youth to help to build and maintain a positive youth/mentor relationship.

Many of our initiatives are aimed at children and young people at risk - in accordance with the priorities indicated when we took the priorities poll a few years ago.

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

One of the new Donations approved at the Annual Meeting was to Basic Human Needs. Jessica Moorwood was the lunchtime speaker, and this is her story.



Jessica and friends

Photo: Morwood Family

My name is Jessica Leigh Morwood, I grew up in a little seaside town in British Columbia, Canada called White Rock. I guess you could call my family 'middle class' - we weren't rich, but I never wanted for anything growing up. Since I was a child, I'd always dreamed of being a singer and traveling the world making music. I had also dreamed of being a teacher, a professional basketball player and a marine biologist. Kids in Canada grow up with a lot of dreams and some of them even come true. My parents always told me I could be anything I wished and I am so thankful to them for that encouragement. Those kind of childhood dreams are a luxury that street kids in India have no concept of.

The first time I came to Varanasi in December of 1999 I was amazed and horrified. Extreme words, I know, but such an extreme place deserves such a description. The combination of sights and smells; old architecture, old cultures, incense, naked holy men, pilgrims walking barefoot to the water, cows, monkeys, horns blaring- a bit overwhelming. Not to mention the constant burning of bodies down by the river! I had come with my two closest friends as a tourist, but our stay was cut short; we three became so sick with dysentery that we quickly popped some Imodium and got on the train to Goa. I remember being so sick that I wished for my mother to be there to take care of me. So needless to say, I wasn't sure I'd ever go back to Varanasi. Two years later when my then boyfriend (now husband) Dan announced he wanted to go to Varanasi to volunteer with street kids I said 'NO WAY' straight away- yet here I am.

We had been leading this very cushy life in Taiwan, teaching kindergarten and performing music in clubs on the weekends. Our habit was to work for a year, save up enough to travel and then just go traveling for about six months at a stretch. How lucky, how blessed we were! We would go spend our money traveling around Asia - at least, until we went to India. After the first time, we just kept going back to India; we were caught! India is amazing - so many different cultures and languages; so much to see! Our life had started to seem shallow though, without much meaning. Our students in Taiwan seemed so rich and pampered compared with the poor children living on the streets in India. That's why we originally chose to come to Varanasi to volunteer; so many kids on the streets!

There are many NGOs in Varanasi, schools where poor kids can learn and volunteers can do service to the poor. We wanted to be good people and the idea was that by doing good deeds we could become better people. The first year we taught at three different free schools around the city. We became a group - five foreigners teaching Music, Art and English. One of the places we were volunteering was an Aghori Ashram along the side of the river. They had a free school and requested that we go down to a nearby beggar camp every morning with a bag of bananas to bribe the children into going to school. It worked like a charm! Imagine how strong the lure of getting a banana must have been to those kids! This lasted for a few months, until the kids finally started refusing to go there- apparently they were being beaten. I went to the Ashram to ask if this was true and was told by the baba (holy man) that 'Of course we don't beat the children, Jessica ji!'. All the Indian teachers were paraded in front of me to testify to this. I quietly accepted his words, (doubting the words of the children), left for the day and snuck back around the back gate by the river to spy. What I saw changed my life forever. I saw these beautiful children, whom I had led here (by banana bribery) being beaten with very big sticks (lathis) and driven out of the Ashram! I was so confused! Why would these people request that we bring children to their free school every morning, only to drive them away as soon as we foreigners had left? I then understood why the children were refusing to go; they'd rather go begging with their mothers than endure such beatings for only one banana - at least begging brought them money!

It became clear in the next few months that no other school would accept these children - no one

wanted to teach them. Let me be fair; beggar children are dirty (adorable), rude (wordly), use the most horrible language (let's say colourful) and all of them were WAY behind in their studies, according to the norm. What we didn't realize at first became clear after we opened the school; a large percentage of these children from the ghat are what we would call 'special needs', due to neglect, fetal alcohol effect, malnutrition and abuse. Our students suffer through bad memory, lack of focus/concentration, attention deficiency, poor growth (stunting), dyslexia - and more. Many have died young from diarrhea and infection due to poor hygiene and lack of medical attention.

Et voila! Basic Human Needs was born!! We started as ten kids and a teacher on a blanket under a tree. The teacher we hired had already been working to teach poor children down on the ghats (river side) so starting was easy. That summer a friend gave us a little cash to start up - it was 20,000 rupees (about 300 dollars Canadian) and it lasted us a very long time. The school was named Jeevan, meaning 'life'. My partners and I ran the project with mostly our own money, plus small, anonymous donations from visitors. Eventually it was necessary to register as a charity in Canada to be able to raise enough money to support the project.

Jeevan Shiksha today is a very different place. At first only kids from the beggar camp came to the school but now we try to accept as many truly poor children from the ghats as we can. In India schooling is private; the students attending Jeevan would never be able or allowed to attend if we didn't provide FREE education, especially to the girls. To be fair, the rest of India seems to be improving and moving towards the future, while Varanasi remains immersed in a bubble of ancient custom and a hierarchical (and patriarchal) caste system. Equally important is the food we provide the children; it's difficult to concentrate in school when you haven't eaten a proper meal. Our students receive a fresh fruit snack at recess and a vegetarian, all-you-can-eat lunch every school day, plus a boiled egg once a week along with their fruit snack.

Two years after opening the little school it became clear that a children's home was needed. All of the families from the camp are alcoholic; this means that the money which should be used to feed the children is more often used for

drinking cheap alcohol, while the children receive white rice only. Sometimes the parents buy the leftover skin and guts from chicken shops and fry that up - a delicacy to those kids who seldom receive any protein in their diet. It's very difficult to attend school regularly if you come from the camp - no light under which to read, no running water, not enough calories to promote learning and remembering - and so Jeevan Hostel was born.

Currently Jeevan Shiksha provides free education to 154 students and a violence-free home to 35 of those students. The hostellers come from the more extreme situations, but all the children are marginalised. We estimate that more than 60 percent of those students are 'special needs'. The school goes up to class Ten, but as the kids get older the class size gets smaller, due to societal, parental and economic pressure - girls are pressured to marry, boys to earn money. This year we have approximately 35 students in the Nursery but only five in Class Ten. Students who complete class ten are given career counselling. Currently four students are being sponsored by a local family to attend a nearby high school, one in Class Twelve, three in Class Eleven- all are girls. The oldest girl, Gangotri, who is in Class Twelve, will be the first girl from her family to EVER graduate from high school! Her hope is to study English at university and become a teacher. Ultimately, Gangotri's dream is to open a similar school in her mother's village a few hundred kilometres away.

These days I am in charge of the Nursery Classes and the Music Program, as well as doing fundraising to support the project. I have three partners and we run the project together. This May my plan is to tour BC, doing small house concerts and speaking in local schools to inform Canadian children about the lives of street children in Varanasi.

Jessica Moorwood

www.basichumanneeds.org



The Hostel

Jessica told me that the cost of food alone is about \$1,000 a month. The ACW donation was \$5,000 plus half the Eucharistic offering. She will keep in touch with us when she returns to Varanasi next month.

THE BIRD'S NEST

The other guest speaker at the AGM, and major new initiative for our outreach

Andy Bird always wanted to be a wrestler. As the son of a single, mute mother - and a boy who had been homeless at 15 - the only problem Andy had was figuring out how to start out on his trek of becoming a professional wrestler. Enter MySpace. Yep, you read that correctly. MySpace. "I didn't know how to get into it, so I sent a message out to Nattie Neidhart on MySpace when it was still a thing. I didn't expect a reply but she did and told me to go to Calgary and train at BJ's gym. So I saved up and on January 1st of 2010 I grabbed a backpack with shoes and kneepads and a suitcase of clothes, caught the bus and went to Calgary."

With no place to stay, Andy made it up as he went along. He found a library and googled rooms to rent. He found a place to stay for a couple of weeks here, and a couple of weeks there, all while he trained to become a wrestler.

"I was at a place I hated with a crappy roommate and a boring job and the gym closed. I was wondering what to do when Randy called me and asked if I wanted to move to BC with him. I said yes and quit my job, and I moved to BC in October of 2011."

"Randy" is one of ECCW's top stars Ravenous Randy, a mainstay on the Vancouver indie circuit. Bird met Andy at training in Calgary, and immediately a trainer/mentor relationship formed.



*Andy (with Championship belt) and Margaret
Photo: Shurl Nicholls*

When I asked Andy why Randy invited him to BC he claimed he didn't know. I reached out to Randy to ask him and he explained "the reason I brought Andy out to BC when I moved from Calgary was because I saw/see so much potential in him and I wanted to be part of his journey to success."

He is doing what he always dreamed of doing and has now achieved a championship belt. And now he wants to help other First Nation youths chase their dreams, too, showing the same fearlessness he's shown throughout his life.

"I want you to imagine that you live in a remote community of Saskatchewan, population 3,500, with nothing but dirt roads. There is no work, no industry and no stores. There is literally nothing to do and you are surrounded by drugs and alcohol abuse because that is how a large majority of the people cope with their hopelessness. Education is almost irrelevant, in some cases even discouraged by your own family, because really, what's the point. The suicide rate is higher than almost anywhere in the world. The teen pregnancy rate is so high it is considered a national public health crisis. You are twice as likely to live your life in poverty and the chance of sexual abuse or exploitation is higher than anywhere else in Canada. People from your own country assume that you are either lazy or unmotivated to do anything with your life, when the truth is that since you have never experienced anything except your small community, the idea of venturing out on your own is so overwhelming and you end up trapped in a life that you do not want."

It's a bleak vision, but that is the reality of Andy's reserve. His goal is to change that, and offer a helping hand to the children of the reserves, to let them know they can do anything with their life, to expand their borders, and to dream big.

How does he plan on doing that? By building them a nest, a of course. In the form of a house. "I am going to build them a nest, a place in beautiful BC in my neighbourhood that they can come to with familiar faces, security, warmth & encouragement. My mom, Patti, has just moved from Montreal Lake to be the first "house mother" and students will be able to complete their high school diplomas or head straight into post- secondary education in this home away from home."

Thus "The Birds Nest" - the project which the Diocesan ACW added this year to our outreach donations.

YOUTH DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

March 17, 2017

As Canadian Anglican Youth Delegates, we have come together to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, to observe, learn, and participate in the project of increasing women's empowerment around the world and at home. We would like to use this opportunity to bring attention to the following issues that we as youth still feel need to be addressed. Based on our discussions with one another and delegates from around the world, our priorities include: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Reproductive Justice, Sexual Health Education, and Gender and Sexual Minorities.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

We want to highlight the need for Canada to ratify the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People as promised. We believe Canada should prioritize listening to indigenous families, voices, women, and scholars and incorporating their needs, insights, and leadership into the action and research done. As indigenous advisors have suggested, we strongly believe in prioritizing the accountability of law enforcement at the levels of individual officers and policy.

Changes in government policies that contribute to missing and murdered indigenous women, particularly through criminalizing indigenous women's lives should be addressed. Criminalizing women's lives is instrumental in their marginalization and in forcing them into unsafe conditions where they risk losing their lives. One key example includes Bill c-36 (The Exploited Persons Act) which criminalizes sex work. Indigenous women, migrant women, and poor women are overly represented as sex workers. Bill c-36 is consistently denounced by sex workers as both criminalizing their lives, making their jobs riskier, and providing barriers to the implementation of ways that sex workers keep themselves safe. Bill c-36 contradicts Canada's work around missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, and demonstrates a failure to listen to indigenous women's own concerns and solutions.

Reproductive Justice

Reproductive health services have been highlighted as a key priority for the Trudeau government. Currently New Brunswick continues to break federal Canadian law with its abortion restrictions and has created a two-tiered medical system where wealthy people have access to private services that the largely low income population of New Brunswick does not. Not only are people forced to pay out of pocket for services that the province is legally contracted to provide and

make accessible, when they can't they are forced to travel across borders, or attempt highly dangerous DIY solutions.

We also want to highlight the need for a national prescription coverage plan in order to make birth control more accessible. Birth control in Canada is not accessible to many people, including teenagers. Teenagers have less access to medication for financial reasons and because of physical barriers which make it more difficult for them to get to a doctor or access parent's medical insurances while maintaining confidentiality.

Another part of reproductive justice is ensuring that people can raise their children in safe and supportive environments. Child and family services across Canada too often spend resources removing children from their families instead of prioritizing supports for families to stay together. Child removal policies criminalize poverty and most often affect indigenous, racialized, poor and single parent families.

Sexual Health Education

Other members of our group are also concerned with access to sex positive, knowledge based sex education and are concerned at the clear and unjust disparities between provinces and their approaches, resources, standards for sexual health education. The lack of accountability of provinces in the provision of sexual health education and the very different realities that young Canadians face across the country are inexcusable and easily fixed with a little political will. Sex education should be inclusive of the experiences of people of all genders, sexualities and levels of ability. It should be sex positive and fact based. It should include discussions of consent and how sex should feel good both physically and emotionally.

Gender and Sexual Minorities

We support Bill C-16 which amends the human rights act to include gender identity and gender expression to the list of prohibited grounds of discrimination. This bill provides vital protection for queer and trans communities. Currently, queer youth are disproportionately represented amongst homeless youth and youth in care. Intersectionality must be a part of addressing issues faced by gender and sexual minorities since indigenous, racialized, and disabled youth who are queer and trans face increased risk of violence, poverty and discrimination.

Sincerely,
The Anglican Youth Delegation
*Clare Urquhart, Karen Urquhart, Willow Martin Seedhouse
Aili Peterson McIntyre, Marnie Peterson, Alicia Armstrong
Ceilidh Gibson, Sierra Robertson-Roper, Sarah Lloyd
Caitlin Reilley Beck, Jessi Taylor*

COMING EVENTS

St John the Apostle Port Moody

SPRING TEA

Saturday May 6th
2 pm to - 4 pm.
Pie and Ice Cream Tea,
Plants, Crafts,
Baking and Preserves.



St. George's Fort Langley Annual SPRING FAYRE



Saturday, May 6th : 11AM - 3PM

Annual Redwoods Dinner, Entertainment & Silent Auction

St George's ACW
Fort Langley

Sunday May 28th
6 pm



REDWOODS GOLF COURSE
88th Ave, Fort Langley
Tickets \$30 - 604-856-7534

CHRIST CHURCH ACW , HOPE SUMMER LUNCH

Thursday June 1st
at 11:30 a.m.

Owl Street Café, 19855 Owl Rd, Hope, BC
(Silvercreek)

ST. GEORGES, MAPLE RIDGE

Saturday June 10th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Family activities
Items for sale
Refreshments



Strawberry Tea

Saturday June 10th, 2017
1:00 to 5:00 pm

Celebrating Mission's
125 year history

ALL SAINTS, MISSION
33070 Second Avenue



TRI PARISH PICNIC AND SERVICE

(St Helen's. St Michael's and
Church of the Epiphany)

BEAR CREEK PARK

Saturday June 10th
Starting at 10:00 am

Bring food to share



Strawberry Tea

Saturday June 24th, 2017
1 pm - 3 pm



ST HELEN'S CHURCH
10787 128th Street
Surrey