



DEDICATION OF THE ARCHIVAL CABINETS



Dedicating the cabinets

Photo: Sheila Puls

On November 29th the Diocesan Board of the ACW arrived at the Synod Offices for their regular monthly meeting and to see the new Archival Cabinets now in place and with displays of WA/ACW and a tribute to the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women, as well as other displays carefully curated by our Archivist, Melanie Delva.

With several Synod Office staff in attendance, Bishop Melissa led a service of dedication of the cabinets, the service having been written by Melanie (thank you, Melanie!). With cedar branch and water, these beautiful cabinets were blessed to hold reminders of our past, not to hold us there, but to give us stepping stones to the future.

Following the ceremony, President Margaret Warwick presented Bishop Melissa with a cheque to cover the cost of the cabinets - oops, yes, they were dedicated as a gift of the ACW BEFORE they were paid for! Rob Dickson happily received the cheque from the Bishop - now paid in full!



Annual Open House and Christmas Tea

at ACW Place
7012B Merritt Ave
Burnaby

Tuesday
December 13th, 2016
11.00 am to 2.00 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please let us know you are coming
by phone 604-876-3720
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or e-mail
ACW@vancouver.anglican.ca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Sisters in Christ,

As I write we are already in the season of Advent – during which many of us will once again bring out our personal Advent Candles – whether it is one we have lovingly made or one that was made commercially – the meaning for us is still the same:

The evergreen wreath symbolizes renewal;
The circular shape – the completeness of God;
The five candles symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world and each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent (and then may be lit each day as part of our individual or family daily prayers).

Candle 1. Hope (purple or blue)
Candle 2. Peace (purple or blue)
Candle 3. Joy (rose)
Candle 4. Love (purple or blue)
Candle 5. Christ The Light of the World (white).

It is a time to really try to slow down and remember the “real” reason for the Season – and try not to get caught up in all the commercialism surrounding Christmas. We remember our friends and families near and far and try to reach out to the less fortunate to ensure they are not forgotten. However we, as Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of New Westminster, undertake this work all year round and continue explore various means of expanding our Outreach not only to those in need in our own Diocese but also within the Council of the North parishes in the Yukon and the Territory of the People (formerly Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior).

For us the meaning of Advent is exhibited every day of every week as we spread the Light of Christ through our loving preparation of Bales for distribution to those in the North and Central Interior in order to share our Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with, and for, the recipients.

Additionally we have provided opportunities for individuals to travel and study so as to enable them to learn, understand and spread the word of Christ to their communities. We have supported a school food program for elementary school children in Whitehorse and continue to explore other opportunities for spreading the Light of Christ

throughout our world.

As most of you may have heard, our National Presidents' Conference at the Springbrooke Retreat Centre in Langley was wonderful and we had many opportunities to share in worship, study and fellowship. My sincere thanks to all of those in the Diocese who so generously supported us with your time and talents, we were truly blessed. It was also wonderful to be able to welcome our sisters from across this great country – from Newfoundland (3 delegates) to Vancouver Island (1 delegate) and many points in between – from communities large and small but all serving with one purpose. We do hope to be able to share this kind of an experience with a much larger group in June – as we hold our “inaugural National Gathering of Anglican Women” in Ancaster Ontario. There will be further information available very soon – but please mark your calendar and start planning to join us!

In the meantime I will leave you with this blessing from an ‘unknown author’:

May you be blessed with love for your family, compassion to the needy, courage to stand up for yourself, unmatched success in life and the ability to handle it. Have a blessed Christmas. Christmas is the night when God was born. May the blessings of the Lord visit you and your family at every moment in your life.

Margaret Warwick



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Advent is now with us and Christmas, according to the stores, is just around the corner. Everyone seems preoccupied with the hustle and bustle of getting ready to stay and celebrate or to go and celebrate. And behind it all are nagging worries for most families that the bills are getting harder to pay and for others the puzzle of who is that man who is the U.S. President and what does that mean for all. We do get caught up in it all as humans and quickly forget that our Christian foundations remain as they always have and that they will last forever.

I am an ecumenical Benedictine Oblate and that part of my life is a far, far cry from the maddening world and all of the secular traits in it. I try very hard to do my Christmas shopping and planning prior to Advent 1. And to save or schedule Advent for God and my family. And if at all possible - like this year to at least - find five days to be at a retreat house. I do love to sing the antiphons and all else at prayer with Benedictine sisters and to change my rhythm of life to the only one that I regard as sane and holy.

However not all of us can run off to the monastery. And when we cannot, our foundations still are with us – at prayer in our own home or in our parish. One way to come closer to sacred reading and faithful listening is to spend time with monastic *Lectio Divina*. *Lectio* is a method for taking the Word of God to heart and allowing it to form into the image of God.

Sister Jill Aigner, OSB, reminds us that "recent psychological studies of personality types and their prayer preferences show that *Lectio* is a form of prayer not only suitable but suggested for all personality types."

Some such as Guigo II, a French monk in the 12 Th Century, suggested that "*Lectio* has four rungs of the ladder – reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation." In this century it is further suggested that there is a fifth rung – the action or actions that take place after the *Lectio*.

Younger women and men may question the need for a group such as the ACW or the Friend's circle in a parish and may suggest that there is even a need, if it exists after some modernizations or renewal, for there to be even a more direct link to prayer and spirituality. Every meeting could include

some group *Lectio*. The method, the need for it and the place in the life of all Christians has never changed making it relevant in eras to come.

The lectionary can be used or a theme for the reading. It is best to repeat the reading three times with the listening only during and after the first, inviting a phrase or sentence that the listeners heard and spoke to them to be said aloud after the reading the second time and last rereading for some sharing of what does it mean for the listeners. Overall although we tend to hope that the goal is greater understanding – the real goal is that we open ourselves enough to be drawn into a full relationship with God.

Good *Lectio* in the future and a Blessed Christmas.
Rev. Sue Foley Currie

I was asked to print the grace I use before meals - it is based on the World Hunger Grace, and I use it because it is appropriate whatever the faith of those attending. We can all be thankful!

Sheila Puls



We give thanks:

For food in a world where many are hungry

For friends in a world where many are lonely

For our homes in a world where many are homeless

And for a country at peace, where so many are at war

We ask a blessing on the food we are about to eat,

On the hands that prepared it

And all those who share it.

Amen.

NATIONAL ACW PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE



Welcomed by New Westminster ACW President Margaret Warwick (who is also National Vice-President), the National executive gathered on Tuesday 25th October at Springbrooke Retreat Centre, a rural retreat centre in Langley, BC, and the first order of business of the Executive was planning for the proposed National Gathering of all Anglican women, to be held June 15th - 18th 2017 in Ancaster, Ontario.

The rest of the delegates arrived on the Wednesday, collected from the airport by volunteer drivers, and brought to this delightful small retreat centre, set in 17 acres of forest and with a river running through. On their beds to welcome them were the shoe bags stuffed with welcome gifts from the parish ACW's (thank you all!) together with a half bottle of wine, to celebrate the theme of "I am the vine, you are the branches".



Springbrooke Centre

Photo: Terri Parrill

After meeting in our Ecclesiastical groups, we were joined for dinner and a social evening by our Primate Fred Hiltz, our Bishop Melissa Skelton and, representing the Council of the North, Bishop

Barbara Andrews. Bishop Barbara spoke after breakfast on Thursday, giving an interesting perspective of the challenges faced by the church in the sparsely populated areas of the country (not necessarily north as the "Council of the North" reaches as far south as the US border).

As ACW's in many Dioceses are partners in support of some of the Northern dioceses, the Vice President and Treasurer of the ACW Diocese of New Westminster, Gail Revitt and Vera Morgan, then took the Primate and Bishop Barbara to ACW Place to see how this Diocese reaches out to the Diocese of Yukon and the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior - having them participate by assisting in packing a bale of clothing and household goods to be sent to Whitehorse. These bales are supplied to churches in the north, where the contents can be sold in thrift stores to supply needed funds to support the church, and they also serve a secondary but no less important purpose of being stores in remote communities where a shopping centre is many kilometres away over winter roads. Also, where there are no or few social services, they serve as a friendly place to go "just to talk". Gail and Vera continued the tour by taking the Primate and Bishop Barbara to see the new bell tower at Christ Church Cathedral, and also visited the Vancouver Mission to Seafarers.



This is how you build a bale - Gail Revitt, Archbishop Fred, Bishop Barbara, Beth Fortin. Photo: Randy Murray

Meanwhile, the National ACW Presidents spent their morning in business meetings. Following lunch, Tasha Carrothers, a congregational development leader from the Diocesan staff, led a workshop based on a series of focus groups she had conducted on behalf of the New Westminster ACW. These were undertaken to help plan for the



Diocesan ACW Presidents at Prospect Point

Photo: Terri Parrill

future - and the results were shared with the National ACW as all experience the same challenges. Ideas were presented and some good discussions took place - sending everyone back to their own Diocese with new enthusiasm.

That evening, the Retreat Eucharist was held at St. George's Church in Fort Langley, the "Birthplace of British Columbia". This small, historic church welcomed the delegates, the Primate, Bishop Melissa, Bishop Barbara - and guests Bishop Michael Ingham and his wife Nancy and Archbishop Douglas Hambidge and his wife Denise, as well as Bishop Ken Genge, retired from the Diocese of Edmonton, and his wife Ruth who are now parishioners at St George's, and who acted as sidespeople. The celebrant for the service was Bishop Melissa, and the service began with St George's Children's Choir singing their signature song "Kanisa Litajengua" (O who will build the church now?). Archbishop Fred gave the homily - and a resume of his challenge to the ACW is given on the next page.

Following the service, the ACW at St George's hosted a wine and cheese party, where the Primate, Bishop Melissa and Bishop Barbara were presented with gifts to thank

them for joining us for this conference.

Friday was a day of relaxation as the ladies from across the country were taken on a morning bus tour of Vancouver, escorted by well known artist, historian and author Michael Kluckner. After a week of steady rain, the clouds had lifted, the mountains were visible and we had a dry day for the tour. A visit along Commercial Drive bustling neighbourhood, through the Downtown Eastside, through Chinatown and Gastown, around Stanley Park and the University of British Columbia gave an interesting overview of the variety of this city - then through Shaughnessy and into Burnaby for a lunch stop at ACW Place. There, as well as enjoying lunch, the ladies finished packing the bale started by the Primate and Bishop Barbara, and packed a layette for a new baby.



Bishop Barbara and Bishop Melissa model their gifts
Photo: Sheila Puls

Then it was back on the bus, and a drive to Fort Langley for some free time either to visit the Fort itself, or to do a little souvenir shopping, before going back to Springbrooke for dinner and a wrap-up of Tasha's workshop.

Saturday, it was the day of goodbyes, promises to meet again in June 2017 at the National Gathering, shuttle drivers to take the ladies to the airport, and time to think about next steps in our planning for the future. The workshops had given us much food for thought, and hearing from other Dioceses about challenges and ideas is always very rewarding.

Sheila Puls

See also:

<http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/primate-visits-acw-place>

<http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/more-of-the-primates-october-27th-visit>

THE PRIMATE'S SERMON

The Annual national meeting of ACW (Anglican Church Women) was held recently here in Langley. At the concluding Eucharist at St Georges, "40 minute Fred", as he is affectionately called, gave the sermon. Yes, it was 40 minutes, and well worth every second !

After reflecting on the scriptures of the day, he saluted the ACW for the huge devotion and work they give the Church. He humorously recounted his efforts to help pack bales at ACW Place in Vancouver as they were prepared for shipping to the Diocese of the Yukon, and expressed his awe and admiration and thanksgiving for this continuing loving service. He reminded us that the work of ACW, and that of the whole church, is summed up in the words of the ACW hymn #434 in our hymn book....." the Love of Jesus calls us".

Then he challenged us with the United Nations Status of Women goal of 50/50 gender-equality by 2030. He shared with us a statement from a delegation of Anglican women at the UN meeting to the Anglican Communion. The major issues include:

1. Gender -based Violence. ... "One in three women world-wide is a victim of gender based violence."

2. Climate Change... "The environment is where we all meet. It is one thing that all of us share " Jane Goodall

3. Human Trafficking and Slavery... "the slavery industry today makes more money than the oil industry"

4. Statelessness and birth registration... "50% of the world's children are unregistered, resulting in denial of basic needs and the benefits of citizenship."

5. Gender equality re education, economics, decision-making, health, and leadership... "it is incumbent upon governments and the Anglican communion to legislate laws, policies and programmes that enable gender equality."

While acknowledging that all this is "political", Archbishop Fred reminded us that this stuff is exactly what the Five Anglican Marks of Mission call us to do, as do the words of the ACW hymn.....

*"The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more,
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.
The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God's co- creators in new and wondrous ways;
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth."*

Ruth Genge

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

These five Marks of Mission are a framework used to describe and encourage ministry throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion:

- * To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- * To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- * To respond to human need by loving service
- * To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- * To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER



The ODNW recipients 2016

Photo: Diocesan website

The following ACW members were inducted into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster on November 5th, 2016:

Betty Carlson, St James
Joan Cope, Christ Church, Hope (Bishop's nominee)
Sylvia Enga, St Agnes (Bishop's nominee)
Laurelle Findler, St Hilda, Sechelt
Bev Kreller, Christ Church, Hope
Helen Riel, St Cuthberts
Margaret Strocel, St Matthew Abbotsford
Joy Stuart, St. Thomas
Kathy Stublely, St George, Maple Ridge

Congratulations to you all, and thank you for all you do for your Parish and our Diocese.



Christmas Candy Legend

Look at the candy cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me
White is for my Saviour
Who is sinless and pure
J is for Jesus My Lord.
that is for sure!
Turn it around,
and a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
was born for ME.



SOCIAL ACTION

It has been very busy since the conference. Everyone is bringing in everything they have been keeping home, since October. We are working hard to tidy for the Christmas Open house.

What we need:

Warm blankets bigger than twin size, gloves, and baby new rubber pants.

I would love to thank all the ladies who have been coming out and working so hard with me to get ACW Place ready!

Beth Fortin
Social Action at A.C.W. Place

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The kitchen stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From city square to village green.

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall ?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me ?

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare —
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

*Excerpts from the poem by
John Betjeman (1906–1984)*

DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN *ACW Funding of Delegation*

Every year, the International Anglican Women's Network in Canada has delegates from various parts of our Church who attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. One delegate serves as the Primate's delegate and participates in the official Anglican Communion delegation of 20 people from different provinces of the communion. This delegation serves a particular function for the communion which as an organization has ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) consultative status as a non-governmental organization with the UN and thus the members of this delegation participate in the UN events and proceedings on behalf of the Anglican Communion.

Additional delegates from IAWN Canada participate as a part of Ecumenical Women, an international coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations which have ECOSOC status at the United Nations. Ecumenical Women trains and empowers their expanding network to advocate for gender equality at the United Nations. Members of Ecumenical Women advocate not only for a few improvements but for a fundamental system change in church and state to invest in and empower women worldwide. As a part of this group, delegates from IAWN Canada participate in and help lead daily ecumenical worship, join in advocacy efforts to advance the identified priorities of EW with governments in order that they be included in the final negotiated text of the Commission and help with communications efforts to share the values, mission, vision and activities of EW with their constituencies across the world.

Many of the delegates from IAWN Canada have participated in UNCSW for many years and over the past few years have been seeking to involve new and younger people in this event to ensure that this important work for gender justice is able to continue. One of the main barriers to the participation of younger people in this event is that there is no dedicated funding available for delegates going to UNCSW. Delegates in the past have been responsible for finding their own funding from their parish, diocese, from fundraising activities or from their own funds.

Caitlin Beck, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator of our Diocese, has a group of 10 people from the Diocese of New Westminster. In terms of age, who are interested in going to this event. The group includes 4 youth under 18, 8 young adults and two clergy who are also parents of 2 of the minors interested in attending. While Caitlin will be going to UNCSW this year, she has not included herself in the Diocesan group since she will be staying for the full two weeks of the Commission rather than just the first week (so her costs will be different) and she wants as much of the funding as possible to support these young delegates in their participation.

She has presented a budget to the Diocesan Board of the Anglican Church Women, asking for a contribution of \$10,000 to cover part of the travel costs for the 10 delegates. They will also be doing a "crowd funding" for the conference costs and as well each delegate would still need to pay \$500 to cover the rest of their travel costs, but ACW funding would make participation much more accessible for the young people of our diocese.

In his sermon at the National President's Conference, the Primate challenged us to work together with IAWN on this cause (see page 6) - and the Board feels this is very worthwhile. As there is no National funding for such work, your Board has agreed to approve this to a maximum of \$1,000 per participant / \$10,000, meanwhile challenging the Primate to find matching funds from the National budget.



A Dramatic Evening
Alex Browne Reads
A Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens

St Mark Ocean Park Anglican
Church 12953 - 20 Ave Surrey
Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm

Sing along carols lead by
St Mark's choir

Tickets \$15 - proceeds benefit
St Mark's Syrian Refugee Fund

Tickets available at the door

SOMETHING TO PONDER:

If you've learned to speak fluent English, you must be a genius! This little treatise on the lovely language we share is only for the brave. Peruse at your leisure, English lovers.

Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers

don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend. If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? Is it an odd, or an end?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

Editor

NOTE:



CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

This programme ends December 31st.

ACW Place no longer accepts these as there is not time to get them processed before the deadline.

Thank you for supporting this project through the years.

**All Saints, Mission
have mincemeat for sale!**
\$6.00 for a pint and \$10.00 for a Quart
Contact: Colleen Kiel
604-826-8812
kielcg@telus.net

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Christ Church, Hope

The members are getting ready for their annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale and the ACW's Christmas luncheon will be at the Global Restaurant.

All Saints, Mission

From early September All Saints have been sharing their building with St. Andrews United Church (Mission). They celebrate the Sunday morning Eucharist, then meet with them to share coffee time before they begin their morning service. They held their Christmas Bazaar with both congregations sharing their time and talents.

They will be taking part in their 4th annual Festival of Trees from December 5th to 10th. The ACW and the United Church will both be decorating the trees in competition for the "Craftiest" tree. The ACW is also sponsoring a small tree for the Sunday School children to decorate.

St. George's, Fort Langley

St. George's ACW hosted the Eucharist and Wine and Cheese Reception for the National President's Conference. They hosted a reception for the general public after the Remembrance Day Service in Fort Langley. The members are very busy preparing for the Christmas Bazaar on - the principal fund raiser for outreach for the year.

St. John 's, Port Moody

A successful Fall Bazaar raised almost \$6,000. A small 'Bazaar Revisited' event is held for parishioners who may have been unable to attend, with crafts and soup mix, jams and jellies etc. on sale. They collected 22 shoe box Christmas gift packages for the Mission to Seafarers and are collecting 'Hot Socks' for the Mission to Seafarers, and gently used stuffed toys for their thrift store. They are also collecting unused Christmas cards to donate to the Burnaby Youth Custody Services through the Elizabeth Fry Society.

St. Catherine's, Port Coquitlam

The Christmas Bazaar is held jointly with Trinity United. For St. Catherine's Day November 20th the ACW purchased flowers for the Alter. All Anglican Church Women who are no longer with

St. Catherine's were honoured on the overhead screen and the ACW prayer was read out to the congregation in acknowledgement. A knitting group will begin in January and several of the ACW's attend for knitting and fellowship. The flannelette material purchased in Edmonton has been sewn into diapers and delivered to ACW Place.

St. Matthew's, Abbotsford

They recently held a Soup and Sandwich luncheon and an Apple Pie Sale. Many items such as diapers, teddy bears, slippers and fish and chip baby outfits were delivered for ACW Place. A sale of home made mincemeat tarts will be held in December and a Christmas luncheon will be held at a member's home.

St. Thomas, Vancouver

Collected 21 pairs of wool socks for the Mission to Seafarers and delivered them to ACW Place with three big sweaters for Africa. Members will be providing homemade cookies in Christmas tins for parishioners in care facilities or confined to home. They are sponsoring food and gifts for a family of six and will also bring food items to church for the Food Bank.

St Helen's, Surrey

Reveal their secret prayer partners and draw new names at their Christmas party.

St Cuthert's, Delta

Continue with their leadership in Social Action at ACW Place - have speakers at their meetings and also hold a Ladies Breakfast.

St. Michael's, Surrey

Concentrate on fund raising and fellowship.

St Mark's, Ocean Park

Learned more from Beth Fortin about the work on the bales - catering, knitting and fundraising remain priorities.

The area meeting at St Helen's was well attended with a soup and buns lunch following which Archbishop Douglas Hambidge spoke from the heart about looking back fondly but going forward knowing that God has a plan for us.

The offertory will be used to send an extra suitcase of baby sweaters to Africa..

KIDS TEE TOP SWEATER TO KNIT

by Premier Yarns Design Team



NOTE: both Embrace Rwanda and Comfort Canada groups have requested larger sizes of these sweaters - they have appreciated what we have done to date - but the "Healthy Moms" Project is having positive results and babies are getting bigger and are growing out of the smaller sizes more quickly with no replacements available. Thanks so much to all of you who are knitting - your contributions are most sincerely appreciated.

Also, if you are knitting for Embrace Rwanda - they are experiencing difficulty in getting the jumpers to Rwanda - due to lack of suitcases and lack of the \$200 per case that it costs them to take the extra bags with them. Perhaps there are some individuals or groups who would consider making a financial contribution towards this aspect of the project as well!

This pattern gives 5 sizes - larger ones welcomed!

Thanks in advance for all of the support.

Use a gauge of 20 sts x 26 rows (4 inch) in St st with larger needle to knit a sweater that measures for 2 years, 4 years, 6 years, 8 years and 10 years. This translates approximately to 27 (28, 29, 30 and 31) inch across the chest and 14 (15-1/2, 17, 18-1/2, 20) inch in length. Save time, check your gauge. If the hook or needle listed under supplies does not work, use the size that allows you to obtain the required gauge.

You will need 3 skeins of Spice Drop yarn to make this sweater in sizes 2 and 4 years; 4 skeins of Spice Drop yarn to make this sweater in sizes 6 and 8 years; 5 skeins of Spice Drop yarn to make this sweater in size 10 years. You will need 2 skeins of Neon Lights yarn to make this sweater in sizes 2 and 4 years; 3 skeins of Neon Lights yarn to make this sweater in sizes 6 and 8 years. You will need 4 skeins of Neon Lights yarn to make this sweater in size 10 years. Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow a pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

With Spice Drop and smaller needles, cast on 66 (70, 74, 78, 82) sts. Knit 10 rows.

Switch to Neon Lights and larger needles. Beginning with a purl (WS) row, work in St st until Back measures 8-1/2 (9-1/2, 10-1/2, 11-1/2, 12-1/2) inch from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Sleeves and Yoke:

Switch to Spice Drop.

Row 1 (RS): Cast on 28 (30, 32, 34, 36) sts, knit across the row.

Row 2 (WS): Cast on 28 (30, 32, 34, 36) sts, knit across the row 122 (130, 138, 146, 154) sts.

Row 3: Slip 1 knit wise, knit across row.

Repeat Row 3 until Sleeve measures 5-1/2 (6, 6-1/2, 7, 7-1/2) inch, ending with a WS row.

Bind off all sts loosely.

Front: Work as for Back.

Finishing: Sew shoulder seams leaving a 7 (7, 7-1/2, 7-1/2, 8-1/2) inch neck opening. Sew sleeve and sides together. Weave in ends.

National Gathering for All Anglican Women

June 15-18, 2017

Redeemer University College

Ancaster, Ontario

Join in:

†Worship †Workshops *

†Conversations with Primate Fred

†Sharing with women from across Canada

* Prayer; Indigenous Ministries; Godly Play; The Church Volunteer; PWRDF;
Storytelling of the Gospel; The ACC and Assisted Dying and many more

Registration fee: \$500 includes shared accommodation and
all meals including Sunday Breakfast



Your host: The National Executive of the Anglican Church Women

Coordinator: Marion Saunders 1-905-439-2728 Email: mares@idirect.ca

Don't miss this great opportunity.

Come and bring a friend!