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# 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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Wednesday, Sept. 10

## ACW Quiet Day



- 9:30 - Registration
- 10 a.m. - Church service with Father Kevin Stockall
- 11 a.m. - Craft at St. Mark's Hall
- 12 Noon - Lunch
- 1 p.m. - Finish craft
- 2 p.m. - Guest speaker
- 3 p.m. - Depart for home

St. Mark's, Mount Whatley,  
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Aulac, NB



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## ACW upcoming meeting locations

Clip & save for future reference

### FOR SEPTEMBER QUIET DAY

- 2025 – Shediac deanery
- 2026 – Miramichi Chaleur deanery
- 2027 – Woodstock deanery
- 2028 – Kingston & the Kennebecasis deanery
- 2029 – Fredericton York deanery
- 2030 – Saint John Lancaster deanery
- 2031 – St. Andrews deanery ?

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### *How to donate via e-transfer, to the diocese and to Camp Medley:*

For donations earmarked for various missions and people, send an e-transfer to [finance@diofton.ca](mailto:finance@diofton.ca)

To donate to Camp Medley, send an e-transfer to [finance@campmedley.ca](mailto:finance@campmedley.ca)

**IMPORTANT:** When using e-transfer for any donation, we require the sender to note the recipient of the donation (i.e., Camp Medley, Paul Jeffries, Pennies & Sparrows, etc.) and include the sender's name and mailing address so we can send you a donation receipt.

### Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour -

Our Book of Remembrance/Roll of Honour custodian is Jill Stewart. Please notify Jill 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 Jill at 506-228-4905 or 506-210-2719; email: [jillstewah@gmail.com](mailto:jillstewah@gmail.com); mail: 70 McLeod Road, Bay du Vin, NB E1N 5R4



### *ACW Launching Out*

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*A busy summer  
and a busy fall!*

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer. I have been out in British Columbia.

Over the summer Bob and I welcomed a great granddaughter born to my oldest grandson and his wife to be. (They will be married next summer).

Then Bob and I welcomed a great grandson born to my oldest granddaughter.

On Aug. 16 my oldest granddaughter was married. It has been a busy, fun-filled, three-month vacation.

I look forward to attending Quiet Day and the Deanery meetings in the fall.

“Today will never come again. Be a blessing, be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal and not wound.”

*Germany Kent, The Hope Handbook*

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer and let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and Welcome good.

*Maya Angelou, Celebrations: Rituals of Peace and Prayer*

*Blessing from your ACW president,  
Peggy Boucher*

## ***Honour Roll certificate given to Mary Janet Clift***



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mary Janet Clift has given about 40 years of her time to various workings of the church. She has supplied summer sales and Christmas bazaars with many tasty bits from her kitchen. Fudge, in particular, is always a highlight, prepared and served at many receptions.

She has attended numerous meetings and held various offices within the Parish of St. Andrews. Her decorating talents adorn our church and property for the special occasions of Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Day. She presides over the alter guild and ensures that all linens are properly attended to.

The ACW is honored to present Mary Janet with this well-deserved Honour Roll certificate for all she has done to support her church family and ministry.

In addition, the award includes a donation, given in the name of the recipient, to a charity of her choice. Mary Janet chose the local Charlotte County Dial-a-Ride, a transportation service provided to seniors, shut-ins and residents who are unable to drive yet require conveyance to hospital, doctor or rehabilitation appointments.

***Submitted by parish ACW president Mary Rogers, seen here with Mary Janet.***



### 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 – At least \$25 per Branch ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-Cent-A-Day Fund..... \_\_\_\_\_

Our Fair Share..... \_\_\_\_\_

Farraline Home..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Farraline Home (carpet fund) .....** \_\_\_\_\_

Diocesan Camps Projects..... \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Medley..... \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Brookwood..... \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Jeffries' Stipend..... \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop McAllister College, Uganda..... \_\_\_\_\_

Helen Burton 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**

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## Diocesan Treasurer's Report - September 2025

**W**OW! I hope you all survived that heat wave. That was brutal!

I spent my days organizing my downstairs where it was cooler, or sitting with the AC.

As we finish the second quarter of 2025, with a few weeks left in our third quarter, we are preparing to get back to a routine after enjoying the summer months.

### I AM GOING TO REMIND YOU ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

I have been warned by the bank that it will not accept any cheques that are not filled out properly. They would not allow me to deposit a cheque that didn't have "Fredericton" on the cheque a few weeks ago. Please make the cheque out to "ACW Diocese of Fredericton."

I will be returning the cheque to the sender to have it filled out properly if it's not filled out as such.

So far for 2025, 11 branches have sent donations. Out of the 11, nine have sent in their dues. One branch sent in funds for Camp Medley and one sent in funds for the Farraline Place carpet fund.

I don't receive very much mail during the summer months, but I do expect the majority of the remaining branches to start sending their dues and funds from September on.

Also included with this report is the Branch Treasurer's Report Form (opposite page). Every



Cathy Lutes

branch is responsible to send \$50 for the Administration Fund and \$25 for the Social Action Fund.

These two funds are your first priority before you divide your money among other organizations. We have suggested that your branch can send more than the \$50 and \$25 to these funds, but that is up to your branch.

You will notice a new item to the list. The Executive has passed a motion to include the carpet fund for Farraline Place.

The home needs new carpeting in all the hallways, sitting rooms and stairways of the home.

They have been quoted a total of \$10,000 for all three floors. This will not only bring comfort to the residents, but it will also improve the look of the home.

One of our branches took it

upon themselves to have a freewill fundraiser through an afternoon pie social for their community members as well as the congregation. They sent me the funds collected from this fundraiser for the Farraline carpet fund. This was an amazing gesture.

Please don't send money for the carpet fund to Farraline Place. The board wishes for us to hold the money in our account, so please send any carpet fund money to me.

As of June 30, we have collected \$3,105 so far for the carpet fund.

As a reminder, if your branch decides to close, a formal letter from the branch president needs to be sent to the Executive with a cheque representing the remaining balance of the branch account, stating where the money is to go.

I look forward to attending some of the Deanery Annuals with Peggy, our president, this fall. Unfortunately, I have a couple of appointments during a couple of the annuals, so I won't be able to attend all of them.

As your branches gather again this fall, I want to wish you all a safe and blessed year.

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*Your sister in Christ, Cathy J. Lutes,  
Diocesan ACW treasurer*



### 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! Send to: gmcknight@diofton.ca



## Three things that help me cope

“Trust in the Lord with all you heart . . .” (Proverbs 5:3)

Who would have thought that during summer vacation we would be praying for rain?

Usually this time of year, I'd be beside the lake with my family, wishing for the weather to be hot and sunny.

It's sobering to think of how self-centred my desire for the perfect summer vacation could be in light of the wildfires rampaging across the country. People worry about wells drying up and agricultural losses.

One thing I'm sensing is that we're all in this together. We're all



PIERRE MARKUSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

### **BARRINGTON LAKE FIRE,**

Nova Scotia, taken 28 May 2023. Wildfires have affected many parts of Canada this summer, including here in New Brunswick.

praying for an end to the fires, and we're all wondering and worrying about the welfare of communities everywhere, not just in our own corner of the world.

Part of me thinks, ‘We had it coming. What made us assume we would be exempt from what many have struggled with for years?’

Perhaps now I'll have more empathy for the people of Australia and South Africa.

Three things help me deal with all that's happening in the world.

One is reminding myself that there is always something to be grateful for. I still have enough water for necessities. I can still fill my watering can and look after my tomatoes.

I have air conditioning, shelter and enough to eat. And I'm grateful for opportunities to bless those who don't have these things through ministries like Under the Tent.

When we bless others we always receive blessings in return. “The poor we will always have with us” (John 12:8), and there will be times when I myself may qualify as one of them.

That means there will always be opportunities to serve. There will never be a job shortage in the Kingdom of God.

The second thing that helps me is being able to see the big picture. The more I read the Bible, the more I realize that “there's nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

There have always been famine and disaster. Human beings have always been warring with one another and need to repent.

God hasn't given up on us, and we shouldn't give up either.

It's bewildering to see what's happening in Gaza. I feel helpless and heartbroken at the same time.

Throughout human history we have done these things to one another. I'm sure many are asking, ‘Where is God in all of this?’

As Christians we believe that God is right there, entering into the suffering. As Jesus said, “Whenever you offer a cup of water to the thirsty, you do it to me.” (See Matthew 25).

I feel a great burden for the Palestinian people. They do not deserve what is happening to them. They are pawns, just as so many have been in the past.

Anyone who thinks the human race doesn't need God hasn't been paying attention. We obviously are incapable of looking after ourselves and the planet.

And that brings me to the third thing that helps me deal with what is happening: the knowledge that only God can fix us.

We have God's promise that even though “creation is groaning,” it will “be set free from its bondage to decay,” and be redeemed. (See Romans 8:18-23)

Admitting that I can do nothing in my own strength puts things in perspective. Along with Job I have to admit, “I have uttered what I did not understand... I repent” (Job 42:3-6).

So I pray, and trust God — and that's not a cop-out. It's the best I can do.

*Blessings, Eva*

# ACW hosts annual meeting in Fredericton

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Fifty ACW members and guests converged on St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Fredericton on May 8 for the annual ACW meeting. The theme for the day was "Staying the Course."

After registration, coffee and snacks, the day began with a service of Holy Eucharist, with Archbishop David Edwards preaching.

Bishop David illustrated the concept that things don't always go according to plan by telling a story of his sailing a boat, only to have it capsize — not once but twice.

There are many bible stories with that same theme. Saul was one of the great Pharisees, a prominent persecutor of Christians, "yet an encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus changed his course," said David.

Peter was chosen as the rock upon which the Christian church would be built, but on the night Jesus was arrested, he flatly denied even knowing him, not once, but three times.

"The rock upon which I will build my church' changes to mush," said David.

"Jesus calls us all to stay the course, to follow him wherever that leads."

While we don't always know where we're going, we follow a God who can calm the storm and walk on water, he said.

We are living in trying times, "and this is not the first time



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

**FIFTY PEOPLE WERE** in attendance at the ACW's annual meeting in Fredericton in May.

we've been in this shemuzzle. The Church gets itself into a mess every 500 years or so. It takes 100 years to sort itself out, and we're on the front end."

Nevertheless, we stay the course because we are told the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

The best course of action in staying the course is to listen to God the Holy Spirit, he said.

"Take time to be quiet, be still, so we can hear where we're being called."

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

ACW members who have passed on in the year prior to the meeting are always honoured in a short prayer service of remembrance.

Scriptures were read and prayers prayed for the departed.

The names of the members, numbering 47, were read aloud.

## FARRALINE PLACE

Administrator Judy O'Donnell spoke of the ACW-affiliated Farraline Home in downtown Fredericton. The large house next to the NB Legislature has 20 bedrooms housing seniors.

Judy spoke of the ACW activities that enrich the lives of the residents: birthday cards sent, lap quilts given, gifts at Christmas time.

"We try to make it a home for them," she said.

Upcoming events include the annual garden party on Aug. 14, held as a summer gala that residents, family members and guests always enjoy. It is held

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## AGM, continued

in the yard and includes entertainment and treats. This year's theme is the 1950s and 60s.

The annual fundraising dinner is set for Oct. 18 at the Fredericton Inn. It will include an auction and food table. Tickets are \$100, with a \$50 tax receipt.

The home's current project is finding funds for new carpeting throughout the public areas.

The home has no government funding and relies on rents, fundraising and donations to operate. It has a staff of 10.

"You are a very important part of our growth, and hopefully, you will be there for a long, long time," she told the group.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cathy Lutes gave a report on the first quarter of 2025.

"We're doing pretty good," she said. "We're holding our own. The branches that are still open are very generous. It's amazing what branches are doing."

The bank balance as of March 31 was \$51,113. The ACW has \$214,563 in investments and use the interest to help fund projects.

There are five funds under the ACW: William & Mary Quinn Fund (\$170,636 in investments); Helen Burton Fund (\$15,539 in investments); General Fund (\$16,437 in investments); ECD Fund (\$1,268 in investments); and the Fannie Billings Fund (\$10,682 in investments).

The diocese manages these



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

**THE EXECUTIVE** during the annual meeting, from left, vice-president Diane Todd, president Peggy Boucher and treasurer Cathy Lutes.

investments, and the income is used to fund the operations of the ACW.

The income from the above funds allows the ACW to donate to many different agencies and causes. They include the 10 provincial transition homes, Kara & Nelson Mejia Honduras mission, Canon Paul Jeffries, Camp Brookwood, Camp Medley, Inner City Youth Ministry, Threshold Ministries, St Luke's Loaves and Fishes, Diocesan Choir School, Council of the North, and tuition for two students at Bishop McAllister College.

Cathy noted the banks are getting picky about cheques being properly filled out. Make cheques payable to "ACW Diocese of Fredericton."

Each branch is required to pay into the administration fund and the social action fund. Support for all other funds is optional, and of course, encouraged, she said.

Cathy outlined the steps to take when closing a branch.

"You have to send in an official letter," she said. "If you have funds left over, we have to find out

where the money is going."

Rosemarie Kingston gave a short report on Canon Paul Jeffries, who has been the head and rector of Bishop McAllister College in Uganda for decades.

"Paul no longer has a paid position with the diocese, so all he gets is what the diocesan ACW and branches send him," she said.

A motion was passed to give Paul an extra \$1,000 this year, totalling \$4,000. The budget for 2025 was approved, with the change to Paul's stipend.

### REPORTS

Rosemarie reported on the Pickett-Scovil Fund, which survives on the interest from its investments. It helps retired clergy and spouses with medical expenses not covered by government or insurance, usually glasses, hearing aids and dental costs.

In the past year, the fund has given out \$22,534, most of which was for dental costs.

Rosemarie reported that at Bishop McAllister College, the

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**ABOVE:** The Rev. Debbie Edmondson, right, leads the commissioning of Jill Stewart, centre, as the new custodian of the Book of Remembrance and Roll of Honour.

**LEFT:** Fellowship is always one of the highlights of the annual meeting.

## CAMP MEDLEY

Camp director John Galbraith was the day's guest speaker. He focused on the planned 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on May 24, and the pool project which would replace the almost 60-year-old pool.

The \$2.8 million project, which includes a maintenance facility, has about \$1.277 million in cash, pledges and promises.

"The intent is to build a racing pool that would accommodate synchronized teams as well," said John.

"The focus is to build not just a pool, but a destination."

The pool would also be open to the surrounding rural community, which does not have access to a public pool.

Last year, there were 34 user groups outside the summer camp schedule, which helped boost revenue. That included weddings, school outings, water ski school and many other groups looking for a place to gather.

But the summer camp continues to welcome hundreds of children each year for a week of fun in the form of swimming, kayaking, games, sports, crafts, campfires, songs, good food and friendships, along with daily chapel.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the kids coming to camp are unchurched," he said.

John's talk prompted several ACW members to share their memories of Camp Medley. Debbie Edwards, honorary president, came forward to pray for the summer ministry, the staff, campers and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

## ACW annual meeting, continued

Rev. Joseph Tusingwire is the headmaster, and is training to replace Canon Paul.

Gisele McKnight gave a report on the ACW newsletter, *Launching Out*. She noted she plans to retire in one year, and that change will require a new editor for the newsletter.

This year's Quiet Day will be held in the Shediac deanery. The date is Sept. 10 at St. Mark's church in Mount Watley near the border with Nova Scotia. Linda Fury, a former diocesan president, is helping coordinate the day.

The offering of the day, \$522, was bumped up to \$600 via a motion. It will be split between

Farraline Place and Camp Medley's new pool fund.

The new custodian of the Book of Remembrance and Roll of Honour is Jill Stewart, past president of the diocesan ACW. The Rev. Debbie Edmondson installed Jill in a short ceremony.

All other officers remain the same this year: president Peggy Boucher; vice-president Diane Todd; treasurer Cathy Lutes; secretary Carolyn Pellow; past president Jill Stewart. Rosemarie Kingston is the liaison with Bishop McAllister College and the Pickett-Scovil Fund; Cathy Lutes and Peggy Boucher are the liaisons with Farraline Place.

## News from around the diocese



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN** at St. John the Baptist, Riverview, partnered with the Hillsborough Women's Institute, held a baby shower for The Pregnancy and Wellness Centre of Moncton. All attendees were generous with useful items for babies and mums. Shown in photo: ACW members Cheryl Kellas; Ruth Anne Robinson; Valerie McCloskey; Dayna Savary; Paula Rideout, executive director of the Centre; Betty Peddle; Barbie Lebrun; Kit Ogilvie, and guest Beth Sears.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**THESE QUILTS**, which are a Church of the Good Shepherd ACW project, were made by Barb Barcroft, a member of the ACW in the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen. The quilts are gifted to people who are alone, grieving or ill.