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- 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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- 2026 – Shédiac
- 2027 – Miramichi Chaleur
- 2028 – Woodstock
- 2029 – Saint John Lancaster
- 2030 – Kingston and the Kennebecasis
- 2031 – St. Andrews ?

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- 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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Farraline Place has new leadership

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

There is new leadership at Farraline Place, the ACW-affiliated home in downtown Fredericton. In late October, Chelsie Ogden began as the director of care and operations, replacing the long-serving administrator Judy O'Donnell.

Chelsie is from Fredericton Junction, graduated from UNB and worked as a registered nurse for several years.

"Then life took me in a different direction," she said.

Since then she's worked for various agencies caring for vulnerable people. When Farraline was looking for a new director, they wanted someone with a care component in their background, which Chelsie had as a nurse.

It's been a bit of a learning experience for Chelsie, getting used to managing a large seniors' home, but she's happy with her new role.

"It's a bit overwhelming at times, like any new job," she said. "It's very busy, especially being December with lots of things to plan, but I absolutely love it. I feel like it's home — a comfortable, warm feeling."

She has been relying on the Rev. Dr. David Mercer, the chair of Farraline's board of directors, for guidance.

"Honestly, I don't think I could be more supported," she said of him.



CHELSIE OGDEN is the new director of care and operations at Farraline Place. Judy O'Donnell retired last fall.

PLANS

Chelsie has lots of plans for Farraline Place, many of which involve the maintenance of the building, and will rely largely on donations to come to fruition.

A kitchen renovation, including a new dishwasher, as the home has only a sanitizer, is on her mind.

"The housekeepers are hand-washing for 60 meals a day," she said.

She'd also like to have some interior walls painted, as well as tackle a few other jobs.

There is the ongoing fundraiser for new carpeting throughout the home, which ACW branches and executive are supporting. That goal is \$10,000.

Her nursing background has

prompted her to create a new medication chart, and she has been busy updating files digitally.

She also wants to update the menus and offer more diabetic-friendly foods for residents.

And another item on the top of her to-do list is finding efficiencies in order to save money. The budget is always tight and when there's a vacant room, it eats away at their revenue.

"I'm looking for ways to save money to give residents a better quality experience," she said.

While Chelsie has lots of plans for change, she's also aware that too much change might not be welcome.

"I'm still trying to keep ev-

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Branch Treasurer's Report Form

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Deanery: _____

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Divinity Scholarship Fund _____

Administration Fund - \$50 per Branch _____

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Diocesan Treasurer's Report - February 2026

I spent the last few days closing the financial book for 2025.

A lot has been happening this year with our finances. There was a total of 27 branches that sent their dues in 2025.

I know of two branches that closed, and one branch closed due to the fact that their church closed, but the ladies have joined a branch close by.

On a positive note, those branches still remaining are doing great ministry in their area. ACW is still very much alive!

We were able to help the Parish of Salisbury & Havelock by giving them \$2,110.31 to replace a door in their rectory.

We still have a total of \$20,284.91 remaining in the Extra Cent A Day Fund, so if your rectory needs upgrades or repairs, let the Property Committee at the Synod office know.

We have agreed to offer \$3,000 per year. This may need to be revisited at the AGM in May.

As I mentioned in the previous Launching Out, Canon Paul Jeffries has retired as headmaster of Bishop McAllis-



Cathy Lutes

ter College. He has agreed to stay on for the next 2 years to help the new Head Master transition into his job.

The Diocese has stopped paying Canon Jeffries a stipend. The Synod Office sent \$8,742.43 as a refund to the ACW bank account. This was what was left in their books from Canon Jeffries stipend.

I will send the stipend money to a priest, here in NB, where he will deposit any money into an account Canon Jeffries has here.

The Synod Office will continue sending money to the college and to the students who are being supported. At the end of

2025, we are giving Canon Jeffries \$11,662.23 for his stipend.

We have a total of \$4,950 in the Farraline Place Flooring Fund.

Again, the Diocese no longer funds Kara & Nelson Mejia, so if you still want to support them, send your donations to the ACW Diocese of Fredericton account and send it to me.

I have an address to forward the money to them that Kara has given me. We are sending them a total of \$1050 from donations in 2025.

Please make an effort to attend this year's AGM in May. We will be discussing supporting Canon Paul Jeffries, Kara & Nelson Mejia and will look more into the Extra Cent A Day Fund.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May. Enjoy the rest of the winter. Stay safe and healthy.

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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

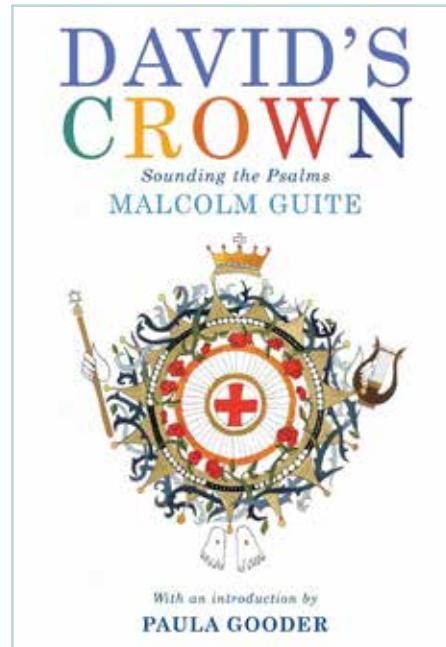


“Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrong-doers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.” (Psalm 37:1&2)

I was watching an interview with writer and storyteller Martin Shaw a few days ago.

He's one of the many contributors to the revival of Celtic spirituality we've been enjoying in recent years, along with John O'Donohue, Paul Kingsnorth, John Philip Newell, and others.

I'm always looking for ways in which God is working in my life, and the combination of Celtic spirituality as well as the writing of Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, Richard Rohr and Ron Rohlheiser have given me a hunger to develop my mystical side for



quite a while now.

Along with that, my natural love of poetry has enhanced this inclination. I've been especially moved by that of Malcolm Guite, notably his book, "David's Crown" in which he has written a poem in response to each of the 150 Psalms.

In this context, I was ready to listen to Martin Shaw describe his reluctant conversion to Christianity, his distrust of cynicism and sarcasm (things that have long troubled me), and how the experience of sitting in silence and stillness "can begin re-form the soul."

One thing that really caught my attention was his recommendation to memorize poetry. Most of us remember the poems we learned in elementary school, or bits and pieces of our high school Shakespeare, but when's the last time you read a poem with the intention of memorizing it?

Well, I decided to take up the challenge. He said it would be more difficult than we might think, and he was right.

My mind just isn't as adept at that sort of thing as it was when I was 10 years old.

I picked up Malcolm Guite's poems on the Psalms, and chose # 139. Wow. I had read all of the poems before, but to do so with the intention of memorizing it changed everything.

I don't know if it was because I had chosen that particular psalm, one of my favourites, or because I was in a place where I was ready to receive something new from the Lord.

But to enter into the words, and take them in, to incorporate them into myself has moved me deeply.

And of course it reminds me of how the memorization of Scripture has blessed me over the years.

So many times in life, when feeling overwhelmed or bewildered by what's happening in the world, the words of Scripture have returned to comfort and remind me that I am not in this alone, and that God always knows what's going on.

For the last few weeks, I've been deeply troubled by what's happening south of the border, and frankly feeling bummed out about it all.

But as I was preparing to lead worship at the hospital last Friday, the words of Psalm 37 came to me as a message of consolation and hope:

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who . . . carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.”

Blessings, Eva

News from St. Margaret's

Happy New Year! I pray everyone had a great Christmas, and you are looking forward to an exciting new year.

We have 10 active members in our group at St. Margaret's in Fredericton and I want to tell you a bit about it.

In November we had a craft day — making Christmas ornaments. Everyone had a lot of fun and there were only a couple of scorched fingers from hot glue guns.

In December we put together 17 gift bags for people in our congregation who find it difficult to come to church.

We continue to send birthday, Valentines, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to Farraline Place.

In February we will have our first meeting of the year. We will celebrate our coming together with a pizza party and explore



CAROLYN PELLOW PHOTO

ACW LADIES OF ST. MARGARET'S putting the Christmas bags together. From left: Dawna O'Hara, Nancy Wiggins, Cathy Lutes, Helen Brown, Wendy Chase, Georgina Terry. At right, one of the ornaments we made on craft day. We put one in each of the gift bags.

ideas for fundraising and ways to help our community.

In May St. Margaret's will host the clergy conference, serving tea, coffee, juice, and snacks.

We will be having a planning meeting in March for the conference.

I thank all our members who brave the cold and snow to attend our meetings and events.

Warmer days ahead!

Blessings to all, Peggy Boucher



PEGGY BOUCHER PHOTO

MAKING SEASONS BRIGHT



SUBMITTED PHOTO

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND BAY WESTFIELD ACW stopped by the Mission to Seafarers, Saint John, in November to drop off items they'd gathered as part of the annual Santa At Sea program that gives gift bags filled with goodies to seafarers in port during the Christmas season. The mission collects toiletries, warm clothing, puzzles, snacks and other items to make Christmas just a bit more merry for seafarers far from home. To learn more, call (506) 635-1731, or visit the website: www.sjseafarers.com/. The Mission to Seafarers is a world-wide Anglican mission that cares for seafarers visiting ports around the world.

2025 ACW National President's Conference highlights



The ACW National President's Conference was hosted virtually by the Diocese of New Westminster on Sept. 19-20, 2025.

The theme of the conference was Ezekiel 36:26" I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

The opening worship at St. Cuthbert, Delta was officiated by

the Rev. Monte Tugwete.

The keynote speaker, James Takaota of Canada Food Grains Bank, spoke about the ongoing food insecurity, not only in Canada, but worldwide. He told us countries of the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany which are reducing their support for world hunger.

Rosemarie Kingston completed her term as national ACW president. Janet Pike became our new president.

Marney Crossley was elected vice-president and Margaret Newton will be the new secretary.

Treasurer Glenda Peddle presented the September 2024 to August 2025 financial report which passed with no questions. A new treasurer will be elected in 2026 so that the books can be transferred in person.

Prayer partners were chosen and the Diocese of Fredericton will pray for the Diocese of Athabasca while the Diocese of Calgary will pray for

Fredericton.

We received messages from Archbishop Shane Parker, our Primate; and Archbishop John Stephens of the diocese of New Westminster. We had presentations from the Anglican Foundation and Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF).

We broke into groups for discussion of two questions: What do we want to be as ACW? And why do we belong to the ACW?

Each group presented their answers to the group and the conference organizer agreed to correlate the answers and send them to the group.

The 2026 Presidents' Conference will be held in person in the Diocese of Athabasca, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

*Respectfully submitted by
Diane Todd,
Diocesan Vice-President*

Farraline Place, continued

erything pretty similar for the residents," she said. "I want to make sure everyone's happy."

The summer garden party and the annual fall gala fundraising dinner will continue.

One thing she will be looking for is more comfortable seating for residents. Many of the chairs are too low for them to easily get in and out of.

"I am going to be calling around the Fredericton area to ask for donations from furniture stores for furniture that is more fit for seniors," she said. "This is their home and they deserve to be

comfortable."

THE HOME

Farraline Place is next to the NB Legislature on Queen Street. It has 19 private bedrooms and one respite room. Some rooms have a private bath, and some are furnished. The rental price varies.

The residence is for independent seniors in reasonably good health who might need some supports.

The home offers all meals cooked onsite, plus weekly housekeeping and laundry services.

Residents enjoy daily activities, including exercise and bingo. Holidays and events are celebrated with parties and services. Dean Geoffrey Hall offers a monthly

communion service.

As of mid-January, the home had two vacant rooms and an empty respite room. It was also seeking a full-time cook.

For information on the rooms or the job vacancy, contact Chelsie: farralinehome@rogers.com or call 506-455-6443.

Farraline has a staff of nine full-time, one part-time and one casual position.

"I see a bright future here for the residents and myself," she said. "Even now I can tell who's coming to my office door just by their footsteps."

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Riverview ACW Christmas party

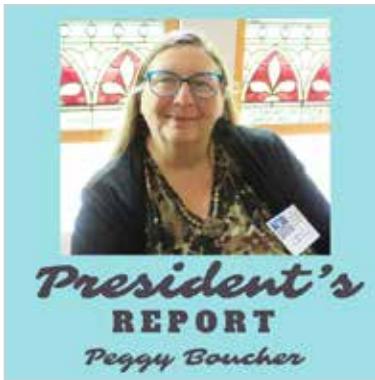
MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF RIVERVIEW

ACW put on a great Christmas party on Dec. 9. The theme for the event was "No room at the Inn." Members displayed various kinds of Nativity sets with each one having a special story behind it. The ladies sang along to Christmas carols, enjoyed lunch together and engaged in some fun activities.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS





2026 is here and with it comes all our hopes, dreams and challenges. We are facing many challenges.

With churches and branches closing, membership is down. This means if you find yourself without a branch, please reach out to churches that have one. I am sure they will welcome you with open arms.

We have to be open to a new way of doing things.

Young women are finding it hard to attend meetings.

I find if you ask them to do something specific, for example bringing food, donating an item, helping with an event as long as they are not working, young women will go out of their way to help.

In May we be having our Annual Meeting. I encourage all who can to attend. It is wonderful to see old friends and to meet new ones.

I encourage you bring with you your ideas to address these challenges.

I also love to hear about your hopes and dreams. Yes, bring pictures of your kids and grandkids. I would love to see them. They are our future.

Blessings to all members and their families.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father in this time when the world is changing, please guide the ACW members to work together for the good of the church. Guide us to the work you we need us to do. We thank you for your grace, love and forgiveness. In the name of the Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



• **BLANCHE PRINCE, LYNNE SLIPP, and Nancy Robinson at the Christmas luncheon.**

- Mitten tree at St. Luke's.
- Dessert table at the Christmas luncheon.

Dorine Dennique and Jill Craig photos

News from St. Luke's, Woodstock

At our November meeting the Rev. Maria Shepherdson was our special guest, presenting information on *The Lone Worker's Policy* now in place at St. Luke's.

Rosalie Brown graciously looked after the purchase and distribution of the 2026 church calendars for the parish once again.

Blanche Prince generously donated ten new artificial wreaths to decorate the church for Advent, and we partnered with the Altar Guild to buy new decorations for the wreaths.

They were completed by a committee on Nov. 20.

Several members gathered on Nov. 29 to help the Altar Guild and parish volunteers decorate the church.

On Dec. 8 we held our Christmas Luncheon at the home of Rosalie Brown, always a highlight to end our year as we en-

joyed yummy desserts, compliments of our hostess.

We held a successful Christmas bake sale at the hall on Saturday, Dec. 13.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, we hosted our third annual Children's Christmas Craft Party and Lunch for children of the Parishes of Woodstock and Richmond. Parents also had fun making their own mini pizzas and decorating homemade Christmas cookies.

Once again in collaboration with our parish family, we supported the Salvation Army Mitten Tree by purchasing gifts for needy children.

On Jan. 22, members helped celebrate January birthdays at Carleton Manor. We provide cake and ice cream, as well as birthday cards for each resident celebrating during the month.



ESTHER SMITH PHOTOS

Grand Manan ACW Christmas Tea



ST. PAUL'S ACW IN
the Parish of Grand
Manan hosted a
Christmas Tea on
Nov. 22. The hall was
packed to capacity.
Entertainment was
provided by Grand
Manan's illustrious
ukulele group and
young people from
the Grand Manan
Community Theatre.
The Grand Manan
youth choir and
theater group sang at
the tea.



Deanery reports, fall 2025

Miramichi/Chaleur Report – Gwen McConnell

- Church in Baie de Vin; three branches left in Deanery.
- Numbers in churches are going up. Six to eight people attend once a month branch meeting.
- This group does a lot of fundraisers.
- Playgroup support. Luncheons for birthday events, funerals, and so on.

Wants to emphasize more spiritual work.

- Sends birthday and sympathy cards to Farraline Place.
- Gives a sizable gift to Alongside Hope.
- We encourage continued support to Kara & Nelson Mejia and their ministry.

St. Andrews Deanery, Doris Ells, deanery president

- St. Paul's ACW (Grand Manan) is the only active ACW in this deanery now.
- We held our annual meeting today. We have held 15 meetings this past year, with an average attendance of eight per meeting. The meetings are held in our church hall every other Wednesday afternoon.
- Members do altar guild work, decorate the church for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and clean it.
- We hosted two funeral receptions, one wedding reception, pancake supper, Christmas tea, and supper for volunteer firemen, and a turkey dinner for staff of Independent Grocer.
- During the month of March we held community lunches on Wednesdays.
- We support the food bank and

Action Ministries and assist families that have to travel for medical reasons.

- It has been a busy and productive year and we give thanks that we are able to carry on with these various activities.

Woodstock Deanery, Clara Pirie, deanery president

St. Lukes ACW Report, Jill Craig, St. Luke's ACW president

- In May, five members attended the Diocesan Annual Meeting at St. Margaret's.
- June 4, Rosalie Brown treated us to a delicious luncheon. Each member paid \$20, with proceeds going to support our Bishop McAllister College student.
- June - cards given to five graduates from our parish. A \$25 donation was given in their honour to a charity or community organization of their choice.
- Four baptismal gifts presented in August.
- Donations were made to: Camp Brookwood, Farraline Home, St. Luke's Guild, Our Fair Share, extra Cent a Day, Paul Jeffries Stipend, Social Action Fund, Divinity Scholarship Fund, our Daily Bread devotionals, to St. Luke's for protective glass for stained glass windows.
- Sept. 18, eight members visited Farraline Home. We enjoyed tea and sweets provided by our members. Each resident and ACW visitor shared a bit about themselves.
- October - regular meeting held
- Nov. 30 - made crafts and lunch with Sunday School children
- Dec. 13 - bake sale
- Advent - new wreaths are being made and placed inside St. Luke's and on outside doors of St. Luke's and Christ Church.

- Mitten Tree, where parishioners could choose a mitten and buy a gift for a needy child (this is coordinated by the Woodstock Salvation Army).

Church of the Good Shepherd ACW Report, Deanery of Woodstock, Barb Smith, secretary

The Church of the Good Shepherd ACW is an active group meeting each month, except July and August.

Our major fund raiser is the annual yard sale held in May. Along with our ACW annual dues we have been able to financially support Bishop McAllister College, Farraline Place, Alongside Hope, Sanctuary House, two bursaries at Carleton North High School, Camp Brookwood, graduate gifts for two students from our church family, Carleton North Pantry, Pennies and Sparrows.

We organize and assist in the decoration of our church at Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

We had a very successful take-out lunch in March, delivering a lunch of chicken soup, roll and dessert to 30 guests.

In October we hosted a harvest supper for 50 of our parish members.

We also held our annual winter clothing give-away in late October which was a great success.

Flowers are placed on the altar at Easter and Christmas in memory of departed members. We continue to send birthday cards to parishioners along with special occasions cards.

Members attended the Diocesan Annual Meeting. Our branch

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Deanery reports

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hosted the annual ACW Deanery meeting in September.

We will purchase Christmas gifts for our parish members in the manor and have assisted a family with outdoor winter wear.

As a group we enjoyed lunch at the County Side Pub & Grill in Florenceville-Bristol in June and will hold our Annual Christmas Pot Luck supper in December.

We continue to serve our church, our parish and our Lord in all that we do.

Kingston- Kennebecasis Deanery AGM Meeting, Joy Knox, Secretary/ Treasurer

- The 69th annual Meeting of the Kingston and the Kennebecasis Deanery ACW was held on Thursday September 18th at Trinity Church, Sussex, NB.
- Refreshments were served by the host ACW.
- The service of Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. Dan McMullin, assisted by Catechist Tyler McKenna.
- Rev. Dan welcomed the ACW members and thanked them for their work and support in their respective churches and communities.
- The ACW deanery banner was transferred to Trinity, Sussex from St. Luke's, Gondola Point.
- A lovely memorial service was conducted by our Book of Remembrance Custodian Jean MacDonald, she read St. John, verse one.
- The Lord's Prayer was recited in unison and a carnation was placed in a vase for each departed member. Roll Call showed 20 members present from six branches.
- The officers for the upcoming year are President – Catharine

Dykeman, Secretary-Treasurer - Cassie Stanley, Members, Lydia Janes, Joy Knox. **New Business:**

- After some discussion, branches would like to be advised of future fundraising projects.
- Canon Paul Jeffries was also discussed as branches were uncertain re: support as he is now teaching for two years at the College. More information to follow in May at Diocese Annual Meeting.
- Lydia Janes closed the meeting with ACW closing prayer.

Mother's Union Representative, Diane Radford

The Mothers' Union continues to be active on all four levels, World-wide, Canadian, Diocesan and individual branches.

On the World-wide level, the present focus is on preparations for the celebration of the 150th anniversary in 2026.

This will consist of two major events, one in the UK in London in June and a second in South Africa in the fall.

The one in London will take place on June 10 and 11 and includes a service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

About 20 people will be attending from Canada. The details for South Africa are still to be finalized.

At the Canadian level the focus is on encouraging branches to participate in 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.

This runs from Nov. 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to Dec. 10th (International Human Rights Day).

The Mothers' Union campaign is entitled RISE UP (Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite, Pray).

Branches were encouraged to make a presentation to the congregation, take roles in the service, make handouts to be distributed.

There was also a suggestion to have a red chair at the front of the

church, representative of all women who have lost their lives due to intimate partner violence. There is also a list of prayers to be used each day.

At the Diocesan level, the main focus is on the 16 days campaign and the 150th celebrations. Future planning includes the 2026 Rally to be held in Saint John.

At the branch level, several branches were participating in services for the 16 days of activism.

Some branches are holding Christmas events with lunches or teas, which include sales of crafts and/or gently used clothing. These usually help to fund community or Mothers' Union projects.

At the Cathedral, speakers in the fall included a presentation from Transition House and from the "Born to Read" program which supplies a bag of books to newborns and their mums to encourage family reading.

We continue to stock our three food cupboards.



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Anglican Church Women - Diocese of Fredericton Financial Report - Year-End
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

	CASH Jan.1 Balance /2025 Receipts/	2025 Disbursements / CASH Dec. 31, Balance
Divinity Scholarship	\$0.00	\$280.00
Administration *	\$11,468.69	\$3,530.14
Social Action *	\$1,669.65	\$775.00
Extra-cent-a-day	\$21,069.59	\$1,325.63
Our Fair Share *	\$3,209.43	\$2,669.40
Helen Burton fund	\$0.00	\$496.44
Wm/Mary Quinn Trust *	\$5,723.40	\$5,628.84
Fanny Billings Estate*	\$1,389.62	\$302.88
Summer Camps:		\$0.00
Camps Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00
Camp Medley	\$0.00	\$1,471.50
Camp Brookwood	\$0.00	\$205.00
Paul Jeffries - Stipend	\$0.00	\$11,662.23
Paul Jeffries - College	\$0.00	\$150.00
Farraline Home	\$0.00	\$1,762.00
Farraline Home - Flooring Fund	\$1,580.00	\$3,370.00
PWDRF	\$0.00	\$800.00
Council of the North	\$0.00	\$1,148.50
Threshold Ministries \$	0.00	\$350.00
Anglican Foundation ACW trust	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kara & Nelson Mejia-Honduras	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Foundation of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$46,110.38	\$36,977.56
Net Income-4th Quarter		\$1,362.50

Book Balance; December 31,2025 **\$47,472.88**

Outstanding Deposits
 (subtract) **(\$1,177.00)**

Outstanding Cheques:	Cheq # 637	\$102.31
(add)	Cheq # 638	\$2,106.50
	Cheq # 639	\$2,258.44
	Cheq # 640	\$11,662.23
	Cheq # 641	\$800.00
	Cheq # 642	\$1,148.50
	Cheq # 643	\$350.00
	Cheq # 644	\$1,050.00
	Cheq # 645	\$2,110.31

Bank Balance: December 31, 2025 **\$67,884.17**

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SAVE THE DATE!
**ACW'S
Quiet
Day**
Sept. 9, 2026
• St. Mary's Anglican Church, Miramichi (former Chatham)
• Theme: Standing on the promises of God
• Registration (with refreshments) at 9 a.m.; service at 10 a.m.
• Tea, coffee, snacks and lunch provided in the church hall
• Easy access - wheelchair accessible

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Diocesan ACW Executive Meeting Nov. 27, 2025

Members in attendance: Peggy Boucher, Diane Rudford, Cathy Lutes. By Zoom; Diane Todd, Clara Pirie (Woodstock Deanery), Gwen McConnell (Miramichi/Chaleur Deanery), Gisele McKnight.

Regrets: Jill Craig, Carolyn Pellow, Donna Middleton (Lancaster/Saint John Deanery), Doris Ells (St. Andrews Deanery), Cathy Dykeman (Kingston/Kennebecasis Deanery). Rosemarie Kingston had difficulty joining on Zoom.

Devotional: Peggy Boucher talked on the Gospel Cross with a walk through the Reign of Christ & Advent with the life of Jesus from birth on.

Treasurers Report: Cathy Lutes. This report was based on the finances up to October 31, 2025.

New Business: There was an extensive discussion about Kara & Nelson Mejia and their new ministry, and also Paul Jeffries and Bishop McAllister College.

Gisele helped with some of the information on Kara & Nelson.

They are no longer in Honduras and now live in Michigan, USA, assisting a church there

providing Spanish material for this church's mission project.

It was understood that they were not being paid at the time, but living off of funds from their personal accounts in Canada.

The Synod Office does not support them or Honduras at this time. Cathy has information that Kara sent her to send any money ACW has for them through her father here in New Brunswick.

At the time of this meeting, they were waiting for a VISA in the US.

The Synod Office has also stopped supporting Paul Jeffries and the College since Paul has retired. Any stipend money that the Synod Office still had was being sent back to Cathy to pass on to Paul. Cathy sends any money now to Canon Kevin Stockall here in NB.

It was moved by Clara and seconded by Gwen that the Executive would like to continue supporting Kara & Nelson and Paul Jeffries, but this will be put on the table for the Annual Meeting in May for now.

The future of the Extra Cent-A-Day fund will also be discussed at the AGM.

Future of ACW: As the years go on, there are more branches closing and we're slowly down to a low number of branches in each Deanery.

The November issue of *Launching Out* contained some negative outlooks of the ACW organization.

Following some discussion, a few points were brought up: Quiet

Day – should this still be held by a deanery or the Executive?

It was noted that there should be more "Quiet" put into Quiet Day as it was in the beginning.

Annual General Meeting: Should this be held in a central location, such as Fredericton or remain with the hosting Deanery?

It was suggested that we just have a noon meal so the members can leave for home after the end of the meeting in the afternoon.

This year's AGM is in the She-diac Deanery in May and all these points will be tabled for discussion at the AGM.

National Conference: This was by Zoom & both Peggy & Diane T. attended. The Diocese of Athabasca is our prayer partner. Questions posed: What do we want to be as an ACW? This will be tabled for the AGM.

Farraline Place: Chelsie Ogden is the new director, replacing Judy O'Donnell who has retired. At the time of the meeting the home was in the black financially, though there were two rooms vacant.

They are appreciating the donations to the flooring fund, which at the end of October was \$4,125.

They would like a new kitchen for the future. There are a few clients who get financial support from outside donations.

Respectively Submitted by Cathy Lutes for Carolyn Pellow

Save the dates!

Saturday, April 18

Special Session of Synod to discuss the future of Christ Church Cathedral.

Saturday, Nov. 7

Regular Session of Synod.

Watch for further details, locations and Greater Chapter meeting dates.

