

Anglican Church Women Board

Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Let's Keep In Touch

Do justice, Love kindness . . .

Walk humbly with your God

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SECOND EDITION

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN 2020-2012 PROJECT

"Supporting Parents: Stories That Matter"

Is an initiative of The Canadian Mothers' Union and the Anglican Church Women Board are pleased to be partnering with the Canadian Mother's Union to help raise funds for this project.

It is a Parents Supporting Parents Facilitator Training Course and the aim is to **raise the funds** necessary to offer this Facilitators' Training Course to **8 to 12 facilitators** through the Council of the North, with participants from indigenous communities in northern Ontario within the Diocese of Moosonee.

The program itself, is participant led, free of charge and creates a forum in which small groups can share their parenting experiences, building a network of support throughout the community. Once trained, facilitators can bring the Parenting Program back to their home communities. Candidates, who have a passionate interest in children and families will be encouraged to put their names forward and will be considered from all walks of life, of any culture, religion or no religion, and living within the jurisdiction of the Council of the North.

Our thanks and appreciation to the many individuals, groups and parishes who have supported past projects and we welcome your support for the 2020/21 project.

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2020-2021 PROJECT

Supporting Parents: Stories That Matter

Parents Supporting Parents Facilitator Training

The National Project 20/21 has the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board partnering with the Canadian Mothers' Union to raise funds for the Mothers' Union Supporting Parents Facilitator Training Course in the Council of the North.

Participants from **Indigenous Communities** with a passion for children and family, once trained as facilitators, will **return to their respective communities** to **engage their local parents** in a free forum that encourages the **sharing of stories and experiences**, while building a **lasting support network**. *Supporting Parents: Stories That Matter* is an **equal opportunity** initiative in the Council of the North.
Your support is welcome!

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



Marjorie Davis, Board Treasurer
204-111 Pebblecreek Drive
Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1



The board will be accepting donations for this project until April 2021.

Dear Friends,

Early in 2020 we were confronted with an unprecedented global health crisis. As we tried to comprehend what it all meant, we learned all too quickly that life as we knew it was about to drastically change – not only in our own little corner of wherever we call home, but across our province, our country and the world.

We discovered that to get through this crisis we needed to stay strong and work together. Back in March, our public health officials (Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Tam, and Chief Medical Officers Dr. Strang and Dr. Morrison) asked us to protect our families and to care for people we don't know and will never meet. So, we changed how we live in the world. We shopped less, and in smaller groups. We limited family gatherings to just those people we live with. We closed schools, daycares, and churches. Borders closed and air travel was pretty much grounded. Where possible, work moved to our home, or on-line. For many, work came to a halt. We truly learned the meaning of 'essential' worker. But together, we could limit the spread of a virus that would bring heartbreak to so many families.

For those with access to hi-speed internet, the pandemic accelerated the use of technologies that could ease the stress of solitude. Meetings, family gatherings, and even concerts took place over Zoom, Google, Instagram, or Facebook Live. Many people started working from home, and worship services were offered via YouTube or Facebook. Thanks to our collective hard work, restrictions have begun to lift, enabling us to visit family, travel within our Atlantic bubble, and have larger group gatherings (outside).

Many churches are also beginning to open their doors. For now, no matter how our worshipping community gathers, it will feel very different from what we are used to. But as we begin to gather, I pray that we may see the specific and concrete things we can continue to do to help one another during these difficult and uncertain times. And may God grant us the strength, the courage, and the will to continue to show love, care and respect. May we dream, hope, and pray that the spirit planted in each of us in Christ, will guide our hearts so that we may live out our baptism as a loving community. May we **nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, and encourage one another in service, as we grow together in grace and love.**

Love, respect, care for and be kind to one another. Stay safe!

Connie English,

Co-coordinator Anglican Church Women Board

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

A FOND "FAREWELL" TO ARCHBISHOP RON

Archbishop Ron, we duly acknowledge that July 31st 2020 will be your last day as our Diocesan Bishop and Metropolitan. Ron, you have served our Lord well and our diocese faithfully. As you begin the next chapter in your life, may God continue to bless you and watch over you and may he grant you peace now and always.

Congratulations on your retirement!

The next issue of Let's Keep in Touch will carry a more complete tribute to Bishop Ron.



We have every reason to believe that the Canadian Church Calendar order will be delivered to the Anglican Diocesan Centre in the early fall. **Parishes need to know that there are significant changes with the publication and distribution of the calendars at the Anglican Church of Canada office and the costs of producing the printed calendar have increased considerably.** While we do not have specifics at this time, we know that there will be a higher cost per calendar than has been the case for the last number of years, **probably by at least a \$1.00 per calendar.**

The easiest and most effective way for parishes to place a calendar order is to e-mail the Board's address: acw.nsboard@gmail.com This approach allows for prompt receipt of and attention to the order, including an invoice being e-mailed to the ordering parish. However, if you phone the order in (902-406-8981), please speak slowly and clearly. E-mail or phone, **the following information is needed: date, your name, your phone number, the name of the parish and community, region, and the number of calendars being ordered.**

THE SPIRIT IN WHICH WE GIVE IS THE SPIRIT IN WHICH WE WILL RECEIVE

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38