



St Mary with St Mark Church, Mayo

Late in 2018, members of Mayo's Anglican parish joined with parents of school age children, representatives of the First Nation, and the staff of Yukon College's Mayo campus. They were looking for ways to work together to promote healthy family relationships in a community that has experienced problems with domestic abuse and other family related problems over the years. The first action was to bring several families joined together for lunch and an afternoon of Christmas gingerbread house building. There was time to share ideas and learn more about forming a family support group.

Early in 2019 Lay Minister Valerie Maier and another community member visited in the homes of 22 Mayo families. They delivered a bag of books, also asked some questions about when to meet, what to do, and what was needed to ensure the most families could take part.

When the results were analyzed, it was clear that early evening was the best time. Child minding for the younger children was needed, and supper and rides to and from the event needed to happen. Many activities were suggest centered around learning new skills, participating in family activities, and sharing the rewards and challenges of parenting in discussions.

The group gathered February 7th, the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun supplied rides to people who needed

them and 37 parents, grandparents and children attended. All worked together to prepare supper and share the evening meal. A discussion followed about what strong families look like, what they do, and how they feel. After supper the children and adults separated and while the children had their own supervised programme, the adults sat back and discussed what parenting meant to them.

Parenting Together plans to meet monthly and work to provide participants with a meal, develop new skills, and talk about the real issues that face parents. Other community agencies including Yukon Social Services, the RCMP and the Nursing Centre are planning to participate. Funding has been secured from us, the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of New Westminster, from the First Nation, Yukon College, and Mayo's Anglican Parish of St Mary with St Mark church.

This is a practical way to address some of the difficult problems facing families in communities like Mayo that have experienced residential schools, insensitive adoptions, and other instances of historical social trauma.

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ACW Place Open House and Barbecue Saturday - June 22nd

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

7012B Merritt Avenue, Burnaby

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

Bring the children, and grandchildren!
Activities for children.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2019



Summer is almost here. YEAH!! Time to get out and enjoy all the wonderful and beautiful surroundings that we have here in the lower mainland. I always look forward to bright skies, warm days, seeing the new growth, and being able to spend more time out of doors. God is awesome.

It was wonderful to see many at the Annual General Meeting which was hosted by St. John's Port Moody with an excellent lunch and some fun entertainment. If you were unable to attend, make sure to find someone who was at the meeting and have them share the Annual Reports Booklet to see all the amazing work that is done by all the branches. We look forward to meeting again on April 25, 2020.

The Board are pleased to let you know that the second recipient of our Bursary has been named and is another person who will be working in the Diocese of New Westminster. The second recipient is Tasha Carrothers who is completing her studies at Vancouver School of Theology while working as Missioner for Congregational Development at the Synod offices. Our Spring Open House has been moved to June 22 as there were too many conflicts with other activities in the Diocese. If you haven't visited ACW Place yet make an effort to come out and see where we are and what we do. If you have been to ACW Place before we would love to see you and hope that you might bring along a friend. There will be a no-host barbeque from 11 AM until 2 PM.

I am looking forward to volunteering for the National Synod in July knowing that has not been in the west for many, many years and will probably be my only time to volunteer on this scale. If you have thought about volunteering during the week Synod is here, you should do so soon.

Wishing you all a time of rejuvenation over the summer with the Spirit of the Lord close by.

Gail Revitt, President



VANCOUVER COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The guest speaker at the May 6, 2019 Vancouver Council of Women meeting was Cathy Peters, a retired school teacher, who has been raising awareness about the pandemic of Child Sex Trafficking (CST) at all levels of Canadian government. CST is part of a lucrative mix making up the sex trade here in B.C. The preferred age of choice for buyers of sex is 12-14 years of age and getting younger. For Aboriginal girls the age is 7-11 years old. A trafficker makes 280,000- 360,000 per year per victim, and traffickers typically have a number of victims in their stable.

There is an Act passed in 2014 called the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act. According to Cathy the law is not being enforced and therefore perpetrators are escaping prosecution.

Since buyers of sex and traffickers are not being charged in B.C. (in contrast to the rest of Canada and the U.S.A.), B.C. is a global destination and therefore a robust sex trade with a large and growing demand. To satisfy that demand there needs to be a supply. The supply is local and involves our youth, children and the vulnerable (Aboriginal, Asian, migrants, disabled, mentally challenged, the poor, in foster care, LGBTQ and all girls under the age of 14).

Cathy encourages us -- all of us -- to write email and talk with our mayors, city councillors, MLA, MP representatives, that the issue of Child Sex Trafficking is a grave concern and priority to all.

**Alberta Rudolf
ACW Board Secretary,**

(The ACW Diocese of New Westminster are members of the Vancouver Council of Women - Alberta is our representative. They advocate on issues important to all women, meet monthly to hear guest speakers on these issues.)

UPDATE ON CAMP ARTABAN

This is a HUGE THANK YOU to all those wonderful supporters of Camp Artaban.

We are so excited about the upcoming season. Work parties are in full force preparing for when the first camps go in. The major weekend will be Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9. For all the other dates, please contact the office.



Saturday, July 20. Come and see what happens at this very special place. It is magical!

For information on Visitor's Day, Work Parties and how you can be involved with Artaban, please call the office at 604-980-0391 or visit www.campartaban.com.

Registrar and expeditor are hired and manning the office with Tanis Lamping, the office administrator.

At this time the Board of Camp Artaban would like to do a shout out of THANKS to all the special donors supporting this incredible Ministry.

Special mention to the Anglican Church Women, Diocese of New Westminster who are so faithful in their ongoing support.

Also, to many parishes including,
St. Cuthbert's, Delta
St. Matthew's, Abbotsford
St. Catherine's, Coquitlam
St. Dunstan's, Aldergrove
St. Mark's, Ocean Park

There are many ways to be involved with Camp Artaban. Information on volunteering, donating and working with us, can be found on our website. We also have a Wish List of items that would be beneficial onsite.

The Board of Camp Artaban would like to invite each and every one of you to join us for Visitors Day on



The chapel at Artaban

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In 1927, Jesse Valiant (nee Sewell) suggested the name "Artaban" after reading Henry Van Dyke's *The Other Wise Man*. This book tells the story of the legendary "fourth" wise man, Artaban, who travels to see the Christ child. Artaban struggles to reach his goal, carrying valuable gifts — a sapphire, a ruby and a pearl — to give to the Messiah.

During his journey, Artaban finds that there are many people with immediate needs around him. He stops to help each needy individual he meets, using his precious jewels along the way, and thus is too late to meet the other wise men or the Christ child in Bethlehem.

While he misses the Lord's birth, Artaban does pursue God throughout his life and in a special way he serves the Lord in each generous action he takes. Thus, Artaban finds and serves Christ as he "walks" through life. Through his actions he meets the Messiah that he so longed to serve.

CAMPS THIS SUMMER:

July 8 – 15:	Advanced Outtripping
July 13 – 22 :	Leaders in Training
July 15 – 22:	Junior Coed
July 22 – 27:	Family Camp
July 27 – Aug 2:	Girls Camp
August 2 – 5:	Family Weekend
August 4 – 8:	Beginner's Outtripping
August 5 – 8:	Junior Junior Coed



PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

How awesome, Lord, your bold design
To build for us a global home
Where all may come to know your mind
And linked together find Shalom.

But many struggle to survive
Who live with loss in ev'ry land
And sharing strength new strength derive,
Enough to hope and still to stand.

Yet thousands fall 'midst quake and drought
And perils lurk for all who mine;
Once more do helping hands reach out
As faith and hope and love entwine.

Should danger strike a sudden blow
Or softly tread with deadly gain,
Our own concerns will we forgo
To ease the cries of those in pain.

Bless, Lord, these hands joined far and wide
As they embrace a world in need
With Christ to lead and grace to guide
May we in this great cause succeed.

*Written by Peter Armour Niblock
Vancouver, 2009*

This poem was written ten years ago -

IT IS NOW 60 YEARS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Through the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human

resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.

A bump in a coal mine in Springhill, Nova Scotia in 1958 kills 75 men. The tragedy moves Anglicans and other Canadians to respond with assistance for the stricken families. As a result of this experience, the Church recognizes the need for an efficient process to channel assistance quickly in situations of emergency. One year later, The Primate's World Relief Fund was established by the Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod, named for the Primate, or Archbishop of Canada.

The organization became The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund reflecting the agency's maturing program focus and philosophy. PWRDF came to see that deeper, long-term development needs are strongly connected to suffering caused by natural or human-provoked disasters. Even more significantly, PWRDF realized that people who experience these problems first-hand are in the best position to develop long-term solutions.

In 2000, with support from The Anglican Church of Canada, PWRDF became a separately incorporated agency with recognition and approval of the Canadian federal government under the title: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund/ Le fonds du Primat pour le secours et le développement mondial. PWRDF's guiding principle is to listen and learn from partners in its development work. It remains a Christian organization, committed to a vision of international development and global justice that is founded on theological reflection and a faith-based analysis.

In 2007, PWRDF joined the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a Christian response to hunger linking 15 churches in Canada.

In 2008, PWRDF became a founding member of the Anglican Alliance. As part of the 50th anniversary, PWRDF encouraged Sponsorship Agreement Holder dioceses to sponsor 50 refugees.

And the work continues - as Jesus taught us:

Working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.
Micah 6:8

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Margaret Warwick & Gail Revitt
Photo: Shurl Nichols

The AGM at St John 's Port Moody was a great day - we were joined by Margaret Warwick, the National ACW President, and heard an interesting presentation by the Port Moody Fire Department on emergency preparedness and fire prevention.



The layette items at the altar Photo: Shurl Nichols

During the Eucharist service, The Reverend Vivian Lam offered blessing on the large supply of layette items donated for ACW Place, and installed the new Board members. Your new Board consists of:

- President: Gail Revitt
- Past President: Sheila Puls
- Secretary: Alberta Rudolf
- Treasurer: Mary McIntyre
- Representatives:
- Great Vancouver/North Shore: Sylvia Enga
- Northeast Fraser: Ann Blue
- Southwest Fraser: Paulette Smith
- At Large: Kelly Bowman
Lesley Goodbrand

- Membership: Genny Sveinson
- Social Action: Vera Morgan
- Chaplain: Beth Fortin
The Rev. Beverley Stewart

One more member at large was appointed by the Board following the AGM:
At Large: Rebecca Kozol

Beneficiaries of the Diocesan outreach this coming year was approved as:

Camp Artaban,	\$2,000
PWRDF,	\$2,500
Bishop's Fund for Refugees	\$1,000
Diocesan Care & Share	\$1,000
Mission to Seafarers	\$1,000
Giving with Grace (Primate)	\$1,000
St Jude's Anglican Home	\$1,000
West Side Mobile Care Unit	\$1,000
Basic Human Needs, India	\$5,000
VGH Chaplaincy	\$1,000
Northern Clergy Families Fund	\$1,500
Council of the North	\$2,000
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$5,000
Board Discretionary Fund (for appeals during the year)	\$5,000

This gives a total outreach of \$30,000.

The 2020 ACW Annual General Meeting will be held April 25th at St. Thomas Anglican Church, 2444 41st Ave. E Vancouver

Following the presentation, the meeting and the Eucharist, we were entertained by the "Hot Mommas", a group of three very entertaining singers.



The Hot Momma's
Photo: Shurl Nichols