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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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This overview of Bishop McAllister College shows the incredible advancements the campus has made in the past couple of decades. The school is growing again with a new building for music, drama and dance. See the college's update on page 8.

## ***President's Report Highlights***

- Hoping to be able to hold fall Deanery meetings
- No May annual meeting
- Farraline Home is in need of financial help
- If your branch has anything to report, please contact Linda Fury
- Zoom meeting is still a possibility

See the entire report on page 4.

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# Robinson's second book debuts

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with Ryan and his wife, Kathryn, reeling from a loss. Ryan struggles to comfort his wife while trying to run the veterinary clinic without her. Their new intern arrives with an agenda that threatens to destroy both their marriage and the business.

In *Seekers of the Heart* the reader will reconnect with many characters from *Hearts of Glass* and meet new ones who intermingle with them, challenging their faith, and offering second chances at life and love.

*Seekers of the Heart* was given a professional edit by Carolyn R. Wilker of Finetune Edit-

ing. Nancy's daughter, Kathryn Bursey, helped immensely with final formatting before the book was sent to the publisher, KDP, an affiliate of Amazon.

The author's purpose is to weave the love of God and prayer into every chapter so the reader will be encouraged and challenged to put their trust in the Creator of the universe.

Nancy says, "Remember, if you seek Him with all your heart, you will find Him."

*Seekers of the Heart* is available as both an eBook and paperback from amazon.ca, or individual copies can be purchased from the author at nerobinson54@gmail.com. Discussion questions for book clubs are included at the end of the novel.



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The back cover of *Seekers of the Heart* by Nancy Robinson. Many of the characters from her first book, *Hearts of Glass*, make an appearance in this second book because 'they had more of their lives to share with us,' says Nancy.

## Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour -

Please notify Linda Collins LeBans 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 Linda at 506-454-2649; email: lclebans@gmail.com or 55 Woodfield Crescent, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 2N2



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## Local author Nancy Robinson releases second novel

Nancy Robinson of Woodstock has recently published her second contemporary romantic Christian novel, *Seekers of the Heart*, a sequel to her first book, *Hearts of Glass* which was published in 2015.

Shortly after releasing *Hearts of Glass*, readers, family, and friends encouraged her with positive feedback, expressing they could hardly wait for her next book. She knew she had to write it — sometime.

Nancy does not have a consistent writing schedule as some authors might, but when the inspiration hits, she may write for several days in a row, then let the story ruminate for a week or more.

Five years may seem like a long time between books, but the characters Robinson had initially created lived within her and she realized they had more of their lives to share.

While she had started *Hearts of Glass* with a list of characters and their traits, and just let the book unfold as she wrote, *Seekers of the Heart* began with a well-planned main plot and



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ACW member Nancy Robinson with her latest book, *Seekers of the Heart*.

three to four subplots.

Character sketches followed with a list of chapter ideas and cross-checking to give equal weight to each of the subplots. New characters naturally emerged and were worked into the story.

In *Hearts of Glass* the main character is Olivia O'Brien, a widow on the brink of opening her dream art studio when she becomes the unsuspecting victim of

a violent stalker, Tom O'Malley. It is a novel of second chances and God's redemption.

Olivia has a son, Ryan, a veterinarian, and a daughter, Suzanne, studying to be a translator. When book one ends, both Ryan and Suzanne have been smitten by the love bug.

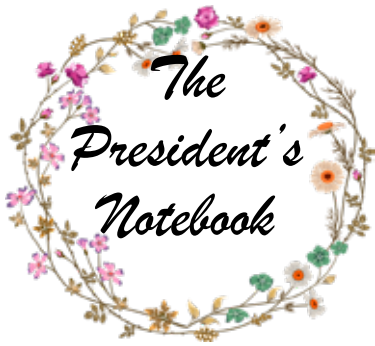
*Seekers of the Heart* opens

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### 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



Linda Fury

Another president's report from a president who has very little to report! I have heard from some Deaneries and branches, but with the state of COVID-19 in our province, they also have very little to report.

The only possible good news is that it MAY be possible for some to hold their fall Deanery meetings.

But the only suggestion I have is to wait until summer to decide. Possibly by June we may know what can be done.

We definitely know that our May Diocesan annual ACW meeting will not be possible. Even by fall, I may be overly optimistic to think Deanery meetings could be held.

I know that several branches have been able to send in funds for their financial commitments. I would like to ask that if any branches have "extra" money, Farraline Home could definitely use more help.

With the pandemic situation,

there are a few rooms empty. As far as I understand, it is not possible for new residents to come into the home unless it is not necessary for them to isolate.

Hopefully, soon these rooms will be able to be filled, but in the meantime, their funds are very low.

Once again I would like to remind branches and Deaneries that if they have anything to report, please send me a note or give me a call.

We are still hopeful that a Zoom meeting may be possible. I will send out notice to all when we have a definite date and would appreciate notice of anything you would like on the agenda.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all branches. We pray that our Diocesan Annual may be possible in 2022 and that we will all be able to participate.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Linda Fury*

## *Farraline Place News*

Farraline Place has vacancies in their downtown Fredericton residence. It is important to have a full house to help keep the home financially viable.

If you'd like more information, contact home administrator Judy O'Donnell at 455-6443. Thank you!

[www.farralineplace.com](http://www.farralineplace.com)

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Eva Morton

## On The Journey, with Eva Morton

“Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” (1 Corinthians 1: 20)

**E**cclésiastes says: “In much wisdom is much vexation, and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow.” (1:18)

The Epistle of James says: “If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.” (1: 5 ) It also says that wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy (see chapter 3: 15ff).

Clearly, the wisdom described by Ecclesiastes is not the same as that described by James! In this past year “of our discontent,” I have experienced both.

I’ve done a lot of reading, thinking, and praying. I’ve been trying to figure out what God



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has in store for me in the future. At the same time, I have been challenged to live day to day in the “wisdom from above.”

The election south of the border, and the sectarian strife which accompanied it, sometimes made it difficult to feel peaceable, gentle, and willing to yield.

I think I understand why Ecclesiastes expresses frustration with too much wisdom. I’m sure we’ve all heard the expression, “The more I know, the more I realize I don’t know.”

I think our political and medical leaders would agree with that sentiment. Just when we start to be optimistic about getting people vaccinated, new variants of the virus have started to spread, and we are all feeling exasperated by what we don’t know. If there was ever a time to defer to a Higher Power, this would be it.

It wouldn’t hurt us to admit that this past year has been a challenge to our faith. A popular worship song in our parish is: “Be still, God will fight your battles.” Well, keeping still is what we have all been asked to do, and after 12 months of it, impatience is setting in.

It helps to put things in perspective. I remind myself of those who are far worse off than me, such as Michael Covrig and Michael Spavor languishing in a Chinese prison, or Mohammad

El Halabi, a Palestinian World Vision staff worker, still in an Israeli jail after five years.

There are so many more whose identity I’ll never know.

I’m starting to think about them, and pray more intentionally for the “release of the captives.”

I have a new appreciation for our medical personnel. I’m more aware of the sacrifices they make for the rest of us. I’m noticing the challenges faced by grocery store clerks, pharmacists and teachers. I pray for bus drivers and mail carriers. Perhaps one of the ways God is redeeming this crisis is by making us all grateful for those who keep the rest of us safe.

What I first welcomed as an opportunity to catch up on my reading, has turned out to be lonelier than I had anticipated. I really miss hugs.

I’m naturally an optimist, and I know I haven’t suffered nearly as much as many others. I hope this is making me more empathetic.

I’m writing more letters, and remembering friends from the past that I had lost touch with. I’m missing those I had taken for granted, and now I am being intentional about staying connected to them.

I’m being more honest about how much they mean to me. When this is all over, I want to be more loving, generous, and kind. I pray for the “wisdom from above.”

The wisdom of the world has been found wanting. Hang in there and keep the faith!

**Blessings, Eva**



# Guidelines for filling out the Treasurer's Form

BY CATHY LUTES

As I am putting this report together, our Zone 3, along with Zones 1 and 2 have gone into the red. Zone 4 has been in red for a week or so now. It is very disheartening to be back in this stage again, but hopefully, it won't last long. This has been a very unusual time for all of us.

In 2020 we didn't have our AGM in May and our Executive has not been able to meet. Due to the lack of these two events, the 2020 budget was not discussed and approved, leading to some funds not going out.

The usual funds that are included on the Branch Treasurer's Report Form will be going to their respective recipients.

I want to thank the many branches who sent their yearly funds for 2020. It has been a difficult year for branches to even meet as a group, let alone do any type of fundraising.

I am aware that many branches are finding it difficult to meet their obligations. With the past year being as it has been, it is very understandable.

If your branch has found ways to fundraise, please share in the next Launching Out or email/write to me and let me know so that I can share with other groups

if asked.

I have been asked what funds a branch should contribute to if they have the funds in their accounts.

Every branch is asked to contribute \$50 to the Administration Fund and \$25 to the Social Action Fund. These two are a priority.

I am not telling your branch which funds to support, but these two funds are top priority for every branch. It's up to each individual branch to decide what funds to support.

It has been a rocky start for me as diocesan ACW treasurer. Initially I had difficulty getting the program on my laptop, but I finally got it working.

Joyce McElman, past treasurer, has been a Godsend. She has had the patience of Job when it comes to helping me with this transfer of duties.

I had spent a number of days, before COVID, sitting in her office in Quispamsis learning the job. Even when I called her last week, she was very willing to help in any way.

I'm actually enjoying this office and I hope that I can do the very best for the diocesan ACW Executive.

As I have been collecting the Branch Treasurer's Forms, there are a few reminders to pass on;

- Please fill out the form completely, with date, church name, place, deanery.

- Please fill out the bottom of the form with the treasurer's complete name, phone number, address and, if available, email.

- Please ensure that the total is correct.

- Please, please PRINT CLEARLY

- It is not necessary to change addresses on cheques. If you feel you need to change addresses on cheques, please initial any changes.

- If you make **any** changes on cheques, like addresses or dates, you must initial the changes.

- Make all cheques out to ACW, Diocese of Fredericton.

- I would appreciate all cheques received before the end of December each year.

I have sent out receipts by email or post to all forms received from November 2019 to the first week of January 2021. Along with the receipts, I sent a copy of the Branch Treasurer's Form. I will include the form with this note for those who didn't receive a receipt.

I appreciate all the kind words received from various ladies whom I've had the pleasure speaking to over the phone and via email. I am honoured to be a member of such a lovely group of ladies.

I pray that you all stay safe and that our lives will return to some normalcy in the near future.

Your Sister in Christ, Cathy Lutes



The NB Anglican is looking for people to feature in the series called **My Journey Here**. If you're from far away, but worship and live here in the diocese, contact us! gmcknight@diofton.ca



**Clergy Spouses' Retreat**  
**CANCELLED FOR 2021**  
due to COVID-19

Originally planned for April 29-May 1 at Villa Madonna, the retreat is now rescheduled for April 28-30, 2022. More details to follow as they become available.



# Branch Treasurer's Report Form



**Carefully read the information on page 6 before completing this form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Divinity Scholarship Fund</i>	_____
<i>Administration Fund - \$50 per Branch</i>	_____
<i>Social Action Fund - \$25 per Branch</i>	_____
<i>Extra-Cent-A-Day Fund</i>	_____
<i>Our Fair Share</i>	_____
<i>Helen Burton Fund</i>	_____
<i>Diocesan Camps Projects</i>	_____
<i>Camp Medley</i>	_____
<i>Camp Brookwood</i>	_____
<i>Paul Jeffries' Stipend</i>	_____
<i>Bishop McAllister College, Uganda</i>	_____
<i>Farraline Place</i>	_____
<i>Farraline Place Roof Fund</i>	_____
<i>PWRDF</i>	_____
<i>Council of the North</i>	_____
<i>Threshold Ministries (Church Army renamed)</i>	_____
<i>Kara and Nelson Mejia - Honduras</i>	_____
<i>Anglican Foundation of Canada - ACW Trust Fund</i>	_____
<i>Other</i>	_____
<b>TOTAL:</b>	_____

Name of Branch Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE make cheque payable to ACW, Diocese of Fredericton, and mail to Cathy Lutes, Diocesan ACW Treasurer; 87 Venus Crescent, Hanwell, NB E3C 1N1  
E-mail: lutescathy@hotmail.com; Phone: 506-459-3265**

# Bishop McAllister College update

BY PAUL JEFFRIES

Greetings from all of us at Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary! We reopened on Jan. 18 with just under 200 students, the finalists in their respective sections.

While we continue to face a few challenges, things are actually going quite well. We have received good news this past week. The Ministry of Education has given the green light for all students to return to school.

It still won't be quite back to normal, as the different classes have their returns staggered over the coming months to avoid overcrowded conditions and congestion.

So over the next few months, we still won't have everyone at the same time. I believe this will work very well, at least for the students.

Schools have been instructed to not have exams, which take up a considerable amount of time each term, but instead to concentrate on teaching new material so students catch up to where they should be in the syllabus.

Teachers will need your prayers. While this staggered format will work well for students, teachers will lose much of their normal vacation time that follows each term.



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Progress on the Music, Dance & Drama Building will give children a dedicated space to excel in more than just the traditional school subjects.

The calendar for the entire year hasn't been released, but I expect it will take us into early 2022 so that the students are completely back on track.

On another note, we have made a little progress on the music department in 2021, due to a few donations and pledges, which is quite encouraging.

We have been able to lay the foundations for the Keyboard Lab and MDD Building (Music, Dance, and Drama). The choral rehearsal room has also taken another step from the first ring beam to the second ring beam.

One step at a time!

We are excited about the progress, even these small steps. Our hope is to roof the choral rehearsal room this year if all goes well. Things are beginning to look up! "To God be the Glory!"

I can't tell you how much we've appreciated everyone's support for so many years. With your help we are truly making a difference. May God continue to bless and keep you!

*The Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries is rector of Bishop McAllister College & Bishop McAllister Anglican Seminary.*





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**Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal Life.

Amen.