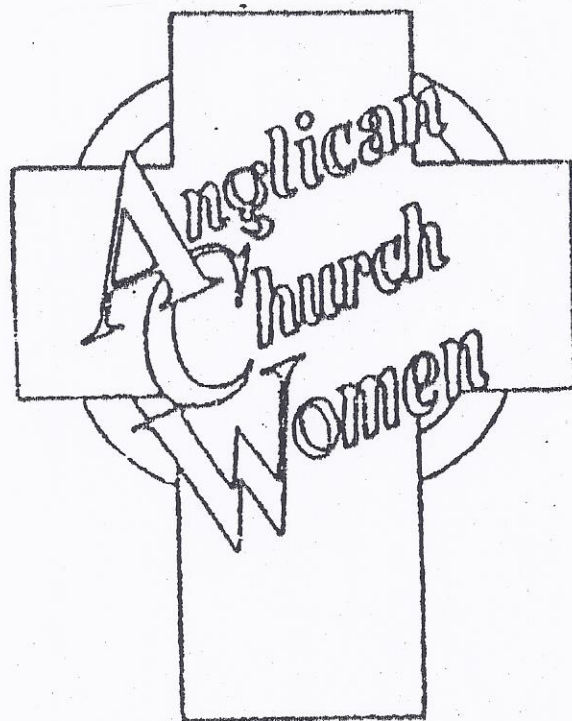


**TORONTO DIOCESAN
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**ANNUAL REPORT
2014**

Anglican Church Women

Diocese of Toronto

ACW PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God,
Enable us, through Worship,
Learning and Service,
To live a life in Christ,
That, strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
We may show forth your love
to others throughout the world.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

How often have we sung "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." How very true are those words and how appropriate for the year 2014. Our blessings were many!

On January 1, 2014 I felt blessed and honoured to be a recipient of the inaugural Order of the Diocese of Toronto. The Order of the Diocese of Toronto was created to honour laypeople considered to be making outstanding contributions to the diocese. It was awarded for the first time on New Years' Day at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto. Recipients were either nominated by their parishes or by the Archbishop. My sincere thanks to Archbishop Johnson for nominating me.

Invitations to attend ACW parish meetings, ACW Sundays and other events continued. I still stand in awe of our members' commitment and dedication to women's ministry across the Diocese, the support they give to others in other parts of the world and the enthusiastic and innovative ways in which they serve.

On January 25, I was delighted to represent the Anglican Church Women at the service to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. Florence Li Tim-Oi. The service was held at St. James Cathedral in Toronto.

Li Tim-Oi was the first woman priest to be ordained in the Anglican Church. Ordained in 1944, her ordination was controversial and she resigned her licence though not her priestly Orders, after the end of the war.

It was not until 1971, that another woman was ordained to the priest hood in the Anglican Church. Li Tim-Oi was able to resume her ministry later and was re-instated as a priest in 1984. She immigrated to Toronto where she lived until her death in 1992.

The preacher for the celebration was the Rev. Canon Judy Rois, Executive Director, Anglican Foundation of Canada, who was the first woman vicar of St. James Cathedral.

Ecumenical work continued, events included the Catholic Women's League, Baptist Church Women, United Church Women, Presbyterian Women and the Salvation Army.

Many parish groups continued to participate in the World Day of Prayer Services. In 2014, the services were written by and in honour of the women of Egypt.

One of the highlights of the year was our Annual General Meeting, held at Christ Church, Stouffville. It was a wonderful event!

The theme "Living in Hope - being Missional" was brought to life by the keynote speaker, Mr. Shawn Branch, National Director, Threshold Ministries, as he described their work.

We welcomed Bishop Peter Fenty who brought greetings on behalf of the College of Bishops. The President Elect of the Catholic Women's League, Shirley Christo also brought greetings. Greetings sent from Premier Kathleen Wynne were included in the Annual Report.

The afternoon guest speaker was Matthew Biehn, from LOFT's Bradford House who shared some of the ways in which LOFT helps thousands of people every year.

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Our sincere thanks to the Rev. Jason Prisley, the Rev. Dawn Leger, Diane Ferguson, June Dyer, Ruth Briffett and all of the Anglican Church Women and Men of Christ Church, Stouffville who helped to make the AGM so successful.

The National ACW Conference was jointly hosted by the Dioceses of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and Qu'Appelle. The theme was "Bread of Life".

The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz spoke of the hundreds of missing native women during his homily.

Bishop Michael Hawkins shared the challenges and opportunities of the Council of the North and thanked the ACW's for their support.

My thanks to Valma Hay, who attended the National, also represented the Diocese of Toronto and to Elaine Hrycenko and the Anglican Church Women of the Dioceses of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and Qu'Appelle for their hospitality.

Our Diocesan Board Retreat held in Haliburton was exceptional. Sincere thanks to the Rev. Canon Anne Moore who led the spiritual portion of the Retreat guiding us through worship, prayer and reflection.

The business portion focused on the discussion of "The Future of the ACW "and we have started to work on many of the suggestions. Sincere thanks to Enid Corbett for arranging the accommodation and meals.

Again, this year, groups continued to see increased needs and requests for help in their own parishes which impact their donations to the Diocesan level. Challenges such as economic situations, church closures and subsequent disbanding of their ACW groups also resulted in a reduction of collective donations, however, our Diocesan ACW work continued at an amazing level.

We supported the Council of the North, Threshold Ministries, Missionary Appeal, provided pension assistance. We provided more bursaries than the previous year and supported Special Projects in all four Episcopal Areas.

The theme for 2014 Special Projects was Mental Health. Your Special Project donations were sent to four organizations that provide mental health programs, one in each Episcopal Area. The recipient organizations were the Canadian Mental Health Association's Kids on the Block Program (Trent Durham), ErinOak Kids Centre for Treatment and Development (York Credit Valley), East Metro York Services (York Scarborough) and LOFT's Bradford House (York Simcoe). Special thanks for your caring and for helping us to help others.

We were saddened by the passing of Mary Jane Crouch, past Diocesan ACW Board member Jean Newell, long standing member of the Ecclesiastical Needleworkers, Shirley Oxley, Diocesan ACW Board member and Mac MacLeod, husband of Dorothy MacLeod, past Diocesan ACW Treasurer and member of Diocesan Finance Committee. May they rest in peace!

My heartfelt thanks to Judy Beal, our Office Administrator, who is our "ACW office" from the voice at the end of the phone to paying the bills to being the mobile office at off-site events. We rely heavily on Judy and I thank her for her commitment.

Many thanks to Enid Corbett, our Treasurer for hours of work and a keeping a keen eye on the finances.

The Ecclesiastical Needleworkers continue to meet weekly and to produce beautiful vestments, altar linens and hangings. Sincere thanks for their dedication.

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Special thanks to the Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark, our Diocesan Chaplain, who supported us, not to mention made the long drives from Minden to be with us. Thank you for your spiritual leadership.

To our Diocesan ACW Board and Committee members, whose love of Christ and dedication to our ACW ministry is ever present, my heartfelt thanks for sharing your time and talents.

Special thanks to Archbishop Colin Johnson, the Area Bishops and Diocesan Staff for their support. Sincere thanks to the clergy who welcomed me to their parishes during my visits and to each and every one of you, Anglican Church Women (and Men) for your witness to Christ, within your church, your community and beyond.

We are truly blessed! May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you always,

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Gittens
Diocesan ACW President

SECRETARY / TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's role is to work with the Finance Committee to monitor the financial statements at monthly meetings, to review applications for bursaries and special appeals for recommendation to the Board, to prepare the budget each spring for the coming year and to deal with any other financial matters as they arise. In addition the Treasurer ensures that the financial books are audited/reviewed annually and that all government reports are submitted in a timely manner. The finances continue to challenge the Committee. More A.C.W. groups are needing to cut back their Fair Share donations to the Diocesan A.C.W. as they cut back on their fund raising activities and increase support to their Parish financial needs. Several Parish A.C.W groups have closed due to smaller and aging membership. Many parishes have no women's group at all. Operating expenses are being reduced wherever possible. The revised 2015 budget was approved at our February Board meeting to reflect decreased income and expense cutbacks.

We thank the dedicated Needle Workers who generously contribute their proceeds to the Diocesan Anglican Women. They continue their dedicated work using their unique talents to create and repair embroidered vestments and hangings as well as fine linens.

We thank the many parish Anglican Church Women groups who have supported the Diocesan Anglican Church Women with their donations for Special Projects, Thank Offerings (for bursaries) and the Annual Fair Share Commitments for 2014. We were able to send \$10,278 to the Council of the North. Two Lay Ministry Bursaries were granted to women taking courses to help them in their Parish work. One Missionary Appeal was granted and we continue to offer supplementary assistance to one W.A. worker pensioner.

The following organizations received your Special Project monies in 2014.

York Credit Valley
York Simcoe
Trent Durham
York Scarborough

Erin Oak Kids
LOFT Bradford House
Kids on the Block
East Metro Youth Services

It was with sadness that we said our final farewells to Shirley Oxley who died shortly after taking part in last year's AGM service. She was a faithful committee and Board member for many years.

A big thank you is extended to our Office Administrator Judy Beal for her excellent handling of the accounts and banking and to the Finance Committee who meet so faithfully to help monitor the financial matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Enid Corbett
Interim Treasurer

Finance Committee 2014.
Enid Corbett, Joyce Ellman, Lyn Hall
Dorothy MacLeod, Ruth Pengelly,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEEDLEWORKERS' REPORT

This year we have said "Good-bye" to two of our members. Ann Westgate moved to northern Quebec where her husband is now the rector of a parish. Diana Aymong retired for health reasons. Our small group now consists of

Ruth Burritt	Valerie Chambers	Joyce Connell	Kerry Dickson
Joy Horswill	Ann Klobucar	Sr Anne Norman SSJD	Peggy Perkins
Louise Reid	Ann Robson	Doreen Stanton	Sheila Wilgar

In addition to making good progress on the embroidery for the cope for St Thomas Huron Street, we have finished the following projects:

- White cope for Trinity College Chapel
- Restoration of a white frontal for St Clements Eglinton
- Cross stitched the neck crosses for two stoles
- Replaced the backing and done some repairs on a green superfrontal for St Thomas Huron Street
- Blue offertory bag for the choir of Grace Church Markham

The linen workers have sold

- 24 purificators
- 1 lavabo towel
- 14 corporals
- 2 credence cloths
- 2 fair linens

Our membership is dwindling and we are always looking for new recruits, but the work continues with good fellowship and lots of enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Briffett
Director
Ecclesiastical Needleworkers

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

WE HAVE MANY SPECIAL ITEMS THAT ARE FITTING FOR ALL TYPES OF RECOGNITION – A SMALL MEMENTO TO THE DIAMOND PIN!

The following items are available through the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women's Office
135 Adelaide Street East, Toronto ON M5C 1L8 acw@toronto.anglican.ca 416-363-0018

Diamond-Chip ACW or Chancel Guild Pins with Certificate	\$50.00
ACW or Chancel Guild Pins	\$30.00
ACW Aprons	\$25.00
ACW Tote Bags	\$5.00
ACW Notebooks	\$5.00
National ACW Pins	\$5.00
Chancel Guild Manuals	\$5.00 each or 4/\$15.00
ACW Bookmarks	\$0.35 or 3/\$1.00
ACW or Chancel Guild Prayer Cards	\$0.35 or 3/\$1.00

SOCIAL CONCERN AND ACTION REPORT

The Special Project theme for 2014-2015 is Mental Health.

“The human mind is the world's most precious resource; let's help to preserve it!! One in five Canadians experience some form of mental health in their life time. It robs us of using our God given abilities to achieve our goals and enjoy the gift of life. It is seen in the increasing incidence of panic attacks, anxiety, depression, suicide, substance abuse, violence, homelessness, and Alzheimer's disease. It will increase with continued urbanization and fractured families. Those affected are often stigmatized and lonely. It is our Christian call to intervene personally (volunteerism) and financially. Let us begin NOW by contributing to agencies in Ontario which prevent, identify, and care for our brothers, sisters, and children who are mentally ill.”

The following organizations received your Special Project monies in 2014.

York Credit Valley	Erin Oak Kids
York Simcoe	LOFT Bradford House
Trent Durham	Kids on the Block
York Scarborough	East Metro Youth Services

AREA REPORTS

YORK - CREDIT VALLEY AREA REPORT

ST. OLAVE'S, SWANSEA (TORONTO)

St. Olave's has a very dedicated ACW Executive that meets on a regular basis throughout the year for planning purposes. The largest and most active ACW unit at St. Olave's continues to be the Mary & Martha Group. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month.

In 2014, St. Olave's ACW sent out invitations to a "No Bake Bake Sale" with the parish Lenten newsletter. It was a successful new venture.

In May 2014, the ACW held the annual Spring Rummage Sale. Attendance and sales were down resulting in much discussion about the practicality of future such sales. (A community lawn sale has been planned for June 2015, replacing the traditional rummage sale.)

The ACW participated in the parish Christmas Craft Show in November 2014, sponsoring knitting, baked goods, and book tables.

The ACW hosted a Christmas Breakfast in December 2014, which included one of several successful raffles that were held throughout the year.

At Christmas time the ACW once again offered Christmas Balls to decorate the trees at the front of the church. The balls were purchased by members of the parish in memory or celebration of loved ones. They were distributed to the sponsors at the end of the Christmas Season and different ornaments will be on sale next year.

Through the proceeds of these activities, the ACW designated funds for projects at St. Olave's including electrical repairs, parking lot improvements, kitchen repairs, and church maintenance. Donations were made to organizations such as Sisters of St. John the Divine, LOFT Youth and Seniors, and the Church in the North. St. Olave's ACW also supports the Diocesan ACW with donations to Fair Share, Special Projects, Bursary Thank Offerings, and newsletter subscriptions.

St. Olave's ACW President, the Reverend Canon Ruth S. Smith, wished to express a deep and sincere thank-you to all those who helped make another successful year.

(Excerpts from Vestry Report)

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, REXDALE

2014 was a busy year in the life of the parish of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale.

The parish celebrated a number of events including its 60th anniversary, Fr. Brian's 40th anniversary of life profession as a monk in the Order of the Holy Cross, his 25th anniversary of ordination as an Anglican Priest, visits from Bishop Poole and Archbishop Johnson.

The ACW provided refreshments for a number of events as well as catering funeral receptions for long standing members.

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St. Paul's continued to be a part of the local ecumenical group which includes the Salvation Army, Baptist Church Women, United Church Women, Presbyterian Church Women and Catholic Women's League and participated in their events.

The World Day of Prayer Service, written by and in honour of the women of Egypt was hosted by the Salvation Army Women and was attended by a number of the St. Paul's ACW.

The "ACW Quiet Morning with the Lord" was held on Saturday, April 12. The morning was a time of worship, reflection, quiet time, bible study, sharing, singing and prayer. Lunch was provided by the ACW. In the afternoon, palm crosses were made for our Palm Sunday services, for residents of neighbouring long term facilities and for "shut in" parishioners unable to attend services.

ACW members attended the Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting held at Christ Church, Stouffville.

Outreach continued to be a significant portion of the work of the St. Paul's ACW. The outreach ranged from helping those in our congregation to support of agencies and facilities in the community to more widespread work.

Prayer requests continued to be received by our Alongsiders Prayer Group and ACW members continued to serve others in various ways.

The Crafts Group continued to meet. The Chancel Guild has been faithful in their work and have recruited two new members.

Ev Grover, long standing parishioner, ACW Executive member and Co-ordinator of the Crafts Group passed away in December. May she rest in peace!

Our thanks to all of our ACW members, Fr. Brian, Brother Reginald and to the congregation, as a whole for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Gittens

YORK SIMCOE AREA REPORT

At the Annual Meeting last May, because York Simcoe had no Area Vice-President, I volunteered to be a corresponding representative. So I began finding out what was happening in local Deaneries.

- Lorice Carter and Marllee Reeder represent Tecumseth Deanery
- Eileen Martin represents Nottawasaga Deanery
- Enid Corbett keeps in touch with several scattered parishes along with other responsibilities!

I e-mailed the remaining deanery parishes and have had positive responses from a number of them. I have condensed some of their information in this report in the interests of space.

York Central Deanery

Grace Church Markham has an active group that caters Lions Club dinners, funerals and other special occasions. They had a successful bazaar in November as well as two rummage sales. As well as knitting, line dancing, bible study, quilting, sewing and fund-raising, they held two card parties including lunch whose proceeds go to an outreach programme. They support the Markham food bank, CHATS and have “Lunch with Grace” once a month for community seniors. A Tri City Choir Concert was a fund-raiser. Their Christmas pot luck luncheon in December was an opportunity to distribute the funds they had raised. They had a guest speaker from a new business in town. (Linell Curr)

Christ Church Stouffville had the privilege of hosting the Diocesan AGM last May and the church participated in Stouffville's Open Door event in June where the ACW quilt was on display as well as an ACW table. They collected personal hygiene items for a native community as well as supported the local food bank and 3 women's shelters with gift baskets for Christmas. Ticket sales on their quilt netted a tidy sum and supports ACW outreach. An active Prayer Chain exists; Helping Hands brings meals to needy persons, Blankets for Babies are knitted and distributed to new babies in the parish as a welcome. Warm winter clothing is collected in November. Several Muffin Breakfasts were held this year where a woman parishioner shares her story over breakfast. At the Christmas pot luck dinner, gifts were purchased and wrapped for three needy families. Travel Bags were filled for The Bridge and school bags supplied to Children's Aid. (Diane Ferguson)

Christ Church Woodbridge We consider that every woman in our congregation is a member of ACW. Those of us who are able, continue to meet once a month so we can stay in touch with all of the happenings of our parish. Our capacity for fund-raising is limited but in 2014 we offered modest sums to several organizations. We participate actively in all aspects of our parish life. This includes assisting at church services; choir; chancel duties; wardens; Sunday School; Bible study; organizing receptions, refreshments & special events & keeping our kitchen & supplies in order. Christ Church also has an ongoing collection of needed items for our local food bank. Beginning in Lent & continuing until May we collect items for Moorelands Wilderness Camp - this year it is art supplies. On Sunday March 30 we were delighted to welcome our new Area Bishop, Peter Fenty. ACW catered a reception in his honour after the church service. In June our Salad Supper is a gathering of our parish women. It is a popular evening of good food & fellowship. Each year we have a thank offering which is earmarked for the speaker of our Open Meeting near the end of November. In 2014 our speakers were from L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill. The evening was well attended & immensely interesting. The crafts they brought for sale were very popular. (Jane E. Kean)

St. Philip-on-the-Hill reported on the many activities in which women are involved: Chancel Guild, decorating, catering, making palm crosses, having an active prayer team, sending greeting cards, visiting shut-ins, providing children's programmes, knitting shawls for the elderly and doing Bible Study. Their highlight fundraiser was a silent auction in which members donated dinners in their home, tickets to sporting events, a weekend at the cottage, personal labour, etc. A toonie toss aimed at a bottle of wine or scotch was a hit – the winner gets the bottle! This event included a dinner and dance. (Sandi Haverstock)

Huronian Deanery

St. James, Orillia is also a busy group with a planning executive. They attend World Day of Prayer and the Annual Deanery Day. Every second year they hold a Blossom Luncheon in May where folks can shop for local handicrafts. Their major fundraiser is the Avenue of Boutiques in November with booths displaying knitting, crocheting, decorations, baking and New to You, with lunch served to 200-250 guests. This year they added on a Friday evening and Saturday morning to their usual Thursday event in order to accommodate those who work. Women serve as readers, Oblation Bearers and administer communion. In early December they held a St. Nick's Shopping Day only for children (Max. age 12) for items priced no more than \$2.50. Teens act as elves to help the younger children make selections. They support the Diocese of the Arctic and the Arthur Turner Training School, scholarships for teens in Honduras through S.A.M.S. , the Sawatzky Foundation who fund a school and orphanage in Haiti and their local Youth Centre. (Christine Blair)

All parishes are well supported by the women in the parish whether they have a formal ACW group or not. Most are involved in many of the same activities. It has been a privilege to read and share the information I have received. Using e-mail to communicate has made the work easier. Anyone wishing to represent a deanery is encouraged to step forward.

Respectfully submitted,
June Dyer
Corresponding Representative
Area of York Simcoe

Holland Deanery Report

Christ Church Roches Point held two rummage sales, a Strawberry Tea and Bazaar and a Christmas Bazaar. They took part in teas and a hymn sing at a local nursing home as well as donating to the local Food Pantry. Their monthly "Pins and Needles" group (women and some men) enjoyed working together to make bazaar items while enjoying fellowship. The Christmas Party was enjoyed by all. (Vestry report)

Nottawasaga Deanery Report

Nottawasaga Deanery is mainly a rural deanery with Barrie being the largest centre. Many of the parishes are two or more points. It is a large area and I am sure that all women's groups are working for betterment of their church community as well as the surrounding towns and villages. A Deanery Day is held once a year in the fall hosted by a different church each year.

The Deanery Day for 2014 was hosted by St. Paul's Church, Singhampton on Wed., October 15th with 31 women from nine parishes attending. Following the eucharist the guest speaker Helen Scutt, of Sleeping Children Around the World, was introduced. Helen told us of her recent trip to India to hand out the Bed Kits to children in various communities. She has travelled to Kenya and India for this purpose. Sleeping Children Around The World is operated solely by volunteers from the processing of donations to the distribution of bedkits. The various components that make up these kits include a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net, clothing outfit and school supplies and are supplied to children in areas of need. All the travelling volunteers go at their own expense and without the benefit of a tax receipt. . All administration expenses are covered by a legacy fund set up by the founder Murray Dryden. SCAW continues to guarantee that 100% of every bedkit donation reaches a needy child.

Most ACW's and Women's Groups of this deanery are active in their parishes with bake sales, catering, chancel guild and other programs of interest to all. Trinity Church, Barrie, make layettes for single mothers at Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie and also supports the David Busby Centre, which has moved from Trinity Church to a location with larger premises. Many days two to three hundred people are served by the Centre. They have a great need for items such as socks, underwear shorts and shirts, hats, mitts and scarves for the winter. Also gift cards for Tim Horton's and Subway are always in need. Other groups support school snack programs and other programs in the local schools. All in all the women of the various ACW's and Women's groups in Nottawasaga Deanery are very active in supporting many areas of need. While not all call themselves Anglican Church Women they do the work and help in their respective communities.

Once again I have been unable to find someone to fill in as Deanery Rep therefore I continue to present reports once in a while by e-mail to board meetings.

Respectfully submitted
Eileen Martin
Nottawasaga Deanery Representative

Tecumseth Deanery Report

Greetings from Tecumseth Deanery.

Our numbers are few; however we forge ahead with the Lord's guidance.

St. Andrews Alliston:

Hosted and catered for Deanery Day, a retreat and dinner on behalf of the Arch Bishop and retired Priests. Coordinated a luncheon cruise on the Seguin from Graven Hurst for 40 guests. We were pleased to have a guest vocalist at our June meeting last year, enjoyed by both the ACW and the Men's Fellowship group. November 10 we had a guest war veteran speak and entertain us with his music. Our new project "The Secret Sister" after one year is working very well.

St. David's Everett:

Every year we donate to the Sea Farer's Mission – Pier 91 Toronto. Our Easter project was a "Gift of Sight" donation for one or two people. Sent items to help school children and infants in Cuba. Catered a remembrance dinner, as well as assist with spring and fall church dinners. Donations of clothing were sent to help the women at the Alliston Women's Shelter.

St. John's Cookstown:

This year we are *Hosting Deanery Day on May 23 – Open Hearts and Open Minds.*

Our speaker will address mental health issues.

We sadly lost 4 of our members this past year, most recently Josephine Downey and Elaine Gadsden, they are greatly missed. We give 'thanks' to the members of our congregation who support and assist us with the funeral teas and lunches, our primary source of income. This past year we donated financially to Christmas for Kids, Church of the North, Diocese of Toronto and the Community Living Association of South Simcoe C.L.A.S.S

Respectfully submitted
Lorice Carter and Marllee Reeder
Tecumseth Deanery Representatives

York Central Deanery Report

Holy Trinity Thornhill ACW has six groups with a joint executive. Most groups meet monthly for planning, fellowship and learning. The quilting group meets weekly. All groups as well as other women in the Parish help with the Sunday coffee, two rummage sales, the bazaar known as the Festival of Christmas, the January 'ACW Ingathering Service' and the potluck Annual Meeting. Part of the proceeds from our events are given to help our Parish. The rest is given as Outreach donations to organizations helping women and children. We continue to support the rebuilding of the Cathedral in the Diocese of the Arctic. In 2014 ACW initiated a new venture with two "Women's Breakfasts". We look forward to an exciting 2015 as we celebrate our Parish's 185th Anniversary. (Vestry Report)

St. Mary's Richmond Hill ACW thanked their outgoing executive which has served for over seven years. Under their leadership, during 2014, there were several special events. In May at the annual potluck dinner they had a flower arranging lesson. Lunches were hosted for the outgoing priest in September and the incoming priest in October. Their annual bazaar was in November, followed by a corporate breakfast and business meeting to disperse funds which had been raised through the year. (Karen Ferrie)

TRENT DURHAM AREA REPORT

Peterborough Deanery Report

There are 15 Anglican churches in our Deanery who have women's groups--12 of them call themselves ACWs. We span quite a distance, so not all members find it easy to come to a Deanery Day, let alone travel to the annual Diocesan AGM. Transportation is a problem for many. Those who can't attend report that they are still interested in hearing Deanery and Diocesan news. They welcome newsletters.

Our Deanery has every kind of member affiliation imaginable. Some have meetings when called for a particular need; others meet while quilting, doing crafts or other projects. Some meet monthly on a particular day of the week; some have afternoon meetings and refreshments; others meet in the evening; some after a pot luck lunch and some after a church service. Many fund raise but some put the emphasis on fellowship. There is strength in doing what works for them.

Our ACWs do what they have done for years.-fundraise with bazaars, rummage sales, yard sales, teas, silent auctions, bake sales, and provide refreshments for special events, anniversaries, funerals, pancake suppers, Lenten lunches with speakers, strawberry socials etc.. Some are sorry to stop doing many of the things they have done (and taken pride in doing for years) because of age and health issues. We celebrate the service they have given and remind them that they are still important to us. Their experience and mentorship is invaluable. We learn from and appreciate each other.

It has been our custom to host both a Spring and Fall Deanery Day and rotate rural and city locations. For the first time we held only one Deanery Day in 2014. The host church was St. John the Evangelist in Peterborough. We had a recorded attendance of 48 people not counting clergy and guest speaker. It was an interesting meeting and groups shared information about their church events and any new initiatives they were excited about.

Our guest speaker was Margaret Harding, a member of St. Margaret's Guild (the ACW at St. John's). The meeting was held just before Remembrance Day so her chosen topic was a timely one. Margaret has extensive involvement in Girl Guiding. She shared many stories of heroics of Guides all over the world.

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She had been given a book about their exploits during the World War years but also other stories too. This talk gives us another group of young people to remember on Remembrance Day. Margaret waved any fee for speaking and asked that it be added to the collection from our Eucharist service. Members voted unanimously to send that money to Diocesan Special Projects.

At the Deanery Day information was presented about two Mental Health programs in our area. A vote was taken and The Kids on the Block, a mental health initiative in Trent Durham was chosen as our submission for Diocesan ACW consideration for Special Project funding. This was approved and funding received at CMHA. They are most appreciative.

We have a Deanery Day scheduled for May 20th at St. Thomas in Millbrook. Our speakers will address Mental Health for the area and give us a demonstration of one of the puppet presentations they use when they go into a school to address young children.

One new initiative in our Deanery involves the Literacy program at the Lighthouse, run by CMHA in the lower level of St. John's Church in Peterborough. The provision of a hot meal is not new, but volunteers spending time each week to increase individuals' skill in reading and math is.

Five City Churches with the support and approval of our Bishop Linda Nicholls have agreed to a Covenant. There has been input from all 5 congregations in an effort to enhance efforts to meet the needs of our members. Joint education programs are presented, certain ones being provided at different churches each week. Choir members are going to funerals and special events to provide extra singers when needed. This started last summer when funerals were held and some choir members were at cottages or away. This proved successful and appreciated. Joint education for advent and Lent have been available. Certain services have been held in one or two churches instead of all of them. It has been exciting to get to know parishioners in other congregations better and to support fundraising efforts.

Recently a joint day was held to bring together all those involved in hospital and home visiting on behalf of our own church and those doing so on behalf of the Anglican church generally. This was well attended == lots of brain storming and enthusiasm. Future such meetings are planned and education addressed.

The Covenant Churches are planning for and fundraising to bring a refugee family to Peterborough. The first fundraising dinner will be at All Saints April 10th. More events are in the planning stage.

The Covenant Churches are All Saints Anglican, St. Barnabas Anglican, Christ Church Lutheran, St. Luke's Anglican and St. John's Anglican in Peterborough.

One Service at All Saints was on ecumenical one. Not only was our Bishop Linda Nicholls involved but also the Roman Catholic Area Bishop. A powerful service.

Two Peterborough churches have had their clergy retire and selection committees are busy profiling their parish information, seeking members input and preparing to interview interested clergy

In conclusion, we certainly value all our ACW members. If it weren't for the efforts of all, our Churches would be struggling to keep going.

We ask for God's continued blessing and guidance for all members as we continue to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerri Currier
Peterborough Deanery Representative

YORK - SCARBOROUGH AREA REPORT

Efforts to keep in touch with the parishes in York-Scarborough who have ACW Groups, or other women's groups are still a bit tenuous.

For this past year, we continued with what we had started last year, to invite attendance at our twice-yearly Eglinton Deanery meetings to women's groups who are outside the Deanery, but close enough to get to a meeting easily. This has had some success. Our special speakers this year were from the L'Arche Foundation, and ADDUS, a charitable organization that enables youth with developmental disabilities to actively participate in their community. These meetings were also an opportunity to get to know women from our neighbouring parishes, and to learn about what is happening within their groups.

We are grateful for financial support from churches and groups in York-Scarborough to the Diocesan Anglican Church Women. Offerings were of three types:

- Fair Share – which enables the Diocesan ACW to make a financial contribution to the churches of the north, to which there were 9 contributors
- Special Project donations – in 2014, to Metro East Youth Services, to which there were 3 contributors. For 2015, donations will go to ADDUS.
- Bursary Thank Offering donations – to which there was 1 contributor.

We encourage your financial support during 2015.

If you're interested in participating in our meetings, or knowing more about our activities, please get in touch. LTKrawchuk8@aol.com 416 425 4431

Respectfully submitted,
Lorna Krawchuk
Area Vice-President

DIOCESAN A.C.W. HYMN

WORSHIP, LEARNING, SERVICE

Words: Miriam A. Stroud, 2006
Thornbury 7676D

In early years of mission the church her work began;
And here in this small parish her daughters dreamed a plan,
With love and prayer and vision they joined in full accord.
And this would be their purpose:
To WORSHIP Christ the Lord.

By Wisdom they were guided, by love of God inspired;
Pursuing each new mission with hearts and souls afire.
And through the years they honoured and studied the Holy Word,
Intent upon their purpose:
To LEARN of Christ the Lord.

Today their work continues, through fellowship and call.
All women now united beneath the banner's fall.
With joy and celebration they seek for no reward.
But to fulfill their purpose of SERVICE to the Lord.

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NATIONAL ACW PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour.

Amen.

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Inscribed in the Book of Memory, 2014

Emma

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Patricia Britnell

St. John's, Orangeville

August 21, 2013

Jean Newell

St. Peter's, Scarborough

February 10, 2014

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Diocesan ACW Board Member

St. Patrick's, Toronto

July 11, 2014

Elizabeth Hardcastle

St. Stephen's, Downsview

October 15, 2014

Betty (Gibson) McLenon

St. George's, Newcastle

December 4, 2014

Evelyn Grover

St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale

December 16, 2014

Marilyn MacArthur

St. George's, Newcastle

December 28, 2014