



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- * Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- * Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience,
- * Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- * Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- * Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- * Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- * Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- * Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- * Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- * Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday May 5th 2018

at

St Mark's, Ocean Park
12953 20th Avenue, Surrey

9.30 am to 3 pm

Luncheon speaker: Bishop Melilssa Skelton

EASTER OCCASIONALLY FALLS ON APRIL 1ST:



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to everyone: The winter is almost behind us and the warm weather of Spring will soon be here bringing with it new life to our gardens.

On October 31, 2017, the commitment for our Bursary was finalized with the signing of the contract between the Anglican Church Women, Diocese of New Westminster and the Anglican Foundation. You will by now have read about this in the February Topic.

That same day, the Bales were picked up. 33 Bales went to the Yukon and 6 went to Punky Lake Wilderness Society in Williams Lake. The warehouse was overstocked so extra bales of Christmas presents were sent as well .

Your Executive Board approved one more request for funding for WISH whose mission is to improve the health, safety and well being for women involved in the street-based sex trade working in the downtown east side of Vancouver. They have a drop-in centre open overnight, providing a wide range of services. Their kitchen needed a new freezer and \$2,000. was donated towards that. More info can be found at wish-vancouver.net. Isn't it wonderful that we as an organization can assist so many groups!

The core group of recipients (see next paragraph) will be kept for the year, 2018-2019. In addition to the \$12,000. for these 8 groups there will be monies available to assist other worthwhile organizations that your ACW supports or knows of. Please send information about them to the Board by March 20, 2018 if you want them to be included in this coming year's Outreach.

The core group of recipients are Covenant House, Camp Artaban, St. Jude's Home, Diocesan Refugee Fund, Care & Share, Mission to Seafarers, Coming Home Society/Urban Native Youth and the Yukon School Food Program.

The Christmas Open House saw some new faces who hadn't been to ACW Place before and Beth Fortin showed everyone how a layette is put together. Weather this year was not an issue.

The Board also met with Tasha Carrothers as a follow up from the Communication Strategy that we went through with Randy Murray. We are looking at creating a website and possible connection to

social media. We hope to establish a logo specifically for the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of New Westminster and are looking at a contest for students of the art community at the local colleges.

One of the reoccurring items that has been coming up is how to bring new members into the fold. One way to increase our membership is for every member-THIS MEANS YOU - to make a personal invitation to someone you know—Could it be the stay at home Mom or the newly retired woman, the woman in the same pew or just sitting behind you? Can you invite them to join into our community of gathered Christians supporting the work of the Total Mission of the Church through PRAYER, WORK and STEWARDSHIP?

Our Annual General Meeting is going to be at St. Mark's, Ocean Park on Saturday, May 5, 2018. We are pleased that Bishop Melissa will be with us to preside at the Eucharist, stay for lunch and be our speaker. Elections will be held during the business meeting and it would be imperative for someone to come forward to be Vice President. This could possibly even be a shared position so if 2 of you feel comfortable with that, please let your names stand.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Lenten season ahead. 'Tis the season to be praying and fasting—and remember to spend more time with Jesus!

***Gail Revitt, President
Anglican Church Women
Diocese of New Westminster***

WANTED

Ideas for a new logo
and public profile
for
ACW Diocese of New
Westminster



Who are we?
What do we do?

Send your ideas to
ACW@vancouver.bc.ca

UPDATE FROM BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, VARANASI, INDIA



Dear Friends in ACW,

I'm on the road again, this time traveling in Australia, speaking in schools and singing in three concerts to raise funds and awareness for my little school. This year has been so great so far, thanks in part to the Anglican Ladies' generous contribution. This was the first year where we didn't worry that we wouldn't be able to feed the kids. I can breathe again.

I've added breakfast to the nursery school's menu and attendance is up. This year we have 120 in the big school and fifty in the Nursery. Food is life. Now the littles get juice, bread with peanut butter, two fruits and lunch throughout the day. Early intervention is hopefully going to make a difference in their brain development.

The gorgeous dollies you sent have finally all been given out. At Christmas time I was able to put one each into the pre-nursery gift packs and they were all so excited! For kids who have never owned a doll this was so amazing. I left India soon after but hopefully the next time I go down to the camp I'll be able to get some photos of them playing with their babies. I also put some in the nursery toy box and in our children's home (the hostel) as well. Along with the dolls at Christmas we gave long underwear, blankets, flip flops and hankies. All necessary items that their parents can never give them.

Our next addition I hope is to add a small playground. We have an area the kids can play in during recess time but it's difficult to keep them

from wandering out to the busy street nearby. Last year the big kids all moved to a bigger campus with a beautiful yard to play in but there wasn't enough room for the little ones. We've stayed at the original campus and are fixing drainage problems and patching holes etc.

I spend my mornings with the Nursery and Pre-nursery classes and my afternoons in the big school teaching the music classes. I am so lucky. I should go and rest- yesterday was my first event in Melbourne and I'm exhausted.

Thank you so much for the help and the gifts,

Jess

Jessica Morwood

www.basichumanneeds.org



Lunchtime



Jess with the music class

NEWS FROM BRANCHES AROUND THE DIOCESE

St Marks Ocean Park remains very active. They work hard and cater many events as one of their main ways of fundraising. Because of this they were able to donate almost five thousand dollars to different charities. Things like Compassion Canada, Friends of Calcutta Cathedral, clergy fund, St Judes, Embrace Rwanda, PWRDF, Hospice to name but a few. Their president attended the area meeting in November. They had a wonderful Christmas luncheon and they are looking forward to hosting the AGM in May. They are great supporters of the bales and mission to seamen.

St Helen's Surrey

Since attending the November area meeting and later the open house at ACW place Christmas activities took over. We had a delicious pot luck dinner and invited a dozen or so women from the Parish. Good food and fun games rounded off the evening. The exchange of gifts with our prayer partners is always great as we get to know who prayed for us all year long. We sent socks to missions to seamen and also Urban Mission in Surrey. One of our members Wendy along with her husband volunteer there every week making and serving lunch for well over a 100 homeless people. A group of our women continue to collect for the bales and help with the Monday work. We hope for an active 2018.

Holy Trinity White Rock

Not too much new since several attended the area meeting in November and also the open house at ACW place. Christmas took over and we had a lovely luncheon at a local restaurant. To our great delight we got a wonderful Christmas Present. One of our ladies grandson is the manager of this eating place and he graciously picked up the tab. Great hugs all round and much Christmas Cheer. Our knitters continue to knit. Audrey had another bag of goodies ready and more wool was given to her. We try to get speakers in for our meetings as we enjoy them and learn so much. We continue to support the local school camp program.

St Michael's, Surrey

We did very well with our Purdy's fundraiser - made a profit of \$655.33. We are planning to "do" Purdy's again next fall. We enjoyed our December Christmas lunch (meeting) at the Guildford Golf Course where we had a room all to ourselves. We

were pleased to have Alberta Rudolf join us as well as Fr. Louie and his wife, Kris. Members paid their annual dues to the Diocesan ACW and filled out the necessary forms. Kathi Dale and Val Hampton will be attending a planning meeting for the World Day of Prayer at Cloverdale United.

St George's, Fort Langley

Held another successful Christmas Bazaar (their 109th - held on the first Saturday in December since 1908!). They will be holding a fundraising fashion show in April featuring antique clothing from 1900-2000 from Ivan Sayers collections. Ivan Sayers is a fashion historian who specializes in the study of women's, men's, and children's fashions from 1700 to the present. He has collected period costumes for over 50 years and now has one of the largest and most comprehensive private collections of historical clothing in Canada. This event is titled "Waisted Efforts".

WAISTED EFFORTS

A Century of Progress 1900-2000

*An Ivan Sayers
Historical Fashion Show*



*Saturday, April 7th 2018
at 2:00pm*

at
St George's Anglican Church
Fort Langley, BC

Refreshments will be served
Tickets: \$20.00

Available from
Lesley Goodbrand
lgoodbrand@shaw.ca

*HOW THE INTERNET STARTED,
ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE*

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to the People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's

trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

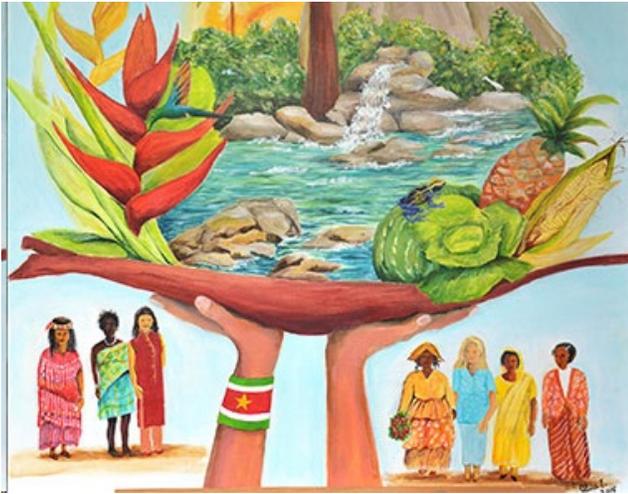
It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Imagine Christians from over 170 countries coming together in spirit, uniting on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. This is a reality: the movement has been active for nearly 100 years. Each year, a different country writes the service materials. The World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the first Friday of March. This year, the writing country is Suriname: "**ALL OF GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD**".

The Republic of Suriname is a sovereign state on the northeastern Atlantic coast of South America. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north, French Guiana to the east, Guyana to the west and Brazil to the south. At just under 165,000 square kilometers, it is the smallest country in South America. Suriname has a population of approximately 558,368, most of whom live on the country's north coast, in and around the capital and largest city, Paramaribo.

Many ACW branches take part in their own area in this wonderful celebration.

ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH,
2444 East 41st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

will host the World Day of Prayer service
at
11 AM on
Friday, March 2, 2018.

NORTH EAST FRASER AREA MEETING

Tuesday March 13th 2018

at
All Saints Anglican Church
33070 Second Avenue, Mission

Guest speakers:

Barry & Calvin from
M.Y. House (Mission Youth House)

Soup and buns will be served for Lunch.

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NEWS FROM THE WAREHOUSE



The next shipment of bales is just about ready to go! But before we start on the next shipment, there are a few things we need.

- * Blankets - all sizes larger than twin sized.
- * Gloves - men's, women's and children's.
- * Baby 2-piece outfits, all sizes to 2 yrs.
- * Baby sleepers, all sizes to 2 yrs.

And helpers are always welcome at ACW Place on Mondays from 9.30 am to noon!