



**ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER**



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My sisters in Christ,

Another year begins, and this year sees the conclusion of my three year term as President of the Diocesan ACW. The time seems to have gone very fast, although looking back it has certainly been a time of changes. Firstly the decision and the sale of W A Memorial House, then the move to ACW Place, and finally the retirement of our beloved Bishop Michael and the election of a new Bishop Melissa Skelton. I have very much enjoyed my time as President and can move on with confidence in the leadership of Margaret Warwick. I have been so lucky to work with an excellent team of Board members.

As we are planning for this year's Annual General Meeting, I urge you all to consider taking the time to serve a term on the Board. It is a rewarding thing to do, and brings you satisfaction in understanding the work being done throughout the Diocese by the ACW, as well as enjoying new friendships.

The theme of this year's Meeting is "Women of Faith, Women of Courage". So many of us step out in faith even though the road ahead seems hard. The meeting is being held at St Catherine's Church, Port Coquitlam and details will be coming to you soon. In the meantime, mark your calendars for Saturday April 26th.

As I write this, the sun is shining but the forecast for this week is for very cold, clear weather. It is lambing time here on our sheep farm, so that means regular trips to the barn both day and night - and makes me appreciate being able to return to our warm home. I think of those who have no home who are on the streets or looking for shelter at this time of year, and I am glad that we as an ACW do our part to help - supplying clothing where we can to those in need. Remembering that "*whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25:40).

I wish you a healthy 2014, and remember

*The more you give, the more you get.
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find,
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.*

Your friend on the journey,

Sheila Puls

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Area Meeting - November , 2014

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Area Meeting - MAR 11, 2014

St. George's, Maple Ridge

Social Action – Beth Fortin (rcee99@hotmail.com) and
Bales – Mondays 9am to noon

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May, October & December

AGM – April 26th 2014 – St Catherine's Port Coquitlam

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Here is What's Going On – All are Welcome

St Catherine's, Port Coquitlam

Holding a Parish Silent Auction

May 31st, 2014

A few words from Social Action

Twenty-six bales will be shipped on Monday, March 3rd. The bales ship better in the sewn bales.

Unfortunately, none were returned from the last shipment. It has been arranged that Helen Buckle will gather "old" bags from previous shipments when the new shipments are collected. These old bags will be shipped back to us at our cost.

Most needed items are –

Gloves, mitts, for men women and children. Blankets of all sizes (these are also used for the inner shell of the bales).

Games and small toys.

Baby sleepers, especially Boys. Sizes 6 – 12 mths., 9 – 12 mths., 18 – 24 mths.

Baby towels, burp pads, blue/and or green knitted 40 x 40 square blankets.

Vaseline, baby oil, baby lotion, shampoo – all in small sizes.

Baby soap, bath wash, rattles, teething rings, brushes, combs, 15 – 20 lb. disposable diapers.

Thanks were given to Ann Adair-Austin for continually sewing bags, and for the many helpers who make the bales possible.

Beth Fortin & Gail Revitt

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Camp Artaban Update – Sylvia Enga.

The camp is closed officially. Regular maintenance continues to be done. Sylvia went up to the camp via the boat going up to the United Church Camp Fircom, who are rebuilding their camp.

Sylvia reported that the Diocesan Office wants Artaban to succeed and reopen, but has no idea how this can be accomplished. Loan repayments have stopped. The camp board has stated that the figure of \$135,000 is needed to get the camp ready to reopen for campers. This figure would purchase a new stove, repair holes in the roof, and obtain the necessary permits from various government ministries. A fundraising program to raise the \$135,000 begins this week.

Greeting to you all,

I would like to invite you to join us at this year's Anglican Church Women's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 26th, 2014. The AGM will be held at St Catherine's Anglican Church, 2211 Prairie Avenue, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 1V8.

Please see attached registration form for more information.

Our program for the day:

Registration	9:00 am		Special Guest
Business Meeting	10:00 am		National ACW President, Delorie Walsh
Guest Speaker	11:00 am		Guest Speaker is Tasha Carruthers,
Lunch & Keynote speaker	12:30 pm		Diocesan Leadership School
Eucharist	2:00 pm		Keynote Speaker is Bishop Melissa Skelton

This year we are in need of nominations to fill the following positions on your ACW Diocesan Board;

- a Secretary,
- a Vice- President,
- an Area Representative for the North East Fraser
- an Area Representative for the South West Fraser
- and Members at large.

These important positions are vital to ensure connectivity between the branches and the board's activity of collecting items for the Bales prepared and shipped to the parishes in the Diocese of the Yukon.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Board as we have financial stability and a new Bishop. For more information on what is entailed in any of these positions please give me a call 604-807-7835. Nominations can be emailed to me at mlmcintyre@telus.net or faxed to me at 1-604-820-0442.

A reminder that March 31st is the financial yearend cut off for the boards finances and we ask that the branches please send in your United Thank Offering donations and annual membership dues by this date.

This is Sheila Puls last year as president and branches are invited to contribute to the President's Purse before the AGM. An announcement will be made at the AGM as to where Sheila would like this money to go.

The Annual meeting for the North East Fraser Area is to be held Tuesday March 11th, 2014 9:30am St. George's, 23500 Dewdney Trunk Rd. **Maple Ridge**, B.C.. V2 X 3L8,

Fish n' chip babies. Sylvia reported on the Aids affected babies in Africa who – due to lack of supplies – go home wrapped in newspaper for warmth. Hence the name – 'fish n' chip babies'. A program has been started to knit small sleeping bags – similar to old 'bunting bags' – which will hold babies up to two years old. Two bags can be made out of a 100g. ball of wool. Dark colours in double wool are required. The bags will be gathered and sent to Africa. Sylvia will circulate a knitting pattern.

It has been my privilege to serve on the ACW Diocesan Board these past 9 years.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mary McIntyre, Editor

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