

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The Executive for Anglican Church Women meet to conduct business and plan fellowship gatherings for the women of the diocese. In-person executive meetings were held approximately 7 times per year until pandemic restrictions occurred, then we moved to Zoom meetings.

Since the last Synod, I represented the diocese at the National Anglican Women's Presidents Conference in Charlottetown, PEI in 2018, and in St. Albert, AB. in 2019. We provided partial financial assistance for the Yukon President to attend in St. Albert. These annual events bring together women from all ecclesiastical provinces and most dioceses to conduct business, worship, fellowship and provide networking opportunities.

Our annual Dorcas packing days for northern communities continue. Women across the diocese knit, quilt, sew and stuff Joy bags to assist the communities of Masset and Old Masset in Haida Gwaii, Port Edward, Fraser Lake, Hazelton, Fort St. James and Vanderhoof. This outreach has continued since the 1850's. In 2020 we held a COVID version with 2 small shifts of people (instead of a larger group), distancing, masks, and marked work areas on the floor.

Knitting kits are prepared and circulated across the diocese to our avid Dorcas knitters. Our other outreach projects include: Council of the North, Precious Jewels Ministries (Philippines), Anglican Foundation, CLAY, Extra Cents projects, and others. We continue to update the Book of Remembrance at the cathedral with inscribed names of women who have faithfully served ACW/diocese and have now passed on.

In 2019 we held a well attended fellowship gathering at Qualicum Beach with the theme "Together Strong and Bold". Our speakers were Bishop Logan McMennamie, Barbara Henshell, Sylvia Olsen, Alice Trueman and myself. Our planned Diocesan Gathering last March "Caring for God's World" with Elizabeth May was sidelined by the pandemic. Our current plans are to host this event in 2022.

Our Executive Officers include: Chair Gloria Hockley, Canon Diane Hutchison, Canon Barb Coleman, Rev. Heather Robinson, Alice Trueman, Carole Gill, Carol Shaw, Gail Crawford

Submitted by:

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