

*Anglican Church Women  
Come and Journey with a Saviour*



**Diocese of Ontario, Annual Reports for 2017  
Kingston, Ontario  
April 26, 2018**

# Coming Events in 2018

## Regional Annual Meetings

### Leeds & Grenville

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Mary's, Newboro

### Hasting/ Quinte

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – St. John the Baptist, Madoc

### Frontenac

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter's, Collins Bay

## Diocesan Executive Retreat

Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Providence Spirituality Centre  
(Please note: pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all events)

## A.C.W. National Conference

The 2018 Conference will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and  
the 2019 Conference will be held in Edmonton, Alberta Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



## *In Loving Memory*

**H**eavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we praise and glorify Your Holy Name for these faithful servants whom we love but see no longer. We thank You for their friendship and the strength and peace they brought; for the courage and confidence they placed in You, that shone through their lives. Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# 51st Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Anglican Church Women

Thursday, April 26, 2018  
Christ Church Parish Centre, Cataraqui

**Theme: “Come and Journey with a Saviour”**



## Agenda for the Day

9:00 am – 10:00 am – **Registration/Refreshments/ Meet and Greet**

10:00 am – 11:00 am – **The Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant – The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton

Rectors – The Rev. Blair Peever, and

Rev. Canon Doctor Barbara Robinson, A.C.W. Chaplain

11:00 am – 11:10 am - **Welcome**

Maureen Sills, President, Diocese of Ontario A.C.W.

Martha Love, President, Christ Church Cataraqui A.C.W.

11:10 am – 11:55 pm - **Guest Presentation**

Malcolm Robinson, Bethany Project for Children's  
Hospitals in Africa.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm – **Lunch/Bookroom display/ Visiting**

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm – **Business Meeting**

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# A.C.W. President's Report



Welcome to the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Ontario A.C.W. at Christ Church Cataraqui, Kingston.

I am thankful for your support to attend the National Conference in Ancaster, Ontario in June. This was the first year that we held our conference with the National Gathering for Anglican Church Women. Canon Thora Rowe attended with me and we both had a rewarding experience, a wonderful time of fellowship and prayer which we shared with sixty delegates from across Canada.

We held our 4<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Retreat on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 that was open to all A.C.W. members. Under the guidance of our A.C.W. Chaplain, Rev. Joyce Blackburn we spent a spiritual time at the Providence Spirituality Centre. A few new members attended and enjoyed their time of fellowship and prayer. This year it will be held on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and I encourage you all to attend.

I was able to attend all three Regional meetings. My church Christ Church Glen Miller hosted the meeting for Hastings/ Quinte region. St. Paul's Sydenham was the host church for Frontenac region and St. Paul's Cardinal was the host for Leeds & Grenville region. The meetings were well attended with informative speakers. My thanks to the Regional Presidents and their host churches for making these events successful. I look forward to seeing you in October.

With your support, our Diocesan A.C.W. provides outreach to our communities, our country and the world. We continue to support the New Life Girls Home, the Council of the North, P.W.R.D.F., Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Our thank offering went to the Doctors without Borders, Service Dogs for Autism and Camp Trillium.

It is a great pleasure to have names submitted for A.C.W. pins and certificates for well deserving members for their dedication and hard work.

**St. Paul's Marmora** – Maxine Lunn and Norma Crofts

**St. Paul's Cardinal** – Rachel Bygott, Mary Kay Munnings, Brenda Minish, Gert Plante, Dorothy Goldie and Anne Carter

**Christ Church, Glen Miller** – Barbara Harder, Carole Foshay, Betty Eisner and Andrene Lamont

**St. Paul's Roslin** – Kate Black, Debbie Sherwin and Sandra Fritsch

**St. Lawrence Parish, Brockville** – Elaine Clifton and Shirley Powers

**St. John's Madoc** – Joan Donaldson, Linda Hadley, Kim Clarke,  
Margaret Halpenny and Ruth Eaton

**St. Peter's Kingston** – Gail Kinnear

**St. Paul's Sydenham** – Marilyn Gray

We appreciate all the support that we receive from Bishop Michael Oulton. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to attend our Annual and Regional meetings. We wish Rev. Jeannie and Bishop Michael continued good health.

I would like to offer my thanks to the ladies of the Diocesan Executive for your support this past year. Each month we hear the accomplishments of each A.C.W. throughout the Diocese. You have all given much support to your churches and communities. Congratulations to all of you.

On behalf of the Diocesan Executive, we would like to thank Father Blair and the clergy for catering our lunch today. What a wonderful gesture this is! We would also like to thank Christ Church Catarauqui A.C.W. for your hospitality and for hosting our Annual meeting. We appreciate your dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Sills*

President, Diocese of Ontario A.C.W.

*“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide  
what kind of difference you want to make.”*

Jane Goodall

# National A.C.W. Conference

**June 14 – 18, 2017; Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario**  
**Theme: The Love of Jesus Calls Us**

In 2017, our National Conference was held the day before the National Gathering for all Anglican Women began. We had sixty ladies from across Canada attend.

At the National Conference, we had 21 Presidents and members of the Executive attend the Business meeting. Letters of thanks were received from Bishop Michael Hawkins thanking all A.C.W. groups across Canada for their support of the Council of the North and from our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz for all our good work and the backbone that we provide to our churches.

We learnt that P.E.I. and Saskatoon Executive Boards are closing. We were encouraged to donate to the Anglican Church Women's Trust Fund which is part of the Anglican Foundation. It is available to help women in the A.C.W. to attend the National Gathering for all Anglican Church Women. Delegates who qualify can get 40% of their cost covered. This is something to consider for the future.

Our prayer partners are as follows: Ontario is praying for Nova Scotia and Athabasca is praying for Ontario. The 2018 Conference will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> and the 2019 Conference will be held in Edmonton Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. That evening dinner was served and the National Gathering began. We had the Presidents welcome and a meet and greet, followed by Evening song with Dean Peter Wall.

On Friday, we had a forum with Archbishop Fred Hiltz where he spoke of his duties as Primate in the Canadian church and his position. He led us in Eucharist and the National Executive was installed – President – Margaret Warwick, Edmonton Diocese; Vice President – Rosemarie Kingston, Fredericton Diocese; Secretary – Glenda Peddle, Western Newfoundland Diocese; Treasurer – Joanne Muzyka, Athabasca Diocese and Past President – Susan Kinney, Caledonia Diocese.

In the afternoon, we had workshops. I took the one on the P.W.R.D.F. and was given an update on Tanzania. It was very interesting and I did learn about the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and its role in helping the people of Tanzania. Doug Green held his presentation on how the Mohawks came to Christianity. After dinner, we had a presentation on the Anglican Foundation.

On Saturday, I attended the workshop on the Anglican position on Assisted Dying. The presentation was very informative. Rev. Margaret Johnston had prepared and studied this subject for the Anglican Church. There will be a report coming soon on her findings. We then had a presentation from Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake on the Council of the North. We were thanked for our generosity as well as bales, gifts, books and money that we send.

After a break, we had a presentation from Sierra Robinson-Roper, Youth Representative who attended the U.N. status of Women Gathering held in New York in March. She stated that many changes have been made through the years, but there are still many issues to be dealt with by our governments.

After a delicious dinner celebration, we heard from Ann-Veyvara-Divinski, a very motivational woman who loves life, the Lord and all that we are so lucky to have. Following this wonderful presentation, we had Eucharist with a group of 6 young girls, ages 6 – 16, performing the Liturgical dance. It was a wonder end to our conference.

The National Gathering was well planned, a learning experience and was very well received by the National Executive and the 60 ladies from across our great country who could attend. Once again, thank you for allowing me to attend as your Representative for the Diocese of Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Sills*

President, Diocese of Ontario A.C.W.

*“Keep your face always towards the sunshine –  
and shadows will fall behind you.”*

Walt Whitman

# **Diocese of Ontario, A.C.W. Annual Meeting**

**“Come and Journey with a Saviour”**

**DATE:** Thursday May 11, 2017

Our Annual Meeting was held at Christ Church, Cataraqui, in Kingston.

Maureen Sills, our Diocesan President called the meeting to order and welcomed all present. Maureen told us the total number of registrants and guests for the day was approximately 135.

Bishop Oulton had celebrated Eucharist in the morning, followed by a presentation from representatives of New Life Girls Home in Consecon. The presentation was exceptional and the resources this agency provides to young women from all backgrounds is truly inspiring.

Greetings from The Catholic Women’s’ League, and The Bay of Quinte Conference U.C.W. were offered, and reflections by both on the work and projects that each groups were involved in.

## **ROLL CALL for the Meeting:**

<b>Frontenac Region:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Hastings &amp; Quinte</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Leeds &amp; Grenville</b>	<b>43</b>

The recording secretary for the day is Kathy Morgan

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the Annual meeting of 2016 were reviewed. Kathy Morgan moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Helen McLachlan: carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

None

## **Committee Reports**

Norma Asbury put forth a motion that all committee and President's reports be accepted as presented, Shirley Johnston seconded; carried.

## **Financial Report**

Maureen Butler presented the financial report (please refer to the annual report booklet for report). Maureen Butler moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Pam Park seconded; carried

The proposed budget for 2018 was presented by Maureen Butler and moved by Maureen B. to be accepted as presented, Debbie Brown seconded; carried.

## **Regional Reports**

Brenda Hobbs put forth a motion that all Regional Reports be accepted as presented, Barbara Bonnard seconded; carried.

## **New Business**

A note to all ACW's .....all cheques must now be made out to THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO, ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN, or the bank will no longer recognize them, thus they will be returned to you. This applies to Fair Share, Thank Offerings, ACW Awards and other monies forwarded to the Executive Committee.

A.C.W. Retreat will be held at Providence House, Kingston, on September 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>. The cost is \$85.00 per person which includes 4 meals and your accommodations. Everyone is welcome to attend and Margie Mulvihill is looking after all registrations for this retreat.

President Maureen reported on the National Meeting to be held in Ancaster at Redeemer College this year from June 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and the registration fee is \$500.00 per person.

The Executive is still in need of a Vice President.

The collection today is \$774.45. A motion by Elaine Clifton that the monies received today be given to the New Life Girls Home, motion seconded by Debbie Brown; carried.

## **Thank Offering Report**

Elaine Clifton presented the Thank Offering report. \$4,854.06 was received. With the ACW's votes having been tabulated, the following is the distribution:

### **Bishop's Discretionary Fund**

#### **Council of the North**

**Doctors without Borders**

**Dogs for Autism**

**Camp Trillium**

**World**

**Canada**

**Diocese**

34 ballots were mailed out and 29 were returned. Thank you.

President Maureen reviewed with the group the costing for today's event, emphasizing that \$10.00 only, was allotted for our meal. She asked for a show of hands that all ladies understood the costing of the event and the disbursement of the \$16.00 charged. All understood.

There was some untempered feedback about the meal and the apparent lack of caring on the Executive's part to meet the needs of those with special circumstances be it dietary or physical. President Maureen spoke to this comment and ensured all present that the Executive tried very hard to address those issues but when you have caterers come in, and we are now restricted by cost as well by the functionality of the kitchen here at the church, our good will and intentions are sometimes hard to attain. As well when you are dealing with some 140 plus folks and the physicality of the venue is restrictive; there is only so much we can do. Saying that, the Executive will certainly visit the concerns brought forth when planning next year's annual meeting; i.e. Regional President asking about special needs of folks attending, the way in which the food is presented, and the amount food prepared.

A discussion about the modern day definition of Fair Share and Thank Offering; President Maureen asked that all refer to their Bylaws. It became apparent that not all ACW's had copies of the Bylaws and this will be followed up at the Regionals in the fall, by the Regional Presidents.

**Regional Meetings:** please refer to your booklets. President Maureen asked that the enclosed Evaluation Forms be completed and handed in.

Brenda Hobbs moved the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting closed with "The Grace:

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathryn A. Morgan*

Recording Secretary

## Chaplain's Report

*“Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His name, tell of his salvation from day to day” (Psalm 96: 1-2)*

In May, due to illness, The Rev. Mona Rush had to withdraw her support. Thus, in June the Rev. Joyce Blackburn was appointed as interim.

At each monthly meeting, we as a group shared a specific devotion guiding us to share God's love in our daily lives.

The annual retreat, September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at Providence House, Kingston was attended by 19 women. The morning session was focused on hymnology. A delightful time was spent surrounding the skilled pianist!

In the afternoon, our study guide was chapter five, “Names” from Clarity and Courage, Life as an Improvised Journey, by Timothy Elliott. We now know that our names sometimes come from relatives, the scriptures or saints: eg. Mary: Mother of God, Francis: St. Francis. Unfortunately, we did not have a week to study the chapter as the author suggested. However each of the nine parishes represented will receive a copy of our study guide for future reference. The time together was precious and most unique.

Canon Barbara Robinson will be the Diocesan A.C.W. Chaplain effective January 23, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Rev. Joyce Blackburn*  
Retired A.C.W. Chaplain

*“God grant me courage and hope for everyday,  
faith to guide me along my way,  
understanding and wisdom too, and  
grace to accept what life gives me to do.”*

Helen Steiner Rice

## Policy Committee



Our Diocese of Ontario is governed by, “The By-laws” and “The Constitution”. Our booklet is now being updated and revised. Kathryn Morgan will be presenting it today at our annual meeting. It will be available to all A.C.W. Presidents. If you need a copy, please contact your Regional Presidents.

Kathryn is the new Policy Committee Convenor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Gibson*

Policy Committee Convenor

## Archives Report



The archives for the Anglican Diocese of Ontario are now located at Unit 3, 754 Baker Crescent in the west end of Kingston.

Lisa Russell has retired. Paul Banfield of Queen’s continues to be the person we can call upon for advice.

Jane Miller, Art Keates and I have been very busy sorting and setting everything up on the shelves and helping researchers from across Canada, the U.S. and England.

It is an interesting way to meet new people and we would welcome anyone who is interested in working in the archives.

We do not have regular hours but I can come in when someone wants to do research, at a time convenient for both of us.

We can be reached by email: [archives@ontario.anglican.ca](mailto:archives@ontario.anglican.ca) or telephone at 613-777-0539. If possible, it is best to use email as I can respond any time but the telephone is answered only when I happen to be in the archives.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Keates*

A.C.W. Archives Convenor

# Synod Council Report For 2017



Synod council continues to work toward a better future for our Diocese.

Some of the initiatives that have been undertaken to fulfill our mission are a Habitat for Humanity partnership with Good Shepherd Mission on Cowdy Street, to build a duplex that will house two families, which is now near completion;

the New Legacy Centre in Tamworth serving the people in the community four days a week; Lunch by George from our Cathedral church serving meals to many in our community; literacy programs in Belleville and Picton; and Camp Hyanto which is now accepting registrations for the summer of 2018.

The ministry task force report used the image of a tree to establish three branches of our mission; investing in Ministry, Mission driven Stewardship and serving our communities.

As we move forward in 2018, with God's help, this will be our vision.

With the prayers and support of our parishioners, we will continue the work of our Lord in the year ahead, celebrating what God has done and continues to do through us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brenda Hobbs*

A.C.W. Synod Council Representative

*“The best portion of a good man's life is his little,  
unremembered acts of kindness and love.”*

William Wordsworth

<u>Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017</u>		
<b>Book Balance as of Dec 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 3,438.30</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Fair Share	\$3,538.00	
*Thank Offering	\$5,120.06	
ACW Awards	\$720.00	
National ACW Pin Sales	\$64.00	
**ACW Diocese Retreat Reg'n- Spirituality Center	\$1,495.00	
Donations	\$80.00	
Investment Income	\$133.73	
Proceeds from Pop Can Tabs Sales	\$170.50	
Misc. Sale of book	\$15.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$11,336.29</b>
<b>Annual Meeting Registration Fees:</b>		
Frontenac	\$526.00	
Leeds & Grenville	\$604.00	
Hastings/Quinte	\$754.00	
General Collection	\$775.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,659.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 13,995.29</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Executive Mileage	\$964.43	
Office Supplies	\$122.46	
ACW Awards-Engraving & Postage	\$216.96	
Regional Presidents' Allowance	\$120.00	
Misc. Book Payment	\$15.00	
Registration to the National Conference-M. Sills	\$1,400.00	
Anglican Foundation Membership	\$100.00	
Flowers for Retirement of ACW Chaplain	\$28.25	
Christ Church Cataraqui - rental for 2018	\$500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,467.10</b>
<b>***Annual Meeting Expenses:</b>		
Organist	\$75.00	
Speaker	\$100.00	
Printing booklets	\$508.82	
Luncheon	\$1,229.44	
General Collection-Donation to New Life Girls' Home	\$775.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,688.26</b>
<b>Thank Offering Distribution:</b>		
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$1,031.02	
Doctors without Borders (International)	\$1,031.01	
Service Dogs for Autism (National)	\$1,031.01	
Camp Trillium (Local)	\$1,031.01	
Council of the North	\$1,031.01	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$5,155.06</b>
ACW Diocese Retreat- Spirituality Center	\$1,490.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,490.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
New Life Girls' Home - Donation for 2018	\$400.00	
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (pop Tabs)	\$170.50	
PWRDF Christ Fund (Profit sale of National Pins 2017)	\$64.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$634.50</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$13,434.92</b>
<b>Increase/Decrease in Book Value</b>		<b>\$ 560.37</b>
<b>Book Balance as at December 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$ 3,998.67</b>

<b><u>Ontario Regional A.C.W.</u></b>					
<b><u>Budget Comparison and 2019 Proposal</u></b>					
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Proposed for 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Passed for 2018</b>	<b>Proposed 2019</b>	
A.C.W. Executive.Travel	\$2,200.00	\$964.43	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Administrative Expenses	\$250.00	\$122.46	\$150.00	\$150.00	
National Conferences	\$2,600.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	
Annual Meeting	\$1,500.00	\$1,913.26 *	\$2,000.00 *	\$2,000.00 *	
Diocese of Ontario General Funds	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Regional Presidents' Allowance	\$180.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>					
Awards, Bars and Engraving	\$300.00	\$216.96	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Gifts	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Members and Friends	\$0.00	\$28.25	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Retreat at Providence House	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	
<b><u>Donations</u></b>					
Christ Church Rental	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Outreach	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
National Fairshare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
New Life Girl's Home	\$360.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	
Anglican Foundation Membership	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,540.00</b>	<b>\$5,765.36</b>	<b>\$6,915.00</b>	<b>\$6,915.00</b>	
* Fees from attendees offsets costs					

## **Financial Report for 2017**

The members of the Regional Diocesan Board appreciate the financial support that we receive from all of the ladies in the Ontario Region. Communication, education and fellowship in the name of our Lord, contribute to a strong foundation for our faith.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Butler,*  
Treasurer

*“Don’t just count your blessings – share them.  
True joy is doubled when shared with those we love.”*

Author unknown

# Frontenac Region Report 2017



After 9 years as Regional President, I am resigning from this position. I want to thank each one of you for your friendship and support that have provided me. At our annual meeting today, Maureen Butler will be installed as your new Regional President and Barbara Bonnard as the Vice President. I am confident that Maureen and Barbara will do an excellent job.

Our Regional meeting was held on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 at St. Paul's Sydenham. It was a wonderful day of fellowship. Our guest speaker was Dr. Karen Steiner who spoke about New Leaf Link. She started this project in 2009 to provide activities and social contacts for young adults with autism and developmental disabilities in South Frontenac. I would like to thank Jean Stott and her A.C.W. ladies for hosting our meeting and for their hospitality. We all had an enjoyable day.

This year, the Regional meeting will be held at St. Peter's Collins Bay on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

My thanks to you for all your hard work and dedication that you have provided to your churches and communities. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Gibson*

President, Frontenac Region

# Leeds & Grenville Region Report 2017



How quickly the years seem to pass, but our Leeds & Grenville A.C.W. ladies continue their commitment to God's work, together achieving so much within their churches, communities and our world. For this and many other daily blessings, we are truly thankful. Our Christian values keep us grounded in God's love as we work together side by side on so many occasions.

Our regional meeting held on Oct. 19, 2017 took us to the most easterly part of our diocese. The ladies of St. Paul's Cardinal hosted us on a beautiful fall day. Bishop Michael shared Eucharist and a wonderful message with us. Our guest speakers, Wayne and Doreen Thornhill of St. James Maitland spoke about their 2016 trip to Santiago de Cuba with Rev. Tracey Lloyd Smith, along with 6 teenagers and 13 members of their congregation. This was a

partnership mission with Archdeacon Halbert Pons Santana of San Lucus Episcopal Church to help restore their church and church school, taking much needed financial aid and supplies. Today's collection as well as many generous donations and supplies were received that day. This was a truly inspiring story from a small parish (3 churches) in our diocese. A big thank you to A.C.W. President Liz Matthews and her ladies for hosting a wonderful day of fellowship for us.

I was honoured to present nine A.C.W. awards this year including presentations at St. Paul's Westport, St. Paul's Cardinal and St. Lawrence Brockville.

I am happy to have Elizabeth Matthews as my Vice President as well as Norma Riley as Member at Large. The ladies of St. Mary's Newboro (with the support of St. Paul's Westport) will host our regional meeting on Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. I give thanks for all of you and the fellowship we share.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margie Mulvihill*

President, Leeds & Grenville

## Hastings/Quinte Region Report 2017



Again in 2017, I have had the distinct pleasure of presenting many A.C.W. awards to ladies who have served in their parishes. It always amazes and gratifies me at how truly surprised these women are for being recognized for the work they do within their parishes.

Our annual meeting was held at Christ Church, Glen Miller in October and what a day of fellowship. There was a great turnout and our guest speakers for the morning introduced all of us to the Quinte Sailability program held at the C.F.B.

Trenton marina; how truly inspiring and exciting this program is for the folks with special needs. My personal thanks to the A.C.W. of Glen Miller and their President, Maureen Sills for a wonderful day and as always, they are the most gracious hosts. Thank you to one and all for all that you do, and I look forward to 2018 and all the activities and fellowship that await us.

“When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart... I always hug them with my prayers,” author unknown.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathryn Morgan*

President, Hastings/Quinte Region

## **A.C.W. Mission Statement**

The mission of the Diocese of Ontario A.C.W. is to unite women in promoting the love of Christ with their time, talents and resources.

## **A.C.W. Prayer**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who did send Your blessed Son into the world to become the Saviour of mankind:

Grant to us a deep sense of gratitude for Your grace and mercy towards us;

Enable us by Your Spirit to reveal Your love in prayer and work and stewardship;

So that Your salvation may become known to all peoples,

and Your name glorified throughout all the earth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **National A.C.W. Prayer**

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work, and witness as Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give 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 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.

## **Diocesan A.C.W. Web Page**

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*“Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others.”*

Plato