

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN BOARD

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING IN THEIR MINISTRY
ALL ANGLICAN WOMEN



The **Anglican Church Women LOGO**, is symbolic of our **Purpose: *To encourage and support all women*** . . . is symbolized by **the three gold rings** intertwined; ***awakening a greater desire for God's mission and Christian service*** . . . is symbolized by **the lighted candle**; ***in the parish, diocese, community, nation, and world.*** . . . is symbolized by a **red circle** enclosing the candle and rings. The symbols and colours are significant: **Red** is for charity; **Gold** is for the richness of God's blessing; and **White** is for joy.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN PURPOSE

To **encourage and support** all Anglican women in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

- i. to participate in a **fellowship of worship, study and offering,**
- ii. with the aim of **deepening and strengthening their individual spiritual lives,**
- iii. and of **awakening a greater desire for God's mission and Christian service**
- iv. in the **parish, diocese, community, nation, and world.**



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN PRAYER

Almighty God, we give thanks to you for having sent your blessed Son to become the saviour of the world; 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 all our actions, so that your salvation may become known to all peoples and your name glorified throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

QUESTIONS

- **ARE YOU FEMALE?**
- **ARE YOU BAPTIZED?**
- **ARE YOU ANGLICAN?**

ANSWER

- **YES TO THE ABOVE 3 QUESTIONS, THEN YOU ARE AN ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMAN**

DID YOU KNOW? THAT . . . THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN BOARD . . .

- **Operates** each year with a **Theme**; for 2020/21, ***Do justice . . . Love kindness . . . Walk humbly with your God*** (Micah 6:8)
- **Organizes** itself into **5 broad areas of Ministry: *Planning & Administration; Communication & Relationship-building; Education; Leadership Development; and Spiritual Development?***
- **Invites** your ***ideas and inquiry*** about these ministries and how they can best be developed?
- Sponsors and promotes an ***Annual Outreach Project*** (one year with a local focus, another year with a national focus, and a third year with an international focus)? The ***Annual Project 2020/21*** (national focus), ***Supporting Parents: Stories That Matter*** welcomes contributions from the parishes to support the Mothers' Union parent facilitator training program in the Indigenous communities in the Council of the North.
- **Coordinates** in the Anglican Church Women Board Office, at the Anglican Diocesan Centre, a range of ***social action initiatives*** (postage stamps, finger puppets, newborn knitted caps, etc.)?
- **Organizes and coordinates** the sale of the ***Canadian Church Calendars*** to the parishes?
- **Arranges *Prayer Partners***, when requested, and **coordinates and promotes *Parish Prayer Partners*** in the diocese, as debuted at Synod 2017?
- **Awards *Kingston Memorial Fund Bursaries*** to qualifying AST students and an ***Anniversary Bursary*** to women pursuing continuing education in a recognized program?
- **Sponsors and organizes**, in partnership with a hosting parish, an annual ***Lenten Quiet Day?***
- **Organizes and sponsors**, often in collaboration with other Diocesan entities, such as the Diocesan Mothers' Union, ***special leadership and / or spiritual development / learning events?***
- **Encourages** regions in the diocese to hold a ***Regional Gathering*** for women to foster fellowship, provide a corporate worship service, and offer an educational / spiritual development opportunity?
- **Sends** (a) Board representative(s) each year to the ***National Executive Conference*** (Anglican Church Women Diocesan Presidents and Coordinators across Canada)?
- **Provides** leadership for the ***White Ribbon Campaign***, in companionship with the ***International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN)*** and the diocesan ***Mothers' Union***, to advocate for the physical safety and psychological security of girls and women locally and worldwide?
- **Promotes** the concept of a ***Women's Ministry Sunday*** to recognize the many ways that ***Anglican women (often with men alongside) live out God's mission in the world?***
- **Renews** its **membership** each year in the ***Anglican Foundation*** and encourages others to do the same?
- **Publishes** 3 times a year the Anglican Church Women Board ***Newsletter, Keeping in Touch***, a publication that is well received in the parishes, the diocese, and the country?
- **Promotes** participation in ***healthy leadership development opportunities***, provided by the Board and the diocese, and promotes the significant ***leadership potential of organized women's ministry in support of a parish's vision and priorities and those of the diocese?***
- **Encourages** women to exemplify the diocesan vision for healthy leadership for lay and ordained*, as they seek to be "***a Christ-centred, mission-minded, ministering community of faith?***"
- **Seeks** your ***gifts and talents in support of the varied ministries of the Anglican Church Women Board?*** Consider the many ways that you can be part of the Board's ministries.

The 5 Cs of healthy leadership are: the ability to promote **positive change in seeking God's mission, while building **capacity**, fostering **community**, enhancing **confidence**, and developing **competence**.*



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL PRAYER – CANADA
THE LOVE OF JESUS CALLS US

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work 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 in 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 redeems and loves us, Your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

The Anglican Church Women Hymn

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey where all the world may see,
that serving Christ is freedom, which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us, to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us, in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God, with men and women, may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

Text; Herbert O'Driscoll (1928 -) Tune: *Aurelia*

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
NATIONAL GRACE

God, Our Father, as we Anglican Church Women gather here with friends, we ask you to enter into our fellowship and conversation as our unseen guest. As we share this meal together, we thank you for all your blessings: for life and health, tears and laughter, fun and fellowship, and for our homes and loved ones. We ask you now to bless this gift of food which you have given to nourish us, and bless the hands of those who have prepared it. May it satisfy our hunger, and, in sharing it together, may we draw closer to you and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
NATIONAL THANKS AFTER MEALS

Thank you, Father, for the meal and fellowship we have just shared and enjoyed together. Make us ever thankful for all the gifts of your mercy, and make us faithful in their use. Grant that we may always recognize your loving kindness and show our appreciation for all we have received. Make us ever mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

Inviting women into the ministry of the Anglican Church Women Board . . .

Members of the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board are praying that you will look in your heart and respond to the invitation to contribute to the ministry of the Board in some way. The Board can use your spiritual gifts and talents, your ideas and inquiry. The love of Jesus is calling you to be part of the reimagining of the Board in ***new and wondrous ways*** to better serve women in these ***swiftly changing days***. You can be part of this exciting ministry. Speak to any Board member about ways that you can contribute to the ministry and mission of the Board. **Let us give thanks to God, knowing that his power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!**

Ephesians 3: 29 - To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of, to God be the glory, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for all time, for ever and ever! Amen.