

The Anglican Church Women Board, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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WELCOMING IN 2022

As we welcome in 2022 with Faith and Confidence, we start off January **with the close of the Christmas season and the start of the Epiphany season on January 6**, with its emphasis on “showing forth”. One way to “show forth” in the Epiphany season is **to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18 – 25, 2022) with the theme: We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship.** The epiphany of the birth of Jesus as God incarnate brought light, hope and unity to the world at a time of darkness and uncertainty. As we face new challenges and struggles in our current day, the theme for 2022 shows that Christ’s light has not left us; it shines as brightly as ever, calling Christians everywhere to come together and follow the path of Jesus.

Following soon after is **World Interfaith Harmony Week**, an annual event observed during the first week of February (1 – 7). It is a week that seeks to **build bridges across boundaries of faith traditions.** *World Interfaith Harmony Week* was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010. In its resolution, the General Assembly, pointed out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace and established *World Interfaith Harmony Week* as a way to promote harmony between all people, regardless of their faith.

As we move from February to March, we enter the Season of Lent on March 2 and the **World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4**, with the theme: ***I Know the Plans I Have for You.*** This theme is especially relevant for parishes in our diocese, given that the **WDP** theme draws on the same source as the title for the **Anglican Church Women Annual Project 2021/22, Marguerite Centre: A Future with Hope.** Jeremiah 29:11 – *For, surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

This is an opportunity to remind you again of the importance of the **Anglican Church Women Annual Project 2021/22, Marguerite Centre: A Future with Hope** and the fact that the solicitation of support for this project transcends the seasons and is open to all (not just women or the women’s groups). It is truly an equal opportunity for giving! The funds raised will support for a year a woman recovering from addiction in an environment that fosters the healing of mind, body, and spirit. Cheques are payable to the **ACW Board, Annual Project in the memo line**, and can be **directed to the Board Treasurer, Marjorie Davis** at 204 – 111 Pebblecreek Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1. Individual donations of \$20 or more receive an income tax receipt. We thank all those who have already contributed and thank those in advance who will be. Your support means the world to the Board – we couldn’t be successful without you.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 6th 2022



COMMUNITY: CARE . . . COURAGE . . . COMPASSION

Women's Ministry Sunday was initiated by the Anglican Church Women Board to recognize and promote the many ways that women live out God's mission in the church and community. It has evolved from: honouring the women and the ministry of their organized groups within the parish, to recognizing their ministry beyond the parish, including within their professional and community volunteer activities, to their collaboration with men where they work together for a common purpose, achieving a shared goal. To quote the Anglican Church Women hymn:

The Love of Jesus Calls Us
434 Common Praise verse 4.....



*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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY 2022

With the theme: **Community:
Care . . . Courage . . . Compassion**

The First Sunday in Lent, March 6th. It is an opportunity to promote a sense of women and men working together to extend the love of Christ beyond the walls of the church.

Women's Ministry Sunday (now the first Sunday in March) is one way for parishes to recognize **International Women's Day**, always on March 8. Here's to women and their ministry, to their **care . . . courage . . . compassion**, often in collaboration with men, **in the parish and the community**. Whether *Women's Ministry Sunday* is celebrated on March 6th or another day, please know that the Anglican Church Women Board appreciates your ministry as you seek to serve Christ "in the parish, community, diocese, nation, and the world"

It is a time to recognize their ministries beyond their parishes for we are all "one in Christ".

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12

Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman; but all things come from God.

So, as we put 2021 behind us, let us look ahead to 2022 on a positive note that the recent spike in Covid-19 cases will start to subside, our economy will begin to grow and things will begin to reopen fully giving us hope for renewal in body, mind and spirit. May the God of hope give you joy and peace.

To quote Dr. Theresa Tam,
"All pandemics come to an end."

We wish you and your family a
Happy, Healthy and
Prosperous New Year!

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WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2022

SEMAINE de
PRIERE
pour L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS
2022

"We saw the star in the East,
and we came to worship him"

(Mt 2:2)

« Nous avons vu son astre à l'Orient
et nous sommes venus
lui rendre hommage »

(Mt 2,2)