

The Anglican Church Women Board,

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Embracing change in
New and Wondrous Ways

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ANGELICAN CHURCH WOMEN DIOCESAN BOARD, TRANSFORMING INTO, ANGELICANS POWERING POTENTIAL (APP)

This new creation will see its "official" birth at the 151st Session of Synod, May 26th to May 28th 2023. The most visible change from ACW to APP will be gender inclusive. So, we are now inviting applications for **men and women** (and any other gender identification) to be part of the APP core team.

With a name change the logo will change as well.

If... the idea of a social justice and social transformation is what you have been looking for, then ... maybe this creatively focused ministry will excite you. We are looking at drawing strength from the 4th Mark of Mission of the Anglican Church: *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation*, as well as the transformational aspiration of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) that *champions the dignity of every human being by working to dismantle racism and colonialism*.

If... bringing in funds for missional enterprises captures your imagination, then... maybe this creatively focused ministry will excite you as well. The annual projects of the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board have offered a very rewarding ministry that makes a difference in the lives of children, youth, and adults locally, nationally, and internationally. For **24 years**, the ACW Diocesan Board has raised more than \$200,000, thanks to the interest, concern, support and generosity of so many. These projects have seen the Board partner and collaborate with churches and community organizations.

If... your interest has been piqued, e-mail the board at acw.nsboard@gmail.com to request an **Expression of Interest / Application Form** to be a core team member of **Anglicans Powering Potential**.

We would not be able to consider the possibility of Anglicans Powering Potential if it were not for the 50 plus years of ministry of the Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board. A **Celebration of Thanksgiving** for this extraordinary ministry is being planned for **Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm; at the Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland, 3751 Robie Street, Halifax**. Mark this date on your calendars; **all are welcomed and encouraged to attend**.

Happy Mother's Day (May 14th)
Happy Father's Day (June 18th)
National Parents Day (July 23rd)

*On these special days, celebrate the
Diversity of Families*

Almighty and loving God, we acknowledge the wide spectrum of parenting and we pray for all mothers and fathers; thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace. On these special days, we honour, appreciate and celebrate the contributions of our mothers (the givers of life) and our fathers, both past and present. For those for whom these days will bring sadness because of a loss or illness, bring comfort and peace; where being a parent is hard, give wisdom and strength; where it is a joy and delight, give hearts of thankfulness. God of life and love, as we honour and celebrate the contributions of the women and men who have parented, mentored, guided, provided and cared for us, we pray you strengthen each one when they are down; give them hope when they are discouraged, and wisdom to see clearly through the fog of daily chaos, responsibilities, problems and joys. This we pray in the name of the loving Mother and Father of us all. Amen



Accept the Challenge

Men: Say "Yes" to the Challenge!

The *Mass Casualty Commission* (MCC) Report of March 2023 is **challenging "men to start acknowledging the realities of gender-based violence and do their part."** The Report is unequivocal in affirming that Gender-based Violence (GBV) is an "epidemic": the scope of the problem is "sweeping, toxic, and unhealthy". It is compared to the Covid 19 pandemic, as it is a "**public health emergency that warrants a meaningful, whole of society response.**"

This e-Newsletter reaches the inboxes of many women and some men. **If you know of men ready to engage in this important enterprise of addressing GBV, please encourage them to e-mail acw.nsboard@gmail.com.** GBV is not only a women's issue; it is a human rights issue.

Our Primate, the Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, says that it is "our Anglican Mission" to address gender-based violence. In our diocese, the soon-to-be-created **Anglicans Powering Potential (APP)** is inviting your involvement as we engage in meaningful ways to "disrupt traditional norms and harmful expressions of masculinity" (MCC Report). Regardless of gender identification, send an e-mail as noted above, to show your willingness to **say "yes" to the challenge**, the challenge of addressing gender-based violence!

Challenge Accepted

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<https://brigadoonvillage.org/>

From April 30th to June 30th 2023, The Anglican Church Women Diocesan Board will partner with the Anglican Foundation of Canada for the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) campaign entitled, **Say Yes! to Kids**. Of the amount raised, we will be able to have **80%** directed to **Brigadoon Bound** and **20%** will go to **the Anglican Foundation for its Kids Helping Kids arm**. **Say Yes! to Kids** supports youth-focused ministry and outreach from coast to coast to coast.

Please give today: tinyurl.com/brigadoonbound (this link takes you directly to the SYTK portal of the AFC) or make a cheque payable to the Anglican Foundation of Canada (**Brigadoon Bound** in the memo line), send to the Anglican Foundation of Canada, 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2.

Thank you for your support of Brigadoon Bound!