



## Anglican Church Women - Diocese of Algoma

### **Mission Statement:**

*The mission of the Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of Algoma is to unite all women in promoting the love of Christ with their time, talents and resources.*

### Greetings to all Anglican Church Women across the Diocese of Algoma

It is with great excitement and joy that we welcome in 2010, a new decade. It seems like just yesterday that we welcomed in the last decade and wondered if the world would stop with a new millennium and decade. We are celebrating the first weeks of our Christian year and the birth of our Lord so many years ago; yet His love for us is constant and in spite of our sins, he continues to forgive us daily.

How fortunate we are to be CHRISTIAN 'S. I share this short poem as it had meaning to me:

*Christ came from heaven  
And did not count the cost,  
Yet behind His humble manger  
Stood a waiting, rugged cross.* R. Fogle

I know all Anglican Church Women have been busy over the last months. You are a group of women who know what WORK is; in our ACW prayer, we include Prayer, Work and Stewardship each time, However, I suggest we call it what it really is – MINISTRY. Each time you knit, sew, cook, pray, visit, serve, you are ministering. Service to God is much larger than what happens in Church. It is not the quantity of our service that matters but the **giving** of ourselves. Resist the temptation to lament what you can no longer do, or changes that are not in the familiar ways. Rejoice that our God continues to empower us in ways that serve HIM. Keep knitting, cooking, sewing, crafting and meeting, but remember to pray for one another, visiting, phoning, good humour, graciousness and kindness are all ways that we Minister together to show the world who our God is and why our faith makes our lives worth living.

Your executive has been busy over the last few months and we are excited about the 2010 Annual. The registration kits are ready with a few corrections and will be in the mail to all Presidents by February 15<sup>th</sup>:

*Jacque*

### Welcome and Farewell

We are pleased to welcome Marion Collinson, of Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury as The new President of Sudbury/Manitoulin Deanery.

We give thanks for the dedicated service Anne Trimmer has given over the past years and look forward to seeing her as we journey through Algoma.

If your Primary Branch President has changed since September 2009, PLEASE let us know.

### REACHING OUT

The theme for this annual is **REACHING OUT**. Come and learn how we can reach out to our neighbours, our community, our sisters and brothers beyond our borders and our sisters within our Anglican church.

We hope to put registration forms on this web in late February. All Women are welcome.