



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 Anglican Church Women across the Diocese of Algoma

One hundred and forty-two women attended the 43rd Conference and AGM in Thunder Bay during two beautiful sunny days with the "Sleeping Giant" gracefully watching over us at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel. It was a joyous, wonderful gathering of women from across our Diocese.

We give praise and thanksgiving for the thoughtful Christian messages brought to us by Bishop Stephen, who spoke to us about Models of Churches and their importance and changes that will happen as we grow in the work of Jesus Christ. The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, newly appointed Congregational Development Officer for the Diocese, explained the four important points for healthy congregational development. The Rev. Deborah Kraft led us in two inspiring devotion times. The presentation by Fiona Brownlee, communication officer of the Council of the North, gave us much to think about re our brothers and sisters who live in 80% of our nation.

Worship is very important to our gathering. The opening service at St. Michael and All Angels with Bishop Stephen preaching and celebrating. The Bishop blessed a beautiful veil and 6 purificators hand crafted and given to the Diocesan ACW. We thank Rev. Smyth for his support and assistance. The closing Eucharist and healing service, with our Chaplain, The Rev Anne Germond, continues to be most meaningful to each member and sends us back to our homes to continue the ministry of sharing the love and joy of Jesus with our sisters and brothers but also the many in our communities who have not experienced that joy.

The AGM gave us an opportunity to discuss our ministry within the Dioceses and Community. We were pleased to share the collection with Camp Gitchigumee and the Council of the North. Mary Rossitor continues to work very hard for the Margaret Wright sale. The \$1,190.00 was donated to the Council of the North – Children's programs. In addition \$500.00 was given to the Diocesan Youth for assistance with travel to Youth Synod. We have a deficit budget and the motion to ask for added donations passed. On a positive idea, we have started a PRAY PARTNER schedule for every ACW Primary Branch and Contact members. Please get in touch with Deanery Presidents for your partner.

It was a wonderful two days of hospitality, fellowship, love and praise. Thanks to Thunder Bay Deanery ACW and especially Ena Conliffe, Dorothy O'Donnell, Joy Liggins and all the committee.

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