



# *Anglican Church Women*

## *Diocese of Algoma Newsletter*

### *Fall 2018*



## Diocese of Algoma

From the Bishop

Dear ACW friends in Christ,

The hottest of summers is turning into an equally warm autumn and I hope that over the last few months you have enjoyed the beauty of creation and good times with your loved ones.

I would like to thank you once again for your tremendous outpouring of support for our youth and youth leaders to attend CLAY 2018. I have written about my experience of CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) 2018 in the October edition of the Algoma Anglican, but wanted to share a little more with you.

It is a biennial gathering which brings youth together from across the country. This year it took place on the campus of Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, and featured large group gatherings, shared worship, live entertainment, and opportunities for the youth to participate in the powerful Blanket Exercise, and an exercise about homelessness. Steve Greene, presently serving in the Diocese of Huron, was the 'story-weaver' throughout the four day event and pulled together the narratives of each storyteller who spoke to their experiences in ministry and embodying God's call in their lives. The storytellers shared stories of pain and hurt, but also of healing and restoration. You could hear a pin drop in the massive auditorium the evening Pastor Lindsey Jorgensen – Skakum spoke about her 'coming out' as gay to her family. She is now an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church and is



passionate about welcoming and including members of the LGBTQ2S+ community.

Through the generosity of our congregations in their fundraising efforts, Algoma sponsored 40 youth and adults to attend CLAY this year. Please extend my personal thanks to your congregation if you were a part of that fundraising. It was a huge amount of work to organize the youth to attend this gathering – an organization that included the safe travel and housing of the youth en route to Thunder Bay, and ensuring that they were accompanied during their time at CLAY. Thank you to Holy Trinity Sault Ste. Marie and St. Paul's Thunder

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# From the President . . .

# Treasurer

Hi, Sisters,

Here we go. The extremely hot days of the summer are behind us and most are back into the routine of all things ACW.

For me, September brings our Diocesan Fall Board meeting and the National Presidents' Conference in P.E.I. My daughter is travelling with me and we'll have a bit of a holiday while there.

I know that individual groups in the northern part of our diocese get busy at this time, those of you in Muskoka Deanery can take a much-needed break to regain your energy after a full summer.

The leaves are changing colour and soon we will see snow. That usually gets me right in the mood for bazaar preparation and other Christmas events. (Please share event info with all groups in your deanery so we can support each other and keep in contact with our sisters).

In the last newsletter (and at the Annual) I spoke about what kind of machinery we are using. You cannot gather Tomatoes with corn harvesting equipment. The beginning of a new activity season is a good time to be asking these kinds of questions. What do the people in your area need and want? Are you serving them in the most helpful way? If not, how can you change your approach to make your service to them more fruitful? We must reach out, in Christ's name, to those around us in the best way to bring Him to them and them to Him.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and productive year. Please keep in touch so we can grow as a family.

*Barbie*



Life withers life.  
Change transforms change.  
But You God, are the replenishing light...  
Delivering life to my veins.

## Diocese of Algoma Anglican Church Women

### YTD Balance Sheet as of July 31

Balance Forward January 1, 2018	Receipts: \$ 21,251.94
Donations	\$ 7,709.00
Pin/Constitution	\$ 168.00
Mission receipts	\$ 4490.54
Cert. Of Recognition	\$ 50.00
Deanery of Muskoka annual	\$ 1,467.75
Bank Credit	\$ 24.75
Total Receipts	Disbursements: \$ 13,914.99
Annual (registration for Board)	\$ 1,850.81
Board Travel	\$ 1,470.80
National Pres. Conf	\$ 2,258.33
Ministry (Algoma/ A.F)	\$ 3,150.00
Mission	\$ 4,540.70
Cert of Recognition	\$ 17.48
Transfer to Investment	\$ 15,000.00
Bank debit	\$ 34.65
Total Disbursements	\$ 28,322.77
BALANCE July 31, 2018	\$ 6744.16

This is the current financial statement of your ACW .

I have concern that we have not received many of our donations from our groups for 2018. Would you please make an attempt to send these donations?

If you have misplaced your request from last February, please email me and I will sent a 2nd copy.

Please let me know if you have new emails or new treasurers/contact.

*Jacquie Howell*

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# Greetings from the Chaplain

Greetings ACW Sisters,

As I was pondering (aloud) about what I would write about this fall in the newsletter. My son was in hearing distance, and said, "Reap what you sow." Surprised at both what he said and the fact that he heard me, I asked him to explain what he had in mind with that statement. He replied, "If you sow positivity, you will reap it. If you sow negativity, be prepared to reap that also."

That certainly started me to question about how do we get to the reaping if we have sown a crop either negative or positive. This is the time of year we celebrate Thanksgiving, bring in the crops, harvesting whatever we have gathered, made, and/or received through the grace of God. It is also the planting time in our North American continent for new beginnings: the first day of school when children and adults alike return to various types of classrooms; the first month of returning to meetings (ACW, school committees, committees in general); even elections. So—if we are about to have new seeds sown within us, let us think about God's advice about what we, in turn, must sow in our families, communities, and beyond our borders. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he reminds of the wonderful gifts (seeds) that Christ has planted within us with the expectation they would grow and become fruitful. In chapter 4: 7,11-13 he writes:

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I have listened carefully to the many ways in which the ACW has worked to spread this message of love, life, compassion and hope within our parishes, deaneries, and diocese Books, clothing, food, money, and, yes, even milkbags :) have been generously given to help around the world. Please keep feeding the gifts Christ has bestowed upon you so that those gifts (seeds) will continue growing throughout the world. I leave you with a collect for lay

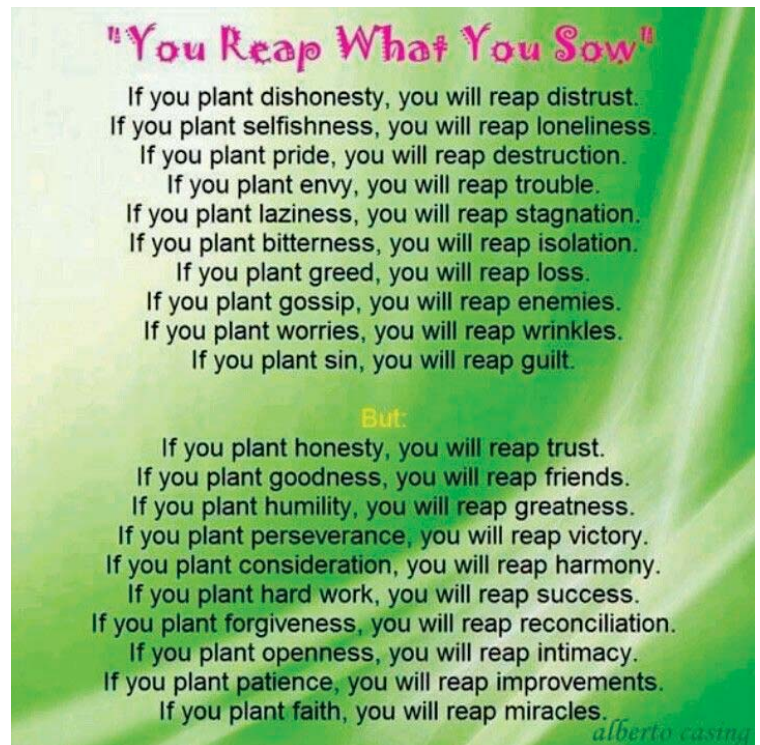
ministries that sums up our will to continue our ministries,

Almighty God, by your grace alone  
we are accepted and called to your service.

Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Your sister in Christ,

*Edna+*





**ACW  
The Quiet Corner**

Algoma ACW  
Devotional Chair.

*Sue Goodwin*

*Welcome, come and rest a while and take some time to reflect.*

*Read the word of God and allow it to fill your being let it say to you what God wants you to hear. Then if you wish read on, as I share with you what it said to me, for truly we are all different and he treats us that way.*

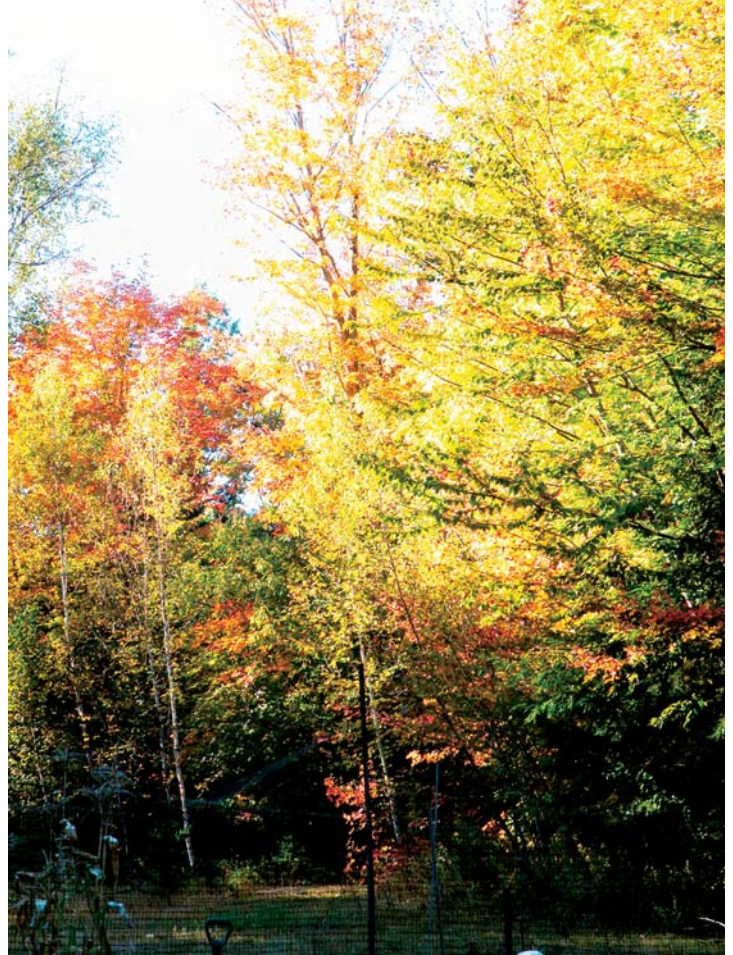
*There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun.  
Eccl 1: 3*

Well here we are, Summer is over, and by the time you read this a new round of activities will have begun. I suppose we are governed by the seasons, aren't we? In some way they offer us security, it is comforting to know that eventually the cycle will come around to our favourite time of the year once again, and all is as it should be.

The writer in Ecclesiastes, (some passages in the book seem to indicate that King Solomon was the author), appears at the start to be somewhat disheartened by this endless succession, life is a meaningless cycle, there really seems no point. However, toward the closing chapters his mood has changed perhaps this is because it is the observations of an old man who wasted much of his youth in empty pursuits. Now nearing the end of life, he has come to recognise that life is only meaningless without God, and should be enjoyed as a gift from God.

God is the point, the entire reason for our existence and the whole of creation points us toward Him.

But while we muse upon the meaning of life and the steady rhythm of the passing of the seasons we should perhaps note that changes are happening, I'm not just referring to the weather or the climate but the culture we are a part of and how it affects our way of life. Times have changed and we must adapt to those changes as best we can, while at the same time remembering to pray for the wisdom to recognise the difference between what can be changed and what should not change. Sadly, the Christian faith is no longer at the center of our western culture but, that does not mean that we cannot demonstrate the Good News of God's love that lies at its heart, and so often the ACW is called to do just that, and usually do it very well.



So, as we think about the changing seasons and our changing culture we might ask ourselves the following questions.

- I. How can I, my group or church demonstrate the love of God in our local community?
- II. How do we already do this and could we/I do more?
- III. Is the whole meaning of life all about God?

Let us Pray.

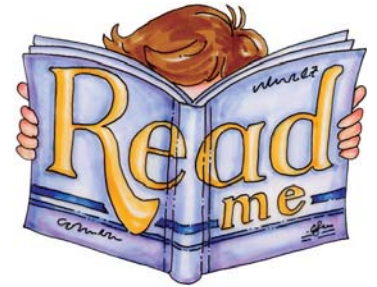
*Our Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of life and for the opportunity to come to know you and about how much you love us. Fill our hearts with the desire to share the Good News of this love with others in both action and word so that they too might come to know you and feel blessed.*

Amen.

*Yours in Christ Sue.*



## BOOK SUNDAY Deanery of Temiskaming THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018



### collecting

- educational books—children & adults
- religious books—daily devotions, bibles
- music materials



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clean, de-clutter, down-  
size & send to a needy  
member



Comments or questions---contact  
May at  
(705) 752-4937 or  
[vmseguin@sympatico.ca](mailto:vmseguin@sympatico.ca)

**Last date to receive donations – October 14, 2018**

# Family Life



Greetings. How are you doing? Were the summer months good to you? How was your Church Family during the summer?

Did your parish temporarily close down for July and August or start up for the Summer months?

Were there lots of weddings, baptisms to keep those A.C.W. altar guilds so busy, their calendar was full!

Did your parish celebrate a milestone Anniversary? or welcome an amalgamation of parishes?

Were you busy with Vacation Bible School? Did your Church School (or teachers) take a vacation? or Did you have enough supply teachers to keep going throughout the summer months? Did you have Messy Church during the summer?

Did your youth participate in travelling to a camp or perhaps travel to Thunder Bay for CLAY 2018? Or did they just go on their own personal family vacations?

Was there an A.C.W. wind down meeting before vacation time? Or were you so busy planning the next event?

Was there a special opportunity to have a church Picnic, or B.B.Q.? How about a church bazaar, auction or a booth representing your church at a Community function?

Were you volunteering at a local food bank or a community garden, or a community meal? There's so much more to report on! I KNOW YOU WERE BUSY!

So much more to report ... to have had on your to do list and checked off that ... WOW! your dedication to serve all, amazes me! I know you did it! And doesn't it feel GOOD!

What is coming up for the Fall?!

Our churches will soon be having Stewardship Dinners or meetings and for the upcoming start up of our busy schedules for all our committees, ... committees that give of their time and talents ... I am going to suggest to you to put a galvanized bucket on each individual table. Give each parishioner a pad of paper and pencil. Many don't wish to speak up at meetings, and probably wouldn't think of emailing or writing out their suggestion or idea. If they are given a chance to jot down one or two thoughts or ideas, ... it just might spark an idea!

Think of what you would like your parish to have on their bucket list. What would you put down and perhaps suggest how to do it? It would or could make for some interesting reading, or actually to get thinking wheels in motion.

Then we could all take the idea a step further. Try this.

Why don't we go to the hardware store (or dollar store) and purchase a galvanized bucket. Experiment with carrying this bucket around with you for a day or even a week, or two!

Carry it wherever you go. To work, to school, to the store, on the bus, everywhere. See the reaction you get. "What are you, ... a dairy farmer?", What are you going to do, pick apples? (This idea reminds me of when my daughter had to carry around a raw egg for Family Studies at high school, pretending it was a real baby. She had to think responsibly as a parent caring for her baby egg. The other teens teased her, questioned and laughed at her being responsible for this baby "Egbert"!)

This bucket can be a reminder to you to fill your day with whatever you need. Ask yourself, what can I fill this with today? Some days I know I need patience, some days I need time, oh how I need more time! If they ask, I will tell them. "I carry this bucket today to remind me I need to fill my day with ideas." Or "as I carry this empty bucket is filled with ...memories? If we fill the bucket with arguments, then we become negotiators, if we fill our bucket with criticism; we become cynics; if we fill them with joy we become exceedingly happy!

Try filling it with cookies or apples and see what response you get! M-m-m they look good! Fill your heart (or bucket) with kindness, or joy, as your hand out your apples or cookies. *Jesus teaches us, if we fill our buckets with love, we actually become love!*

People will figure out what we truly believe in as

Christians, by what we actually do. Then they will praise our Father in heaven.

Believe in the concept of the bucket.

“As I carry this empty bucket, it reminds me ... it is actually filled with everything I need. I don’t need a thing, I’ve got it all. All of God’s gifts are right in front of me! He provides my every need!

It’s filled with His Love, His Grace! “

Thanks be to God!

Do all the good you can. I know you can. Doesn’t it feel GOOD!

Joy Stott,  
Family Life

BUCKET LIST

50 THINGS I WANT TO DO IN LIFE

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# My Report on Family Life -

I Hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday, with family and friends, keeping cool and comfortable!

In July, my summer started by preparing for and facilitating the Vacation Bible School, at All Saints’ held the last week in July. Children from our parish and some of last year’s V.B.S. attendees were thrilled with the program, “Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus”

Our A.C.W. women came together to prepare the set, teach, provide snacks, plan crafts and helped with the program all round. Such great talent!!

I thank Beverley Van der Jagt, Deanery of Sudbury/Manitoulin who helped facilitate, and provided the materials for the program, used by her Deanery,... travelling back and forth from the North. This was a great example of how deaneries can come together and support one another. Beverley was kept very busy helping with other V.B.S. programs at other churches within her deanery and we all shared with the props, materials, and “set” for this theme. Thank you, ladies!

After clean up was completed. I soon had to change my hat to prepare for and attend CLAY 2018 GATHERING IN THUNDER BAY, August 13 - 20th. Three youth from Muskoka area, Alexis, Paige, Matthew, travelled with me up to North Bay where we were joined by Johanna the North Bay Deanery, Youth Facilitator, (who I might add just finished up with a V.B.S. program at her parish) and

her two youth from the area. We journeyed on to Sault Ste. Marie, and spent our first night at Holy Trinity Church, where Fran Glover welcomed us. Holy Trinity were preparing for their V.B.S. for the following week! Jay Koyle (our Algoma Shepherd) and the youth from the Soo greeted us with borrowed sleeping bags and mats, as we were unable to transport all our luggage and sleeping bags in our 7-passenger van. Later Jay entertained us with dinner at Wacky Wings. The next morning, we all set off to our destination of Thunder Bay. We arrived at St. Paul’s Church, where we met with one other leader, Jen and youth of Thunder Bay! We unloaded our belongings then ...

That evening we were graciously welcomed by Ven. Deborah Kraft and her husband, at the “Kraft Cottage”. Bishop Ann and Deborah provided a feast of food for the 30 plus youth and leaders. The youth welcomed the opportunity to chat and get their land legs back, after the long drive.

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## My Report on Family Life - *continued*

Thank you, Kraft family, Bishop Ann for your hospitality! A church service, a walk through the labyrinth, and a tour of Thunder Bay, was our morning agenda. Then off to Lakehead University to register, for the Clay Gathering!

CLAY stands for Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth. Youth aged 14 - 19 years of age from all across Canada! It was an exciting, busy time, mingling with, learning alongside other youth. Over 800 youth, plus 200 leaders in attendance., all experiencing, learning, singing, dancing, laughing, listening and worshipping together. A very high energy experience!

Our theme this year was THREADS - weaving our stories together!

It took many Bishops, Priests, Pastors, Lay Persons, Elders, guest speakers, volunteers, from both the Anglican and Lutheran churches, to put this whole program on under the directions of the Youth Councils and Phil.

Those Pastors, Priests, Bishops, Elders, who shared their stories, we so appreciated your honesty, gift of faith, sharing your personal life stories, that surprised us, inspired us, comforted and moved us to open up to think about, write about, and talk about our own life stories and faith. I know it was a spiritually, uplifting, learning experience where many friends were made... honouring many shared life stories, from Elder Beatrice's own life story and the First Nation's stories, especially the "Blanket Exercise" - tells the history of the First Nations' people ( a must for everyone to experience ), to the many Pastor's, Bishops', Priests' stories at the Large Gathering Place, and off site at the "Garden" ; to the Home Team Leaders, under the direction of Phil who guided us all, into telling our stories, and faith journeys. To the youth. The program was excellent, I learned a lot!

During the last two years the CLAY Youth National Project was for clean water. PWRDF continues to bring awareness to the global need.

The new Youth Project for 2018 - 2020 is for how we the Youth, can bring awareness to the need for affordable housing and help those dealing with homelessness, not only for our youth, but for everyone in Canada and throughout the world. During the Gathering we, 800+ youth, sent postcards off to our Prime Minister, and our local M.P. stating our youths' views on this matter. Each of us donated a new pair of socks with a note of encouragement tucked inside to whomever receives them. All the socks were being donated to Grace Place in Thunder Bay.

Watch for Youth to be involved in upcoming awareness projects throughout Algoma!

It certainly was a well packed program, August 15th to 19th, from up at dawn; to dusk! Lots of hustling around from building to building, (25,000 steps a day!) I learned this from someone with a pedometer and oh those stairs! I think I counted 120 - 180 steps at a time X 4 times a day! I certainly got myself into shape!

At the end of our stay, after hugs, exchanging emails, phone numbers, laughs and tears, we were on our way back home.

Our Muskoka/North Bay teams returned once more to Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie for a night. Said good bye to the Soo friends, Jay, Jane, and Fran, then Johanna and I travelled on to North Bay, with some 5 tired, sleeping youth! Thank you, Johanna, for all you did.

Most importantly, I want to thank all those Parishes for sponsoring myself and the youth, so to be able to attend CLAY 2018. Thank you!

Our next CLAY 2020 Gathering will be held in Calgary, Alberta! Yahoo!

**FAMILY LIFE is a commitment to growing healthy churches encompassing the Family of God through ministry, and mission, seeking Christ in all persons.**

**Joy Stott, A.C.W. Diocese of Algoma Family Life**



# Around the Diocese

## Muskoka

Forwarded by phone to Darla McMeeken, Diocesan Vice-President, a photo of: Bernice Smith, All Saints', Huntsville, ACW Treasurer, and Quilting group creator, with a personal quilt creation made for Pastoral Care and donated to Hospice Huntsville for the use of their clients, on July 12, 2018.



Pictures of Bishop Anne officiating with Venerable Dawn Henderson and assisted by Reverend Mel Binks at the 132nd Anniversary of St. Mary's Aspdin in Muskoka on August 12, 2018.

It was a lovely evening and a lovely well-prepared and presented service, followed by a BBQ and picnic gathering.

Darla McMeeken, Diocesan Vice-President



The youth at this year's VBS raised \$50 for aqua tablets to purify water. They practised carrying pails on their heads !

How the women and children transport water from one well in a community or from cleaned water using the tablets in a tank for the whole community to share.

This fundraiser was a learning experience presented by Worker Sister Betty-Lou Durr at Wednesday's V B S. afternoon program. The youth wrote these notes to the Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit to go along with the tablets that would be used by the families and children of Haiti. This small gesture of care, is providing clean water for hundreds of children in Haiti. This was part of the PWRDF mission for 2016 - 18 for the youth, presented at CLAY 2016. We are so pleased that parents and youth participated.

Here is the letter from the Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit thanking our children from our V.B.S. Bless you, and thank you from All Saints'.

Joy Stott,  
Y.E.S. of All Saints' Youth Coordinator

Dear Haiti Kids  
I am so happy  
from HUNTSVILLE  
We raised  
toonies  
for Tablets  
We are  
praying  
for  
you

Dear Haiti my name is Kristen  
We Broght toonies for aquatablets  
to Purify the water. Love Kristen

Dear people of Haiti,  
I am Keira and I'm writing to  
Tell you we have donated toonies to  
buy aquatablet...so you can have clean  
water! We pray this helps you with  
your problems.  
Thank you,  
From: Keira  
Huntsville, ontario

To: Haiti  
■ We are Praying  
For you  
Help Haiti  
Beau Huntsville on.





## *Certificate of Recognition*

### **Verlie Toman**



On July 8, 2018, a bright, beautiful day, at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Restoule, Verlie Toman was honoured and recognized for her commitment and contributions to the Anglican Church Women, Bishop Anne Germond as well as Joan Morris, the Incumbent, were present for the official presentation. Verlie, being a hard and faithful worker contributed her talents and work for the benefit of all of her church, her local community, and within the Diocese of Algoma. At all levels—local, Temiskaming Deanery, Diocesan and National levels Verlie made an impression and held positions for the betterment and future of all Anglican Church Women.

Much was accomplished through her guidance and strong leadership. In the Temiskaming Deanery Verlie was instrumental in establishing the Campbell Education Soup Label programme, for all children and youth attending the Deanery Camp. Verlie is and was concerned for the welfare of all, inspiring and motivating others to become involved and participate in whatever projects were undertaken.

It gives ACW great pleasure in recognizing Verlie for her past work, accomplishments, and wish her good health and happiness in the days ahead. We also ask God to bless Verlie and her family providing guidance, peace and love.

*submitted by May Seguin, Diocesan Social Action Chair*

The ACW at The Church of St. John The Divine in North Bay wound up their first half of the year with a delightful luncheon at the home of one of its members.

Then during the summer provided the Thursday luncheon for 50 volunteers and children at North Bay's tri-parish Children's Day Camp. This was held at Christ Church for a week and was very successful.

This autumn begins with our meetings on the first Thursday afternoon of the month. At our Oct. get together we plan to show a movie about Spitfires which also

includes the women who were involved in their manufacture and then ferrying them to the aerodromes. One of these ladies is in the movie at a very senior age and was on the CBC news recently.

Coming up Sat. Nov. 3 will be our annual Fall/Christmas Tea and Bazaar - this year with Beatrix Potter and her charming animals as the theme.

Pray you all enjoy a safe and beautiful autumn,

*Pam Handley, Diocesan Secretary*

## Thunder Bay – North Shore

*by Barbara Williams*

We are now coming to the end of the summer and things have been quiet here. We have a Deanery Executive meeting this coming week. Our Fall Deanery Meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church in Nipigon on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We decided to try having a Deanery meeting on a Saturday, instead of the usual mid-week in the hope that there will be a few women attending.

At the end of May, four ACW members and our deanery PWRDF representative went to Bracebridge for the Diocesan Annual. It was a lovely time and enjoyed by all of us. We look forward to next year.

There will be the usual falls teas and dinners coming up and they will start by the end of September.

Wishing each and everyone a successful year,

*Ruth Merkley*





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Bay for hosting the youth on their way to and from CLAY (we will replace the missing sausages from your freezer – breakfast – yummy), and to each one of the youth leaders who gave up significant time over the last year to make this all possible.

In addition to that a number of clergy and parishioners from our Thunder Bay congregations were very involved on the local arrangements committee and could be seen as pastoral care workers, hospitality hosts, and event supervisors during CLAY DAYS. It was terrific to see everyone offering such important ministry to the youth. Our very own Sharon Corston led the volunteers and I can tell you that she did a wonderful job. Thank you Sharon! Archdeacon Deborah and Jouni Kraft hosted the youth at their cottage the evening before CLAY started so that they could have a mini ‘youth synod’. Once again the Synod office staff were there to offer their support – Jay Koyle, Liz Hamel, and Jane Mesich were on hand throughout the entire CLAY weekend.

Algoma’s witness in hosting CLAY 2018 did not go unnoticed – in a note to me this week, Sheilagh McGlynn, the National Church’s Youth Animator wrote this – “I know that from where we were looking the hospitality your Diocese offered had so much to do with the success of the gathering. I can’t offer enough thanks for all of that, and your enthusiasm as Bishop. I do hope you know how it was deeply appreciated.”

Plans are already underway for CLAY 2020 which will take place in Calgary. The youth who attended this year are keen to begin fundraising so as many of them as possible are able to attend. So watch this spot and stay tuned!

Gratefully in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Anne Germond  
Bishop of Algoma

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## Communications

*by Sharon Corston*

I have a concern right now and that is that we have dropped below the mandatory 45 needed to keep the Canada Post Publications Mail. I am sending a few copies to myself (they go to the annual for spares) just to keep it going. With the increase in postage it would cost us \$95.00 in mailing costs as opposed to the current \$58.39. Maybe not a lot but \$35.00 in savings is better in our pocket. So while having everything electronic benefits the majority, there are some who would like a paper copy and I wouldn't want to lose them.

I thank everyone who sends me a little note. I received a lovely note from Pat Flavell who says, "I thoroughly enjoy receiving each issue and have a file of all I have received over the years. I have attended all Annual's except 2 since 1993. I look forward to the upcoming issues." Thank you Pat!

I didn't attend the Annual once again this year; but, for a very good reason. Two churches died in Thunder Bay on at midnight June 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Luke's and St John the Evangelist. At 00:01, Gathering Table, a Faith Com-

*Picture courtesy of  
Bishop Anne.*

munity in the Anglican Church of Canada was born. It was, to say the least, a very busy time with preparations being made, weekly meetings and much consensual decision making.

Getting to this end was not an easy process. Almost five years ago, the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore began going through a process which began in July 2015 called Together in Hope. The final report was published in January 2017. This report outlined the direction for the Deanery.

July 2017 saw the forming of a three-church Discernment Committee to discern the process of merging their congregations. This committee ended in January 2018 as one of the churches felt they couldn't proceed at this time.

In February 2018, the New Parish Team was formed to go ahead with the joining of the former St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church and St. Luke's congregations.

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Bishop Anne Germond, Diocese of Algoma approved the creation of Gathering Table in a Mandate Letter in April 2018.

On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:00 pm, Gathering Table will be celebrating their Opening in the newly renovated church space with the Diocese of Algoma Bishop Anne Germond presiding.

On another note, CLAY was a blast. Many thanks to our Bishop for not only attending, but when she heard that we could use a few more volunteers, the office was closed and Jane and Liz travelled to Thunder Bay to help us out. Rev Jay was coming as a Home Team Leader. How's that for supporting our Diocese! Pastor Nancy Ringham some of you may know as she was formally an Anglican minister in Thunder Bay. She is now a Pastor at Hilldale Lutheran in Thunder Bay. She was the Local Area Coordinator, I was the Volunteer Coordinator and we drafted Bonnie Shipston, our Deanery Associate for Congregational Health (also a Home Team Leader) to get things moving. The role was bigger than I anticipated but we did

it. I and, from what I have heard, everyone had a fabulous time. I received this message from one of the volunteers and I think this pretty much sums up everyone's feelings.

*"A Big Shout out to everyone who believed in hosting the gathering in Thunder Bay! I believe everyone had a great experience and will weave their stories and memories in years to come. A Big thank you to planners, organizers, music and drama team, all the volunteers and the hundreds of youth with their faith, energy, participation and polite manners. I was very blessed to of been part of this Youth Gathering!"*

*Thanks be to God!"*

It was indeed a privilege to be a part of the 2018 CLAY Gathering.

