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National Newsletter

Shara Golden's Report on the 62nd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

What a privilege to receive an invitation to attend the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW62) on behalf of the membership of the worldwide Mothers' Union! The priority theme for this session was: "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls".

When I thought of what was ahead of us, I knew there would be scripture to support God's plan for women and girls who are marginalized in their homes, their communities, and their countries. Zechariah 7:9 (NIV): "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another'". As MU members, we were both called to and equipped for the task.

I arrived at the airport for a 7am flight on Saturday, March 10th but it was delayed until 2pm because of an emergency landing by a plane that had caught fire. In Montreal, they rushed me through security to catch my NY flight but the Information Board at the gate read cancelled! Once again, connections were made for me and I finally arrived at my hotel sometime after 10pm.

On Sunday, March 11, we were directed to the nearest Anglican Communion Church. I attended Saint Albans, the First Reformed Episcopal Church, founded in 1874. It was almost a little "hole in the wall". They invited me to their coffee hour which included a Lenten Bible study. They were dear people



L-R: Leah Chipepa, Zambia; Rachael Anderson, MU Events and Digital Communications Manager, England; Shara Golden, Canada; Ekua Swanzy, Ghana; Beverly Jullien, MU Chief Executive, England; Felicia Yeboah Asuamah, Ghana.

who made me feel so welcome. Their average Sunday attendance is around 25. Doesn't that sound kind of "rural" in the middle of one of the biggest "urban" cities in the world?

Our Mothers' Union group met at 3pm the same day to get our UN Passes. There were huge lines and long waits at each pass point. Our delegation included: Ekua Swanzy, Ghana; Felicia Yeboah Asuamah, Ghana; Beverly Jullien, Chief Executive, Worldwide MU; and Rachael Anderson, Events and Digital Communications Manager, Worldwide MU. Annie Beckley, United States, was unable to attend due to the death of her infant grandchild. Leah Chipepa, Zambia, didn't arrive until Tuesday as she missed her

connection in Johannesburg. She was my roommate for the rest of the week and we both knew that God had chosen us to be there for each other.

So what was this week at the UN all about? Because MU is a non-governmental organization (NGO) and has achieved status to attend and make written representation to UNCSW, our International MU invites Provinces to submit the name of a member, together with an application, to attend as a delegate. What an honour to be chosen to be a part of this group!

What is the UNCSW? It is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment

of women. It was established on June 21, 1946 and has been instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. Our responsibilities were to attend sessions, listen carefully, and provide daily observations to our MU delegation.

The December 7, 2017 Statement was submitted by MU as an NGO in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The opening paragraph reads: **"Mothers' Union is an international grassroots membership movement, rooted in the Anglican Church, with over 4 million members in 83 countries around the world. Mothers' Union seeks to transform communities, and the lives of families, women and men, through practical support, empowerment, and by challenging systems which perpetuate injustice at the local, national and international level. We work to support family life, empower women, combat gender inequality and gender based violence, and promote the participation and representation of women in decision making"**.



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On Monday, March 12th, Felicia and I were invited to the Anglican Communion Offices to be filmed for our thoughts on MU's participation as UNCSW62

delegates. I didn't look forward to doing it but Rachael, my beloved leader, walked me through it. I was encouraged by her words: "Just brilliant!" I didn't feel brilliant but with their capable editing, it turned out very well. It can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5dPDixhtYk&feature=youtu.be>

We met at the Anglican Communion Chapel to watch the opening of this UN session on a huge screen, followed by the opening Eucharist for the UNCSW62. The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, was our Celebrant and Preacher. He gave a holy and exciting liturgy at a beautiful and spirit-filled Eucharist.

We received an orientation session on UNCSW processes from the Reverend Deacon Carey Connors, which was a very helpful start. As we left to go to the UN, we received a "Welcome to the UNCSW62 – A Snack just for you!" bag which was given to us by the National Episcopal Church Women Board. It included several snacks and useful purse-sized items.

From that point onward, our days were packed. We had choice of up to 40 sessions a day. Each session ran for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, and involved a completely new group of delegates each time. We were literally running from session to session just to get a seat. If one was not available, the



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next closest venue was chosen if that topic was still open to delegates. I usually attended 4-5 sessions each day, wrapping up around 8pm.

We regrouped each evening in the common room of the Hotel 50 Affini to discuss our day. Leah Chipepa was our writer for the week and Rachael Anderson took on that task until she arrived. This was Leah's fourth time attending the UNCSW so she was a great source of information and a talented writer for MU. The rest of us shared input from our day as, for the most part, we each attended different sessions.

We all had breakfast together on Friday, March 16th, saying goodbye to Beverly Jullien, who was flying back to England. Rachael also left us to spend time with her husband in New York. We finished the day by attending our final sessions.

Some of the sessions that I attended on behalf of all of you, my beloved MU Sisters in Christ, were:

1. Transformative Approaches to Achieve Women's Security at Scale: The Relation between Equal Land Rights & Women's Empowerment in Rural Africa;
2. Making the Case for a Legally Binding Treaty to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls; Dealing with Women's Strife;
3. Life as a Trafficked Woman: A Story Told (Mely Lenario);
4. Restored – What You Can Do to End Violence Against Women;
5. Ending Child Marriage (At Risk Adolescent Girls Aged 10-17);
6. National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO): Child Widows and

Young Widows;

7. Challenges of Women's Emancipation in Rural Areas: When the Culture is Violence;

8. Women in Building Sustainable Peace: Empowering Rural Women to Build Values of Peace Through Their Role in the Family;

9. Bending the Curve: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Trends We Aim to Change;

10. Rural Women Resisting Land Grabs in Uganda; Transformative Approaches to Achieve Women's Tenure Security at Scale: The Relation between Equal Land Rights and Women's Empowerment in Rural Africa.

We cannot resolve all the issues presented at UNCSW62, but we, as members of the Canadian Mothers' Union, can stand in solidarity by taking on at least one of their affirmative actions. I believe that our Parenting Program teaches the basics to positively empower men to take on their positions of responsibility in the home with their wives, their children, and their com-

munity, as God designed from the very beginning. Many countries are working with this approach to raise their little boys. Culture, civil and criminal law, tradition and various faith communities have wrenched men away from their abilities to be both real men and leaders. War steals men from their families often resulting in widows as young as 9 years old. Losing fathers and husbands leaves young women and children with no protection and nowhere to live. Civil war has turned many men into rebels without a conscience.

We need to be the voice of women living in rural areas. I believe each Canadian province may very well have had women attending these meetings who were from leadership positions in churches, unions, government, other NGOs, etc. We have to partner with them in order to make changes in Canada. Together, we can stand in solidarity with other women in the world, to show that we have indeed heard their voices.

I want to thank the Canadian MU, our Canadian Council, and the

Fredericton Diocesan MU Council for supporting me. Being chosen by the Worldwide Mothers' Union to attend UNCSW62 was an honour that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

God's word in Isaiah 54:10 (NIV): "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

This has meaning for all of us, especially for those women and girls who are waiting for someone to come "alongside" and be God's hands of compassion in this weary and broken world. That means you and me. We are stronger because we are standing together as Mothers' Union members. We are "Christians united in prayer, worship and service, to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children, and to help those whose family life has met with adversity". Let's get moving!

Shara Golden, Vice-President

Message from the Chaplain

As I sit here pondering my Ascension sermon, I am struck by the words we read in John 17:18, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them in the world". Once again we heard Jesus speak to Mary at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. He sends us into the world as a people of proclamation to "Go and Tell".

Jesus realizes his action of sending his followers into the world isn't the most inviting place to be. The world is full of temptation that will pull us from the truth and allow us to be swayed from the message to the more instant gratification that the world offers, which may not be lasting.

Yes, the world is a place of temptation and we can easily stray from the truth. He has not sent us here alone. In the message of Pentecost we hear the

promise of God sending us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us through the world's temptations, so we can be a people of proclamation.

We can succeed at navigating the world's temptations as we proclaim the Good News if we allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit. That seems to be the problem. To allow the Spirit to guide and direct us He calls us to surrender our own control of a situation. I know for myself I want to be in control; it is fine if the Spirit wants to come along for the journey, but I have it worked out, so hands off. Loren Mead,



the author of the book, "The Once and Further Church" says that God is right beside us, willing and ready to journey with us. All we have to do is ask, but we continue to work in "fix it" mode. The Spirit is with us. We need to allow the Spirit to work in us.

The conference this fall is themed "Our God is On the Move". We are people of proclamation. Jesus sent his disciples into the world that's not a thorn-free rose garden. We too are God's people on the move in that same rose garden. We face the same trials and temptations as our forbearers did. We need to ask ourselves how are we allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in this journey. We don't walk alone.

Blessings,
Canon Tom Stradwick



Hello Mothers' Union Canada!

Mother's Day has come and gone but I want to remind you that we have the Make a Mother's Day Campaign year round. You can forward the information to family members and they can use Canada Helps online to make their donation to any one of our great causes. It is a good way to give to family and friends when stuff is no longer needed.

I am feeling a theme as I write this while vacationing in Florida. My last message was written while on holiday at Christmas. The weather here in Florida has been wonderful and I can only hope that spring will arrive soon once I return to New Brunswick!

I made contact with Catherine who I met at the USA conference last summer. She had previously invited me to their Branch anniversary gathering. Catherine and Marsha travelled down to the beach where I am staying to visit me. We went out for a lovely lunch and they invited me to attend a sunrise Easter Service in the Tampa church where their Mothers' Union is active. My friend drove me to the service, which started at 6:30 am. The sermon was given by a visiting Bishop from the South Sudan. He spoke on the

stone which was rolled from the tomb and how God is able to move the stones in our lives. Good message to ponder.

Early in March I travelled to Thunder Bay and with Megan Torfé's help we conducted the MULO process at their branch meeting. We began the evening with supper and then moved into the program. They are a very busy group and are committed to supporting each other in their work for church and community. Hats off to Lynda Viau and her members!

You will be reading this message as we begin our Canadian summer. Traditionally this is a time for vacations and relaxation. The routine changes with groups taking a hiatus, people are off here and there, churches see new faces as visitors seek out other opportunities to worship in different places. Part of my vacation plan in Florida was to read a book by Peter Scazzero entitled "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality".

The chapter I just finished related to keeping the Sabbath. I always thought I had to be busy all the time. It sparked the idea for me that God meant for us to take time to enjoy his creation and this was not only limited to Sunday. Several professions require their employees to work on Sundays. The author stressed that you need to look for a day when you can take time to connect with God, give thanks for creation, and enjoy the hours to indulge in whatever speaks to

you. It might be taking time to read a book, watch a movie, or have a nap. It is interesting when you talk to someone who has been forced to slow down. They will often comment on how life still went on, things got done; God worked 6 days and rested on the 7th. God will not be upset about us practising what he called "good".

As you begin the summer season, maybe you can challenge yourself to keep the Sabbath. The author speaks about the rhythms in our life. Once you learn and practice a new rhythm for the Sabbath, you may be surprised at how you will feel rested and rejuvenated to continue with God's call to you.

This will be a new adventure for me but I can say through Lent I have tried to avoid the computer and texting on Sundays which I found to be quite freeing. I just need to figure out my rhythm and fine tune it.

The fall will be busy as Canadian Council plans for the Biennial Conference. The details can be found in this newsletter. Save the dates! The conference is planned for Friday, November 16 to Sunday, November 18.

I wish you all a wonderful summer season, enjoying your time of rest and rejuvenation!

*Affectionately,
Alice Kennedy, President*



Our Diocese of Fredericton spring rally was held April 21st in Sussex. The Cathedral branch created the "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps" banner which everyone signed. We were very pleased to be joined by 17 participants from the MULO meeting held earlier that week. (New Brunswick Anglican - Gisele McKnight Photo)

Branch Activities

MU in Thunder Bay Supports Family Giving Centre

*Submitted by Janis Barker
Family Giving Centre Coordinator
and Branch Treasurer of St. Thomas
and St. Paul's Mothers' Union*

The parish of St. Thomas in Thunder Bay has an amazing community outreach program called the Family Giving Centre (FGC). We began thirty years ago as a small food cupboard helping about twenty-five families in our neighbourhood. Bags of food were given out two Friday mornings each month.

In the past eight years, inspired by the increasing need in our community, we have changed and grown. Now we provide food twice each month to as many as 150 people, repre-

sending singles, couples, and families. To meet other needs of our clients we also have rooms of ladies', men's, and children's clothing, toys, two rooms of housewares, and pet supplies. Many of our clients are single older folks living in difficult circumstances and are too often lonely. A hot lunch is available to anyone wishing to stay and enjoy some good food and fellowship. This gives our clients an opportunity to visit with each other, chat with the volunteers or speak to our clergy. We have volunteers from

teenagers to those in their nineties and it takes at least 20 eager and willing people to help each time we are open.

There are so many tasks that need to be done before and during each food cupboard and a large number of these are handled by MU members. We help with sorting donations, office work including accounting and ordering groceries, preparing bags of food to be given out, re-bagging bulk food items, and shopping for food. We organize clothing rooms and the pet room.

Members make desserts and help serve the lunch.

Several times a year the FGC has fund raising events where most Mothers' Union members generously give their time to raise money and collect food donations.

The FGC is a parish mission that is strongly supported by our members and as the coordinator I can assure you that Mothers' Union is a necessary and integral part of the outreach work we do.



*L-R: Lynda Viau
and Megan Torfe.*

Fredericton's Christ Church Cathedral MU Student Outreach Project

Submitted by Bonnie Greenwood

Christ Church Cathedral branch in Fredericton, NB, initiated an outreach project to prepare and deliver small comfort bags to local university students who were preparing for their final exams in April. The concept was presented to branch members and the Cathedral congregation by branch leader, Diane Nash. Over 220 bags were assembled by many helpers. Accompanying the treats and home made cookies was a hand-written and decorated note with a message of encouragement to the recipient. Coordinated through the University of

New Brunswick chaplain, the bags disappeared in a flash and were well received. The students really appreciated these miniature care packages with their reminders of home.

With two university campuses within a stone's throw of our church, we plan to continue to expand this project in the fall when students are preparing for their Christmas exams.



*Packaging the cookies are left to right:
Joanne Barfitt and Rosa V. Macaulay
(New Brunswick Anglican - Gisele McKnight Photo)*

Canadian Mothers' Union Biennial Conference Villa Madonna Retreat House – November 16-18, 2018



Conference Agenda (Draft)

Friday, November 16, 2018

3:30 – 5:00 pm - Registration
 5:30 pm - SUPPER
 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Welcome and Opening Prayer
 Opening Remarks and Introductions:
 Canadian President, Alice Kennedy
 Opening Plenary Session: Canadian Vice-President, Shara Golden
 9:00 pm - Evening Prayers (casual): Bishop David Edwards

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 am - BREAKFAST
 9:00 am - Welcome for the Day
 9:10 – 10:30 am - Business Meeting
 10:30 – 10:45 am - Nutrition Break
 10:45 – 12:00 - Business Meeting continued
 12:00 – 1:30 pm - Noon Day Prayers & LUNCH
 1:30 – 2:45 pm - Workshops (2 simultaneous) – Leadership /NCFF
 2:45 – 3:00 pm - Nutrition Break
 3:00 – 4:15 pm - Workshops (2 simultaneous) – Leadership /NCFF
 4:15 – 5:30 pm - Free Time
 5:30 – 9:00 pm - Dinner and Fun Program
 Silent Auction (max \$20 value) and Mothers' Union Jeopardy Game

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:30 – 9:00 am - BREAKFAST
 10:00 am - Eucharistic Service:
 Canadian Chaplain, Tom Stradwick
 12:00 - Noon Day Prayers & LUNCH
 Farewells

(Shopping time to be incorporated during Saturday afternoon/evening.)



Villa Madonna Retreat House is located in Rothesay, New Brunswick. Nestled in 102 acres of rustic woodland on the shores of the beautiful Kennebecasis River, its location is just 10 minutes from the Saint John airport. Some of the many features our visitors enjoy:

- Single room accommodations
- Wheelchair accessibility
- Ample free parking
- Well-stocked library
- Wireless internet
- Elevator service

Guests enjoy the peace and quiet that surrounds them on the paths through the woodlands and along the river any time of year. Inside the building, visitors find casual, comfortable facilities that provide a relaxing environment in which to rest, reflect, and be renewed.





Canadian Mothers' Union Biennial Conference
 Villa Madonna Retreat - November 16-18, 2018



REGISTRATION FORM

*if not completing form electronically, please print clearly

PARICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Branch Name/Number (if known):

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Mailing address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Emergency Contact:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Arrival Date/Time:

Airline/Flight #

Airport

Departure Date/Time:

Airline/Flight#

Airport

If travelling by car, estimated time of arrival:

VOTING STATUS

I am a voting delegate

YES:

NO:

I will be the designate proxy for the following delegate:

Name:

Please remember to include the proxy form with your registration and carry a copy of the proxy with you to the general meeting. If you require a form, please contact Lilian Ketch at lilian.ketch@gnb.ca

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

I have the following medical concern:

I have the following food allergy:

Other information we should be made aware of:

NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A BANNER PARADE - DO NOT BRING YOUR BANNER

REGISTRATION FEES

OPTION A: **\$260** – Residential (Includes all conference sessions, meals and accommodation)

OPTION B: **\$150** – Non-Residential (Includes all conference sessions, meals only – NO accommodation)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Complete this form for EACH attendee and mail with full payment to:

Elaine Robichaud, Mothers' Union, Canadian Treasurer
 40 Bartlett Avenue, Hampton, NB E5N 5J1
 Email: eedashner@gmail.com Phone: 506-832-3346

- Accommodation will be reserved for voting delegates initially. All other MU members are welcome to register
- Email Confirmation will be sent to you once registration and payment has been received.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted By Elaine Robichaud, Treasurer

Canadian Mothers' Union Treasurer's Report April 7, 2018

Bank Balance		December 31, 2017		\$38,279.75
Activity		Cheques	Deposits	Balance
General Fund		0.00	0.00	
CC Expenses			0.00	
Dues2018		0.00	7,288.30	
Extra Newsletters			60.00	
Lady Day offering			319.00	
ACW Conference				
MU USA Conference				
Zone 2 Conference				
Travel Fund			641.50	
NCFF			265.00	
MAMD			30.00	
Northern Parenting			25.00	
Debbie Strickland (Project) Memorial Fund			0.00	
Parenting Program			0.00	
Literature			161.00	
Bank Fees		9.20		
Total Activity		9.20	8,789.80	\$8,780.60
Bank Balance				March 31, 2018
				\$47,060.35

The bank balance does not include the Sarah Marshall Trust Fund (NCFF) in the amount of \$4000.00.

Term deposit matures October 17, 2018. Interest rate 3.00%.

Number of paid up members for 2017: 536

Number of paid up members for 2018: 409

Allocation of Funds			Opening Balance	Closing Balance
General Fund			\$23,231.47	\$28,266.57
Dues to MSH - 26(2017)+409(2018) members x \$ 6			\$306.00	\$2,610.00
Travel Fund			\$1,420.95	\$2,062.45
NCFF			\$2,136.87	\$2,401.87
MAMD			\$505.00	\$535.00
MAMD Northern Parenting			\$8,325.20	\$8,350.20
Rev Debbie Strickland			\$1,055.00	\$1,055.00
Lady Day(Overseas fund)			\$242.85	\$561.85
Parenting			\$1,032.76	\$1,032.76
MSH			\$0.00	\$0.00
Literature			\$23.65	\$184.65
Balance as of March 31, 2017			\$38,279.75	\$47,060.35

Canada Hosts Second Zone B MULO A Meeting

MULO A - Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Acting

By Gisele McKnight

(Story reprinted and edited for length with permission from the New Brunswick Anglican, June 2018 edition.)

Thirty women from Zone B — South America, Central America, the Caribbean and North America — met at Villa Madonna in Rothesay, NB, April 17-20 to devise a plan for future growth.

Attending were MU representatives from Northern Argentina, Peru, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica & the Cayman Islands, Trinidad & Tobago, NECA (North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba), the Windward Islands, the United States and Canada. One member each from South Korea, Australia and Melanisia attended as observers. Canadians included MU members from the Diocese of Fredericton and the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. Two translators for the South American delegation also attended.

A vicious snow and freezing rain storm in Toronto prevented several delegates from arriving on time, but on arrival, each was comforted by a bag of handmade items, including gloves, touques and socks, plus snacks. As well, St. John the Baptist Church in Riverview kindly made a prayer shawl for each woman, and many delegates were seen

wearing them during the chilly week in Rothesay.

For the past several months, Zone B membership has been asking the MULO A questions with help from their churches and partners outside the church. "We held meetings in each area to ask people at the grassroots — church people, clergy, Mothers' Union members, men's guilds, the youth arm of the church and people in the wider community like school teachers," said Sheran Harper, a Zone B trustee who lives in Guyana.

"It went very well. In Guyana, the clergy were particularly interested," she said. In fact, their bishop was so impressed with the method that he has asked for the process to be rolled out in parishes so they can set up their own visioning framework. "He saw it as a way to strengthen parishes, increase growth in parishes," she said. "We got very excited when he said he'd like it in every parish."

During the Rothesay meeting, the goal was to share the answers to the MULO A questions as a way to better chart the course for the future. "This is a follow-up meeting to bring back all the information we've gotten from the last six months, sharing it and using it to move forward," said Kathleen Snow, a facilitator and trainer with MU who is also the parish nurse at Christ Church Cathedral.

"It's certainly covered with prayer, and many activities are biblically based."

Canadian (provincial) president Alice Kennedy (Parish of Hampton), was happy with the progress made during the week. "The process is a unique perspective on strategic planning," she said. "It combines your faith and listening to assess needs. It's forward-thinking and developed to meet the needs down the road and see how we are going to grow."

Alice found the whole process a bit overwhelming when MULO A was first introduced. "But because it's a worldwide movement, you hear the stories, and that energizes me," she said. "We live in a developed country. I have water every day. When I hear the stories of other women, I realize we could be doing more."

Kathleen was also pleased with the way the week went. "It's been amazing," she said. "One woman from Peru said this whole process has changed her life. It's given the women a voice, strength. We've had some really good stories. They're all women of deep faith."

Alice and Lilian Ketch organized the gathering, which ended a day before the annual MU rally on Saturday, April 21 in Sussex. Seventeen of the delegates attended, and between Hampton and Sussex, 17 billets were found to allow them to stay and enjoy the rally.

This is the third visit to Canada for Sheran Harper, of Guyana. She sums up her experiences here: "Canada Mothers' Union for me is a role model for other provinces. They share unselfishly; they use their professional skills from their jobs and bring it to Mothers' Union in such a way. One example that pops out for me is IT — the technology. Canadian Mothers' Union is way advanced in that area. Canadian Mothers' Union members have a way of sharing and treating their sisters from other countries in the same way they would like to be treated. Canada is an amazing place for me. I call this my home!"



Good-bye to our Mothers' Union Friend

Joan Isobel Tremayne (1922-2017)

Joan passed away peacefully in Vernon, BC at the age of 95. She was a long time member of the Canadian Mothers' Union and in recent years a Lone Member. As a young woman, Joan was actively involved with the Mothers' Union at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Montreal where she made many life long friends. She is survived by her daughters Mary and Buffy, her grandchildren Christine, Allison, Heather, and Sean,



and great grandchildren, Bethany and William. Joan was predeceased by her husband Bill (William) in 1995. Joan had a long and very interesting life. She was born in Aldershot, England. Because her father was in the British army and stationed overseas, she spent many years in British boarding schools. She was proud of her own service from 1940-1945 in WW2, as an officer in the Women's Royal Navy (Wrens), where she decoded submarine signals

and was stationed in Portsmouth and London. Looking for new adventures, she sailed on her own to Montreal, Quebec in 1948, where she worked, met and married her husband Bill in 1950. They raised their two daughters in Montreal, before she and Bill moved in 1973 to Victoria, BC where she continued to live for many years. Joan loved the outdoors, and was a passionate gardener, an early environmentalist, reader, incredible seamstress, and loved animals, especially dogs. Joan spent almost 4 years living in Vernon to be near her daughter, Mary.

Submitted by Sandra Jorgensen

The Back Page

We pray that our God will make us fit for what he's called us to be, that he'll fill our good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something. As our lives honour the name of Jesus, may he honour us, by his grace; our God giving himself freely, the Master, Jesus Christ, giving himself freely. Amen

*Prayer written by: Catherine Kyte
Mary Sumner House
Source: themothersunion.org*



We hope this prayer helps to encourage all of us as we embrace the positive change that the MULO process will bring to our branches. It is sometimes the simple projects and endeavours that enable us to reach out with God's message in our communities. The three core MULO questions will continue to guide us as we follow God's plan and let the Spirit direct us on the right path.

How has MULO helped your branch? What new initiatives are you planning? Keep those submissions coming to us. Remember, a picture is worth a thousand words!

God's Blessings to you all,
*Bonnie Greenwood and
Susan Colpitts-Judd, Co-Editors*

Please Support the Registered Charities of the Canadian MU

**Northern Clergy Families Fund
Make a Mother's Day Campaign
Worldwide Parenting Programme**

Visit The Canada Helps website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-mothers-union>

Payment is by credit card or PayPal and you can arrange to have a memorial e-card sent. Receipts will be issued for all donations made to these three registered charities.

If you prefer to send a cheque in the mail, please make it payable to the Canadian Mothers' Union and send it to our Canadian Council treasurer.

The deadline for the next issue is September 15, 2018.

Submissions are subject to editing and cropping, for space considerations.

**Questions, comments, or suggestions?
Please contact us.**

We would love to hear from you!

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www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities

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Canadian Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer 2018

	January	February	March	April	May	June
1-5	All Branch Chaplains	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. John the Evangelist Lower Sackville, NS	Canadian Mothers' Union Parenting Program Trainers and Facilitators	Diocese of Rupert's Land St. Stephen's Winnipeg, MB	Diocese of Fredericton St. Paul's Hampton, NB	All Canadian ACW Members
6-10	Canadian Historian Debbie Fice	Diocese of Fredericton St. Mary's, York Fredericton, NB	Canadian President Alice Kennedy	Canadian Past Presidents	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Parish of French Village Tantallon, NS	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Church of St. Andrew Cole Harbour, NS
11-15	Diocese of Ottawa St. Barnabas Deep River, ON	All Diocesan Members	Diocese of Fredericton Trinity Sussex, NB	Diocese of Niagara Church of the Nativity Hamilton, ON	Canadian Mothers' Union Parenting Program Participants	All Diocesan Councils
16-20	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Parish of Musquodoboit, NS	Diocese of Algoma St. Paul & St. Thomas Thunder Bay, ON	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Parish of Christ Church Shelburne, NS	World Wide President World Wide Council	Members in the Diocese of the Arctic	Diocese of Fredericton All Saints Marysville, NB
21-25	Canadian Secretary Deanna Morrison	Diocese of Montreal St. Paul's Montreal, PQ	Canadian Newsletter Editors Bonnie Greenwood Susan Colpitts-Judd	Canadian Conference Coordinator Lilian Ketch	Canadian Chaplain The Rev. Tom Stradwick	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Holy Trinity Liverpool, NS
26-31	Diocese of New Westminster St. Cuthbert's Delta, BC	All Lone Members	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. John's Halifax, NS	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. John the Baptist North Sydney, NS	Diocese of Fredericton St. Mary & St. Bartholomew Saint John, NB	Representative to the North Kathleen Snow
	July	August	September	October	November	December
1-5	Diocese of Niagara St. Alban the Martyr Glen Williams, ON	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. Luke's Dartmouth, NS	Diocese of Fredericton St. John the Baptist Riverview, NB	Canadian Parenting Program Coordinator Maxine Simpkin	All Provincial Presidents	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. All Saints Bedford, NS
6-10	Diocese of Fredericton Christ Church Cathedral Fredericton, NB	Diocese of Toronto All Saints Collingwood, ON	Canadian Lone Members' Coordinator Sandra Jorgensen	All Diocesan Presidents	Diocese of Niagara St. Matthew on the Plains Burlington, ON	Diocese of Rupert's Land St. James the Assiniboine Winnipeg, MB
11-15	Diocese of Calgary St. Stephen's Calgary, AB	Canadian Literature and Marketing Coordinator Ann Leland	All Branch Leaders	Canadian Treasurer Elaine Robichaud	All Branches in Abeyance	Diocese of British Columbia Holy Trinity Sooke, BC
16-20	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. John's Milton, PEI	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Church of the Holy Spirit Dartmouth, NS	All Diocesan Chaplains	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. James' Armdale, NS	Canadian Northern Clergy Families Fund Coordinator Ven. Sarah Usher	Diocese of Ottawa St. Mark's Ottawa, ON
21-25	Canadian Link Coordinator Ruth Corston	All Canadian Bishops	Diocese of British Columbia St. Peter's Quamichan, BC	Immediate Canadian Past President Margaret de Carvalho	All Diocesan Representatives	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. St. Francis by the Lakes Lower Sackville, NS
26-31	Diocese of Fredericton Parish of Richmond Richmond, NB	Canadian Vice President Shara Golden	Diocese of New Westminster St. James' Vancouver, BC	Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. Emmanuel Spryfield, NS	Staff of Mary Summer House	All Members Worldwide