



# Canadian MOTHERS' UNION National Newsletter

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



*By Susan Colpitts-Judd  
and Bonnie Greenwood*

The Canadian Mothers' Union Biennial Conference was held at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay, NB on November 16-18, 2018. Neither snow, nor ice pellets, nor freezing rain could keep all of the registered participants away! Some of us arrived a day early to get ahead of the storm and others arrived a day later in its aftermath. The snow on the tree branches on Saturday morning created a picture of a glistening winter wonderland. The grounds at the Villa Madonna are truly majestic in every season and it was the perfect venue for this gathering.

Our conference program on Friday evening was a moving presentation by VP Shara Golden on the topic of

gender-based violence, both around the world and here in Canada. The stories and statistics she shared with us were both disturbing and haunting.

UN Women reports that 4.5 million people worldwide are victims of forced sexual exploitation and that 98% of these are women. More than 700 million women alive in the world today were married as children. The organization USAID states that 60 million girls are sexually assaulted at or on their way to school each year. According to the Family Violence Prevention Fund, growing up in a violent home may be a terrifying and traumatic experience that can affect every aspect of a child's life,

growth and development; the result may be post-traumatic stress disorder which may include bed-wetting or ongoing nightmares. Women who experience physical abuse as children are at a much greater risk of victimization as adults and men in this situation have a far greater (2x+) likelihood of perpetrating abuse themselves.

The United Nations 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign that takes place each year from November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until December 10 (International Human Rights Day). Throughout the campaign, Mothers' Union members join with others globally to



raise awareness of, and to advocate for an end to, gender-based violence in all forms and in all societies.

At the conclusion of Shara's presentation, members were asked to write a prayer on a small note to attach to the Prayer Tree in the Chapel that was aglow with white mini-lights. Bishop David Edwards then led us in the service of Compline and we were all very pleased that he could join us.

On Saturday morning, President Alice Kennedy got the business meeting underway with a firm smack of the gavel. After efficiently dealing with the items on the agenda, we divided into four small groups to discuss the assigned topics which concerned our Newsletter, Website, and inclusion of Lone Members.

Our Saturday afternoon program featured two presentations. One speaker was the Venerable Sarah Usher from Whitehorse, Yukon, who is the co-ordinator of the Northern Clergy Families Fund. She spoke of life in the north, which included the hardships of the cold, the expense of goods from the south, and the loneliness that someone who counsels others must endure. She explained the mandate of the Council of the North and the many challenges it faces. She told us that closing churches was not a viable option for the north, as so much of the work that clergy does is outside church walls and is the result of trusting community relationships. She also shared many humorous stories of everyday life growing up in Teslin and



*L to R: Leonard Usher, Venerable Sarah Usher, Bishop David Edwards, and Shara Golden*



*Singing the theme song, 'God is on the Move'*

her love for that community where she and her husband plan to retire.

Our second presenter was Shawn Branch, Parish Development Officer for the Diocese of Fredericton, who spoke to us about Christian leadership both inside and outside the Church community. His interactive delivery of valuable tips and observations was conveyed with great talent and wit and gave us all food for thought.

A Silent Auction was held on Saturday evening, which was a fundraiser for the Mothers' Union Travel Fund.

This was followed by a rousing game of Mothers' Union Jeopardy. With a bag of prizes on the line for the winning team, the competitive spirit of the four teams was out in full force and the game was a big hit.

The conference closed on Sunday with a Eucharistic Service led by our Canadian Mothers' Union Chaplain, Canon Tom Stradwick. Continuing on the "getting out of the boat" theme which we first heard in his message to us at the Canadian Council installation in Riverview, NB in May of 2017, Canon Tom again extended the challenge to us, reminding us that we are called to get out of the boat, be on the water, take risks, and venture out to share God's message with the wider world. This supported our conference theme which was "Our God is on the Move". The offering at our closing service was in support of the Northern Clergy Families Fund.

Our next gathering for Canadian Mothers' Union members Canada-wide will be our National Conference which is slated to be held in Fredericton, NB in the spring of 2020.



*Past Presidents in attendance: Left to right: Margaret De Carvalho (2013-2016), Celia Dodds (2009-2012), Kathleen Snow (2005-2008), Ethel Nelson (1997-2000), Ginny McEwen (1989-1992)*



## Niagara Quiet Day held at Crieff Hills, Puslinch, ON on Oct. 13, 2018

*Submitted by Laurie Kondo,  
Lone Member, Niagara*

Our theme this year was "The Domestic Church: Finding a Home for Faith". The Reverend Aaron Orear led the morning and afternoon sessions as we were introduced to this movement. Quoting from his theme for the day, "Parents' first duty is to evangelize their children, and the faith is to be lived daily rather than left for Sunday morning". I would like to share my reflections from the day.

We expanded on our theme from last year, "Intimate Questions of Christ - Who do You Say I Am?" to examine ways to share our faith and spread the word among our family members. Some of us have experience with "My kids don't go to church"; "My grandchildren are not baptized"; "Christmas is no longer about Christ in my family". We care deeply about this pattern because our faith is important in our lives.

We live in a "new" world, which means that it is not enough to build the church and hope that people will come. Regular church attendees are often seeking a truth and depth of spiritual experience beyond corporate prayer. It is not just a smaller congregation, but one that may be viewed as "old world" with traditional beliefs surrounding marriage, sexuality, and women's roles. Anyone in MU would know how false these assumptions are regarding our Anglican faith. Because of this, the family may be the most critical ground for evangelism and our first circle of influence for sharing our faith. Domestic Church makes the family a spiritual reality, which builds on the Nativity family relationship and incorporates the values of the Trinity. Unjealous love that is shared within a unit of family members makes the home a sacred space.

So, how do we create daily rituals that are part of our regular family life yet introduce spiritual experiences that



become daily opportunities to evangelize our family? Once engaged in regular and ongoing traditions, the hope is that the light of Christ seeps into family life.

1. *The Home as a Sacred Space:* Does your home feel like a holy place? Are there signs and signals in your home that shows it to be a place of prayer? Is there a defined space for contemplation and conversation with God? Are these spaces as much a part of family life as the TV room, games room, kitchen, and family room? How do you create a sacred space that is comfortable for all family members, whether they use or value the space or not? What items do you need to make a place sacred (candles, cross, Bible, prayer book)? What items can be "spread" around the home to make faith more entrenched in your daily life (holy pictures, dream catchers, cross, prayer box)? How do you convert a space for daily living to a sacred space that allows multiple uses? Father Aaron was certainly successful in opening our minds to this concept!

2. *Sacred Time:* Set aside a sacred time on a daily basis within your home. In the same way that we practice our traditional church faith in a regular, timed observance, we need to establish a sacred, regular time for Christ within our homes. Yes, many of us take time to say our daily

prayers, MU wave of prayer, and grace before our meals, but how do we establish a regular, sacred time at home? Consider using the daily offices from our prayer book at home (morning prayer for those with choir voices, noon prayers, evening prayers) or it could be as simple as saying the Lord's Prayer, our MU prayer or using the prayer resources from the MU prayer books or website. Of course, this led to a spirited discussion from those who are disciplined in their prayer life on a daily basis to those of us who resist the discipline (rule breakers or resisters) who just talk to God everywhere. The wonder of MU is that members have been inspired by both practices. We are very grateful for the MU belief in prayer, which has allowed some of us to really learn how to talk to the Lord.

Remember, it is not about the rituals (finger labyrinths, cross, lighted candles, rosary) or the pattern of observance and discipline, but rather your commitment to spending time to develop a more intimate relationship with your Lord that becomes the foundation to build a sacred space within the family home.

Thanks to Father Aaron who continues to challenge us and open our minds to new ways to explore our relationship with Christ within our families. Thanks be to God.



# Hello Mothers' Union Canada!

Greetings to everyone from Prince Edward Island!

I am on the Island, attending the National ACW conference. This is my first experience with the National ACW. It has been a great week! I was happy to see Mothers' Union Past President Ethel Nelson at this meeting. I have had a chance to discuss the differences between the two organizations with her.

We are thrilled that Sheran Harper from Guyana has been elected as our next Worldwide President! I am also very pleased to announce that Kathleen Snow has been successful in her bid to become the next Zone B Trustee. Kathleen will represent Canada, USA, West Indies, Argentina, and Peru at the worldwide meetings. Congratulations Kathleen!

The Zone B gathering seems like forever ago but I still receive updates and phone calls from the people I met during our meetings. Technology has made staying in touch much easier. We have a Facebook page for the Zone Presidents and Sheran (our outgoing Zone B Trustee) keeps us updated on the activity in England.

I am happy to report that a new branch was installed and its members were enrolled on September 30th by Celia Dodds in the Diocese of New Westminster. Celia reports on the event on page 6 in this issue.

While in PEI at the ACW conference I visited the Mothers' Union Branch in

Milton. I took some wrong turns but was only a few minutes late. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. I'm not sure how they felt about it, as we just kept talking and talking! Fair warning I guess to any branches I may visit in the future.

I travelled to the Halifax area at the end of October to attend their annual fall Rally. The guest speaker was our Vice President, Shara Golden, who spoke about her trip to the UN in March, 2018.

The Biennial has just finished and we had a lovely gathering. There were 45 delegates! The weekend was a time of rest, work, and spirituality. We started with a snow storm which caused a change in plans. The Villa Madonna opened its doors for us a day early. Many guests arrived on Thursday evening which meant a snow day for them on Friday! The remaining delegates arrived on Friday in the snow and 4 arrived Saturday morning. The Bishop of Fredericton, the Very Reverend David Edwards, was able to be with us even though he had recently lost his wife to cancer. I will speak about the business meeting in the next issue of this Newsletter. Saturday ended with a lively game of Mothers' Union Jeopardy! At our Sunday morning Eucharist Service, our Chaplain Canon Tom, gave us more to ponder when he addressed our theme, Our God is on the Move.

For those Branch Leaders not at the Biennial, I extend Christmas Greetings as I will not be sending cards out this year. Between the postal strike and finances, I felt this was good stewardship of our monies.

The theme for 2019 is "Listen, observe, act – in step with God" and has been shared with the Branch Leaders. This follows the MULO A process that we have been talking about and which most branches are embracing. Is it now appropriate for your branch to review initiatives that may not be relevant in these changing times?

We are moving into Advent and Christmas. We have lovely Christmas cards in stock if you would like something with the Mothers' Union logo on it to send to that special person or perhaps an agenda to track all those appointments. Contact Ann Leland for details on products for Christmas and the New Year.

Ready, Set, Go... Soon out with the old year and in with the new... my personal mantra is: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. I invite you all to ask me how well it has served me the next time we meet!

*Affectionately,  
Alice Kennedy, President*





## "God is on the Move" with the Mothers' Union Parenting Program

*Submitted by Kathleen Snow,  
Representative to the North*

"God is on the Move" was the theme of our Mothers' Union Biennial Conference in November, and He is on the move with the Mothers' Union Parenting Program. Plans are underway to hold a training course for facilitators for the Parenting Program in the diocese of Moosonee. Initially we held conversations about establishing the program in the diocese of the Arctic, and later in the diocese of the Yukon, but these plans did not come to fruition.

More recently with the able assistance of Ruth Corston, I was invited by retired Bishop Tom Corston to attend the diocese of Moosonee's Clericus Conference to share information about the Parenting Program. I attended the week-long meeting September 11-14, 2018 in Timmins, Ontario and met over

30 lay and clergy. Half of those attending were of the Indigenous population and residential school survivors, living on reserves in the diocese in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec surrounding James Bay.

I heard many stories and shared much during the week. Bishop Mark MacDonald (Indigenous Bishop of the North) spoke to us about the Sacred Circle, discipleship and self-determination. He shared with us that God is calling people to a spiritual movement and that we are on the cutting edge of this movement. He spoke about God having a plan, God being present in creation, and that the Word of God is always trying to become flesh.

Bishop Anne Germond of the diocese of Algoma spoke on the theme of the conference "Go Therefore and Make Disciples". Anne has since been made the Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ontario and is now an Archbishop. She shared with us the two demands Jesus made of us – to 'go and make disciples of all nations'; and to 'remember that I am with you until the end of the age.' Anne posed two questions for us – what does this mean for me as a disciple of Jesus, and what does it mean for us as leaders in the church? She stressed that Jesus doesn't send us

out without being fully equipped.

Dell Bornowsky from the diocese of Qu'Appelle was our chaplain for the week and led us daily in our Bible studies. He spoke to us about forgiveness. He shared that forgiveness is a freely made decision that "you don't owe me". He spoke about apology being different from forgiveness and that we need to ask for forgiveness, not just say that we are sorry.

Norm Wesley, an Anglican priest and member of the Cree people from Moose Factory stated, "We have to peel away the layers bit by bit, one layer at a time, of the hurt and betrayal of residential schools. It is like peeling an onion. At the heart of it is the love of God. The only other thing we have going for us is forgiveness".

I have many, many other stories from these amazing people of God. They are a wounded people – our ancestors have wounded them. But they are strong in their faith and their culture. We do not need to carry them. They are strong. They are capable of finding their way. They already have a way.

I shared the work of the Mothers' Union Parenting Program with the attendees, explaining the Parenting Course for facilitators, and the Parents



*Leading the Evening Worship,  
left to right: Deacons George  
Matoush and Agnes Flam.*



*Reverend Norm Wesley  
presenting a gift to Kathleen.*



*National Indigenous  
Bishop, Mark  
MacDonald, speaking  
on reconciliation.*



*The ladies hamming it up! Left to right: Rev. Catherine Murkin (Kirkland Lake, ON); Deacon Grace Delaney (Moose Factory, ON); (sitting) Deacon Marion Maybee (Moose Factory, ON); Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario; Kathleen Snow; Ruth Corston; and Deacon Agnes Flam (East Main, QC)*

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Supporting Parents Program. There was enthusiasm to move forward, and much interest in running the course.

Tentative plans have been established to hold the facilitator training course in Moose Factory, Ontario in the spring or summer of 2019 with 5 or 6 teams of two people from different communities in the diocese. The teams would

be trained for 4-5 days by Regional Trainers for the worldwide Parenting Program (Lena Edmondson from Guyana and Kathleen Snow from Canada) and then return to their communities to facilitate the Parents Supporting Parents Program. They will make the program their own, to suit the needs of their communities.

It was an honour and a blessing to meet with the clergy of the diocese and to share in the work of Mothers' Union and the Parenting Program. It has taken many years, and much prayer to reach this point for The Canadian Mothers' Union. I must remind myself that it is in His time and in His place - God is never in a hurry, but He is always on time.

## New Branch Installed in the Diocese of New Westminster

*By Celia Dodds, Area Representative, Diocese of New Westminster*

The Mothers' Union members in the Diocese of New Westminster were excited to install a new branch on Sunday, September 30th, at St. Mary the Virgin South Hill Anglican Church in Vancouver. This was a momentous occasion for us, as in all the 42 years I have been a member, and despite the numerous occasions that I have talked to groups in various churches, we had not been successful in opening a new branch in our diocese. We hope that this will not be our last.

In March 2018, Linda Adams and I visited the church and talked to a group of ladies after their church service about Mothers' Union. We discovered we knew a few of them who had attended our church, St. James', many years ago. They made us very welcome and we shared their potluck lunch. The parishioners are mostly Filipino as is their priest, Fr. Expedito Farinas, who was very keen to start a ladies' group in the church. They were impressed with the information and the video we showed about Global MU. After a few weeks Fr. Expedito informed us that they would like to go ahead and start a new branch with fourteen members and that they had already appointed their executive officers.

A second meeting was set up for July 15 after Mass and three members of St. James' branch attended. I ran a typical Mothers' Union meeting, including a worship service, a business meeting



with a printed agenda and a program, which was an open discussion and question-and-answer period. I gave an overview of the Aims and Objects and the hierarchy of the elected positions worldwide and at the provincial level. The date of the installment was planned for Sunday, September 9th, when the Archbishop was to attend the morning service. Since I was on vacation in Scotland at that time I arranged for the MU Diocesan Chaplain, Rev. Christine Rowe, to assist the Archbishop, and in the meantime went ahead and ordered membership cards and pins.

As it turned out, the Archbishop preferred that the installation not take place during her annual visit to St. Mary's, so the date was postponed until Sunday, September 30th. By that time also, the number of new members had

risen to 21, so more cards and pins had to be ordered. Five members of our branch were able to attend the event. The church was full of flower arrangements and we took along our banner for display. Rev. Christine Rowe preached the sermon, sharing three stories about work undertaken by Worldwide Mothers' Union. Using the Membership Service, I admitted all the members except four absentees. The four elected officers were commissioned by the Rev. Christine Rowe. They are: Grefa Pinera (Branch Leader), Felly Farinas (Vice-Branch Leader), Cris Ticad (Branch Secretary), Mildred Colobong (Branch Treasurer). After group photographs were taken, the Mass continued and a delicious potluck lunch followed. Their first meeting will probably take place in November.



## Good-bye to our Mothers' Union Friends

*Submitted by Deanna Morrison*

### Darlene Elaine Losier (1946-2018)

Darlene passed away at the Church of St. John and St. Stephen Home in Saint John, NB, surrounded by loved ones on August 22, 2018.

She was a long-time and dedicated member of the former St. George's Anglican Church in West Saint John, having served in various capacities such as Vestry Member, Sunday School teacher, Mothers' Union member since 2001 (including some time as Branch Leader) and Layreader since 2009. She was also a Cursillo participant (Cursillista) and a Women's Institute member.

A giving and caring person, Darlene volunteered at George's Café (a community supper her church provided on Sundays) and at the Westside Food Bank, where she was a board member and host to food bank recipients, who came to her church for vouchers and drives to the food bank.

Darlene loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She was



loyal to her friends and had compassion for those who needed help or a listening ear. When she committed to something she was "all in". She didn't hesitate to speak up for what was right and just, and was passionate in her beliefs. She loved Christian music, especially "The Gathers" and "The Partons". She is dearly missed by family and friends.

### Elizabeth (Betty) Brittain (1944-2018)

Betty passed away at the Carleton- Kirk Lodge, Saint John, NB on October 5, 2018 after a long period of failing health.

I first met Betty when a mutual friend brought her to a Mothers' Union branch meeting at St. George's Church, Parish of Carleton,



Saint John and she and I became fast friends. I stood as one of her baptism sponsors not long before her September 21, 1997 enrolment as a Mothers' Union member. She attended meetings and participated in our activities and events for a short time until she became too sick to do so.

Her cats JB, Mitts, and Babe provided great company to her. She loved books and reading, and for a few years she volunteered at the annual Saint John Public Library book sale.

Widowed at a young age, with three sons age 7 and under, her life was not without its struggles. Her children were grown when I met her, and I came to learn about them through her.

She made sure that her adult children knew that she loved them and gave them encouragement and support whenever she could.

Her three sons, John, Bradley and Randy, each spoke at her funeral, and her influence on their lives and their love for her was evident.

I found Betty to be a loyal friend and my times spent with her were always meaningful. She will be missed by all who knew her.

## Why Our Travel Fund Matters

*Submitted by Ethel Nelson*

At all Mothers' Union levels, there is a necessity to have a travel fund. This allows the Branch Leader, Diocesan President, or Canadian President (or their designates) to attend special meetings and conferences. A yearly fund-raising project for this purpose can be organized.

When branches collect travel funds, they are asked to send a portion to their

Diocesan Councils who then forward a portion to the Canadian Council. Maintaining travel funds on the national level is most important as it allows the Canadian President to travel to meetings to represent all the members of the Canadian Mothers' Union. All members should support this fund. (This is addressed in the Canadian Mothers' Union Membership Handbook on page 24).

It is really important that Alice Kennedy, our Canadian President,

knows that she has our support to make these journeys on our behalf. It's not all work, but lots of work gets done at the Mothers' Union Worldwide Presidents' Conference, the Anglican Church Women's Annual Conference and the Episcopal Church Women's Triennial Conference. This gives her the opportunity to do networking, to meet people who have the same desire for Christian service to others, and to learn new ways to carry out our mission statement.

# Treasurer's Report

Submitted By Elaine Robichaud, Treasurer

## Canadian Mothers' Union Treasurers Report November 17, 2018

<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>August 31, 2018</b>	<b>45,207.47</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cheques</b>	<b>Deposits</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	154.01	
<b>CC Expenses</b>	80.00	
Dues 2018		
Extra Newsletters		
<b>Lady Day offering</b>		
ACW Conference	545.30	
<b>MU USA Conference</b>		
<b>Zone 2 Conference</b>		
<b>Travel Fund</b>		310.00
NCFF		100.00
<b>Sarah Marshall Fund</b>		4,637.10
MAMD		510.00
Northern Parenting	628.81	295.00
Debbie Strickland (Project) Memorial Fund		50.00
Parenting Program		118.00
Literature	144.78	116.00
Biennial conference	780.00	8,730.00
Bank Fees	9.80	
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>2,342.70</b>	<b>14,866.10</b>
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>October 31, 2018</b>	<b>\$57,730.87</b>

The bank balance includes the Sarah Marshall Trust Fund (NCFF) in the amount of \$4000.00.

Term deposit matured October 17, 2018. Deposit \$4637.10.

Number of paid up members for 2017: 536

Number of paid up members for 2018: 530

<b>Allocation of Funds</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
General Fund	\$24,298.12	\$23,509.01
Dues to MSH - 2 (2017)+530(2018) members x \$ 6	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel Fund	\$2,651.00	\$2,961.00
NCFF	\$2,769.87	\$2,869.87
Sarah Marshall Trust fund	\$0.00	\$4,637.10
MAMD	\$0.00	\$510.00
MAMD Northern Parenting	\$8,575.20	\$8,241.39
Rev Debbie Strickland	\$1,205.00	\$1,255.00
Lady Day (Overseas fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parenting	\$1,032.76	\$1,150.76
Biennial	\$0.00	\$7,950.00
Literature	\$4,675.52	\$4,646.74
Balance as of October 31, 2018	<b>\$45,207.47</b>	<b>\$57,730.87</b>



## Message from the Chaplain

I would like to share the highlights of my sermon from the Biennial Conference Sunday morning Eucharist Service on November 18th. As you know, our conference theme was "Our God is on the Move". My first thought about the theme was "Yes, that's true, but how"? As our Saturday morning session started, I began to contemplate an image that would reflect our theme.

I heard and can envision a guy skateboarding through the world spreading the good news. This clearly shows God taking the world by surprise, so things are happening. To be honest, this kind of action is what has the most curb appeal for today's young people. In my own family, this is the reason I am given about why my children connect with church families other than the Anglican Church. I am not convinced things are happening there, but they think that they are.

There are many different images that depict God on the move. Yes, the guy on the skateboard is a vivid one, but

so is the picture of one person coming alongside another as a loving, compassionate friend showing the love of Christ through a hard time in the life journey of another.

To allow God to be on the move, we have to be open to allow God to work in us. This may change how we view the world.

In Mark 13: 1-8 when the disciples admire the great stone building in Jerusalem, Jesus said not one stone will be left upon another. He takes the focus from the building to the people. God moves through people, not buildings.

A couple of years ago my home parish made the difficult decision to



close. Over its more than 125 years of history, God moved through the people there sharing the Gospel. This decision didn't stifle God's movement, but rather was meant to move the people forward. Parish dynamics were such that they had to close the building to keep God moving.

We may not be able to solve all the world's problems, but we can play a role in helping. As Shara Golden said in her presentation to us on Gender-Based Violence at the Biennial Conference, we may not be able to clean the whole elephant of violence against women, but we can start doing our part by cleaning the elephant's toenail.

The point that needs to be made is that there are many images of God on the move. The important element is that God can't move if we don't move. We are God's hands and feet here on earth.

How are you moving?

Blessings,

*Canon Tom Stradwick*

## Branch Activities: Paint Night in Thunder Bay

*By Lynda Viau, Branch Leader*

In Thunder Bay, the Mothers' Union members of St. Paul's & St. Thomas enjoyed a Paint Night. Thirteen ladies braved the cold evening and learned step-by-step how to reproduce a watercolor painting from the amazing Kathy Toivonen.

We had a wonderful night which included appetizers and non-alcoholic Chardonnay. It is amazing how we all received the same instructions and yet our results were so different.

We are eagerly anticipating a repeat of this activity again next year.



## Make a Mother's Day Campaign

*Submitted by Ethel Nelson*

One of the cards in the Make a Mother's Day Campaign (MAMD) supports the Rev. Debbie Strickland Memorial Fund. The Rev. Debbie Strickland was a member of the North Sydney branch of the Canadian Mothers' Union for 22 years. In 2012, Debbie offered to take on the role of Conference Coordinator for the 2013-2016 term of Canadian Council. As part of her vision for the future of Mothers' Union, she challenged each branch to begin a new, or expand on an already existing, outreach project in their community.

Debbie was a woman of faith and answered a call to the ordained ministry. She was ordained in 2011 and served as an associate priest in the parish of St. John the Baptist Church, North Sydney, NS. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, her death occurred just a few weeks after she attended a Canadian Council meeting on Skype in February, 2016. The Mothers' Union members at Emmanuel Church, Spryfield, Debbie's former branch, wanted to send a \$50 Make a Mother's Day (MAMD) sympathy card to the branch at North Sydney – from her former branch, where she had been a member for 10 years, to her current branch. There wasn't a card for that amount, so Ethel Nelson, who designs the MAMD cards for Canada, decided to create a card recognizing Debbie's idea for outreach projects. The money from this card goes to the Rev. Debbie Strickland Memorial Fund. Now

there is a sufficient amount in the fund, so branches are able to apply for a grant (maximum \$150) to be used to start an outreach project that will be ongoing. For example, funds could be used to buy some books, crayons, etc. to set up a Mom and Tot Program in your neighbourhood, or to purchase gardening supplies to start a Community Garden. Just describe your proposed project and how you will use the money. Send that to Elaine Robichaud, our Canadian Treasurer, at [eedashner@gmail.com](mailto:eedashner@gmail.com) or by mail at 40 Bartlett Ave., Hampton, NB E5N 5J1 and the committee will review your proposal.

You don't need to buy a MAMD card to contribute to the fund. Tax receipts will be given for donations of any amount. This fund will be managed by the Canadian Treasurer.

### Support our Canadian MU Registered Charities

**Northern Clergy Families Fund**  
**Make a Mother's Day Campaign**  
**Worldwide Parenting Programme**  
 Visit The Canada Helps website:  
[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/canadian-mothers-union](http://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. 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 Back Page

### Listen, observe, act – in step with God

**Sourced from [themothersunion.org](http://themothersunion.org):**

*"2019 is a year of new beginnings for Mothers' Union, with the start of the next triennium, many new officers appointed at all levels of service and updated constitution and structures. It is also the year which sees the coming together of our global conversations to prayerfully inform our way forward as a movement. As we gain clarity about our God-given purpose and direction in both local and global context we will be energized and inspired for what lies ahead. As the future unfolds we will continue to listen and observe in order to act with insight and integrity; neither running ahead nor lagging behind, but always in step with God."*

For some of us, making a list of New Year's resolutions can often result in disappointment. 'To listen and observe in order to act with insight and integrity' seems like wonderful and encouraging advice for the beginning of a new year. 'Neither running ahead nor lagging behind, but always in step with God' is a great reminder to live in the moment, to be thankful and to give our worries and concerns over to the Lord.

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

### The deadline for the next issue is March 15, 2019.

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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# Canadian Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer 2018 - 2019

	January	February	March	April	May	June
1-5	All Branch Chaplains	Diocese of NS and PEI 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 NS and PEI Parish of French Village Tantallon, NS	Diocese of NS and PEI 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 NS and PEI Parish of Musquodoboit, NS	Diocese of Algoma St. Paul & St. Thomas Thunder Bay, ON	Diocese of NS and PEI 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 Lillian Ketch	Canadian Chaplain The Rev. Tom Stradwick	Diocese of NS and PEI Holy Trinity Liverpool, NS
26-31	Diocese of New Westminster St. Cuthbert's Delta, BC	All Lone Members	Diocese of NS and PEI St. John's Halifax, NS	Diocese of NS and PEI St. John the Baptist North Sydney, NS	Diocese of Fredericton St. Mary & St. Bartholomew Saint John, NB	Representative to the North Kathleen Snow
	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
1-5	Diocese of Niagara St. Alban the Martyr Glen Williams, ON	Diocese of NS and PEI 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 NS and PEI 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 NS and PEI St. John's Milton, PEI	Diocese of NS and PEI Church of the Holy Spirit Dartmouth, NS	All Diocesan Chaplains	Diocese of NS and PEI 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 NS and PEI 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 NS and PEI Emmanuel Spryfield, NS	Staff of Mary Summer House	All Members Worldwide