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Canadian MU Voices That We Have Never Heard

By Kathleen Snow
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"Voices that we have never heard." This comment was made to me by Catherine Le Tissier, a Provincial President in the Mothers' Union movement from Northern Argentina. We were discussing the voices of Mothers' Union members and the impact that our four million members have made in their communities in 84 countries worldwide.

Like many organizations impacted by this pandemic, Mothers' Union Central Charity is at risk of closure due to the lockdown in the UK and around the world. The movement is fully funded by donations/dues submitted by members worldwide, by the renting of our headquarters in central London, by the online retail operations and lastly by running campaigns and conferences.

An urgent appeal was sent out to members in early April informing all that if income was not forthcoming the movement very likely would not continue to be coordinated and exist beyond this month. As a charity, Mothers' Union keeps only enough funds to exist for a defined period. All reserves are put back into the grassroots project work around the world supporting families and children. I am pleased to say that over £872,060 has been raised to date. We are continuing to cut costs as we are able and have been taking advantage of the furlough scheme which, like



Canada, the UK government has put into place to support businesses and charities.

There is much more work to be done, and we are certainly not out of the woods yet; our members are supporting the movement to the best of their ability, and for that we are truly grateful.

I asked several of our members here in Canada for their comments – "voices" on what the Worldwide Mothers' Union has meant to them:

Ginny McEwen - Past Canadian Provincial President (Diocese of Fredericton)

It has been through attending worldwide meetings over the years that I came to understand that MU members have many serious challenges, such as armed conflict, poverty, lack of education, etc. These challenges make life very difficult. We as a society can and should help. We

need to step up. The need is great - we can do this.

Alice Kennedy - Canadian Provincial President (Diocese of Fredericton)

Mothers' Union for me is my model of what I strive to be. I have been fortunate to attend several worldwide gatherings over the 30 years since I joined. I have met people from around

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the world, listened to their stories, and prayed with them. I have become the person I am with the help of Mothers' Union.

I appreciate my country and way of life so much more after listening to stories from Mothers' Union members from other countries. I have never heard of anyone starving to death in Canada because of no food but this happens daily in some countries. Canadians do not condone tribal practices that harm humans; we do not live with bombs exploding every day. Hearing these stories changes how you see the world and what Mothers' Union is doing to help. I am so very proud to be part of this amazing movement!

Lilian Ketch - National Conference Coordinator, Previous Diocesan President (Diocese of Fredericton)

My journey to Africa in January 2020 was instrumental in helping me to recognize all that Mothers' Union, through its members and supporters, does to care for families both locally and globally, and to be able to promote the outreach of Mothers' Union throughout the world.

Many social issues exist as well throughout the developed world; support is also needed in these areas. I believe the resources are even more severely lacking in the underdeveloped countries. The work of the Mothers' Union globally through their development program is the priority to follow the mission and vision of Mary Sumner.

The connections made with other women with the same vision is what strengthens me personally and allows me to move forward in my day-to-day life. God was calling me to see my family.

Joanne Ham – Diocesan President (Diocese of Fredericton)

In the dozen or so years that I have been part of the Mothers' Union I have been consistently dazzled by its members, mindset and mission. As I have met and talked with members from around the world, I feel that we are united in common causes and concerns, that we can each play a role in Mothers' Union initiatives around the world, from promoting literacy, safety and education in families, emergency assistance or fellowship between Mothers' Union friends. What a wonderful honour to be part of something such as this!

Ethel Nelson – Past Canadian Provincial President, Past Member of Worldwide Faith & Policy Committee (Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI)

When I was Canadian President, I had the privilege of meeting the Provincial Presidents from 30 other countries and hearing their stories. I always felt humbled by the amount of work they were able to accomplish with their Mothers' Union members.

One woman, a Bishop's wife, had to get out of her home when he died. While she was in England she was buying tomato seeds to take home to grow so she could make some money to support herself. There was no pension for her. Another was raising 4 grandchildren and 2 others who had been orphaned in the community. When asked by a neighbour why she would do that she said, "Why wouldn't I do that?"

Most of them live with far fewer advantages than we have in Canada, but they make the most of everything they have, and they share with those who have less. With a \$50 microloan, they can start a business, earn money to send their children to school, even hire a neighbour to work in the business and still pay back the loan. Others need training so they can teach Literacy, Parenting, or Family Life Programs. When they prosper the whole community prospers. They depend on Mary Sumner House and the central work done there to provide the start-up money for this work.

Mary Stone – Diocesan President (Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI)

I had been using the worldwide MU website for several years to establish focus and leadership for me and for our branch. Then the privilege of being able to attend the MULOA conference was presented. To experience this wider connection with MU members from other parts of the world gave me insight into our reach, fellowship, and common issues. I received strength of purpose from this encounter, especially the focus of following in Mary Sumner's footsteps.

The worldwide organization is never ending in lending support through prayers, themes, projects, videos, etc. With the internet we are so much closer than we have been before.

Shara Golden – Past and Present Provincial Vice President (Diocese of Fredericton)

As a result of my visit to the CSW62, I came to understand that Mothers' Union is an important tool for the Anglican Church of Canada to minister to families, the marginalized, the downtrodden and the forgotten people living in our country.

I came to realize that Worldwide Mothers' Union has a place at the United Nations and is welcomed to make a report at each session. Mothers' Union works very hard to increase the value of women in the family where there is so much inequality due to tradition, religion, and customs all over the world. Mothers' Union works to lift them out of obscurity.

Celia Dodds – Past Provincial President, Worldwide Parenting Trainer (Diocese of New Westminster)

When I joined Mothers' Union in 1975 it was before the age of computers and internet technology. I knew very

little about the Worldwide MU. My first exposure to the global society was through attending the Canadian National Conferences and hearing former Worldwide Presidents and CEOs speak and seeing slide shows of African and UK projects.

You are never alone in Mothers' Union and you feel so proud to belong to such a wonderful organization; your enthusiasm grows the more you get involved.

Gael Page – MULO Participant (Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI)

Connecting to the Worldwide Mothers' Union through MULO has changed my life. My prayer life is richer as is my awareness of the significant impact MU is having worldwide. Stories from around the world testify to the ongoing impact of the work being done. One can feel the love and caring of our sisters and brothers.

Regular communication keeps us connected worldwide, which is key to learning from each other and to feeling all the prayers. Even in this time of COVID-19, we can listen in on Midday Prayers from Mary Sumner House on Facebook. The mission focus of Mothers' Union is a constant example for us as we seek to reach out into our world,

in step with God.

My awareness of the worldwide impact of Mothers' Union exploded in 2017 when I had the opportunity to participate in the MULO initiative, meeting with our sisters from the West Indies, South and North America, and representatives from Mary Sumner House. It was a life changing moment as we shared, discussed ways to contribute to the worldwide future focus, prayed and played together, and prepared ourselves to take our learnings back to our individual Dioceses.

Our Branch has utilized the Worldwide MU website for many resources including beautiful liturgies for Mothering Sunday. It is a fact filled website which has become a major resource for us.

Our work and mission continues daily. Mothers' Union has established a WhatsApp COVID Chat Group which has allowed over 35 members worldwide to pray with each other daily. We meet weekly via Zoom to update each other on the status of our countries and our challenges. It is a time of prayerful support.

One issue which has surfaced is the 'second pandemic' of domestic and gender-based violence which has increased because of lockdown. Mothers' Union is now focusing on offering resources and support to the victims by working with our members on the ground in their communities to educate, support and work towards an end to gender-based violence.

If you are interested in contributing further to the work of Mothers' Union worldwide, please donate either by visiting the Canadian Mothers' Union website *Mary Sumner House Appeal* or the Worldwide Mothers' Union website *Support Mothers' Union*.

We continue to serve our families, support our communities and to demonstrate God's love to the world as we have for the last 150 years. As my MU sister Hermin in Jamaica stated, "He is the Way Maker, and He will make a way!"



Hello Mothers' Union Canada!

It is hard to believe that we are still living with the pandemic! Our 'new normal' is not what we would want it to be, but better safe than sick.

I requested updates from the branches on how they were doing and received only a couple of answers. I hope the responses will increase as we ease into the return of routine.

Churches are slowly opening with restrictions. Our own branch is just now getting information on how we can help feed school children. I expect other branches are in the same boat, waiting on how to help others with restrictions in place.

When our Chaplain talked about us stepping out of the boat I don't think he expected this! I know it wasn't on my agenda as National President.

I pray you are all healthy and safe. I hope to hear from the branches by our

next newsletter so we can share the news with our members across Canada.

Our world has changed but we are reminded that God is steadfast. Keep your eyes on Jesus and hold fast to his promises. Google says there are 7 promises from Jesus. This could be something to research on a rainy day. It starts with this one: Jesus promised we will have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10) and if we abide in Him, we will bear much fruit (John 15).

The Canadian Council has decisions to make about the way forward and you will be updated once those decisions are made. We are planning a National Evening Prayer service on December 4;



your branch leader will be sent the Zoom link. I pray you can join us.

A National Conference Biennial Business Meeting is slated for January 2021. This will allow us to begin the transition to the new Council which will be formed by the Diocese of NS & PEI. Branch

leaders will be notified, so watch for your email update.

For now keep praying and watch for a new way to reach your community. As you know we are the hands and feet for Jesus here on earth.

*Keep the faith,
Alice Kennedy, President*

Our God is Still on the Move!

*Submitted by Lilian Ketch,
Conference Coordinator*

COVID-19 caused us to cancel the June 2020 National Conference and it appears rescheduling for June 2021 will not be an option with the current situation changing around the country daily.

So, as Tom, our National Chaplain, encouraged us to do at Biennial – let's get out of the boat and try something different. Have faith that He will be with us to weather the storm of the pandemic. Rather than cancel the Conference completely, a shortened version is being

planned for June 4-5, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

Members can choose to meet in local bubble clusters and participate at their church or predetermined location (ensuring there is good internet connection). Members will also have the option to participate from home, if they feel this would be safer and can manage the technology. Zoom allows for "chat rooms" and this will be used for the workshop section. Receptions and tours are not possible, however an online silent auction will be featured. Watch for further details about workshops, silent

auction, and registration. This is new territory

for the committee so lots of learning is ahead for us!

Spread the word to your members; perhaps someone wasn't planning to come in person initially but now can join in virtually. By trying this approach, it is hoped we will be able to offer the camaraderie and fellowship a conference brings to all MU members while still being able to invite our international members who were so excited to attend in 2020.

Our National Conference Biennial Business Meeting will take place on January 23, 2021 at 12 noon EST. We will vote in the next Canadian Council to begin the transition. It is open to everyone; voting privileges on the motions are restricted to Canadian Council members and branch leaders.



TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, June 4

7:30 pm - *Welcome and sign in*

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Opening Service - National Chaplain,
The Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick

Keynote Address - Sheran Harper, WW President

Saturday, June 5

12:30 pm - *Sign in and set up*

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Opening Devotion
Workshops**

Closing singing and prayers

Message from our Mothers' Union Chaplain

We are in fall, my favourite time of year. This is when we try to preserve all of the summer beauty and the bounty of the earth. In my understanding, this means it is "Canning and Pickling Season." I even took a week off to dive into it. There is a notion of caution around me during this time because if you stand idle too long, I am going to peel, crock ya' and process you until your lid pops as a sign that you are sealed. This is music to a canner's ears. You've been preserved!

It seems to me canning and pickling is a lot like our faith. What we've done is to try to preserve the past. This is how we've always done it. We want to preserve! We don't place our faith in



brine and jar but we try to seal it so the lid pops. Nothing new can penetrate the way we have always done it. I think that until the current pandemic this has worked.

There's nothing more discouraging than to hear a jar pop its seal. Immediately you have to think, why did it pop? What did I do wrong? That popping of the sealed jar causes us to rethink the process.

In my opinion, COVID-19 has popped our long standing sealed lid. We now have new ways of presenting the Gospel of

Jesus to the world. The internet presents us with novel ways of reaching new demographics of people. I understand a viewer will afford us 6-10 minutes of attention on a Sunday morning. This

is time they wouldn't normally give us. The message needs to be relevant to them at the very beginning if they are to stay with us longer.

COVID-19 has caused us to rethink how we share the Gospel. This is a scary process because it is new. We're getting out of the boat to a whole different world that needs the Gospel. Fall is the time when we give thanks and usually the reason is obvious, as we bring in the harvest. This year could cause us to look deeper and give thanks for the changes this pandemic has necessitated.

I give thanks for the popping of the jar seal. We rethink and find the blessing in it, which for me is this: I know Jesus is in the kitchen, helping with the peeling, brining, and processing. He is always alongside me! Amen.

*Yours in the Ministry we share,
The Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick*

Comforting Prayer Quilt Revered in This Family

Submitted by Shara Golden

This beautiful handmade prayer quilt was crafted by the members of the St. Mary and St. Bartholomew's MU branch in Saint John, NB. Cindy Norris personally delivered it to my mother's home in Fredericton Junction, NB in the summer of 2007. That same night I visited with my mum and couldn't understand why she didn't answer her door. I peeked into her window and there I saw



her praying with the new quilt wrapped over her head and body. I shall never forget this lovely image which remains imprinted in my memory.

My mum had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and she died on

October 12, 2007.

The prayer quilt was next given a home with Aunt Chrissie, my

mother's sister. It remained on her bed at White Rapids Manor Nursing Home in Fredericton Junction for 10 years, until she passed away on October 27, 2017.

My beloved sister Valerie Nason moved into White Rapids Manor in March 2020 and I have now regifted the prayer quilt to her. Valerie was a long standing member of Mothers' Union while she lived in NB and continued



as a Lone Member when she relocated to Alberta. Now she is home again and the prayer quilt will be a familiar reminder to her of how it was cherished by both her mother and her aunt for so many years. It also gives me a sense of peace to see this precious quilt continuing its comforting legacy within my family.

My Journey Here – Cindy Derksen

(Story and photo reprinted with permission from the New Brunswick Anglican, September 2020 edition. The paper is featuring a member of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton whose roots are far from New Brunswick. This feature series is called My Journey Here. Cindy is a long-standing MU member from the Parish of Richmond).

By Gisele McKnight

For Cindy Derksen, 74, vestry clerk, layreader and member of the Parish of Richmond, it was a cruise that changed the direction of her life.

Cindy was born in Rhode Island and worked for a New England dairy called HP Hood & Sons. Over time that job led her to live in New Hampshire. It was in the spring of 1972 that Cindy took a cruise. Dennis Derksen, from the tiny town of Langham, Sask., was on that cruise.

A few months later, the two were married, and Dennis moved to New Hampshire. It turns out they both had similar cross-border roots. Minnesota had been home to Dennis's grandparents before they moved to Saskatchewan around 1905.

And Cindy's grandmother was born in Nova Scotia. Her father bought a cottage there when Cindy was a child and she remembers many summers spent there.

The two lived in an apartment for almost a decade. They wanted to buy a house, but realized their savings would be better spent on real estate in Canada. One weekend they drove up I-95 to Houlton, Maine, crossed over, stopped in Woodstock and bought a copy of *The Bugle*, the local paper.

"There was an ad in the paper for a house — our house," said Cindy, adding it was rustic and private and overlooked the St. John River.

In addition to the favourable U.S.



exchange, the couple noted the beautiful farms, the friendliness of the people and the fact that with six or seven churches in the area, it was clearly a community of faith.

"We looked at the house in May 1981 and moved in November," she said, adding they had the house paid for within six months.

Life in NB

Now that they were living in Canada, Cindy needed to find a new job. She'd worked at the dairy for 14 years, so she had lots of experience, but in subsequent interviews, employers felt a new arrival might not stay for long.

That was the last thing on Cindy's mind. She loved the St. John River Val-

ley, its peace, its farms, but she couldn't seem to connect with employers.

Not long after, she needed to photocopy a document, and her husband suggested Craig Manufacturing. He knew they had a photocopier — and he suggested she apply for a job there while she was at it. She got her photocopying done, and within a month, she was working there.

"I worked there 29 years," she said. "I've been an accounting clerk my whole life."

She retired in 2011.

Life in the Church

Cindy described Dennis and herself as having "a bit of faith" in the early days.

"I'd left faith behind, as many do. I was a Methodist. I went to a Lutheran Christian school. Dennis was a Mennonite," she said.

But they weren't active.

In the meantime, Cindy's mother bought a house in Hartland to be closer to them. It wasn't long afterwards that her mom, a Congregationalist, began seeking out a church, and she felt Holy Trinity Anglican was close enough — in location and practise.

"She found out when the services were, and I asked her, 'would you like me to go with you?'"

So the two began attending in 1991.

"She's the one who sought the church out. It's been a blessing to me. It's my family," said Cindy.

Life with a Secret

When Cindy was 17, she gave birth to a son, whom she placed for adoption.

"I wasn't forced, but I knew I had no other option," she said. "A marriage

would not have worked.”

Her family was heartbroken, as was she, but no one mentioned it — ever.

“That had an impact on me. It was so shameful,” she said. “My soul was just ripped open, but I never talked about it.”

But times change and having a baby while single doesn't carry the stigma it once did.

“I decided I'd punished myself long enough,” she said.

It was 1994, her son's 30th birthday, when Cindy made the application to find him. She applied to a particular agency because it was the only one she knew of. He had applied to the same one because it was free — two years before.

They met in Orono, Maine, near where he lives.

“It's an adult relationship,” said Cindy. “I talk to him every week. I don't consider myself a mother, but he tells me, no, you are a mother.”

“We go to the cottage [in Nova Scotia],” she said. “He and his wife work

on the cottage. [That he is in Maine] “is in itself a miracle. He's two-and-a-half hours down the road from me.”

She and Dennis met Gene for the first time on a Sunday. It was one of the most important days of her life. But how do you go to work on Monday, remain quiet and act like nothing's happened? On that Monday evening, she had a vestry meeting.

“Bill Morton was the priest,” she said. “I kept thinking I wanted to talk to him, but maybe no, I can't talk to him about this. Then, of all the people there, Bill said, ‘Cindy, would you drive me home?’”

God had given her the opportunity, so she took it. When they arrived at his house, she asked if she could come in to talk.

“It gave me a chance to talk it out,” she said. “I'd never talked about it before.”

She gave Bill permission to include his wife, Eva, and the two sat and

listened to Cindy's 30-year-old secret.

Now the story of Gene is an open part of her life, not the heart-wrenching, guilt-inducing secret she'd kept for so long. Gene has been back in her life for 26 years. “God is a God of second chances,” she said.

Life's Journey

Dennis died in 2012. His obituary listed Gene as his son — a testament to his generous, inclusive spirit.

Cindy hopes she can stay in her home for as long as possible. Gene asked if she would move back to the U.S. But the answer was no.

“It's not about me. It's about where God has pushed, pulled and led me. I've found peace here,” she said. “I see God in nature and I see him here.”

She couldn't bear to leave her church family, she said. Now that she's found her way to New Brunswick, to her son, to the Parish of Richmond, and back to God, she feels her journey is complete.

Branch Activities

Christ Church Cathedral MU, Fredericton, NB Gets Creative in a Virtual Meeting

Submitted by Susan Colpitts-Judd

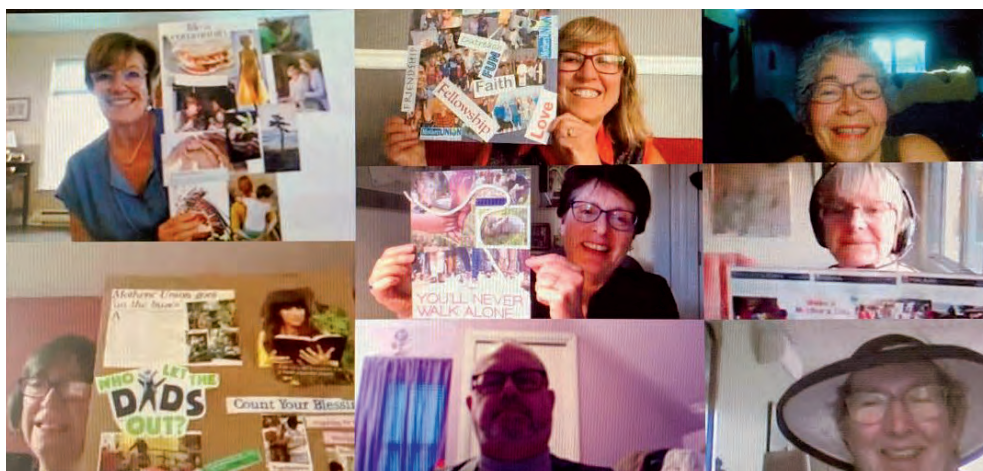
During the COVID-19 lockdown in May 2020, our group met online for an activity that took us back to grade school. The challenge was to create a collage on cardboard which depicted what we individually thought Mothers' Union does and does well.

This was a homework assignment for us as we had to dig through old magazines we had on hand to find photos as well as rounding up glue sticks and cardboard to assemble our projects. It was a perfect pandemic activity for all of us shut in at home during that time period.

At the virtual meeting, we

had time to explain to each other how the photos we had chosen demonstrated the successes of our international organization. We all took pride in and applauded each other's efforts which made it a team building affirmative exercise to share. The culmination of the

evening was a group photo highlighting our projects and enthusiastic smiles! This is proof positive that MU members can still meet during a pandemic to continue to support each other as well as to appreciate the worthwhile work of Mothers' Union worldwide.



Mothers' Union Parenting Program in Canada

By *Maxine Simpkin*,
Parenting Program Coordinator

Since 2000, the Parenting Program of the Worldwide Mothers' Union has been helping parents and caregivers find common ground and support each other as they navigate child raising in today's complex world. It is offered free of charge by trained facilitators who tailor their approach to the culture and needs of their communities. The MU Parenting Program is now offered in 23 countries.

In Canada, our MU had collected funds for over 10 years and trained facilitators in NS, NB, and Ontario. Our aim was always to bring the Parenting Program to Canada's remote northern communities. However, making the appropriate connections has always been a stumbling block. In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Report (#4) called upon "the federal, provincial and territorial and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate parenting programs for Aboriginal families." We believe that the Parenting Program provides an effective means to do this.

In 2019, the Canadian MU took the bold step of partnering with The Anglican Foundation to get a Facilitator Training Course off the ground in the Diocese of Moosonee, Ontario. We were successful in receiving a grant to match our funds and received help from Mary Sumner House in England.

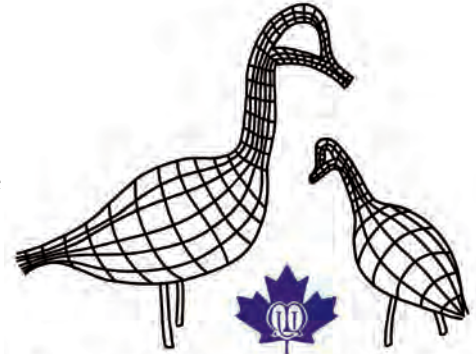
In January 2020, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Facilitator Training Course in Sudbury, Ontario as an observer. Our accredited Trainers were Kathleen Snow and Lena Edmondston from Guyana. We gathered together 10 participants from the communities of Eastmain, Wemindji, Waskaganish and Waswanipi which are on the east side of James Bay. We were greeted by the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, who offered prayers for our Program in the Diocese of Moosonee. The Rev. Thomas

Corston, Bishop of Moosonee at that time, led us in a service of Holy Communion as well as offering prayers at the end of our course.

The COVID-19 pandemic arrived just as we were about to get our Parenting Program underway. We have since reconnected with participants and will be supporting them as they develop the materials for offering the Parenting Program in their communities. The program is currently being updated and these new materials will also be available to our facilitators.

Our plan is to get the program up and running in these indigenous communities and then provide another training program with input from the Council of the North. We are so grateful to the Anglican Church Women of NS

and PEI for choosing the Parenting Program as their 2020 national fundraiser. This will go a long way towards spreading this grassroots, culturally appropriate and community-based approach to parenting children in Canada's remote northern communities.



Parents Supporting Parents

Logo created by Sarah Simpkin

Good-bye to our Mothers' Union Friends

Nancy McGrath (1941 - 2019)

The passing of Nancy Ann Lorraine McGrath of Hampton, NB, occurred peacefully on November 16, 2019. Nancy was a proud member of the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church as well as the St. Paul's Mothers' Union in Hampton.

Over the years she was involved with many organizations. She was



Queen with the Hampton Red Hatters and a member of the Saint John Seniors' Bowling League. Nancy recently attended her 60th high school class reunion.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Gerald McGrath; 3 children; 6 grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Betts (1930 - 2020)

It is with great sadness I share the news of the passing of Elizabeth (Betty) Betts on September 18, 2020.

I will always remember the smile



on Betty's face every time I saw her. She was a lovely lady! She was one of the

founding members of the St. Mary and St. Bartholomew's branch in Saint John, NB. She also attended many events we had when I attended St. George's Church on Duke St. in West Saint John.

She is survived by a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and a great granddaughter, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Submitted by Deanna Morrison

Staying Connected in Challenging Times

Submitted by Mary Stone
Diocesan President NS & PEI

As I am writing this piece I wish I had a crystal ball - a crystal ball to tell me how the reopening of schools will play out over the next few weeks. I pray that it will all go well.

The theme for Mothers' Union for the latter half of 2020 has been, and still is, *Staying Connected in Challenging Times*. Traditionally, organizational meetings tend to come to a halt over the summer months. This year it seems that our summer started in March as our lives ground to a sudden halt.

But the cooler temperatures of late have jolted us back into our 'we need to get organized' mode. But how? What will that look like for us?

There is certainly a feeling that we need to be back together, to encourage and support each other and to start DOING things again. Many are growing weary of the very comfortable pews at home which have carried us through and bound us together over the last 6 or 7 months. For sure Zoom and other meeting platforms will continue to be a part of our life as we move forward.

During COVID there have been many acts of kindness and support shown by Mothers' Union members.

Locally, branch members have made masks for distribution, delivered meals to older folk who were not able to get out, checked in by phone with those who are alone, made twiddle muffs for those suffering from dementia, contributed financially to the Mission to



Collecting meals made by Delish Fine Foods in Upper Tantallon for delivery to seniors. Money for the meals was donated by members of the community.

Seafarers and other community groups, donated to food banks, and continued to make blankets for the homeless and needy.

Prayer, which is a central component of Mothers' Union, has continued to draw us together and to nurture us during this time. Weekly prayers sent out to our Diocesan members have been a blessing. Daily midday prayers broadcast from Mary Sumner House on Facebook keep us connected with the Mothers' Union community worldwide.

The midday prayer for September 7th is this - "Father, may we learn to stop and listen to your word, to hear your voice and follow your path in our lives."

Help us to learn from your example, what is most important in life - faith, hope, and love, and to share this message with all."

During this pandemic we have been given ample time to stop, listen and hear God's voice. As Mothers' Union branches and members, we ask ourselves: what part of our work exhibits our faith, our hope and our love?



Twiddle muff for people suffering from dementia made by Margaret deCarvalho.



Treasurer's Report

Submitted By Elaine Robichaud, Treasurer

Canadian Mothers' Union Treasurer's Report - November 14, 2020

Bank Balance	August 31, 2020		33926.75
Activity	Cheques	Deposits	Balance
General Fund		38.60	
CC Expenses			
Extra Newsletters			
Dues2019			
Travel Fund			
NCCF			
MAMD			
Northern Parenting			
Debbie Strickland Fund			
Lady Day			
Conference (refunded registrations - conference cancelled)			
Literature			
MSH holding		540.00	
Bank Fees	-0.66		
Total Activity	-0.66	578.60	\$577.94
Bank Balance	October 31,2020		\$34,504.69

Number of paid up members for 2019: 537

Number of paid up members for 2020: 472

Allocation of Funds	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
General Fund	\$28,236.51	\$28,274.45
MSH holding	\$48.00	\$588.00
Dues to MSH -442(2020) *6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel Fund	\$997.34	\$997.34
NCCF	\$317.78	\$317.78
MAMD		
MAMD Northern Parenting	\$824.27	\$824.27
Rev Debbie Strickland	\$1,699.00	\$1,699.00
Lady Day (Overseas fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parenting	\$1,150.76	\$1,150.76
Biennial/ Conference	-\$2,056.89	-\$2,056.89
Literature	\$2,709.98	\$2,709.98
Total Balance	33926.75	34504.69

Canadian Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer 2020 - 2021

	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	Diocese of New Westminster 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. Bamabas Deep River, ON	All ACW 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 Lilian 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 All Diocesan 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	Regional Trainer, Worldwide Parenting Program Kathleen Snow
	July	August	September	October	November	December
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 Abyeance	Diocese of New Westminster St. Mary the Virgin South Hill Vancouver, 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