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Northern Clergy Families Fund Makes a Difference

*By The Ven. Sarah Usher
Outgoing Coordinator
Northern Clergy Families Fund*

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the Canadian Council these last number of years, especially in my position as the Northern Clergy Families Fund Coordinator. As many of you know, I have lived in the Canadian North most of my life. My parents were missionaries in the Arctic when I was a child and we moved to the Yukon while I was a teenager. I met and married my

husband and never left. I love the North and all that it gives to me. The beauty of the glistening snow in winter; the dancing Northern Lights; the peace of the many waterways; the crocuses as they peek out of the snow in spring; the long daylight in the summer; and the colours of the fall. All are gifts from God for which I am very appreciative.

As a Northerner and a member of the clergy, I cannot thank you all enough for the generous gifts that have been given to the Northern Clergy Families Fund during my time as coor-



dinator. I know, firsthand, how important and welcome these gifts are to each recipient. Northern ministry can be very lonely – clergy are often in situations where they are all things to all people in small communities. Many times they feel isolated as there is no one to talk to. Communications with the outside world can be difficult when internet is spotty or even non-existent in some places. So knowing that there are people praying for you and supporting you in even the smallest of ways is an encouragement that is priceless. Thank you all for that

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help and encouragement. In 2020, we were able to give \$15,000 as gifts which is such a blessing!

Here are a few of the comments from recipients:

"Please know that I feel so blessed to be a recipient of such a loving kindness at such a time as this. This year has been very trying and difficult for us as a family and as a church. Yet through it all we really appreciate the wonders of God's working and provision through people like you. And though we live in a quite small remote town, having to travel to other nearer towns or city for our other necessities, the warmth and friendship of the people here is overwhelming. And this brings us great comfort and joy living here. And with your generosity and Christian love, my family and I want to say over and over again: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GIFT. It surely is a blessing from heaven through you."

Another person wrote, "I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and the Canadian Mothers' Union for the very kind donation (we) received yesterday. We are truly thankful ..."

This is from someone new to the North, "what a complete surprise this

letter and gift were. It has taken me a while to reply because I have been quite a little overwhelmed. Thank you, and the Mothers' Union!... the money has been helpful to feel a bit more secure as we hit the mid-mark of winter today!... Difference in climate, difference in daylight. These are things that I expected when we moved (north). I had a feeling that people would probably be quite helpful and friendly here, from things I'd heard beforehand. There is a sort of camaraderie here, and indeed people are helpful. I have joked with people in the stores, waved back at people I didn't know as they drove past me, and nodded and smiled at innumerable people doing nice things for the last four months spent here. So there is a helpful, can-do attitude that is appealing. ... Newcomers are welcomed. I do know that it will take time to form lasting relationships, and am excited as I get to know more people over time. I think, boiling it all down, the most

important thing that I have learned is how important a sense of community is. Thank you again, I was very touched to receive this gift."

This excerpt is from someone who lost their husband one day after I mailed her gift, "Thank you and the members of the Canadian Mothers' Union for this unexpected gift."

We do not know how we affect others; we only know that God directs us to those in need. I am thankful for all of you who give to the Northern Clergy Families Fund. Know that your gifts and efforts are most appreciated and that those who receive them feel blessed. I have been blessed to be a very small part of your generosity.



Hello Mothers' Union Canada!



I have songs and poems running around in my head. "Time gentlemen please!" comes to mind. Scripture states that there is a season for everything and the season for my term has come to an end. On March 6 we had a Zoom Biennial Business Meeting which was a first for the Canadian Mothers' Union. Our Council has passed the torch to our new Canadian MU President Mary Stone and her team. Mary is from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

In the past year there has not been any travel for me and I have been attending meetings virtually. Christmas seems like it was ages ago, although our family was all together, spending a lot of time in isolation. Our daughter arrived home and we quarantined with her for fourteen days, then her twin sister arrived and within a few days the province was shut down. There was no visiting with the Aunties and Uncle so we set up Zoom meetings. 2020 will be recorded in many diaries as the year of constant change, as we waited every week to hear what restrictions would be enforced or

removed. Many branches are struggling to keep a sense of fellowship as we do food so well and that has all but disappeared. Each province has their own COVID plan and we all work to eliminate the virus. As I write this, the vaccine is being administered in New Brunswick. It will be some time before I receive mine as Public Health is using decreasing age as the criterion for the rollout.

We did have a lovely service led by our Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick. We celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 4. Using technology can be either a blessing or a

curse, but fortunately the service went relatively smoothly.

At this time, several members of the previous Council, along with our new President, are planning a virtual MU Conference to be held June 4-5, 2021. Lilian Ketch, Conference Coordinator, shares details in this Newsletter of the agenda planned to bring us all together for a special time on Zoom. I do want to ask all branches to please send a photo of your banner so we can try to have a virtual banner parade. Please join us as we forge our way into new territory and make this national conference one for the history books!

I want to thank my Council for all their work over the last 4+ years. You made it a wonderful journey with lifelong memories I will cherish. I had several first time experiences, like visiting Rwanda in Africa. I never dreamt that I would have the opportunity to travel there. The welcome that I received at the spirit-filled ACW National Conferences was inspiring. I attended my first smudging service at an ACW Conference in Edmonton. Travelling

between hurricanes to the MULOA meeting in the Barbados and then hosting the follow-up gathering in Saint John with an ice storm travel delay were challenges that did not stop our work. My time on Canadian Council has been eventful and my team has supported me all the way! 2020 has stretched us in so many ways as we discussed how to get our tasks accomplished using online technology to the fullest.

As members of the Mothers' Union, I ask that you pray for the new Canadian Council and support them during these strange times in which we find ourselves. COVID-19 has affected all of us, and I know you are doing what you can to live safely during these restricted times. We need to pray that we can all keep following the strategies that will end this pandemic and that we will be able to return to the fellowship that helps us to stay linked with one another. Reach out and make a call or write a note or send an email to keep Mothers' Union connections strong.

"Be still and know that I am God."

He has certainly had my attention in 2020!

Shalom,

Alice Kennedy, Outgoing President



June 4-5, 2021
Virtual
Mothers' Union
Conference

Message from our Mothers' Union Chaplain

Greetings to all MU members,

During my time as Canadian Mothers' Union Chaplain, I have used the image of getting out of the boat. I stole the idea from the program, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat". In all reality, it takes bravery to take that first step onto the water. Physics tells us that our body mass will sink. We can only remind ourselves of the story of the apostle Peter getting out of the boat and walking on the rough seas to meet Jesus. We note as long as he kept his eyes



on Jesus, Peter accomplished the task. It was only when he took his eyes off Jesus that he began to sink. We cannot overlook the fact that Jesus took his hand and pulled him up.

We all have a great deal of comfort when our ministries stay stable; we're nice and comfortable in our pews so let's just stay there. If we do that, we miss opportunities to share the Gospel. I am convinced that we aren't called to be comfortable in ministry. We are called to get out of the boat.

COVID-19 has really challenged us to get out of the boat.

We live in a very different world now and I don't see it going back to the way it was. The world has changed and so must we! We are called to get out of the boat. I hope over the past five years my constant harping on this theme has planted a seed in your hearts.

Yes, it's frightening to get out of the boat, but remember that if we keep our eye on Jesus we will be fine, and if we begin to sink Jesus will take our hand and pull us up again.

I thank you for the honour of being your Chaplain over the past five years and I ask God's blessing on the next Canadian Council. Amen.

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

Branch Activities: Parish of Richmond, Diocese of Fredericton, NB

*Submitted by Patricia Margison
Co-Branch Leader*

We have three churches in the Parish of Richmond: Holy Trinity, Hartland; St. Mark's, Jackson Falls; and St. John's, Richmond Corner. A Mothering Sunday presentation was given at all three locations. Wrapped crunchy cookies with almonds and cranberries as a symbol of refreshment were available afterwards.

The top photo was taken on March 14, 2021 during our service at St. John's at which our four MU members led the worship. From left are: Cindy Derksen, Pat Margison, Nancy Robinson, and Bonnie Sparkes-Goodine. The display of MU literature and the colourful MU table covering can be seen in the picture.

The bottom photo shows Marilyn MacDonald, a supporter of MU, working with Bonnie and Nancy to assemble Easter gift bags. These were distributed to sixteen seniors and shut-ins who live in communities served by the Parish of Richmond.



My Journey Here – Rosa Macaulay

(Story and photos reprinted with permission from the New Brunswick Anglican, March 2021 edition. Rosa is a long standing MU member from Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton).

By Gisele McKnight

It's been a long time since Rosa Macaulay's been home, seen her brothers and sisters and revisited childhood memories in her hometown. It's not that she doesn't want to return. It's that she can't. Gang violence, government instability, severe shortages of basic goods, a poverty rate of 96 per cent and massive unemployment in Venezuela have kept her in Fredericton.

Her birth country has been the victim of its own success. When oil was discovered a century ago, the country grew exponentially, but in the wrong way — becoming almost totally dependent on one export while failing to build its infrastructure and diversify its economy. A succession of military dictators, corruption and unstable world oil markets put it in a precarious position.

Then a socialist president, Hugo Chavez, who promised so much, evolved into an authoritarian who took power for himself from every institution. He died in 2013, leaving more unrest and instability that has only worsened.

So the country with the largest oil reserves in the world cannot feed, educate or care for its own people, cannot maintain law and order and cannot sell most of its oil due to sanctions imposed by many countries. That is why Rosa stays in Fredericton.

CHILDHOOD

Rosa is a middle child of 12. She grew up in San Antonio, a small border town in southwest Venezuela just across the Rio Tachira from Columbia. Her family was very close, her father a military man. Church, school and family were her life.

When she graduated from high

school in 1975, the country had a scholarship program to send students away to foreign universities. The aim was for them to return as educated professionals, mostly in the oil industry.

"There were not many people prepared to work in the oil industry and not a lot of universities," said Rosa. "So the country decided to give scholarships. I applied and ended up coming to Canada."

Actually, if all had gone according to plan, Rosa would have gone to university in the UK, and come home to work in the oil industry as a chemical engineer.

But neither of those two things happened. "While I was waiting to be told when to go to England, I got word that a group was ready to go to Canada," she said. "I didn't know what to do."

EDUCATION

When she looks back now, it seems quite amazing that she even left her country. She had never been anywhere and was always under the protection of her parents. "I was very much shy. My mother and father represented me. I depended on them for everything," she said. She asked them if she should go to Canada. With 12 children in the family seeking their futures, of course the answer was to seize the new opportunity. "That's how I ended up coming to Canada," she said.

A group of 35 Venezuelans arrived at Loyola College in Montreal (later Concordia University) with one goal — to learn English. After that year, the students were encouraged to apply to Canadian universities, and Rosa applied to the University of New Brunswick, where the answer was no. She continued



Rosa's mother, also named Rosa, with nine of her children in 1960. Rosa is in the front row, second from the right.

to take courses, applied again, and the answer was yes. She entered the chemical engineering program, and that is where she met John.

MARRIED LIFE

Meeting John Macaulay was the second big turning point in Rosa's life. Her future was now firmly set in Canada. John graduated in 1981, and Rosa, due to delays, visits back home and her time in Montreal, graduated in 1983. In the meantime, the two became engaged, but John was in Alberta working on his PhD.

They did their marriage preparation classes separately, John with an Anglican priest in Edmonton, and Rosa with a Roman Catholic priest in Fredericton. They were married at St. Dunstan's Catholic Church in Fredericton in 1983, with both denominations participating.

Then it was back to Alberta. Rosa had a few job interviews, but without experience, she had no offers. Unlike her classmates who worked in the field during their university years, Rosa, on a

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student visa, was not permitted to work. And by this time, a recession was in play, closing a lot of doors.

After Alberta, the couple moved to St. John's, NL for John's post-doctoral work. In 1988, their daughter, Rachel, was born. Their son, Warren, was born in 1989.

"We always thought wouldn't it be nice to go back to Fredericton, with at least one set of grandparents there. I really liked Fredericton," she said.

They had a short stint in Ottawa, then in 1989, John accepted a position with the Research and Productivity Council in Fredericton, where he remained for the duration of his career. He retired two years ago, but Rosa works part-time.

ANGLICANISM

Rosa is still Roman Catholic, but she's pretty immersed in Anglican life at Christ Church Cathedral. John was baptised there, and when his parents invited her to attend when she and John were dating, she was anxious. She'd never been to anything but a Catholic service. Would it be formal? Big? Intimidating?

What she found was a service very similar to what she was used to, "but there was so much singing in the Anglican church." She loved the singing. They continued to attend Anglican services on campus in Alberta, and back in Fredericton, the children were heavily involved in Cathedral life, joining choir, youth group, puppeteers and traveling to



Warren, Rosa, and Rachel in the early 1990s.

Belize for missions.

When she was asked to teach Sunday school, she was sure she was unqualified, but she said yes, and enjoyed years of teaching children. She became nursery coordinator and helped with the choir. And at her mother-in-law's suggestion, she joined Mothers' Union.

"I didn't know anything about it. Now I'm still a member!" she said. "When you have kids, you say yes to everything."

For 12 years she prepared and led Prayers of the People, which she counts as a privilege. She and John volunteer with Helping Hands, a ministry that provides food, drives and other help, mostly to seniors.

She has enjoyed the faithful support of her in-laws throughout her marriage. "I always had examples — John's parents were always involved. I always looked to them as an example. They were very kind and very helpful. I have always been in

good hands and I've always felt welcome."

She cites Mothers' Union members, especially the older ones there when she joined, as another positive influence on her life as a young wife and mother in a new country.

BACK HOME

As things deteriorated in Venezuela many years ago, Rosa realized the importance of becoming a Canadian citizen.

"I've been very happy here. I love Canada. I've never felt anyone was against me for being from somewhere else."

Years ago, the family usually visited Venezuela every other year, "so the children could meet their cousins, uncles and aunts. They loved going there and speaking Spanish," said Rosa. "But we haven't been there since Warren was 12. He's 31 now."

The families use Facebook to keep in touch, though they all miss family. Even if it were safe, though, there is still the issue of poverty. "There would be more mouths to feed when we get there," said Rosa. "It's a very bad situation. It wasn't like that. It shouldn't be like that. It's a rich country in ruins. It's sad. I never imagined it could get to be this way. For 20 years we have been saying it can't get any worse, but it has."

"I don't know when we'll ever be able to do that, but there's hope. We hope. We pray all the time. That's what I can do." Most of her siblings still live in Venezuela and they get by. "They are doing well because we are helping," she said, adding that even sending money to the country is getting difficult.

"I've put off retiring three times because I feel I need to do this — as long as I can and as long as they need it. We help, and the rest is prayers going their way."

From left to right: John, Rachel, Rosa, and Warren.



Virtual Mothers' Union Conference: June 4 - 5, 2021

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing this article for the Newsletter exactly one year after we communicated with members that we were "monitoring the situation and will advise if our conference in June 2020 can go ahead." We all know now that we were unable to host the Conference that would have seen over 25 international guests, including our Worldwide President, visit our lovely city of Fredericton. So much has happened since then, but the Conference Committee is pleased to be able to provide Conference 2.0 as a virtual event.

Conference Details

The deadline for registration is May 18 and information will be sent to branch leaders and lone members, as well as invited guests.

It is hoped that branches will take the opportunity to gather in *branch bubbles* on **Friday, June 4**, either at a member's home or at the church or hall, **remembering to be conscious of COVID safety protocols**. This will allow for the fellowship we feel when we can worship together.

PLEASE ensure the location chosen has a strong internet connection. However, if members feel more comfortable, they can always sign on to the Zoom link from their own home.

Please indicate if you will be attending one or both days and include your email address and phone number.

Branch leaders are asked to send the photo of their banner by email to Mary Stone by the registration deadline of May 18 (See Registration Form). A virtual banner parade will be displayed before the Friday evening service.

Format of Conference Participation

Zoom links will be sent to members after registration is received and again on Thursday, June 3, the day before the conference begins.

Concerns or questions? Please contact:
Lilian Ketch, Conference Coordinator
 Email: lilian.ketch@gnb.ca
 Telephone: (506) 476-9128

Mothers' Union Conference AGENDA



There will be no registration fee to attend the virtual Conference. With no other costs for travel or accommodation involved, we ask you to prayerfully consider donations to both of our registered charities, the Northern Clergy Families Fund and Mary Sumner House.

Friday, June 4

7:30 pm (ADT): Sign in to Zoom
 (Use the meeting link sent to your email address on Thursday, June 3).

8:00 - 10:00 pm (ADT)

- Virtual Banner Parade
- Service of Worship: National Chaplain, The Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick
- National Book of Remembrance: Read by Shara Golden
- Virtual offering: Received in support of the Northern Clergy Families Fund and to support the global effort of Mary Sumner House during the pandemic
- Energizer
- Keynote Address: MU Worldwide President, Sheran Harper

Saturday, June 5

12:30 pm (ADT): Sign in to Zoom
 (Use the meeting link sent to your email address on Thursday, June 3).

1:00 - 4:00 pm (ADT)

- Opening Message/Prayers: Canadian President (2017-2021), Alice Kennedy
- Guest Speaker, Bishop Bill Hockin
- Energizer
- Series of Workshops through Zoom breakout rooms, various facilitators
- Closing Message/Prayers: Canadian President (2021-2024), Mary Stone, including introduction of the 2021-2024 Council Members



CANADIAN MOTHERS' UNION NATIONAL CONFERENCE
<http://canadianmothersunion.ca/>
WITH SPECIAL GUEST WW PRESIDENT SHERAN HARPER
June 4 - 5, 2021
REGISTRATION FORM



*if not completing form electronically, please print clearly

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Branch Name/Number (if applicable):

If a Lone/Diocesan Member, please specify:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

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Diocese:

City:

Province/State:

Country:

Schedule of Events – Friday 7:30 - 10:00 pm (ADT), Saturday 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm (ADT)

Friday night will include a worship service led by outgoing Canadian Mothers' Union Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick, and an Energizer followed by a keynote address by Worldwide Mothers' Union President Sheran Harper.

Saturday will include an opening message from outgoing Canadian Mothers' Union President Alice Kennedy, a talk by Bishop Bill Hockin (Diocese of Fredericton), an Energizer, workshops in Zoom breakout rooms, and a closing message by Canadian Mothers' Union President-elect Mary Stone, who will introduce the new Council members.

Banner Parade

Each Branch leader is asked to send a picture of their branch banner so we can create a virtual banner parade that will be displayed before the Friday evening Worship Service. These can be emailed to **Mary Stone** at mucanpres@gmail.com with your branch name and number by **May 18, 2021**.

Conference Worship Service Donations – Northern Clergy Families Fund and Mary Sumner House

Option 1: On our website through Canada Helps - <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/4873>

Option 2: Send e-transfer to eedashner@gmail.com

Option 3: Send cheque made payable to "Canadian Mothers' Union" to Elaine Robichaud, Treasurer, 40 Bartlett Ave., Hampton, NB, E5N 5J1 (perhaps branches can collect from members and send one cheque)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 18, 2021

☐ **Friday:** I will attend.

☐ **Saturday:** I will attend.

Conference Merchandise:

See order form in the Spring 2021 Newsletter for prices and instructions on how to order.

Complete this form for EACH attendee & email to Deanna Morrison (deannabm49@gmail.com).
If you need to send it by post, make sure you mail it in time to meet the May 18, 2021 deadline.
Deanna's mailing address is 294 Charlotte Street West, Saint John, NB, Canada, E2M 1Y5.

Zoom details will be sent to you after registration deadline and again on June 3, 2021.

Mothers' Union Merchandise



MU Apron: One size fits all. Navy blue apron with 2 deep pockets and the Canadian MU logo in white.



Scarf: Mothers' Union blue with white logos. 27" x 60" (68 cm x 183 cm). Lightweight Viscose. Sourced from Mary Sumner Enterprises.



Reusable Nylon Shopping Bag:
Opens to 16" x 15-1/2" x 5",
(40.6 x 39 x 12.7 cm).
Folds to store in pouch that
is 5" x 2-1/2" x 1",
(12.7 x 63 x 25 cm).



MU Hand Towel: 17" x 26" (42 cm x 66 cm). Lovely burgundy hand towel with the Canadian MU logo in white.

MU Mask:

Hand made with 3 layers of fabric. Royal Blue with the Canadian MU logo in white. Available in 3 Sizes: Small, Medium, and Large. For size specifications, please see Order Form.



OUR GOD
IS STILL ON THE
MOVE

**Canadian Mothers' Union
Conference (National) 2021**



Notepad:
6" x 9" (15 cm x 23 cm).
Black with blue maple leaf
and white MU logo. Pen
and paper are included.



Travel Mug: 14 oz. (450 ml).
Blue insulated hot/cold.



| Canadian Mothers' Union Merchandise | | | | | |
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| Item | Description | Item Code | Item Price | Quantity | Cost |
| Navy canvas apron - white logo | One size fits all - with 2 deep pockets | APNEMU | \$20.00 | | |
| Hand/Golf towel - burgundy | Canadian MU logo in white | TWLMU | \$8.50 | | |
| MU scarf - lightweight viscose | Length of 27"x 60" (68 cm x 183 cm); Blue with white logos | SCFMU | \$25.00 | | |
| Travel mug - insulated | Blue insulated (hot/cold) 14 oz. (450 ml) | MUGMU | \$12.00 | | |
| Note pad holder with pen - MU logo | Size 6" x 9" (15 cm x 23 cm); Black with blue maple leaf | NTPMU | \$12.00 | | |
| MU mask (3 layers) - Small | Centre Nose to Cheek 3 1/4"; Top of Nose to Chin 5 3/4" | MSKMUS | \$7.00 | | |
| MU mask (3 layers) - Medium | Centre Nose to Cheek 3 1/2"; Top of Nose to Chin 6" | MSKMUM | \$7.00 | | |
| MU mask (3 layers) - Large | Centre Nose to Cheek 4"; Top of Nose to Chin 7" | MSKMUL | \$7.00 | | |
| MU reusable bag | With handy pouch to fold and carry in purse or pocket | RUBMU | \$6.00 | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | |
| Total of Order | | | | | |

Please email your order to: Info@canadianmothersunion.ca

Once the total cost of the order has been determined, including mailing cost, contact will be made by email or phone with payment instructions.

Order Information

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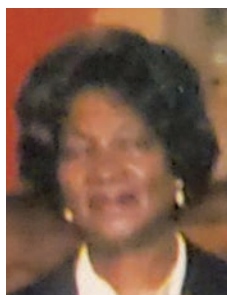
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Good-bye to our Mothers' Union Friends

Gloria Bellamy (1937 - 2020)

Gloria Bellamy (née Prescod) was born in Barbados and migrated to Montreal. She was married to Reuben Bellamy, who predeceased her in 2019.

She was the mother of two children, Ricky and Lynda, and beloved grandmother of Carmella. She had three sisters and two brothers. Gloria was a very active member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and a member of the Mothers' Union for more than 20 years. She worked with the kindergarten children



in the Sunday School for several years. In addition, she held the position of President of the Women's Auxiliary (ACW) for two years and was very active in other organizations within the church. She worked at the Blind Institute for many years. After retiring, she worked with

elderly people.

She was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2018 and was in the hospital for a while before returning home. In 2020, after being admitted to hospital, she died on April 9. Gloria was always a very pleasant, soft-spoken person who will be remembered by loving relatives and friends.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Submitted by Daphne Hinds

Laura Kydd (1933 - 2020)

Laura Kydd (née Boyce) was born in St. Vincent on May 17, 1933 and died on August 20, 2020.

She was the mother of six children and beloved grandmother to several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laura migrated to Montreal and worked with seniors. She joined St. Paul's Anglican Church and was enrolled in the Mothers' Union. Laura attended many national conferences and participated in the workshops. She was an active member of the Rainbow Seniors and the Women's Auxiliary.

Laura was also a dedicated volunteer at the Mini Prix, a thrift shop run by the Côte-des-Neiges Council of Churches. She worked with the summer camps of St. Paul's for many years. Laura always greeted you with a scripture verse and a big smile.

She will be fondly remembered by her loved ones and friends.

Submitted by Daphne Hinds



Iris Samuels (1923 - 2020)

Iris Adella Samuels (née Wright) was born in Jamaica on June 10, 1923.

She migrated to Montreal to be with her daughter Monica Birch Wright. She was the mother of eight children, nineteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She joined St. Paul's Anglican Church and was enrolled in the Mothers' Union. She was a very devoted member of the Mothers' Union and St. Paul's. She attended many conferences of the Canadian Council in British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Nova Scotia and took part in all the

workshops. She was the oldest member of St. Paul's MU, reaching the age of 97.

She liked travelling, going on cruises, and will be remembered for her sense of humour. Iris spent the winter months in Jamaica and the Bahamas with two of her daughters.

May her soul rest in peace.

Submitted by Daphne Hinds

Good-bye to our Mothers' Union Friends

Corleta Walcott (1939 - 2021)

Corleta was born in Barbados and migrated to Montreal. She was the mother of three children, a daughter and two sons.

She was one of the first enrolled members in St. Paul's Mothers' Union in September of 1981. She was a dedicated member of the MU and she will be missed at the celebration of our 40th anniversary which will be held this year.

She worked with the summer day camps as Matron Mother and was well beloved by the children.

Corleta was a devoted member of

St. Paul's Anglican Church and served as President of the Women's Auxiliary and sang in the church choir. She loved dancing and was active with the square dancing group.

After being ill for a number of years, she moved to a seniors' residence and, although not active, she kept in touch. Her desire was to see the birth of one of her great-grandchildren. God granted her this wish and she died peacefully after.

May she rest in peace.

Submitted by Daphne Hinds



Gerald Nelson (1929 - 2021)

Gerry was born into a church family as his father was rector of the Anglican Parish of Tangier, Nova Scotia, where Gerry was born and grew up. Unfortunately his father died when Gerry was two and a half, but church still played a predominant role in his life.

After he was confirmed, he became one of two servers in the parish which had seven churches. He travelled with the rector and one day when he was 13, as they were going into the church the rector said to him, "It's about time you started reading the Lessons. You can read the first one today." So he did. He became a Lay Reader when he was 17 and later was a Eucharistic Minister. He continued in all these ministries until a month before he died.

He was always interested in Mothers' Union, as he believed that family life is the foundation of a good society. When his wife Ethel, was Provincial President of Canada (1997-2000), he enjoyed being teased by Raymond, Mary Wilkie's husband, that he must remember to walk two paces behind her.

He attended many of the quadrennial conferences (now called the second biennial) and became more aware of the need for various kinds of support. He donated by buying MAMD cards which



Left to right: Elizabeth Court, Dawn Skene, Ethel Nelson and Gerry Nelson. This photo was taken by Deanna Morrison at the 2016 MU Biennial Conference in Baddeck, NS.

help support worldwide projects, but wanted to give some financial support to the local area as well.

At the Fall Rally in 2013 Gerry and two other men were enrolled as Diocesan members. Their dues go to support the Diocesan Council of NS and PEI rather than the branch. From that time he attended the Spring and Fall Rallies

as well as the Conferences.

Gerry will be greatly missed by his wife of 60 years, Ethel (Conrad) Nelson; daughters, Dawn Skene, Elizabeth Court, and Anne McLeod; grandchildren, a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Contributed by Ethel Nelson

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Elaine Robichaud, Treasurer

Annual Treasurers Report 2020

Canadian Mothers Union

| Bank Balance | | January 1, 2020 | \$52,341.33 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Receipts | Dues Received | \$5,544.25 | \$40,159.18 |
| | Extra Newsletter | \$90.00 | |
| | General fund donations | \$450.90 | |
| | Nat Conference Receipts | \$9,205.00 | |
| | Travel Fund | \$268.05 | |
| | MSH Donation | \$11,021.81 | |
| | NCFE | \$1,330.60 | |
| | Make a Mothers Day (MSH) | \$625.00 | |
| | Northern Parenting | \$532.57 | |
| | Anglican Foundation Grant | \$10,000.00 | |
| | Lady Day Overseas Fund | \$807.00 | |
| | Parenting Program | \$0.00 | |
| | Literature | \$284.00 | |
| Expenses | CC Meeting Travel | \$303.55 | |
| | Nat Conference Expenses | \$10,587.69 | |
| | CC Coordinator Expense | \$126.26 | |
| | Presidents Travel - ww comissioning | | |
| | Presidents Expenses | \$59.68 | |
| | Travel ACW Conference | | |
| | Newsletter Printing Postage | \$143.25 | |
| | Bank Charges | \$86.96 | |
| | MSH disbursements | \$23,045.36 | |
| | Anglican Foundation Donation return | \$4,816.12 | |
| | NCFE Transfer | \$2,000.00 | |
| | Northern Parenting Expenses | \$14,600.08 | |
| | Literature expenses | \$351.76 | |
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| Bank Balance | | December 31, 2020 | \$36,379.80 |

| Allocation of Funds | Opening Balance | Closing Balance |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$26,499.60 | \$28,105.53 |
| Dues to MSH - 2(2021) members x \$ 6 | \$1,062.00 | \$12.00 |
| Travel Fund | \$729.29 | \$997.34 |
| NCFE | \$2,074.68 | \$1,405.00 |
| MAMD | \$0.00 | \$265.00 |
| MAMD Northern Parenting | \$9,855.47 | \$971.84 |
| Rev Debbie Strickland | \$1,699.00 | \$1,699.00 |
| Lady Day(Overseas fund) | \$155.00 | \$0.00 |
| Parenting | \$1,150.76 | \$1,150.76 |
| MSH | \$6,405.55 | \$1,188.00 |
| Conference | | -\$2,056.89 |
| Literature | \$2,709.98 | \$2,642.22 |
| Year end Balance | \$52,341.33 | \$36,379.80 |

Canadian Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer 2020 - 2021

| | January | February | March | April | May | June |
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| 1-5 | All Branch Chaplains Debbie Fice | 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. Barnabas 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 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 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 Abeyance | 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 Sumner House | All Members Worldwide |