

Archdeacon's Report 2022



Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has
become new!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17

God bless Kathleen Aitken (DC Chair) in her new role as a Diocesan Lay Reader.

Several parishes in the Deanery (St. Michael's, Gathering Table, St. John's Schreiber, St. George's and St. Paul's) have received the grant money (either \$5000 or \$7500) to upgrade security at their church (e.g. lighting, locks, cameras) through the Ontario Grant to Support Anti Hate Security Measures for Faith Based and Cultural Organizations.

Missional Objectives and Desired Outcomes for 2022. I am hoping that the Regional Dean can speak to these objectives for 2022 at the May 14 DC Meeting

- ❖ **Support the 7 approved resolutions that rose up from the Response to the Archbishop's Charge Committee at Synod.**

Resolution 1

That our parishes celebrate a day of lament and gratitude on Friday March 11th, 2022, the 2nd anniversary of the Declaration of the Pandemic by the Canadian House of Bishops, in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the pandemic.

DONE. LITURGY PROVIDED BY ARCHDEACON JAY KOYLE.

Resolution 2

That we are committed to the common good and to loving our neighbour, and we urge everyone, who is eligible or able, to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

ONGOING

Resolution 3

That the synod delegates for 2023 bring cards from their congregations that identify the community-building ideas that were tried and worked, and the ideas that were tried and didn't work between Synod 2021 and Synod 2023. The cards, similar to the seeds presented at Synod 2017, will be presented during the Opening Worship at St. Luke's Cathedral.

ONGOING

Resolution 4

That we honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation every September 30 through worshipping together as a diocese, deanery or congregation either on September 30 or on the Sunday closest to September 30.

DEANERY COUNCIL IDEA. HAVE A SERVICE IN THE SPIRIT GARDEN AT THE MARINA ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS BURSARIES THROUGH THE MINI-CAMINO 'SAY YES TO KIDS' ANGLICAN FOUNDATION. THE MONEY RAISED WILL SUPPORT 5 BURSARIES FOR 5 GRADUATING STUDENTS FROM DFC HEADING TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. THIS IS ALSO A COMMUNITY-BUILDING IDEA THAT PROMOTES EXERCISE, HEALTH, AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

ENCOURAGE PARISHES AND INDIVIDUALS TO PLANT ORANGE FLOWERS IN SUPPORT OF ORANGE SHIRT DAY/EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Resolution 5

That this Synod 2021 supports the **Treebilee** and encourages every congregation and as many people as possible to plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022.

PARISHES/INDIVIDUALS ENCOURAGED TO PLANT A TREE TO SUPPORT THE TREEBILEE AND TO SUBMIT VIDEO OF THE TREE-PLANTING TO DANIEL KLEIN WHO WILL COMPILE THE VIDEOS INTO A DEANERY TREEBILEE VIDEO.

Resolution 6

That the Synod members support and build awareness of Thorneloe University by speaking about its programs and by encouraging people in their congregations to enroll in theological courses.

ONGOING

Resolution 7

That gratitude be expressed to Archbishop Anne for her authentic and trusting leadership during this liminal time of the pandemic.

A CHEQUE FOR \$200 TO ARCHBISHOP ANNE AND COLIN TO PURCHASE A TREE FOR THEIR COTTAGE WAS SENT TO ARCHBISHOP ANNE. HER REPLY OF GRATITUDE WAS SCANNED AND SHARED WITH ALL DEANERY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

❖ Commit to the Archbishop's Motto for 2022

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

ONGOING.

I encourage you and your partner to attend the Dinner with the Archbishop on June 17, 2022. Please RSVP to Bonnie Shipston.

I will be keeping you upheld in my prayers as I walk the Camino.

God bless,

God bless, Deborah+

Dinner with Archbishop Anne

Please register as soon as possible.

Date: Friday, June 17, 2022

Time: 6 pm

Place: Knights of Columbus ~ 301 May St. S.

Cost: \$40.00 per person ~ payable at the door.

***Please email Bonnie Shipston to register at:
bshipston@gmail.com***

Dinner buffet menu ~ ***Gluten Free options noted in purple.***

Tossed Salad and Potato Salad ~ ***Garden Salad ~ Gluten Free***

Roast Chicken ~ ***Gluten Free***

Pasta in Italian Sauce ~ ***Gluten Free***

Meatballs in Italian Sauce ~ ***Gluten Free***

Spareribs

Perogies and Sour Cream

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Hot Vegetables ~ ***Gluten Free***

Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Tea Service

Selection of Pastries

***Please note the number of gluten free meals required
when you email.***

‘Disturb Us Lord’... attributed by some to Sir Francis Drake

Disturb us, Lord, when We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little.
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us Lord, when With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life.
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future In strength, courage, hope and love.
We ask this in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ. Amen

Regional Dean's Report

April 29, 2022

I have been busy re organizing files and annual reports. There are still a couple of parishes that have to forward their documentation to me, I will be contacting those who still have to submit, given the fact that we still have vacant parishes, the delay is understandable.

Parish inspections are almost completed, I am in negotiation with the remaining parishes to set an acceptable day/time for their inspection,

I have been delayed in arranging for the completion of these inspections due to contracting Covid in March and a close contact over Easter.

Inspections will still be via the Zoom platform as this seems to work quite well and given ever increasing costs, is less expensive for all.

In a recent email communication, a revision of the parish inspection forms is underway, I will keep you informed as this progresses.

I am also working with the diocese on the definition of Capital Projects.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Gordon Holroyd

Regional Dean

Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery

DEANERY OF THUNDER BAY - NORTH SHORE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE AS AT APRIL 30, 2022

	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual
INCOME			
Deanery Levy 2021	3,250.01		
Deanery Levy Rebate 2021	- 4,452.46		
Deanery Levy 2022 (see note 1)	1,095.96	4,100	3,003.94
Bank Interest	3.49		1.15
Donations (see note 2)	500.00		
TOTAL INCOME	397.00	4,100	3,005.09
EXPENSE			
Administration			
Bank Charges	83.40	100	
Mileage		150	
Stationery and Postage	41.58	50	
Total Administration	124.98	300	-
Communication			
Hosting Deanery Website	131.07	100	
New Initiatives		500	
Total Communication	131.07	600	-
Projects			
Advent Retreat			
Altar Guild Appreciation			
Bishop's Dinner with Deanery Council (see note 3)		200	350.00
Child & Youth Worker Appreciation			
Clergy Appreciation			
Deanery BBQ		1,000	
Lay Readers Appreciation			
Lenten Retreat		500	500.00
Marriage Prep Workshop			
Wages for staff support to projects		500	
Total Projects	-	2,200	-
Seed Money	-	1,000	-
Other Expense			
Appreciation Gifts (See note 4)		200	200.00
Deanery Youth Delegates to Diocesan Synod			
PWRDF Vaccine Equity Fund Advent Campaign	117.72		
Total Other Expense	117.72	200	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	373.77	4,300	1,050.00
NET INCOME	23.23	- 200	1,955.09

RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Bank Balance as at January 1, 2022		5,722.73
Deanery Fund		
Fund Balance January 1, 2022	5,527.73	
uncashed cheques	- 357.63	
	- 91.88	
Net Income	1,955.09	
Balance April 30, 2022		7,033.31
Diocesan Lay Readers Conference - held in trust		195.00
Total		7,228.31
Bank Balance as at April 30, 2022		7,228.31

Note 1: in 2021 one parish submitted their 2022 levy of 1,095.96

Note 2: \$500.00 returned from TBNS ACW due to cancellation of 2020 ACW Annual

Note 3: Deposit for dinner June 17, 2022 at Columbus Centre

Note 4: Appreciation gift for Archbishop Anne

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Treasurer
Chaplain

Pastor Matthew Diegel
The Rev'd Canon Ed Swayze



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May 12, 2022

From: Canon Ed Swayze

To: Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery Council

The Port of Thunder Bay opened at the end of March and the first ocean-going vessel, M/V Blacky arrived on 18 April. The Thunder Bay Port Authority recognized the M/V Blacky being the first ocean-going ship with a Top Hat ceremony. It was particularly poignant as the crew was from Ukraine. Members of the Ukrainian community welcomed the Captain and Chief Engineer at the ceremony that was held at Richardson Main Terminal.

A Top Hat ceremony is also held for the first laker each year. Lakers are vessels that ply the Great Lakes and eastern seaboard of North America.

While Transport Canada is allowing shore leave, many ships are restricting shore leave. Out of 5 ships in port, we assisted all of them: 3 for shore leave, 3 for transportation with crew change, and 1 for transportation for medical care. Crew change is important because it means seafarers can go home; they can not leave the ship until their relief arrives. With COVID, more crew changes have been happening in Canadian ports due to restrictions in other countries as compared to Canada.

One seafarer's luggage did not arrive and I brought him to the Seafarers' Centre so that he could get a coat, and the next day took him to Walmart so he could shop for some of the things he needed. His ship sailed before his luggage arrived; it caught up to him while the ship was transiting the Welland Canal.

I took the seafarer requiring medical care to the hospital so get could see a doctor. The next day I purchased the medications that he needed; his ship reimbursed the Mission for the medications.

Meat Sale

Thank you to those who supported the Meat Sale. 110 customers purchased \$10,974.50 of meat products for a profit of \$1,838.16. Thank you to European Meats for their support and to the canvassers who sold the meat.

Help Needed

The position of Treasurer is vacant and we are searching for a new treasurer, and if you know of a suitable candidate, please let me know.

David Stephens is the acting Treasurer for the time being.

Prayers

Mid-Day Prayers are being offered on a monthly basis on the first Wednesday of the month at noon. We will continue it until we are able to resume holding the Eucharist. To confirm date, visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay/Calendar.htm

Join Zoom Prayers click on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89162986646?pwd=T3A4aTVqZzVvYk5lQ0E1Vm1RNTMvZz09>

Upcoming Events

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Mission to Seafarers will be held by Zoom at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 18. Email flyingangel@tbaytel.net not later than 12:00 p.m. May 17 to express your desire to participate in the AGM and the Zoom link and supporting documents will be emailed to you.

The **Blessing of the Fleet** is scheduled for 10:30 am Saturday, June 25 at the Royal Canadian Navy Pier - Pier 3, Prince Arthur's Landing Marina Park.

Here is the proposed calendar for the remainder of the year. Dates are subject to change; please check www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay/Calendar.htm to confirm.

September 25 Open House

October 28 Fund-raising Dinner

Various people, appointed by the Board of Directors, organize these events. If you would like to help out, please contact myself or Pastor Matthew Diegel and we will get you in touch with the right person.

Office Hours

At the Seafarers' Centre, Keefer Terminal Monday 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm; Wednesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; and by appointment. I am available by calling 344-8241.

My work schedule tends to be flexible as I am also part-time as Pastor at St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, and some work does not take place in either building. If you would like to see me, please give me a call.



Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee advertised three courses via Zoom: MailChimp, Introduction to Microsoft Word and an Introduction to Microsoft Excel.

The MailChimp was a no go; however, both the Introduction to Microsoft Word and Excel were well attended with good feedback.

The Communications Committee would like to continue these courses and are putting out a survey to the Deanery to see which of the following possible courses people would like to take part in and possible time frames:

- Introduction to Microsoft Word - repeat
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel - repeat
- Microsoft Word Mail Merge
- Microsoft Word Working with Pictures
- Introduction to MailChimp
- Introduction to Microsoft Publisher
- Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

The courses would run once a month for 1.5 hours on a Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am. If the response is great for any particular course, as a minimum of 10 per course would be optimum, we would run the course again. Depending on the survey results, we could run a course in June, otherwise, we would be aiming for the end of August. We look forward to the survey responses. It will be coming via DoodlePoll.

The Deanery communicates in two ways: via Canon Ed and the Deanery email list and the Deanery Net News. You can send items for distribution for the Deanery Net News via news@thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com. You can sign up for the Deanery Net News by going to our website at <https://thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com/>. On the main page, scroll down the left-hand side menu until you come to: **SIGN UP FOR DEANERY NET NEWS**, enter your **Email Address**, **First Name** and **Last Name** fields and then click on the **Subscribe** button.

The Communications Committee is looking for members or at least a contact from each Parish. We will continue to meet using zoom and other means to encompass all Deanery parishes, ie, hybrid (partial in person with zoom for those who cannot meet in person). We hope the North Shore parishes will be able to join us via Zoom. We will need the email addresses for those interested so that a zoom link can be emailed.

I have updated the website with your parish's website link. Please check to see if your link is correct and if not, please contact me at either Id you please have your proposed Communication committee member/contact forward the link to me at news@thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com or sicorston@gmail.com

Thank you,

Sharon Corston

Communications Committee Team Lead

A Report on Behalf of the Social Justice Committee for the Diocese of Algoma

On behalf of the *Social Justice Committee* for the Diocese of Algoma, I am very pleased to report that the new *Social Justice Committee* is up and running! Members of our group include Ann Camber, Bruce McLeish, Connie McKnight, Ann Sullivan, Nancy Armstrong, Jane Cox, and myself. Thus far the SJC has met three times. We have agreed that for each meeting we take turns chairing, and leading the prayers or devotions. Because we each come with hearts and minds filled with a passion, drive, and commitment toward the work and ministry of social justice, the SJC for Algoma is now able offer support to any person or parish who may be struggling with some of the hard and pressing issues that involve social justice, or a lack thereof.

At our last meeting we determined that the major thematic issue that unites us as Committee members through our various individual cares and concerns, is the issue of *Poverty in the North*. Poverty, (in general), impacts everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, or location in the north. In our last discussion concerning the sweeping issue of the injustice of poverty, we identified how we, as a committee, could proceed in moving forward i.e., naming and challenging the status quo, addressing the need for a Guaranteed Annual Income, lack of affordable housing, and the disadvantages that many face, and that are often caused by the injustice of racism, or the stigma of mental health. In light of all these things, we noted that 4.9 million Canadians are now living in poverty. Perhaps most significantly, the SJC for Algoma is very aware of the upcoming election. Members of the SJC suggested that we explore how we might go about posing critical questions to electoral candidates on behalf of parishes in Algoma? With prayer and discernment as our starting place for all that we agree to do as a committee, we have arranged to have the former mayor of Lively, Mr. Terry Kett, join us at our next meeting in March. It is our hope that Mr. Kett will hear our concerns and offer us some guidance for how we might better frame our questions and ideas, so to put them into action. It is an honour for me to work and to serve with the members of this important committee. Thank You.

Faithfully Submitted by,
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green
Incumbent Priest for the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury

PWRDF Report April 19 2022 for Deanery Executive and Deanery Council May 14

The PWRDF Vaccine Equity Fund continues to be highlighted through regular postings on the Deanery Net Web. Thanks to Sharon Corston and the Communications Committee for continuing to post about this important initiative.

Since the last report 2 new programmes have been a focus in the deanery. The first has been relief for Ukrainian refugees since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia the end of February. PWRDF has been very active in providing immediate and continuing aid to Ukrainian refugees through partners on the ground. Refugees flooded into neighbouring countries and needed both food and information as to where to go. Initially PWRDF sent a \$ 20,000 dollar grant to a long-time partner in Hungary called ACT Alliance, a member of Hungarian Inter-church Aid (HIA). An additional \$30,000 was soon added to the initial grant. In late March a grant of \$50,000 was given to a new on the ground partner called Help Age to aid refugees fleeing into Moldova. Funding was also given to them for medical work and related needs around the capital of Kiev. It is believed that 75% of the wounded are civilians. As of April 4, PWRDF has raised \$400,000 for Ukrainian relief and they are actively seeking other on the ground partners who can reliably distribute aid. Updates on PWRDF's work in Ukraine was periodically sent out and will continue to be provided through the Deanery Net Web.

The 2nd new project has come through PWRDF's partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and is called "Sponsor a Calf". Local farmers are raising beef cattle in a community pasture to support local foodbanks. 100 dollars covers the cost of pasturing a beef cow for one year. 500 dollars will pay for the purchase of one calf. An ecumenical in-person information session was held in March at the Farrand Street Bible church and this project continues to be advertised on the Deanery Net Web.

Respectfully submitted

Carol

Dr. Carol Knox
PWRDF Deanery Coordinator



Kathleen Aitken <kathleengrace056@gmail.com>

Deanery Council - notice of motion

1 message

Canon Ed Swayze <Canon.Ed@ststephenanglican.com>
To: Canon Ed Swayze <Canon.Ed@ststephenanglican.com>

Tue, Mar 29, 2022 at 4:57 PM

To: Deanery Council

CC: Deanery Finance Committee

At the February Deanery Council meeting, I offered to prepare a motion to amend Bylaw 2 Deanery Financial Management. The motion below is for the May 14 Deanery Council meeting; it needs to be sent out with at least 30 days notice in order for the Deanery Council to consider it.

A copy of the Deanery Bylaws is in the Thunder Bay – North Shore Deanery Directory if you wish to review the current bylaw.

Background

Bylaw 2 Deanery Financial Management provides the authorization to make expenditures from the Deanery Fund.

The motion is intended to authorize Deanery Council to approve a \$300 expenditure at a meeting without notice, and to increase the amount that the Deanery Officials can approve from \$200 to \$300.

The motion has been reviewed by the Deanery Finance Committee and has its endorsement.

Motion

Moved by the Rev'd Canon Ed Swayze and seconded by the Janet Pike that:

Bylaw 2 Deanery Financial Management sub-paragraphs e. ii through iv be renumbered iii through v; and

that sub-paragraph e. ii be added:

Deanery Council may approve an expenditure of \$300 or less;

and that sub-paragraph e. iv be amended to read:

The Archdeacon and Deanery Officials may approve an expenditure of \$300 or less that was not previously approved by Deanery Council; and

If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ's service

Ed

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Deanery Council May 14 2022 ~ Report on Lenten Retreat

The Deanery Lenten retreat resumed this year on March 12, the first Saturday in Lent, after a two-year break because of covid. It was held on zoom as a “Lenten Quiet Afternoon” from 1 until 3:30 pm. There was no charge to attendees.

Archbishop Anne led the opening worship and Bishop Riscylla Shaw from the Diocese of Toronto, led reflections on the Seven Grandfather Teachings as Related to Lenten Practice.

Bishop Shaw is Metis and has been very involved in the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission and in the Anglican Church’s response. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very evident because of Archbishop Anne’s theme in the opening worship flowing so perfectly into Bishop Riscylla’s teaching even tho they had not spoken together about their content. There was ample time for quiet personal reflection on questions and artwork +Riscylla posed, as well as some time for individuals to share what the Spirit was saying to them, if they chose to share.

There was no formal “evaluation” but a good number of participants spontaneously emailed to express their thanks for the event. In terms of going forward, the retreat team seems to have made a good decision in following the results of a previous survey which indicated a preference for an afternoon event. The zoom platform turned out to be a blessing in disguise as it more than doubled our attendance and allowed for folks from beyond the deanery to participate. When we return to an in-person retreat, I suggest that we continue to have a zoom component.

In terms of demographics, 57 people registered. A few people, including part of the retreat team, were unable to attend because of a rash of funerals that day. Two others emailed later to say that they had internet issues. In the past we usually have 20-25 people attend from the deanery and this time we had 32. In addition, we welcomed 15 people from other deaneries in the diocese as well as 8 people from Moosonee, 1 from Toronto, and 1 from Nova Scotia. There was an almost even divide of the number of regular parishioners, lay readers and clergy attending. These numbers reflect a considerable increase in attendance for regular parishioners which suggests that a shorter time period works better for them.

The committee decided that the 500 dollar line item in the deanery budget for Lenten Retreat should be sent to +Riscylla as an honorarium, with the understanding that she regift half of that to an indigenous ministry of her choice. She has chosen to send it to Denis Franklin Cromarty High School here in Thunder Bay for the Anglican principal to use at her discretion when individual student needs arise. Bishop Riscylla has a personal connection with the school in that she visited informally a few years ago while on holiday in Thunder Bay. It was the opening of school assembly and she was invited to speak and pray for them. The Holy Spirit is amazing.

Many thanks to Daniel Klein for hosting the zoom in Archdeacon Deborah’s absence as well as to committee members Deb Everest, Janet Pike and Christine French. Thanks also to Liz Hammel in the Archbishop’s office for advertising on the diocesan website. And a giant thanks to +Anne for leading worship, for being with us all afternoon and for her continuing leadership, support and prayers for Thunder Bay/North Shore Deanery.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Carol Knox

Chair Deanery Retreat Committee



FROM THE BISHOP

+ Anne: Algoma
with gratitude &
affection
XX

March 31st, 2022

Dear Archdeacon Deborah and Thunder
Bay/North Shore Deanery,

What an ~~am~~ unexpected surprise I received
when I opened my mail to discover a
generous gift from you. Thank you for
the gift of a tree for our cottage property
near Bright Lake, and for the sentiments
expressed in the accompanying card. I was
moved by your kind words & remain grateful
for your courageous proclamation of the
gospel in TBNs. Looking forward to my June
visit. Love & blessings for Holy Week & Easter.



Deanery of Thunder Bay – North Shore
Anglican Church Women's Report to Deanery Council
May 14, 2022

Our Annual Conference for the Diocese of Algoma Anglican Church Women will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 1 beginning at 9:30 am. Our theme is Archbishop Anne's motto *"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17. Our report cover depicts emergence from a cocoon and transformation into a butterfly. Diocesan Treasurer, Jacquie Howell is the registrar for the conference if anyone is interested email: Jacquie Howell <36jacquie@gmail.com> Archbishop Anne will lead us in worship followed by Break Out discussion groups. Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director, will speak on behalf of the Anglican Foundation about the "Say Yes to Kids" campaign. Our Guest Speaker for our Thank Offering choice, the Anglican Church of Canada, Giving with Grace, Indigenous Suicide Prevention Program will be Dorothy Patterson.

St. Michael and All Angels ACW Group will be hosting ladies in Thunder Bay in the Parish Hall who wish to join them for the Zoom meeting. Everyone attending is to bring their own lunch. Coffee and tea will be available. The doors off the parking lot will be open at 9:00 am. The Conference is expected to end at 3:00 pm. I would be happy to provide more information if needed.

The National ACW has sent out a survey which has been sent by Synod Office to Clergy and ACW groups in the Diocese. The survey is intended for the ACW Diocesan Board to complete. I welcome input from anyone who has seen the survey. In addition to information gathering the possibility of setting up a pattern of in-person and virtual meetings is included.

There is a concern about the diminishing number of functioning ACW groups in our Diocese. We expect that this will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Annual as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pike, Deanery ACW Secretary

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Camp Gitchigomee Report to Deanery Council for May 14, 2022

The Camp Gitchigomee Annual General meeting was held March 22nd via Zoom. The members of the Board are:

President – Danielle Reszitaryk

Vice President – Sandra Rejall

Secretary – Andrea Dumas

Treasurer – Maranda Dumas

At Large – Heidi Dreher-Wolfe

At Large – Angela Alberta

At Large – Mel Gottfred

At Large – Robyn Sulkko

At Large – Ashley Hill

Ex-Officio - The Venerable Deborah Kraft for The Most Venerable Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma

In order to keep our campers and staff safe and healthy during the pandemic the overnight camps were once again canceled in 2021. Volunteers continued to work on many large and small maintenance updates throughout the year. Improvements included installation of new siding, roofing, and the rebuilt generator, as well as many projects to improve the physical space out at camp to ensure years of camper and staff enjoyment. Volunteers and former campers also enjoyed distanced camp activities this past summer with a photo contest, colouring contest and distanced Secret Pals, and all participants received a 2021 “log” to add to their collection. It was wonderful to reconnect with members of the camp community and share memories.

Looking ahead and monitoring the pandemic situation as it progresses, we are planning to run overnight camps and the postponed 75th (+2) Anniversary celebration this summer. The board has developed a vaccine policy and COVID-19 safety plan to protect the safety of participants. In addition to the usual 3 week-long summer camps, arrangements are being made to run a weekend teen retreat in June thanks to a grant from the Anglican Foundation. The 3 week-long overnight camps will be held in July, and preparations are underway for the 75th (+2) Anniversary Weekend event planned for the August long weekend. All former campers and volunteers are invited to join the Anniversary celebrations out at camp and are encouraged to share photos and memories.

This summer we will also host an OCA Accreditation visit, ensuring our camp policies and procedures up to provincial standards.

In addition to making arrangements for running camps this summer, the board is planning to run a fundraiser spaghetti dinner through the Da Vinci on May 26th. Orders can be placed through online order forms or with any board member before May 17th.

Many thanks to the parishes and individuals for your continued support; if you are interested in helping with the camp mission, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email, Facebook, or our website. We are always looking for enthusiastic individuals wanting to help further the camp mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Reszitaryk
President
Camp Gitchigomee Board of Directors