

ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no recommendations.

REPORT

To the Venerable, the 142nd General Assembly:

The purpose of the Atlantic Mission Society is to glorify God and support with prayer, study and service mission endeavours through The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Our 139th annual meeting was held in First Church, Stellarton, Nova Scotia, with President Bonnie Langille presiding. The entire weekend was one of rejoicing and worshiping in God's name. It was hosted by the Pictou Presbyterial. The theme was "We are Friends of the Lord". The guest speakers were the Rev. Major Charles Deogartias, who spoke about finding peace after leaving a refugee camp in western Tanzania. Ms. Penny Gilles also spoke about her trip to Haiti with the Rev. Lara Scholey updating what was happening in Haiti and Syria.

Our new Honorary President is Ethel Porter who has been an active member of AMS working hard within the archives of the Atlantic Mission Society.

The new updated Constitution and By-Laws were passed and can be found on the AMS website. Due to a drop in revenue, the Financial Committee moved that the amount budgeted for The Presbyterian Church in Canada would be lowered by ten percent. The annual meeting was as usual a huge success with an entire weekend of rejoicing and worshiping in God's name and we were blessed with good fun, fellowship and food. The local committee is to be commended for a job well done.

The President of the AMS will attend the General Assembly in June. The President Bonnie Langille attended the Life and Mission Agency Committee meetings and Vice-president Linda MacKinnon attended the Assembly Council meetings in November and April. They present reports at these meetings. The President represents the AMS at various synod meetings and attended the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces in October in Moncton to update on the AMS activities.

Our two Executive meetings took place in the months of April and November. These are always generously hosted by St. James' Church in their Koinonia Centre in Truro. As we continue our work with missions some members finish their terms and we thank these leaders for all their dedication and leadership throughout their terms.

Discovery Days took place in Truro in April. Our theme this year was "Joy in the Lord" with guest speakers the Rev. Karen Horst, Moderator of the 141st General Assembly; the Rev. Beth Mattison (clown ministry) and representatives from Teen Challenge in New Brunswick.

As a mission minded group we continue to support our overseas projects in places such as Ukraine, Malawi and India, as well as the many projects here at home. Our Men's group are starting their second year supporting their project: The Atlantic Teen Challenge, New Brunswick. They were very pleased to be informed that their second project the New Minister's Library Fund in Malawi has reached its goal. All gifts given through the AMS for this project since its completion will go to another project of International Ministries.

We continue to support the three Atlantic camps, and give up to four bursaries to students studying for ministry. Winter is a cold time of year so this year the AMS members and knitters were encouraged to make Canada the recipient of their handiwork.

The *Presbyterian Message* continues to keep us updated with articles from the Presbyterian missionaries and their work overseas as well as articles concerning The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We have an interesting study this year on the Reformation and the AMS prepared by Rob Griffiths. Many thanks goes to the Editor and Webmaster Joan Cho.

We are a busy group of ladies and gentlemen learning, praying and seeking ways to help God's people in need.

Our membership is down a bit this year but our prayers and support for Missions is still strong in the hearts of the AMS members.

Bonnie Langille
President