

IAWN news

A New Steering Group for IAWN!

Thank you to everyone who made nominations, stood for election, and voted during the IAWN Steering Group elections earlier this year.

Many congratulations to the members of the new IAWN Steering Group that will serve the Network for the next three years! They are: Immaculée Nyiransengimana, Rwanda; Moumita Biswas, North India; Carole Hughes; Aotearoa New Zealand & Polynesia; Paula Nesbitt, The Episcopal Church and Lizzi Green, England, along with Pumla Titus, Southern Africa and Margaret Dempster, Canada, who have been elected to serve for a second term. Find out more about them inside this newsletter, and let's uphold them in love and prayer as they take up your new role.

There were no nominations from Latin America and the Caribbean but the Steering Group hopes to co-opt a representative from the region in the near future. Let us know if you would like to be considered for this.

May 2016

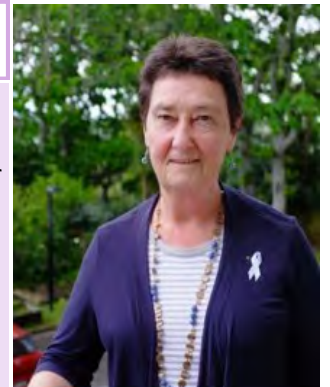
Issue 16

Looking back at the 16 Days	2
Aotearoa New Zealand & Polynesia on track to gender equality	2
Side by Side Movement	2
ACC-16 and gender justice	2
Meet your new Steering Group!	3
Faith communities key actors in empowering, protecting girls	4
Have you seen these resources?	4
Contents	4

Thank you to a great team!

Our sincere gratitude goes to IAWN Steering Group coordinator Ann Skamp from Australia (pictured right) and the Steering Group members who have so faithfully served the Network over the last three years: Claudette Kigeme, Burundi; Meenakshi Das, North India; Elaine Cameron, Scotland; Elenor Lawrence, West Indies, until mid-2015; and Kim Robey, The Episcopal Church, until mid 2014, and also Pumla Titus and Margaret Dempster who will continue to serve in the new Steering Group.

They have been an extraordinary team, connecting women across the world and working hard to ensure that the Network provides a bold and prophetic voice for Anglican women throughout the Communion and in the wider world. We praise God for the blessing that they have been to us.



Study on-line with Catherine of Siena College



'Understanding Gender', 'Violence against Women: War, the Domestic Sphere and Religion', 'Women, Faith and Community Development', 'Women, Leadership and Ministry' and 'Migration Matters' are just four of the [Short Courses](#) being offered by Catherine Siena College, 2016 to 2017.

The six-week courses are taught exclusively online. Students anywhere in the world can work through material at their own pace and at convenient times. Each course provides students with the tools needed for exploration of topics via a Virtual Learning Environment: videos, reading materials, and questions for reflection. Discussion boards and scheduled live discussion times provide important opportunities for conversation with other students and course tutors. Successful completion of a course results in a certificate of attendance. The fee for a Short Course is GBP 150 and bursaries are available. Contact terrie.robinson@anglicancommunion.org for more information.

Catherine of Siena College was established in the UK in 2007 by a group of scholars concerned about the marginalization and oppression of women across the world. They wished to offer courses to support those working for gender justice. The founders recognised that facilitating the full contribution and leadership of women is not only crucial for the wellbeing of women. It is also vital for the flourishing of men, children, societies, nations, and religious communities. In 2015, Catherine of Siena College became part of the portfolio of the University of Roehampton.

Looking back at the 16 Days

A few months have passed since the 2015 Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence but it is worth looking back at some of the Anglican initiatives that unfolded in different parts of the Communion.



Take a look at <http://bit.ly/1PDVXQr>. Activities raised awareness and challenged structures and attitudes that allow sexual and gender-based violence and the stigmatisation of victims and survivors to persist.

Such initiatives give us models that can be copied or built on, not just for the Sixteen Days for 2016 (25 November to 10 December) but all year round.

Leave no one behind

On track to equal gender representation!

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia has resolved to aim for 50-50 representation of women and men in its decision-making entities by 2030, reflecting the UN Women campaign '[Step it Up for Planet 50-50 by 2030](#)'. Read about it here: <http://bit.ly/1P7s15j>.

Side by Side Faith Movement for Gender Justice

More and more Anglicans are getting involved with the international [Side by Side Faith Movement for Gender Justice](#). Organisations and individuals who have signed up to the Movement agree to the Movement's [intentions, values and principles](#).



ACC-16 resolutions focus on gender justice

One of the last tasks undertaken by the out-going IAWN Steering Group was to send in a report for the Network to the members of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) as it prepared for its meeting in Lusaka during April. The report is on-line at <http://bit.ly/1qjBX9N>.

This, together with a written and oral report to the ACC from the Director for Women in Church and Society at the Anglican Communion Office, statements from Anglican delegations to the annual sessions of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and input from ACC members themselves, led to the passing of three resolutions that particularly relate to gender equality within and beyond our Churches.

- * ACC resolution 16.02 'Women and Men in Church and Society' is at <http://bit.ly/1Wj8VeY>.
- * ACC resolution 16.03 'Gender Equality and Justice' is at <http://bit.ly/1Wj8VeY>.
- * ACC resolution 16.04 'Statements from Anglican delegations to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women' is at <http://bit.ly/1qjDAEb>.



Anglicans at ACC-16 reflect on Gender Justice

Gender justice was one of the prominent themes at the 16th session of the Anglican Consultative Council in Lusaka, April 2016 (ACC-16).

This video at <http://bit.ly/20CiVhM> filmed during the ACC meeting brings together different voices from around the Anglican Communion to explore some of the issues.

Meet your new Steering Group

↓ **Carole Hughes**



Carole is an archdeacon in Auckland, New Zealand with responsibility for 46 ministry units. She is a member of the Episcopal team in the Diocese of Auckland and convenes the General Synod Council for Anglican Women's Studies, a body that exists for the Polynesian, Maori and Pakeha/European women of the Province.

Pumla of Mthatha Diocese, Southern Africa, has led the Anglican Women's Fellowship in her Province, been a board member of HOPE Africa, and coordinated gender mainstreaming for the water sector in the Eastern Cape. This is Pumla's second term with the IAWN Steering Group.

↓ **Pumla Titus**



↓ **Moumita Biswas**



Moumita, North India, has served as Women & Gender Justice coordinator for Kolkata diocese, Executive Secretary of the Commission of Mission & Evangelism of the National Council of Churches in India, and of the Women & gender Justice department of the Christian Conference of Asia, and is now Executive Secretary of the All India Council of Christian Women.

Margaret serves as parish priest in the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, British Columbia, Canada. In recent years she has organized two significant events in British Columbia on human trafficking. This is Margaret's second term with the IAWN Steering Group

↓ **Margaret Dempster**



↓ **Immaculée Nyiransengimana**



Immaculée from Shyogwe Diocese in Rwanda has served as a school chaplain, parish priest and headteacher of a church secondary school. She is now the Mothers' Union Coordinator for her Province.

↓ **Paula Nesbitt**



Paula, Diocese of California, is a priest and sociologist. She has chaired the Episcopal Church Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women and has participated as Lead Evaluator in the Anglican Communion's Continuing Indaba project.

↓ **Lizzi Green**



Lizzi, of Chichester Diocese, England, has been involved with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts since the age of 18 and has spoken at national and international events. She introduced activities for the 16 Days of Activism in her parish church and promotes gender equality in her broader community.

Your Voice Your Network Your Communion

Find out more about the Vision and Purpose of the International Anglican Women's Network at

<http://iawn.anglicancommunion.org>



Faith communities are key actors in empowering and protecting girls and addressing gender-based violence

This is the message of one of five evidence briefs developed by the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI/FLC) for the World Humanitarian Summit that took place in Istanbul, 23 to 24 May this year.

Each of the evidence briefs is linked to the five Core Commitments outlined in the UN Secretary General's Report [One Humanity, Shared Responsibility](#).¹ Evidence brief 3 [Faith communities are key actors in empowering and protecting girls and addressing gender-based violence](#)² relates to the Core Commitment C, 'Leave No One Behind', and draws on case studies to illustrate that faith groups, present at the grassroots all over the world, are in a position to challenge negative cultural gender norms that underpin gender-based violence (GBV), without being dismissed and ignored as outsiders. Local faith communities can also provide important and consistent support to survivors of violence.

The five evidence briefs and links to more in-depth resources are available at the JLI/FLC Online Information Platform for the World Humanitarian Summit: www.jliflc.com/whs.

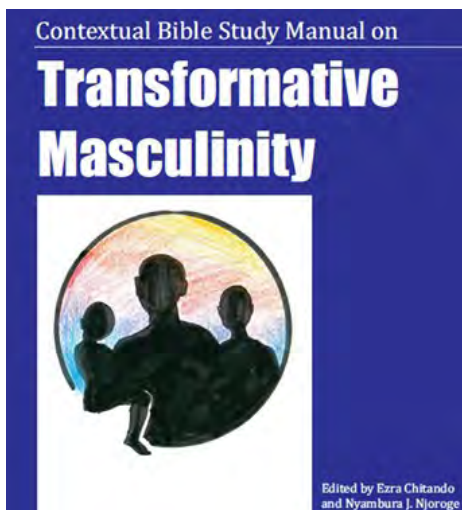
¹ <http://sgreport.worldhumanitariansummit.org>

² <http://bit.ly/24dRCet>



Have you seen these resources?

Transformative masculinity: A Contextual Bible Study Manual



This on-line manual is published by the Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiative in Africa (EHAIA), a programme of the World Council of Churches, Harare Office <http://bit.ly/1TMbndG>

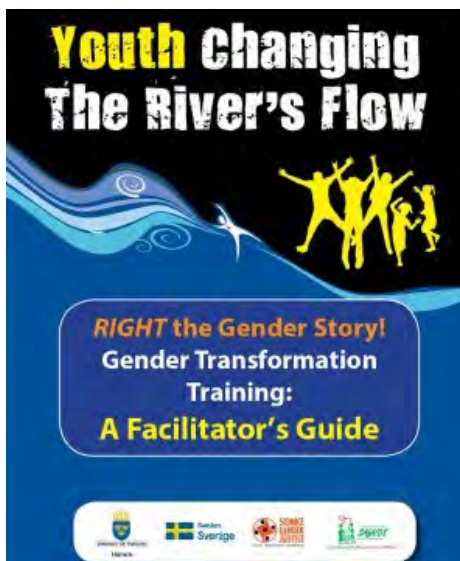
Ending Domestic Abuse: A pack for Churches



Available in English, Español and русский. This is a great new resource from Restored to help churches and communities address domestic abuse. Easily adaptable to different contexts. <http://www.restoredrelationships.org/resources/info/51/>.

Youth Changing the River's Flow

This is a facilitator's guide/toolkit from Sonke Gender Justice for a gender transformative programme for young people. It's ideal for working with young people and also has a section for working with parents and guardians.



Anglican Women at Prayer

This is an initiative of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, a diverse community of women who share a commitment to intercessory prayer, thanksgiving and simplicity of life. Join them at: <https://anglicanwomenatprayer.org>



Community Transformation for Social Action

The World Vision Community Change for Social Action project model enables communities to explore in depth the underlying beliefs, socio-cultural norms and traditional practices that either challenge or support their progress towards improving the well-being of children. Community members are empowered to come up with their own solutions and plans for social change.

This model is an appropriate and effective approach for addressing issues such as early child marriage; female genital mutilation; stigma or discrimination against vulnerable groups; cultural norms around the value of education; inequitable control and decision-making in the household; misinformed perceptions about family planning; and forms of violence, abuse and exploitation.

