

Nancy Harvey, what can I say, that won't incriminate either one of us?

I am so incredibly happy that you are receiving this award, it is beyond well deserved.

Nancy's eco warrior attitude started a very long time ago. Concerned for the environment and its effect on the health of hers and others families, Nancy shares a story of confronting an industry that at the time was pumping out toxins in their smoke stacks. Her then 3 year old accompanied her and jumped into action.... Where are those bad polluters!

Nancy is a retired Occupational Therapist and Therapy Manager, the mother of three and a grandmother of two.

As a rabid cyclist she sees first - hand the beauty of our world and the devastation of carelessness of attitude towards caring for creation causes.

Every day she prays that her grandchildren and their children will inherit a healthy planet.

In 2007 Nancy was asked by Bishop Bennett to join the EnviroAction Committee . He knew her passion for the gospel and the world as in 1985 she had started a green group in St. Marks Brantford.

In 2008 Nancy was asked to co-chair with myself (Rev. Canon Linda Nixon) and we have thoroughly enjoyed working together ever since.

In addition, Nancy helps facilitate the 'Justice League of Huron' which meets 2 or 3 times a year. This group is comprised of all of the justice committees in Huron as we support each other's work, motions to Synod and commitment to all five Mark's of Mission.

But of course that's not all! We're just getting started.

Since its inception in 2010 Nancy has been a member of the Greening Anglican Spaces.

At General Synod 2010, the Greening Anglican Spaces Task Group (GASTG) was formed to facilitate elements of a Climate Change Resolution proposed by *Just Earth*.

In May 2012, the name of this group changed to Creation Matters Working Group (CMWG).

April 2015, Nancy became the Co-Chair of this group with The Very Rev. Ken Gray, dean of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral Kamloops, BC

In September 2015 the group was restructured to reflect a growing interest by Canadian Anglicans for networking, and information and assistance with local, national and global ecological and climate-justice priorities and initiatives.

They network with ecumenical and interfaith partners including *Faith and the Common Good*, *KAIROS*, *Anglican Communion Environmental Network*, *Shareholders' Association for Research and Education (SHARE)*, *Canadian Council of Churches' Commission on Justice and Peace*, *Citizens for Public Justice*, and others.

The Creation Matters Working Group has 16 members from Coast to Coast. They teleconference every 6-8 weeks and share information via email updates to 15 others. You can find them on facebook as well.

This group's recent activity includes participating in the development of General Synod Resolutions:

(A170R1) 'Investment Task Force Relationships' and

(A1171-R2) 'Social & Ecological Investment Task Force'.

This group also has a sub-group looking at how to enhance the Green Building Audit program and help disseminate information regarding The Season of Creation.

Nancy's most recent honour happened last year when our Primate Fred Hiltz appointed Nancy to be the, Chair of the Public Witness for Social & Ecological Justice Committee for the Anglican Church of Canada; for this Triennium.

Here Nancy will work with a dedicated group of 6 members and General Synod staff person Ryan Weston; who has just been named the Lead Animator, for PWSEJ (Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice).

This group met face to face for the first time in April in Toronto and is currently setting their agenda for goals and expectations for the National Church.

With Nancy as chair I can only say they are in for many successful ventures!

We congratulate you and are so proud to have you represent Huron so well Nationally and Ecumenically.

God Bless you as you receive this well-deserved recognition!

“Bishop Linda, it gives me great joy to present to you Nancy Harvey to receive the Order of Huron.”