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TO: Parish Treasurers
From: Diana Baines, Diocesan Treasurer

Here it is September and normally we would be excitedly approaching the restart of our activities. Children, or grandchildren, would be returning to school or college and university; meetings would be starting again; and we would be looking forward to fall fairs, bazaars and Harvest Dinners. This year, most of those familiar activities are cancelled or radically changed. There is nothing most of us can do to change that, so we must find new ways to celebrate the season. If getting together with family and friends for Thanksgiving is impossible for your extended family, why not try something old? Start writing notes or cards to those you can't get together with in person. In these days of finding only bills and ads in our mailbox, how nice to find something personal in our mail.

On September 11, we celebrated two sad anniversaries. On September 11, 2001, terrorists struck in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC and our world changed forever. Most of us can remember what we were doing and where we were when we received the unbelievable news. But in the midst of that tragedy came the story of Gander NFLD. A small town that stepped forward to welcome thousands of stranded passengers and showed the world what can be done by people who care and give freely of themselves. Today also marks the six-month anniversary of the first recorded case of COVID-19 in Ottawa. Once again, our world was changed, and once again caring people stepped forward. Not all of us can be on the front lines to help, but we can all do something: donate to food banks, sew masks, wear a mask and sanitize our hands, stay home if you feel ill, run errands for friends and neighbors who can't get out and, of course, pray.

Since we can't have meetings or social gatherings, it seems our CWL life has come to a virtual standstill but we can still stay in touch. Many councils keep in touch with members through emails, newsletters and phone calls. One thing to think about as we wait for activities to start again, we must work to retain members. Normally memberships are sent to national early in the new year and many councils struggled with collecting and forwarding memberships once activities ceased with the pandemic restrictions. If you still have 2020 membership money that has not been forwarded to national office, please send it as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you sometime soon.

Your CWL sister

Diana Baines