**97th Annual Diocesan Convention**

**April 27, 2019**

**Treasurer’s Report**

**St. Anthony’s Church, Lloydminster**

Madam President:

We were happy to receive the annual report information from 46 councils. Treasurers are doing a great job to manage and account for council funds. Councils continue to fundraise in a variety of ways. Besides using the money raised to support the activities of your councils, you have also made generous donations to National, Provincial and Diocesan voluntary funds, to community and church related charities, and to your parishes. One question that arose was whether donations to Provincial and Diocesan voluntary funds should be reported under the donations to charities on the annual report survey. Yes, please include these donations also so that all of your council’s donations will be accurately reflected.

In 2018, the Doreen Melton Scholarship Fund (an endowment fund we have entrusted with the Foundation of SJS/NTC) received $50 in donations and earned $1,008.59. At the end of 2018, the fund balance was $26,118.40. We had increased the scholarship last year from $500 to $750 and decided to keep the scholarship at $750 this year. Once we are sure that the fund can consistently earn over $1,000, we will be able to increase the scholarship amount to $1,000. Just a reminder that you can receive donation receipts for any donations to the fund. For those who would like more information about the fund and Doreen Melton for whom it is named, I have some bookmarks with information that you can get from me later.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the Financial Statements for 2018 as presented in the convention report booklet.

This concludes my report. Are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted

For God and Canada,

Jean Ashdown

Diocesan Treasurer