

**ATLANTIC BAPTIST WOMEN**  
**Annapolis-Digby United Baptist Association**  
**Spring Assembly Meeting, April 29, 2006**  
**Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, Cornwallis, NS**

The Annapolis-Digby United Baptist Atlantic Baptist Women met at 11am at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre in Cornwallis Park on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Registration was held and 99 delegates and visitors attended, along with two men, to help celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UBWMU. The first Convention was held in Bridgetown in 1906. After registration and coffee, President Mary Billard welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer, asking for prayer requests for anyone who might need our prayers of intercession.

The ABW Mission Statement was repeated in unison and then our President, Mary Billard introduced the Guest speaker for the day, Miss Marilyn Smith, Former Director of the Sharing Way and now the Director of Public Engagement and Advocacy for the Sharing Way and CBM. Also gracing us with their presence were Miss Eva Wood, UBWMU President, Mrs. Lorraine Fenwick, Vice President and incoming President, and Mrs. Marilyn Steeves, Executive Director of the UBWMU. Each was welcomed by the President and each spoke a few words to the members.

An offering was taken for Missions, amounting to \$705.20, and Mrs. Evie Morine, President of the Bear River WMS, offered prayer.

Crystl MacLean, soloist, accompanied by Carrine Robertson, presented a musical selection which fitted well into our mission theme. A thoughtful Memorial Service was then carried out by the Bridgetown WMS. Twelve of our WMS/ABW members have gone to be with our Lord over the past year. A tulip was placed in memory of each lady from our Association whose name was entered in the Memorial Book and these names were read at this time.

A group of ladies from the Bridgetown WMS gave a wonderful presentation of what that first UBWMU Convention in Bridgetown might have been like back in 1906. Complete with costumes and props, the ladies depicted several vignettes of the Convention, which proved to be interesting, factual and amusing. It was a wonderful way to make our history come alive and to help us celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UBWMU.

Retired Missionary, Miss Muriel Bent gave the blessing for the food, and a delicious and attractive buffet lunch was served in Champlain Hall by the kitchen staff. After lunch, a thank you to Mr. Bob Cabana and his staff was given by Mary Billard, followed by a round of applause by the members and guests.

After lunch, Crystl MacLean again graced us with a solo, accompanied by Carrine Robertson, and our President formally introduced Marilyn Smith, who spoke on her new position with the Sharing Way and what is happening locally and globally as far as missions is concerned.

Marilyn spoke of the need for changes in our thinking and in our actions. Marilyn's message was on the **Micah Challenge**, based on Micah 6:8 : **"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."** Marilyn used a Power Point Video presentation to show and tell us about some of the work that is being done with women and children in developing countries, some where we have strategic field staff working, to advocate **for** and **with** the people who are facing poverty, hunger and illness. Marilyn talked about showing justice and mercy for others in relation to the Micah Challenge; to apply the teachings of this verse on justice, kindness and discipleship in our own lives. It is also about mobilizing all Christians against poverty, and what we can do to help our churches, and our world leaders act on the eight goals set in 2000 to eradicate poverty by 2015. Marilyn challenged us to work together in our Mission groups and our churches to "make Poverty History".

Marilyn was thanked by our President, and Crystl MacLean sang another fitting selection, "Here I am, Lord". Marilyn taught us a neat prayer to remember when we need to remember that 850 million people go to bed hungry each night: **"Give bread to those who are hungry; give hunger for justice for those who have bread."**

A short business session was opened with prayer by the president and the Rules of Order read to the members. **MOTION 1:** Wendy Bradley/Joyce Hirtle, that the minutes of the Fall Association held on September 24, 2005, at Nictaux United Baptist Church, and the Financial Report for that period, be accepted as printed and presented. **CARRIED.** There was a call for a Secretary, and two members for the Nominating Committee. Please pray that the Lord will call and equip someone for each of these positions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO WMS/ABW MEMBERS:** Starting with those members who were 80 years or over and continuing on to those 70 and over, carnations were presented to each of these members as a token of appreciation for their faithfulness over the years and to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our UBWMU Convention. Every lady present received a decorated "goody bag" with several small gifts, candies and hand made chocolates, as a further appreciation. Courtesies were extended to all who came to all who helped to make our day such a wonderful time of love and fellowship. Our UBWMU president, Eva Wood, gave the Benediction.

**NOTE:** We are still looking for a secretary for the ABW of Annapolis-Digby, and two members to go on the nominating committee. Pray about this, that God will speak to someone to fill these positions.

June Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Billard, President

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR WMS/ABW for 2005/06**  
**April 28, 2006 - April 29, 2007**

**RECEIPTS:**

Cash on Hand	\$ 15.64
Offerings April 28/06	705.20
Offering Sept. 28/06	410.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1130.84</u></b>

**EXPENSES:**

Photocopies, postage, paper	\$ 62.60
Expenses for 100 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	108.89
Petty Cash	50.00
Sent to UBWMU	906.31
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$1127.80</u></b>

**Cash on Hand April 28, 2007**

**\$ 3.04**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Billard, President