

Embracing the Spirit -St. Martin's Thanks Dianne Young Wearer of Many Volunteer Hats



Dianne is no stranger to most in our congregation. She has led worship a number of times and is now a fully Licensed Lay Worship Leader. She has spoken eloquently in worship about her commitment to St. Martins and about her personal experience of grief.

Many of you will know her as the leader of the "Change for Change" program, an initiative borne out of her commitment to see positive change come from her experience of the Quest Mexico education and service trip. She adapted this initiative to online worship using the UCC Gifts with Vision catalogue and as she reported last Sunday brought in a substantial sum for deserving projects locally, nationally, and internationally.

She is an accomplished, published author recently releasing the second book in the "Dear Me" series entitled "*Dear Me the Mother Letters*".

"If you could send a letter back in time to your newly-bereaved self – that devastated, heartbroken mother – what would you say?"

Eighteen courageous mothers who have experienced the death of a child responded to that question with these heartfelt letters. They are letters of grief, of love, and of incredible resilience."

Dianne continues to do one large piece of work behind the scenes I am particularly grateful for. Each and every piece of worship music, hymn, or occasional choral selection projected for worship must reported to a licensing agency to satisfy copyright obligations. Each month, Dianne submits our report to One License saving me hours of work which I formally spent doing this task.

A long-standing member of the Contemporary Singer and the Fellowship Bells, Dianne also volunteers for the Ministry by Phone Program and the Covid Callers program. She is a strong supporter of the ethos of St. Martin's and its staff, and we are grateful for all that she does in our community.

In a follow up to "National Volunteer Appreciation Week" each week I will be highlighting the work of active volunteers in our church who are working hard to keep St. Martin's mission alive. Dianne, thank you for your diligent and spirit filled commitment to these vital ministries, especially during this difficult time.

St. Martin's Cares!
Submitted by Keith Hall April 28th, 2021