



## Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord  
We thank you for your love  
so freely given to us all.  
We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union  
as we seek to share your love  
through the encouragement, strengthening  
and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit,  
may we be united in prayer and worship,  
and in love and service  
reach out as your hands across the world.  
In Jesus' name.

*Amen*

## Becoming a Member

If you would like to join the Cathedral Branch  
of the Mothers' Union, or would like more  
information, please contact the Cathedral office.

Telephone: 506-450-8500  
Email: [office@christchurchcathedral.com](mailto:office@christchurchcathedral.com)



## For More Information

Please visit the following websites:

**Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Fredericton:**  
[www.mothersunionnb.ca](http://www.mothersunionnb.ca)

**Mothers' Union in Canada:**  
[www.mothersunioncanada.ca](http://www.mothersunioncanada.ca)

**Mothers' Union World Wide:**  
[www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)

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## Who We Are

The Mothers' Union is one of the largest Christian organizations in the world with over 4 million members in 83 countries. Though our lives and our experience of MU may differ widely, we are united by our shared belief in the importance of the family in God's world.

## Our Purpose

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

## Our Five Objects

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity.



## A Little Bit of History

The Mothers' Union began in England in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a clergy wife. She recognized the need for mothers to support one another in raising their children for God. In 1888, the Canadian Mothers' Union was established, with the first branch in London, Ontario. The first MU branch in the Diocese of Fredericton, which is the entire province of New Brunswick, was started in 1981.

## We Are a Worldwide Organization

**MU International** - The central offices for MU International are located at Mary Sumner House in London, England. The Mothers' Union supports and trains workers who provide literacy and development programs internationally.

**Canadian Mothers' Union** - The national council of the Canadian Mothers' Union elects new officers every four years. Currently in Nova Scotia, the Canadian Council will host the national conference which is scheduled for Cape Breton in June 2016.

**Diocesan Council** - The MU branches in each diocese elect among themselves, a diocesan council with a president and various other executive members. Diocesan councils hold regular meetings, support branches, and organize the annual rally and retreat.

**MU Branch** - Branches, which are most often based in the local church, have regular meetings and play an important role in the life of the parish through the commitment to upholding family life through prayer, education, outreach and support.

## Outreach Projects

In Canada, we assist our sisters and brothers in the north by supporting the Northern Clergy Families Fund (NCF). This fund was established by the Canadian Mothers' Union to provide financial assistance to families of clergy, serving in the most remote regions of Canada.

Another project is the 'Parents Supporting Parents' course. It is a practical course for parents and caregivers, run

by MU members who are trained facilitators. It is based on relationships where participants learn to develop trust with one another and are encouraged to share their experiences and discuss what works well for them in bringing up their children.

## Who Can Join

If you are a baptised Christian, believe in the importance of family life, and agree with our Aim and Objects, you should join the Mothers' Union. Membership is open to all denominations - men, women, married, unmarried, parent or not.

Membership in MU begins by joining a local branch. Annual dues are \$25.00 and a subscription to the Canadian Mothers' Union Newsletter is included.

