

Mrs. Patsy Grant
2008 Recipient of the Order of Rupert's Land

Patsy Grant has been an active member of All Saints Anglican Church for the past 43 years. Patsy has generously shared her many gifts and talents in a warm and friendly manner within the parish, at the diocesan and national level, and indeed in the wider Anglican Communion.

As a leader in her parish Patsy has served as Vestry member, lay delegate to Synod, lay adminstrant, and convener of the parish hospitality and fundraising committees. She has given leadership in the diocesan Cursillo movement, and as a member of the Diocesan Council, and has been an active member of the Caribbean Anglican Consultative Council, the Ecumenical Network of Women of African Heritage and the planning team for West Indian Canadian Anglican Fellowship.

Women's ministry has been an important aspect of Patsy's life, at the parish, diocesan and national levels. In her parish of All Saints, she has a long association with the Altar Guild, ACW, and Mother's Union. She chaired the Diocesan Women's Ministry Committee for a number of years, and as such was involved in the planning and delivery of many events – such as the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Diocese, Women's Day events, AWARE (Anglican Women Alive Renewed Enriched) Conferences. At a National level, Patsy was responsible for writing by-laws for ACW Presidents and Coordinators, served as the National ACW representative at several gatherings and was the National Anglican Appointee on the Women's Inter Church Council of Canada, as well as serving as the diocesan link for International Anglican Women's Network. Patsy has provided an Anglican voice on the Provincial Council of Women and was President of the Women's Inter Church Council of Winnipeg.

As a retired educator, Pasty knows the importance of a solid foundation for education. She served on the Diocesan Education Committee, and as a Sunday School Teacher in her home parish.

Patsy willingly shares her gift of hospitality whenever asked to help plan and organize events. Her love of music is expressed in her participation as a member of the Parish Choir Guild, the Parish Choir and steel band orchestra. Patsy's roots in the West Indies have kept her active in the West Indian Canadian Anglican Fellowship and she has co-chaired several Black History Month celebrations.

Her faith and commitment to God is evidenced in all her works of service. Patsy's ministry has been significant both in longevity and in the depth of her commitment to the Church. Many have benefited from her readiness to share her gifts and abilities, and to live out her faith in service for the greater glory of God.