

Mrs. Susan Roe-Finlay

Susan Roe Finlay has been an active member of the Anglican Church for decades. Susan's commitment to, and involvement in, mission and outreach programs of the diocese has been both long-standing and exemplary. In addition to many leadership roles in her home parish of St. Luke's Anglican Church, and the Diocese of Rupert's Land, Susan has served as the Diocesan representative to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Susan possesses a passionate, balanced and well-informed approach to the Church's justice, development and relief ministries. She first became involved in the mission and outreach work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund in the mid-80's serving as a local Parish partner, and later joining the Diocesan PWRDF Committee. She worked tirelessly to promote the mission and outreach work of PWRDF in the parish and diocese. In 1997, Susan took on the role of Diocesan Coordinator PWRDF and the PWRDF Diocesan Representative at the National Church level. She has served capably and passionately for the past 15 years, giving leadership to parishes, encouraging and assisting parish partners in their ministry, sharing and promoting the work of PWRDF across our diocese, providing educational opportunities for members of the Diocese, and keeping us informed of the crucial work done on our behalf by the national PWRDF volunteers and staff. With a keen interest in, and passion for, social justice issues, Susan continued to provide advocacy and support by serving as a member, and later chair of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC). Throughout the 80's and 90's she has served on a variety of outreach and mission committees at the diocesan level: as a member of the Human Resources Committee; as a member and chair of the Diocesan Education Committee; and later coordinated all the Diocesan Outreach ministries. She has also served as a member of the Diocesan Council.

The Church has not been the only recipient of her generous spirit. Susan has served as member and Chair of the Manitoba Lung Association, (as well as the Education Sub-Committee of the MLA); A member of the Sanatorium Board of Manitoba; member of the Canadian Diabetes Association of Manitoba Regional Board; and the Human Resources Committee of the Centre for Christian Studies. In her home parish of St. Luke, Susan has served both as Incumbent's Warden and People's Warden, Member of Vestry, in addition to helping when and where a need was identified. She is a licensed Lay Reader and Lay Administrator. Susan was part of the "ministry team" who has travelled to St. Philip, Scantebury to lead services of Morning Prayer with the folk there so they would have regular Sunday services on the Sundays when no Priest was scheduled to attend. She has also been involved in Rupert's Land Caregiver services. During her working career, Susan served as an educator in the area of Health and Diabetes. Her community-based approach teaching methods have served her well in all areas of her volunteerism. Indeed, throughout her career and in her life, she has provided education, advocacy, empathy, and encouragement to many.

Most recently, Susan enrolled in the 4-year Education For Ministry (EFM) course. As a Graduate of EFM she embarked on additional training and is now a Certified Trained EFM Mentor in our Diocese, leading others in their desire to deepen their spirituality and understanding. It is with great pleasure that we nominate Susan Roe-Finlay for the Order of Rupert's Land in "recognition of her outstanding support and leadership in the church, over an extended period of time."