

## Mary Pyne

Mary has contributed a life-time of paid and volunteer work directed toward building a global community where people and the earth experience respect, justice and peace. As a registered nurse and a teacher/learner of nursing and community health, Mary has lived and worked in Angola and Portugal, Zaire, The Arctic, Northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and in Nicaragua. Her way of working has always emphasized health education, community development and community empowerment.

Mary has been a member of Amnesty International for many years and when she retired to Saskatoon and area she became an active member of Group 33. She is passionately committed to responding to Urgent Appeals on behalf of prisoners who are in emergency legal and life-threatening situations.

Mary's international involvement continues through lovingly maintained relationships and visits with people from various countries. She currently volunteers with the Angola Memorial Scholarship Fund and holds positions of Publicity Secretary and regional representative for Saskatchewan. In addition Mary's volunteer activities include membership in the local and presbytery outreach committees of the United Church of Canada, English as a second language tutoring with the Saskatoon Open Door Society, member of the Council of Canadians and vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Church Uranium Committee.

Mary expresses her social justice hopes and dreams through writing poetry, her joys and sorrows through music including the alto sax and her adventurous spirit through piloting airplanes. She was a long-time member of the Flying Farmers, and until two years ago had her pilot's license. Mary was also a charter member of One Sky [Saskatoon] and Unisphere [Medicine Hat].

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Mary Pyne (centre) with Sonia Bonilla (right) and Marion Polee (left).