

## **Alison Longson – [Diocese of Calgary](#)**

Alison was born and raised in England. Trained as a primary school teacher, she has taught in England, Zambia and Australia. She and her husband Chris I moved to Wellington, New Zealand where she was a community centre coordinator for eight years. After moving to Beijing, Alison studied Mandarin and was employed by the New Zealand Embassy. Alison and Chris moved to Calgary 20 years ago where she became very involved with volunteer work and has been the PWRDF Diocesan Representative for the Diocese of Calgary for much of that time. Her volunteer work also includes participation in the local KAIROS committee and she is currently president of the Calgary Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, with more than 400 members. She teaches English to senior immigrants at Bow Valley College and enjoys hiking and skiing, playing tennis and singing in a couple of choirs. She is a keen gardener and strives to be vegetable food secure.