

Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women November Newsletter 2020

“The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them.” John 15:13

Lest We Forget!

I hope each of you were able to be part of a Remembrance Day service, whether virtual or in person.

Living Skies Regional Council Annual Meeting Report – Oct. 28, Nov. 2, 4, 2020

Two members of our executive were part of the Zoom Living Skies Regional Annual Meeting at the end of October and in early November. They represented their own communities of faith as voting delegates. Barb Byers Bradley had this to report:

Registered: 220 Voting: 180

Remit 1: Discussion & Voting: Carried. “That the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change as follows: “10.0 the Order of Ministry shall be open to persons of all gender identities”.

Proposal: Banning Conversion Therapy: Discussion & Motion: Carried.

Proposal: Reduced Regional assessment: Discussion & Motion: Carried. “Removing the 20% extra regional assessment for 2021”

2020 Denominational Assessment: \$629,282.

2020 Anticipated Pastoral Charge Regional Assessment Revenue: \$126, 231. Executive and Regional Assessment Task Group clarified that the goal of the assessment funds was to support strategies towards new or existing work that supports long term sustainability and is not intended to go towards regular operating budgets of these ministries. Contact Leslee Whalley ldwhalley@sask.net about questions and concerns.

Advent 2020

As we are coming up to **Advent 2020** I know many are worrying and wondering how their church is going to carry on. *I urge each of you to enjoy the Christmas Season. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR CONGREGATION, POST IN YOUR BULLETIN OR CHURCH NEWSLETTER AND INCLUDE IT IN YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS.*

Living Skies Region extends an invitation to all of you to attend the on-line **Advent Concert Celebration** on Dec. 13. Suggested ticket price is \$10 and you can designate the money to go to your own community of faith/congregation or ministry of your choice.

Living Skies Regional Council is excited to offer a wonder-filled virtual evening of music & story for the entire UCC family!

Tickets Now Available:

<https://form.jotform.com/Regions245/AdventConcertTickets>

**"SO THAT OUR JOY MAY BE COMPLETE": AN ADVENT CONCERT CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020, 7PM**



Co-hosted by **Lorne Calvert & Lindsay Mohn**, the evening features music provided by **Sacred Sounds Worship Band**, a Christmas narrative from **Jim Tenford**, and production support from **Cheri Uthe of Faith Productions**.

Ticket proceeds go directly to UCC Communities of Faith (congregations) & other UCC Ministries throughout the Living Skies Region. When you buy your ticket, simply indicate the specific Community of Faith or Ministry that you would like to support.

Questions: Please just contact Kent at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca or 306-221-5529

Request for Christmas Greetings vids

Communities of Faith and Ministry Groups (like the WUCC) are encouraged to create **Video Christmas Greetings** to be shared throughout the "So That Our Joy May Be Complete" concert on Sunday, December 13.

Please send short video clips to Kent at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca . Deadline for videos is November 29th at the latest!

I urge each of you to enjoy the Christmas Season. *Take time to relax and listen to the sights and sounds.*

Fundraising Ideas

Here are some other **fund-raising ideas** that have been held or are taking place throughout the region:

Donate \$20 for 2020. Give \$20 or multiples of \$20 such as \$40, \$60, \$80, \$100.

Bakeless bake sales

On-line silent auctions. Two current examples are First United at Swift Current and Calvary United in Prince Albert.

Drive through turkey suppers with all the trimmings. Purchase tickets ahead of time and then drive by and pick up on a specified date.

Donate amount you would have spent on items and/or events that could not take place this year.

On-line garage sales.

Order meat pies/ perogies, etc. for delivery or pick up.

For White Gift Sunday, do a special gift wrap of a food item, toy, new clothing item and drop it off at church if it is open; or to charity of your choice such as Salvation Army, Egadz; on White Gift Sunday to be given to those in need.

If your UCW is donating to Mission and Service please be sure to clearly mark in the memo line the name and address of your UCW.

Also, if you donate to the UCW Bursary Fund cheques must be made out to Living Skies Region and then clearly marked in the memo line UCW Bursary Fund.

Wilma Will shared this prayer:

The Knot Prayer (Author Unknown)

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially, the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen

Take care of each other and stay safe!

Blessings,

Mary