

## **Sask. UCC Women's January 2021 Newsletter**

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;

'God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!

The wrong shall fail,

The right prevail,

With peace on earth, good will to men!

- From the beloved Christmas Carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Let us go into 2021 with these words in mind.*

### **Membership**

**Thank you** to all who have sent their \$2 memberships last year. Of the \$2 you send per member per year, \$1 goes to National UCW to help defray the costs of having two representatives attend and vote at the annual National Meeting of UCW. It usually takes place at Queen of Apostles Centre in Mississauga, Ontario but last year it was held as a Zoom meeting. The other \$1 stays with Sask. UCC Women to cover costs of planning and hosting events for women throughout Living Skies Region, as well as printing and mailing newsletters to those who do not have E-mail.

**Memberships can be mailed to our treasurer:**

**Wilma Will at Box 367, Star City, Sask. S0E 1P0**

**Cheques should be made out to Sask. UCC Women.**

### **Statistics Form**

We would like to get the Statistics Reports more up to date and are personally contacting all churches and/or women's groups including UCWs to make sure we have correct contact names and information. The Statistics Form is available on the Living Skies website ( [www.livingskiesrc.ca](http://www.livingskiesrc.ca) ) under Programs > Women's Network or by clicking [here](#). Please return it by March 1,2021.

### **UCW Bursary Fund**

We greatly appreciate all those who donated to the UCW Bursary Fund last year. All cheques for the UCW Bursary Fund must be made out to Living Skies Regional Council and sent to 60A Athabasca St. E., Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 0L2 with a very clear notation on the memo line that it is for the UCW Bursary Fund.

We are now accepting applications for this year. The committee consists of Susan Dokken, Chantal Ntibategera, Allison Irvine, Joan Brown and Mary Mohn. The UCW Bursary brochure and application form are available on the Living Skies Website ( [www.livingskiesrc.ca](http://www.livingskiesrc.ca) ) under Resources > Funding, or by E-mailing [livingskies@united-church.ca](mailto:livingskies@united-church.ca) and are also available at St. Andrew's College. At the last meeting of the executive it was decided to set deadlines for applying for the Bursary Fund at the end of February and end of October each year to give the committee time to meet in person or on-line to make decisions on the applications received. **Note:** there can only be one application submitted per person per year.

### **World Day of Prayer 2021**

It is really important that any World Day of Prayer events follow the latest health guidelines and protocols in your area for Covid-19. This year's program was written by the women in Vanuatu with the theme "Build on a Firm Foundation" based on Matthew 7:24-27. The country of Vanuatu is a group of over eighty islands located in the South Pacific, east of Australia.

If you are this year's co-ordinator for WDP, you will need to log-in to receive the Worship Booklet and PowerPoint service. All resources are available to you to download for free. If you need assistance with any aspect of World Day of Prayer please contact our WDP Field Rep., Linda Ervin [fieldrep567@wicc.org](mailto:fieldrep567@wicc.org) Phone number: 250-493-5333 or contact the WICC office administrator: Nancy Weir [wicc@wicc.org](mailto:wicc@wicc.org) Phone number: 416-929-5184 .

### **Sask. United Church of Canada Women Executive:**

Susan Dokken and Chantal Ntibategera are the Co-chairs, Dawn Weber is First Vice and Phyllis Robinson is acting Second Vice, Barbara Byers Bradley is Secretary and Wilma Will is Treasurer. Mary Mohn is Newsletter Editor.

### **From the Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp:**

"My cup of compassion holds tears of the world;  
It overflows with sorrow, struggles and sadness.  
My cup of compassion holds the cries of children,  
Unfed, unloved, unsheltered, uneducated, unwanted.  
My cup of compassion holds the screams of war,  
The tortured, slain, imprisoned, the raped, the disabled.  
My cup of compassion holds the bruised and battered,

Victims of incest and abuse, gang wars, violent crimes.  
My cup of compassion holds the voice of silent ones,  
The mentally ill, illegal immigrants, the unborn, the homeless.  
My cup of compassion holds the emptiness of the poor,  
The searing pain of racism, the impotency of injustice.  
My cup of compassion holds the heartache of loss,  
The sigh of the dying, the sting of the divorced.  
My cup of compassion holds the agony of the earth,  
Species terminated, air polluted, land destroyed, rivers with refuse.  
My cup of compassion I hold it to my heart  
Where the Divine dwells, where love is stronger than death and disaster.

Blessings,  
Mary