

Sask. UCCW October Newsletter

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”

1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV)

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! Take time to pray for your minister/ministers and those in church leadership. Send a thank you card, e-mail or letter of appreciation.

Congratulations to Sask. UCWs! We have just received a certificate of Thanksgiving from M & S for UCWs of Saskatchewan giving \$18,023 to M & S in 2021. That is great in a pandemic year. This does not include M & S givings as individuals.

UCW Bursary Fund

The Sask. UCW Bursary application form is available on the Living Skies Website under Resources> Funding, or by e-mailing livingskies@united-church.ca and is also available at St. Andrew's College. This is a reminder that the deadline for funding this year is Oct. 31, 2022. The link to [the form is here](#).

HOW TO C.O.M.F.O.R.T. A DYING FRIEND BY REV. J.D. KENNEDY

Here is the direct link to ordering the book ,

[How to C.O.M.F.O.R.T. a Dying Friend by Rev. J.D. Kennedy | Blurb Books Canada](#)

YOUTH RETREAT October 28-30

If you know of any youth in your Region who might be interested in attending the Youth Retreat please share this information: Join youth from across the Region at St. Martin's United Church in Saskatoon for a weekend of fun, meeting other youth, talking about stuff that's important to you and renewing your spirit! For more information or to register, check out [Fall Youth Retreat 2022 \(gr 7-12\)](#) . Please be in touch with Lindsay at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca

MELFORT UCW 60TH ANNIVERSARY TEA



Melfort UCW hosted a very successful 60th Anniversary “Come and Go Tea” on September 17. About 50 came and enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and reminiscing. The silver collection at the door went to the Melfort Food Bank. Gale Strachan, president of Melfort UCW welcomed all those in attendance.



The afternoon featured a fashion show with models wearing outfits from the 60s right up to the present day. MC for the event was Pat Dolo and music was provided by Grace Wilton. The Christian Education room was also decorated with displays of clothing and pictures dating back to 1962. Histories of the Melfort/Ethelton UCWs were given. Charter members were recognized. Mary Mohn spoke on the 60th UCW Anniversary, highlighting the theme “Continuing in Hope”. She suggested that we “continue in hope” by counting our blessings instead of how many are or aren’t sitting in the pews; that maybe we should concentrate on growing spiritually as individuals and not always worry about keeping the doors of our churches open or wondering how we are going to pay the minister. She also suggested that maybe we could be thinking of ways to help our church community grow spiritually instead of always trying to figure out ways to get everyone involved in the next fund-raising project. With the help of Anne McIntosh, a series of slides of the 60th Anniversary, that was held in Sydney in July, were shown. Slides of past events of the Melfort UCW and former Tamarack Presbyterial such as the first Women’s Retreat at Camp Tapawingo were also shown. A lovely dessert and coffee and tea were served at the conclusion of the afternoon.



SYNOPSIS OF THE NATIONAL UCW MEETING

19 – 23 September 2022

Mississauga, Ontario

1. The 5-year special Project for the UCW is The Healing Fund - Aboriginal Ministries Council of the United Church of Canada. Nancy Risto, our national president and Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, our national treasurer, will meet with Rev. Murray Pruden, Executive Minister of Indigenous Ministries and Justice for The United Church of Canada, to discuss our request that the monies be used for women and children.
2. Our president-elect is Barbara Davison from Strathmore, Alberta. She has served as president of UCW in Alberta (Women of the United Church: Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit) and is editor of The Banner (their UCW Newsletter).
3. Sask. UCCW duties for the 2023 national meeting which will be held September 18 to 22 is thanking the guests and writing the thank-you cards.
4. Barb Byers Bradley, our Sask. UCCW secretary, and myself and Carolle from Eastern Ontario, did a skit called "Dumb and Dumber" for Wednesday evening entertainment. After the entertainment, Barb and I did the Vespers. We showed the video "Shin-Chi's Canoe".
5. Thursday brought sad news of the death of a very active UCW lady, Emily Pettypiece who was active in her unit, presbyterial/area, conference/region as well as being national secretary of UCW. She had been at the 60th anniversary.
6. Every Thursday is "Thursday in Black – Towards a world without rape and violence"

7. Stay tuned for news in a project taken on by a couple of NUCW women to see how we can encourage young women to be part of the UCW units in their area.
8. A fabric-art bag has been donated to the National UCW to be auctioned off. The auction information will be in the "Keeping In Touch" newsletter. Watch for it.
9. Re: UCW 60th Anniversary in Sydney, Nova Scotia. We will not know how much money was lost as the final numbers will not be known for a while. There were a number of cancellations due to people having medical procedures scheduled now after COVID-19, cancellation of flights by airlines or became scared to travel because of COVID.
10. No region has stepped up to do the 65th Anniversary. Maritimes just did the 60th; BC did the 55th; Ontario has done several and Quebec and Manitoba have each done one. It is between Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Submitted by
Dawn Weber

SASK. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN
WOMEN'S GATHERING AT WATROUS UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Standing with God in Hope

Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

A Fall Gathering at Watrous United Church was held September 24, 2022 prior to the Business Meeting.

23 UCW Members Registered and the Fall Gathering began at 9:30 a.m.

Vicky Finnigan, Chairperson of the Watrous UCW and all Women of the Watrous United Church welcomed all those attending.



The tables were nicely set up with white tablecloths and lovely floral centrepieces in bone-china tea cups. A buffet of a variety of homemade muffins and fruit followed by a noon delicious lunch were provided and served by the Women of Watrous United Church.

OPENING REMARKS: Phyllis Robinson

Introduction of the Guest Speaker Marg Janick-Grayston included her impressive bio.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Marg Janick-Grayston spoke on the theme God Standing With Us and Standing With God in Hope. Love for community, Grace for our neighbour, Hope for tomorrow. Let's get back to that!:

Love for Community, with a poem *In Praise of Crazy, of a Certain Kind* written by Mary Oliver.

Extravagant Love:

Visualization exercise of the senses; *Smells Like, Tastes Like, Sounds Like, Feels Like, Looks Like.* .

Grace for Our Neighbours with a poem by Julia Fehrenbacher:

One area of grace to think about where we might soften and blossom in more.

Hope for Tomorrow with words from Havel 1990, pg181:

One way to actively stand with God in hope.

Keeping Our Balance as we Stand with God in Hope:

One spiritual practice we might engage in.

The meditation included Spiritual Breathing as a Way of Standing with God in Hope.

MUSIC:

Voices United Hymns accompanied by Organist Elva Turner:

382 Breathe On Me Breath of God

248 When Long Before Time.

468 Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ

COMMUNION SERVICE - led by Marg Janick-Grayston.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

Led by Mary Mohn (*from the UCW Handbook prepared by Jean Nauta, Toronto Region, 2005*)

Remembering Members and Friends of UCW that have passed away:

Calvary United in Prince Albert:

2020 - June Sanderson, Janet Griffin, Evelyn Richards, Helen Christensen

2021 – Pat Baird, Margaret Calder

2022 – Connie Hryciuk, Tracey Obrigavitch, Gusta Thorsen, Iva Macdonald

Carry the Kettle First Nation: 2022 - Rev. Dr. Bernice Saulteaux

Delisle-Vanscoy United: 2020 - Dorene Thomas

Grosvenor Park United, Saskatoon: Mildred McDonald

Minto United, Moose Jaw:

2019 – Doris Hearn, Bonnie Fathers

2020 – Irene Greggian

2021 – Shirley Arnold

2022 – Dot Swenson. Dianne (Dokken) Lisell

Melfort United, Melfort: 2022 – Iris Kaminskas

Knox United, Saskatoon: 2022- Pearl Wood

Watrous United, Watrous:

Irene Galt, Karen Kiss, Pearl Findlay, Irene Murray, Elma Klassen, Joan Schroeder

2021 – Thelma Sather

2022 – AnnMae Conn, Terry Serviss, Edith Douglas, Judith McLaren, Lois Fedraw

National UCW:

2022- Dorothy Amos, Past President of National UCW

2022 – Emily Pettypiece – Past Secretary of National UCW

NATIONAL UCW ANNUAL MEETING:

September 19 – 23, 2022 at Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre, Mississauga, Ontario, Barb Byers Bradley and Dawn Weber attended to represent Sask UCCW. Highlights were shared by Dawn Weber.

60TH UCW ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

July 11 to 15, 2022 at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia

Dawn Weber, Phyllis Robinson: Saskatoon; Mary Mohn, Brenda Getz: Birch Hills, Norma Hain, Pat Dyck Bunkosky: Swift Current and, Chantal Ntibategera: Prince Albert attended

A slide show was presented by Phyllis Robinson to the Gathering showing highlights of the successful 60th UCW Anniversary Celebration.

THANK YOU'S AND APPRECIATION: Chantal Ntibategera



SASK. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN
REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING AT WATROUS UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Standing with God in Hope
Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Welcome and Introductions

Current Executive: Mary Mohn, Newsletter Editor; Chantal Ntibategera, Co-Chair; Dawn Weber, Co- Chair; Diane Thurlow, 1st Vice Chair; Vacant 2nd Vice Chair; Phyllis Robinson, Treasurer; Barbara Byers Bradley, Secretary

“As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.”

1. Meeting Call to Order

Chairperson: Chantal Ntibategera Recorder: Barb Byers Bradley

2. MOTION made by Mary Mohn, seconded by Diane Thurlow that all those in attendance can vote on decisions being made at the Regional Business Meeting. Carried

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION made by Dawn Weber, seconded by Elva Turner to Approve the Agenda of the Regional Business Meeting. Carried

4. Presentation of Financial Reports (Phyllis Robinson)

MOTION made by Phyllis Robinson, seconded by Adele Dixon to receive Financial Reports from January 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022 as presented with a balance after expenses of \$7,629.77. This does not include expenses for the Gathering in Watrous or any expenses that might incurred to year-end (Dec. 2022).

Carried

5. Women’s Gathering

5.1 Report on the Fall Gathering September 24, 2022 held at Watrous United Church

5.2 MOTION made by Phyllis Robinson, seconded by Nancy Steinbachs to hold a Women's Gathering April 28 to 30, 2023. Carried

5.3 Diane Thurlow will check with the Meadow Lake UCW Group as possibly hosting the April Women's Gathering.

6. Annual General Meeting

MOTION made by Phyllis Robinson, seconded by Mary Ann Wilkinson to hold a Zoom and in person Annual General Meeting January 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Carried

7. UCW Lifetime Membership - process was discussed.

8. Outgoing Remarks, Closing and Benediction: Chantal Ntibategera



Hymn VU 884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

14. MOTION To Adjourn

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL MEETING;

We are looking for nominations for the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice-chair . These positions will begin following the Annual Meeting in January 2023. If you or you know of anyone who would be willing to fill either of these positions, please contact me (Mary at d.mohn@sasktel.net or phone 306-749-3446) or any member of the Sask. UCCW executive. Remember, we are part of the Living Skies Women's Network and any woman (including clergy) is welcome to be part of the executive. Meetings are most often held by Zoom or arranged at the convenience of those on the executive when held in person. Usually there are two to four meetings a year.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

November is often the month for holding ecumenical services for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. For any information and to participate google Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and click on Fellowship of the Least Coin.

BLESSING SONG

This is the song that is sung at National UCCW events as a "thank you" to speakers, caterers, entertainers, etc.

May the bless-ing of God be up-on you,
We bless you in the na-me of God.
May the bless-ing of God be up-on you,
We bless you in the na-me of God.

Blessings,
Mary