



# Keeping in Touch

## NUCW President's Message - *With Faith, there is Hope*

**Isaiah 4:28-31:** "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those that hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 4: NIV)



In **Voices United**, on **Page 808**, you will find one of my favorite hymns:

On Eagles Wings. It is taken from Psalm 91..." *You who dwell in the shelter of our God, who abide in the shadow for life, say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!'; And I will raise you up on eagles wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.*" The Prophet Isaiah and Psalm 91 tell us that with Faith there is Hope. God will never let us down, for in times of trouble or sorrow he will pick us up and encourage us to soar.

Nancy Risto welcomes guests at  
*Continuing in Hope UCUW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
Sydney NS 11/07/22

With Blessings,

*Nancy Risto*

National UCUW President

***An Affirmation of Hope*** *We affirm our hope that a new day is dawning upon us. We affirm our vision of a new heaven and a new earth. We affirm our belief that the love of God, which is greater than all understanding, has the power to unite us to participate in the creation of a new world. We affirm the hope that turns suffering into a creative process. We affirm the hope that enables us to act. God we hope: help us to hope together! Amen # 656 Voices United*

## Message from NUCW President-Elect

Greetings to all! I would like to thank the women who attended the National UCUW Annual Meeting in September, for the privilege you have given me to be your next President-Elect. It is an honour to collaborate with the women in all corners of the country. I have attended many of the National meetings, both in person and online, and I know firsthand the work being done by the National UCUW on behalf of the women in the church pews. I hope I can live up to the standards shown by previous Presidents, and I am thankful that I have at least one year to learn how to fulfil my duties. To the United Church Women across the country, I will try my best to represent you, when needed, to the best of my ability. Many blessings.



*Barbara Davison*

National UCUW President-Elect



## AN INVITATION TO PRAYER



We invite all United Church Women to include in your weekly prayers a message of hope and healing for our world and its people. As we were asked to sing together during our UCW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations this summer, **“Into your hands, I give my worries...I know there’s hope, in your hands, in your hands”**: Lyric: Alice Fিন্নamore for the 60<sup>th</sup> UCW Celebration, July 11-15, 2022.

*God of HOPE, LOVE AND JOY, guide us in prayer for your people.*

*Encourage us to celebrate even the smallest joys as these uplift us to be stronger when times are low.*

*Strengthen our prayers to end war, banish evil, and to*

*rebuild to bring people together in peace, love and safety, with critical needs fulfilled.*

**Into your hands, oh God I send prayers**, for communities In the aftermath of hurricanes Fiona and Ian that lashed Maritime Canada, Bermuda and Florida, and the summer monsoons in Pakistan, for all the first responders who carried the weight of recovery work to provide aid for these and other disasters in our world, for the citizens and allies of the people of Ukraine who continue to do battle against their aggressor, Russia, for continuing support for the Korea Peace Appeal, for our community and government leaders and all people in the sharing of truths here in Canada to reinforce action toward truth and reconciliation for our indigenous peoples, missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, residential school survivors and the generations that will follow, for all victims of senseless violence, for our dear ones challenged by loss and health concerns, for the youth of the world to keep striving forward, and for strength and wisdom for all faith and world leaders to reinforce efforts toward building a society free of racial, gender and class bias; that they continue their efforts to promote peace, justice, education and employment opportunities in sustainable communities, for a healthy planet with clean water, air, food resources, shelter and health care for all. **AMEN**

**Banner Art** : Winsloe United Church Sunday School, PEI bring Hope to life in this colourful interpretation based on an original Bermuda wall mural seen on one of many event planning trips completed in the five-year lead up to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Many hands surround the Continuing in Hope logo. Into God’s hands they have placed their worries and hopes for a brighter future – Pink for Anti-bullying programs, Blue and Yellow and Sunflowers in prayer for Ukraine, and prayers for a bright future at home with multi-colour Maritime themes of sand, sea, sky and sailing ships, and the flag and bright Red for Canada. Butterflies of Hope carry their prayers aloft. Continuing in Hope Logo Concept Design: Liz Campbell: Photo: K. Gardner



## Our Empty Chairs

Dear God, There are empty chairs at our meetings, And an ache in our hearts

We pray for our UCW members whose presence we miss in these days of celebration...

Open our eyes and our hearts to the healing, the warmth and the peace of your presence...

Assure us that those we miss have a home in your heart as well as in ours and a place with you forever...

Open our hearts to joyful memories of the friendship we shared with those who have gone before us...Help us tell the stories that bring us close to one another and to the ones we miss so much...

Teach us to lean on you and on each other for the strength we need to walk through difficult times...Give us quiet moments with you, with our thoughts, with our memories and our prayers...And in the stillness of the quiet, give us your consolation and your peace...

Be with us and hold us in your arms as you hold the ones we miss...

This is the day you have made, O Lord. Help us rejoice and be glad in the peace you have promised and already share with those who have gone before us. AMEN

*Adapted from a poem titled "The Empty Chair" written by Concord Pastor*



**Dorothy Lillian Amos**  
1925 - 2022

With love, kindness, a deep faith in God, and a devotion to UCW, Dorothy's encyclopaedic knowledge of the UCW earned her the title of "go to" person for all things UCW during and after her term at GCOffice. She holds a grand spot in the history of UCW here in Canada.

**Dorothy's Legacy: The Dorothy Amos Fund** was established in her honour in 2012 by Hamilton Conference UCW using proceeds from the UCW 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. This fund awards grants to any woman who is a UCW member seeking a greater connection with other church women through exchanges, visits and special events.



**Emily Pettypiece 1942-2022**

Emily served on National UCW Sub-Executive as the NUCW Secretary for eight years, from 2011 to 2018, and made an impact with her energy and knowledge of UCW work across the church in the many roles she held during her life and work in the church and with United Church Women. With a rich faith in God and love of family, world travels, a nursing career with VON, Emily also devoted herself to volunteer work, not only serving with Local, Regional and National UCW, but also as a member of the church choir, and as an active volunteer with The Red Cross. A personal passion was her love for nature, especially her birds.

*Many UCW women have lost friends and family this year, and for whom each of you grieve.*

*We add our prayers to yours as you remember and celebrate each special soul.*



**A gentle reminder from National UCW Alumnae to contact the NUCW Alumnae Coordinator, Pat Edmonds, with any modified contact information for our Alumnae mailing lists.**  
[patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com)

Your assistance is much appreciated as we honour and celebrate United Church Women across the country.



## CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS OF UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

We applaud our Maritime Region UCW hosts

Thank you *Wela'liog* Tapadh leibh *Merci*



*Sand from all 16 Regions of the UCW Network came together in a moving ceremony to open the 60th Anniversary Celebrations in Sydney, Nova Scotia this July.*

A traditional Maritime Welcome was only the beginning of our exciting week in North Sydney, Nova Scotia this summer. *Continuing in Hope*, July 11 – 15, 2022, brought us together to celebrate United Church Women Coast to Coast to Coast. Women from across Canada have been sharing their experience of the event through newsletters, regional and local gatherings to feature photos and interviews from women who attended. Reach out to your Regional Presidents for more information.

Click on this link to access the [photo library](#).

Click on the links to see details on the [Maritime – 60<sup>th</sup> UCW](#) web page.

Click on this link <https://youtu.be/38XoJcg6nTc>

to access the video **Ready, Set, GOUCW60**



*60<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee Maritime UCW*



*MARITIME UCW Banners are piped out at 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Closing Ceremony Parade July 2022*



### Where will we celebrate in 2027? Who will host our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?

Send Proposals from Regional UCWs to:

NUCW Sub-Executive members - .

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**National UCW AGM September 19-23, 2022**  
**Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre, Mississauga, ON**  
**STANDING WITH GOD IN HOPE**



*National UCW Executive gather for Annual AGM  
around Labyrinth Prayer Walk at Queen of Apostles  
Retreat Center – Mississauga, ON- September 2022.*

A full agenda, honoured guests, enrichment presenters, and decisions to be made to guide us into the next five years made this meeting a memorable one.

Of major importance was that this September 2022 Annual Meeting of the National UCW Executive was our first in-person business meeting since 2019. What a rich experience to meet in person! National meetings on-line via Zoom

have proven to be efficient to get the business done, but, as many of you have discovered in your own regions, we lost something in the translation. We have been missing the human touch and the opportunities for face-to-face communication and debate, and human contact. Hugs, even if shared by mask-wearing participants, are elemental and there is no substitute.

**WORSHIP:**

We are blessed each year to share worship daily as part of our meeting program. The highlight is our closing worship and communion service, held on the final day. This year we were able to extend our service out to women from across Canada who could join us via Zoom. Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndlhovu, our Executive Minister for Church in Mission, led us in worship.

**THE WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Hanging over us for much of the week was the approach of Hurricane Fiona which was scheduled to hit parts of Quebec and most of Maritime Canada by week's end. We worried with the women who would be returning to their communities, uncertain whether their families, friends and properties would suffer. Could they make the journey home from Ontario without delays or diversions? We prayed with them together as we monitored Fiona's status.

**Honoured guests to guide us:** Our very honoured guest for this meeting was Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisa'lakw, newly elected Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Rev. Lansdowne shared how she personally faced the big question of how to be both Indigenous and a Christian within a colonizing church during her journey into her present role. Her work with the World Council of Churches and most recently as Executive Director of First United Church Community Ministry Society, active in Vancouver's Downtown East side is only part of her story.

Rev. Lansdowne reminded us that Christianity is an Easter religion that believes in Resurrection and Transformation, but that the Christian story is not the Church. Her mother told her that, "Unless we're doing mission with integrity with the most disadvantaged...we're not doing mission with integrity anywhere." Canadian society is set up to preserve the status quo, and that is what we are up against. System injustice should trigger us to hope, not that hope itself is the solution, but that hope is the spark for creating a new vision.



In her sharing with us, Rev. Landsdowne commended the UCW for the good job we have already done as an organization but she set us a challenge to seek a new vision of how to be a church as UCW in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- Build and rebuild our connections
- Work toward social change that will create a well-cared-for world that preserves human dignity
- Walk together in repentance and reconciliation
- March and fight to change unjust systems
- Sing and pray and discern together to raise a new generation of leaders

We were also blessed to welcome Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary for United Church of Canada and a dear friend of United Church Women. Rev. Blair has many times over reminded us that, “God is not finished with us yet!”

**Bible Study:** Rev. Amy Crawford, Team Lead Identity in Mission led our Bible Study. Amy presented the story of Ruth and Naomi, two women of different faiths, relateable women, in a story of Love and Faith in action from the Book of Ruth.

**Enrichment Presentation: Women Hymnologists:** Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister, Port Nelson United Church. Filling the hour with music and story, Rev. Brooks led us through a series of hymns all written by women. He spoke to the opinion that our theology could be thought of as being shaped by our hymns not a prayer book.

**UCW FIVE YEAR SPECIAL PROJECT SELECTION:** This year’s NUCW Executive were challenged to select the next Five-Year Special Project from a list of four possible options. This next Special Project follows on the success of our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary partnership choice -- *Women for Change – Zambia*. **THE HEALING FUND - Women and Children, was selected** for partnership with United Church Women as our next Five-year Special Project 2022 – 2027, to conclude at the 65<sup>th</sup> UCW Anniversary celebration.

- **Executive Minister Murray Pruden, Indigenous Ministries** on behalf of The Healing Fund; **Joni Shawana, Healing Fund Program Coordinator** will be our key contacts for this project.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENTS: It is our practice to make a formal land acknowledgement as a sign of respect toward truth and reconciliation with indigenous peoples of Canada.** Land acknowledgement statements are now spoken at the beginning of a gathering and some are incorporated into written correspondence. Some of our members were curious about the process of writing a statement appropriate for each of their own areas. Much information is easily available on-line now, and you are urged to do your own research. Here is an interesting website created by the *Canadian Association of University Teachers* to use as one source for more information. [Guide to Acknowledging First Peoples & Traditional Territory](#),

A copy of the general land acknowledgement used at our September 2022 National UCW meeting is printed here for your information.

**Land Acknowledgement** *“We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality and culture of the people, the territory wherein each of our individual meeting places reside, and our responsibility as Treaty Members. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people, from coast, to coast, to coast.”*



## REGIONAL UCW NEWS

**SHINING WATERS UCW: CELEBRATE LEADERSHIP:** On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Shining waters Region UCW held its first in-person event since the Covid pandemic at Emmanuel United Church in Brampton. The traditional **Togetherness Day** was combined with the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Charter Members were recognized, honoured and were our guests for a catered luncheon.

**Inaugural Presentation of Leadership Awards for Shining Waters UCW:** UCW units were invited to nominate members who display exceptional leadership skills within their unit and/or other levels of UCW for a special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Leadership Award. The recipients received a certificate and a beautiful sunflower lapel pin to mark this achievement. Certificates and pins will be granted each year at each annual meeting moving forward.

**Gathering Highlights:** Ann Harbridge, DLM, was the guest speaker and Nancy Risto, National President, brought greetings on behalf of our National UCW. Afternoon entertainment was provided by *The Cathedral Brass*. Nancy Umphrey from Lemonville United Church led us in worship and Rev. Marjorie Knill led our Communion Service to end our gathering. It was wonderful to meet in person and see each other's faces. About 95 members celebrated a day of faith, fellowship, and fun. We are looking forward to gathering again in May 2023 for our regular Annual Meeting.

Diane Aikman, President  
Shining Waters Region UCW

President Diane Aikman and Vice-President June Blanchette hold the new Shining Waters UCW banner as region banners were piped out during the closing ceremony at our UCW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Photo Source: 60th Anniversary Collection



### **EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGION (EOR) UCW**

#### **80<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER EVENT**

**Celebrating 60 Years of UCW with Worship, Study, Music and Fellowship**, we filled the days. During the 80th Annual Summer Event held this August in Cornwall Ontario, thirty UCW members from the EOR and Quebec (Nakonha:ka Regional Council) UCWs attended to renew old friendships forged during the former days of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference UCW. Charter Members (members since UCW's formation in 1962) were celebrated.

Although officially we belong to separate regional UCWs now, our members who attended feel a common bond as sisters, having celebrated and worshipped with each other over the years.

The theme of this year's Summer Event was drawn from the momentum created by the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations held in Sydney, Nova Scotia this past July. The moving ceremony which mingled the sand from our shores coast to coast to coast on our main stage in Sydney was reprised here in Ontario, with each attendee bringing with her a small amount of sand from her own part of Ontario or Quebec. It was



Charter Members cut the cake at EOR 80th Annual Summer Event:  
Photo V. Nickson



wonderful to see all the different colours of sand melded together as we are, melded together in this sisterhood of faith. There was a wonderful recap of the message of Hope given by Sally Armstrong who was plenary speaker at the 60th Anniversary. Sally is a human rights activist, journalist and winning author who writes that the hope for humanity depends on strengthening the status of women and girls around the globe.

**EOOR UCW members proudly carry the banner in Sydney, NS**

**Photo source: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collection**

Another highlight of the day was the music provided by Paul Sales. Paul spoke of the new music resource “Then Let Us Sing” an online music portal set to launch that will make all of the United Church’s hymn resources available in one digital location in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Submitted by Valerie Nickson, Quebec UCW

## LOCAL UCW NEWS

### **HARPER AND HUXLEY-A STORY OF FAITH: Prince William Pastoral Charge, NB**

Rev. Alice Finnamore has joyously shared the follow-up story from her own faith community. Harper (a very young girl) had introduced her family to Alice and requested answers to all there was to know about being baptised. From our anniversary tables, we shared personal messages and blessings for Alice to take back to the family. It is an inspiring message of hope and of faith! Harper has already set a path for herself, and she inspired each of us who heard her story of welcoming Jesus into her life! It is moving to learn of such wisdom shown by the young and definitely a lesson for all women of the UCW to reflect upon: How can we inspire and empower young women in our own communities to be the church and to know God.

*On the first night of our Cape Breton conference, I told you all about Harper, who brought her family to church, and wanted to be baptized. At our Thanksgiving service, I was privileged to baptize Harper and Huxley, and to welcome their parents into membership. When I told the congregation the story of the cards you made for them, how these children brought hope to people all across the country, and how all of you are praying for them, there was hardly a dry eye in the place.*

*This is the magic of United Church Women. Your love and support carries us through. Your creativity encourages us and fills us with hope. You in UCW are Love Incarnate, and a wave of hope from coast to coast to coast. Thank you.*  
(Rev. Alice Finnamore, October 2022)

### **FASHION AND FAITH: Melfort United Church UCW, Melfort, SK**

The United Church Women of Melfort U.C. know how to celebrate their spirituality and love of community. Their Fall “Come and Go Tea” and fashion show was a resounding success. Gathering in celebration to honour 60 Years of UCW and to support the local food bank, fifty women attended to share fellowship and to applaud the models who showcased women’s fashions through the decades: 1962 -2022. At the heart of this celebration were the messages of hope, spirit and community as priority goals over fundraising. A highlight of the event was a slide show featuring images from the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Sydney, NS and early Women’s Retreats held at Camp Tapawingo. Submitted by Mary Mohn



Melfort UCW Women model classic fashions of the past six decades at “Come and Go Tea” to celebrate 60 Year Anniversary of UCW.



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47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C3 [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)

**World Day of Prayer 2023, Written by the WDP committee of Taiwan.**

**Theme "I Have Heard About Your Faith"** A World Day of Prayer Service will once again be produced by WICC which will contain parts of the service developed by the WDP Committee in Taiwan. Look for information on <https://wicc.org/> starting in November 2022.



**Thursdays in Black.** Working together to End Gender Based Violence in Canada-  
**view the free webinar**

*NUCW Executive observe Thursdays in Black at the Annual Meeting September 2022, Queen of Apostles, Mississauga, ON*

- **Other resources: Kids Pray Too and Shelter Crisis - prayer and action in Canada**
- **Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC): Beginning in November**, the traditional month for observing this ecumenical program each year, we offer our prayers for unity and justice, and **for each prayer, give a coin in solidarity with sisters in need.** This act is the symbolic cornerstone of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and getting involved is accessible. Participants worldwide offer "least coins" in their local currency (in Canada this is our five-cent coin) alongside prayers for justice.



- [Link to the ICFLC website for the Circle of Prayer booklet v.26.](#)
- [FLC Jar Labels \(PDF\) download the labels](#)
- **Subscribe (free) to the WICC newsletter We-Connect.**
- **Check out the web site for more information [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)**

Blessings from *Win Czum*, UCW rep to WICC board

***It isn't what we have, but what we give.***

### UNITED CHURCH WOMEN SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE

#### THE HEALING FUND Women and Children Indigenous Ministries United Church of Canada

The Healing Fund supports initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts through a **Grant Application process.** Many survivors name a need for mending, restoring, and celebrating — acknowledging a sense of loss, along with hope for rebuilding identity. Support for The Healing Fund is a step in living out the apologies the church has made to Indigenous peoples.



**2022 – 2027** UCW's Special Project, selected this September, runs for the next five years leading up to our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2027.



### SILENT AUCTION TO KICK-OFF GIVING:

To kick off the announcement for the next five-year special project, The Healing Fund, NUCW will host an **on-line silent auction** of a beautiful blue satchel, donated by Ottawa-based artist Deborah Lyall. The bag (perfect as a group gift for a crafter, or as your new favorite accessory) is adorned with hand painted butterflies, and fashioned in signature UCW blue.



Stay tuned for details with the date and launch timing and be ready to post your bids (Reserve bid: \$100.00)!



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## 2017 – 2022



**Women for Change – Zambia**  
United Church Women across Canada and Bermuda understand our mission to service.

Continuing donations to *Women for Change – Zambia*, made it possible to present a cheque from UCW at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event in the amount of \$103,294.49. *Women for Change* CEO, Lumba Siyanga, Executive Director, and Shadrick Chembe, Program Manager, joyously accepted on behalf of the organization.

Marilyn Roger, Bay of Quinte UCW, who has been featured in previous issues of *Keeping in Touch*, presented a cheque in the amount of \$5000.00 to Women for Change – Zambia from her sale of custom face masks.

COVID19 did not stop us from caring about and supporting the education of girls in Zambia. Although this special five year project concluded in September, donations are still accepted through the United Church of Canada until the end of 2022.

You may send donations for

**UCW Special Projects to:**

The United Church of Canada  
3250 Bloor St. W. Suite 200  
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**Important:** On the cheque memo line, please clearly write *National UCW Special Project*

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**United Church Women (UCW) across Canada can be very proud.** UCW have made significant givings. We will continue to support initiatives in education, leadership and healing, and those which counter hunger, poverty, and racism.

**Certificates Awarded Summer 2022: In their joint letter** The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator and Sarah Charters, Director of Philanthropy send their thanks on behalf of United Church of Canada **to The United Church Women across the whole Church.** **“You are recognized for giving \$491,900 in 2021 for the Mission & Service of The United Church of Canada. Through Mission & Service we help transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world.”**



## MARKING SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2022

With this issue of *Keeping in Touch*, Thanksgiving Day has passed with its opportunities to share together our wishes of gratitude for the gifts brought to us. We now head into the season of Advent and on to the celebration of Christmas and the story of the manger and Jesus's birth. We will welcome another year rich with blessings that God has planned for us. Let's reflect on our summer of celebrations and a Fall season full of happy challenges. With God's help we will be guided with Hope toward Love, Joy and Peace.



*Dream Catcher Chandelier adorns the main foyer at Membertou Trade & Convention Centre, Sydney, NS  
Photo: K. Gardner*

### OCTOBER:

#### **OCTOBER IS MI'KMAQ HISTORY MONTH in**

**Nova Scotia:** In 1993, Nova Scotia Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaw Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture and heritage.

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Women from across Canada and Bermuda experienced first hand the beauty and richness of the Mi'kmaq culture when we visited Nova Scotia this July at our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Our hosts at **Membertou First Nation**, a community located on Unama'ki - Cape Breton Island, provided many moments for enrichment and learning during our stay.

Chief Terrance Paul welcomed us warmly in his opening address and spoke of the spirit of Membertou and its close-knit and vibrant people. The deeply moving blessing ceremony that opened our first night of celebration inspired us to learn more about our hosts and the rich history of the area. Located at the meeting site, Membertou Heritage Park offered a living history of the people and the Mi'kmaq culture, with many beautiful cultural touches present throughout the venue.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA



### CELEBRATES HER 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year's theme, **She Did, So Now I Can**, celebrates the achievements of

Canadian women.

In 1992, the Government of **Canada designated October as Women's History Month**, marking the beginning of an annual month-long celebration of the outstanding achievements of women throughout Canada's history. Women's History Month includes **International Day of the Girl on October 11** and **Persons Day on October 18**. Thank you to Moon-Ja Park, President for National Korean United Church Women, who wrote in to encourage us to explore the statement from the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, and the video from Jenna Sudds, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth.

Discover more **Canadian Women of Achievement**

at <http://famouscanadianwomen.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/27259974448/>

Creator: Dawn Monroe, President of Canadian Shield Region UCW and member of NUCW Executive for 2022. Happy Women's History Month!



### NOVEMBER:

**All Saints Day:** November 1, 2022

**Remembrance Sunday:** November 6, 2022

**Remembrance Day:** November 11, 2022

**First Sunday of Advent:** November 27, 2022

### DECEMBER:

**World Aids Day:** December 1, 2022

**Second, Third and Fourth Sundays of Advent:** December 4, 11 and 18, 2022

**Christmas Eve:** Saturday, December 24, 2022

**Christmas Day:** Sunday, December 25, 2022



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Blessings, **Kim Allin (she/her)** Sales and Ecommerce Associate  
(Note: In-person book tables are no longer arranged through UCRDstore)



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## United Church Women Celebrating 60 – Visioning for the Future

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...to give you a future with Hope.”

*Jeremiah 29:11:NRSV*