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The angel spoke to the women. "you must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Peace be with you." They came up to him, took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus said to them. "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee and there they will see me."

"And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 5 – 6, 9-10, 20.

It is hard to "not be afraid" these days. Not be afraid for ourselves; not be afraid for our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, even great great grandchildren!

It is also hard to not be afraid for our churches. That's why it is so important to remember Jesus' words: "I will be with you always".

This Easter season let's try to reflect on the JOY that surrounds us. No matter what we are dealing with in our personal lives or what our church communities are dealing with "God is with us, we are not alone."

## **Glossary of Acronyms**

This is Appendix 12 from the UCW Handbook and includes acronyms related to the life and work of the church.

AOTS	As One that Serves (men's ministries)
CCS	Centre of Christian Studies
CIM	Church in Mission (GCO)
СОММ	Communications
EDGE	EDGE Network for Ministry Development (GCO)
FS	Financial Services (GCO)
GC	General Council
GCE	General Council Executive
GCO	General Council Office
IMJ	Indigenous Ministries & Justice
ITS	Information technology Services
M & E	Ministry and Employment (GCO)
M & S	Mission and Service
MiF	Ministeres en Francais (GCO)
NUCW	National United Church Women
OMGS	Office of the Moderator & General Secretary (GCO)
PHIL	Philanthropy (GCO)
UCRD	United Church Resource Distribution
UCW	United Church Women
WA	Woman's Association, formed UCW in 1962 with WMS
WFMUCW	World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

WICC	Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
WMS	Woman's Missionary Society
	(joined the WA in 1962 to form the UCW)

## **Living Skies Regional Council Meeting**

The Living Skies Regional Meeting will be held from **May 25 – 28, 2023** at the Exhibition Center in Prince Albert, with the Service of Praise being held at Calvary United Church beginning at 10am. The theme of this meeting will be 'Discerning A Good Path Together'. **Please ensure you have elected a Regional Representative** for your Community of Faith who will be able to attend. As well, **booking a hotel room** should be an early priority for everyone, as there is **another large event being held** in the community during that weekend. Please see <u>the</u> <u>Accommodations List</u> on the Regional Gathering page for **recommended accommodations** and **blocked room deadlines. Billeting will not be available.** This year, the registration fee is \$175 for in-person and will include meals, break items provided at the meeting, attendance at the POW WOW and visiting the displays. The registration fee for joining on-line is \$50. More information about the Meeting is available from Meeting Planning Committee Convenor, Carolyn Woodall <u>here</u>.

> Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try.

> > --Ernest Hemingway

Blessings and Happy Spring,

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