

## SASK UCCW NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

### **Luke 24: 36 Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

**While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."**

*Peace is not a thing to possess, but a way of possessing  
Peace is not a gift to give, but a way of giving  
Peace is not a topic to teach, but a way of teaching  
Peace is not a theory to learn, but a way of learning  
Peace is not an opinion to hold, but a way of holding  
Peace is not a resolution of strife, but a way of striving  
Peace is not a creed to preach, but a way of preaching  
Peace is not a god to serve but a way of serving  
Peace is not a question to ask but a way of seeking  
Peace is not a journey's end but a way of journeying*  
Richard Skinner

### EVALUATIONS FROM GATHERING - Allison Irvine, Co-Chair

24 paper evaluations were received; 1 via email.

Completed surveys - 2  
Last question not answered - 3  
Two questions not answered - 7  
More than two questions not answered - 13

Would you come again? 25  
In a church ? 25  
One Day event - 19  
Three Day event - 2  
One or Two Day event - 1  
Either one or three day event - 2

Preferred time of year.  
Spring - 13  
April - 2  
April/May - 2  
Spring/Fall - 3  
Spring/Summer /Fall - 1  
When travel is okay - 1  
Not answered -2

## **Saskatchewan Growing Spiritually Q/A - Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle**

### **Question #1**

Do you have a spiritual mentor, friend, someone you can count on to talk and listen?

Yes – 17 No – 10

### **Question #2**

What role would you say faith plays in your life?

Daily being a channel of God shining through me. Being active in church activities and committees.

Gratefulness, stop rushing around, stop catheterizing.

Trust is Faith and Hope my cat's cradle or safety net.

Knowing that I am not alone.

Faith fills a gap inside of me on an ongoing basis. It's the compass of my inner self.

Daily very important, faith for health and healing, faith in dealing with others.

Attending Church working and praying with UCW members on project. Thanking God every night.

Important need it daily.

Morning reading, talk with God, reading bible or devotionals. Attend church with others,

Daily role. Faith in life, connecting with people doing in community.

Faith is something I visit sometimes daily but also sometimes weekly.

Very important reason to carry on,

Very strong, daily, all my life, since I lost my husband a few weeks ago I have been leaning heavily on God.

Faith plays an important, daily role, It keeps me on track in a positive way and inspires me,

Part of everyday, very important part, informs much of what I do, part of my attitude to life.

Important need to do daily bible, scripture reading.

It is serving needs of others in particular husband with health issues.

Daily role insights and prayer, also gratitude to God for many blessings.

Faith is trying to be loving, giving, kindness, following God's way.

Weekly church, faith helps me make decisions, it gives me priorities, I enjoy fellowshiping with people of faith.

Faith is present when I live my life as I should.

Going to church is very important it seems like something is missing if I miss church.

Faith helps me get through life good and hard, challenging experiences.

Faith undergirds my daily activities the trust I have in God defines how I seek to live my life.

It sort of who I am, others don't let me forget they see me as a spiritual leader even when I don't think I am very faithful.

Faith is a daily walk, it does not have the priority it should have. I would like to give it more importance.

Is an integral part of my makeup. It is always there like electricity and I plug in when I need an extra jolt.

Gives me hope that although the road may be bumpy all will be well.

### **Question #3**

Do you find praying easy, does it come naturally and you have no problem with daily prayer or is this an area you would God to help you with?

Yes, 4 Not easy - 11, with comments like: my mind wanders, sometimes I miss a day, need help to pray.

Depends on where I am, in the outdoors I find it easy to thank God for nature.  
Prayer is something I tend to neglect to do at times.  
I often pray on the toilet – it's easy.  
I find it easier to pray with a group or read a prayer/write my own.  
General prayers not specific.  
Sometimes easy, other times more difficult depending on circumstances at the time.  
Talking to God easy, very hard to pray openly in a group.  
Praying alone is easy, but very difficult with others.  
Need help with prayers don't do it daily.  
Don't do it, hard to do.  
Sometimes it is easy sometimes it is difficult.  
It comes easily, a friend from India taught me how she prays and what works for her. It also works for me. (I would like to know this technique on praying).

#### **Question #4**

Do you attend Bible study groups or read your bible daily or is this an area you would like God to help you with?

Not much, yes need help.  
Read Daily Bread and attend church,  
No  
Attend bible study groups regularly, but do not read my bible daily,  
No  
No I don't maybe once a month would be good,  
No would like to do so,  
Would like God's help I want to do more,  
Don't attend bible study or read bible, need help with going this,  
I read my bible almost daily and I could use some help to use more often.  
I could attend at our senior home but not recently.  
I read the bible/books in bible daily though not at a specific time, I'd like to do it with others,  
Read bible daily use These Days & Daily Bread. Attend bible study when the opportunity presents itself.  
Regularly personally reading.  
Now that I have moved here I don't attend bible study as the church is further away.  
Do sometimes attend bible study, don't read bible regularly.  
No  
I do a bible study with one of my friends, I read devotional books.  
I need help in this area. I don't attend a bible study.  
I probably need help in this area.  
No even though I plan it but fail to keep up daily,  
I try to attend bible study weekly.  
I have begun reading bible studies for my own growth as much as for others,  
I need God's help to increase the time reading the bible. I read our daily bread, on occasion,  
Yes, weekly  
When available I attend bible study. I like preparing services because of the research and personal reflection required,

#### **Question #5**

What would you say are your spiritual gifts?

Welcoming, talking to people.

The realizing I was glad to be alive. God made me recall my daughter's saying we need you mom.

Caring about others, helping neighbors.

Stirring the pot, getting things going, helping, children's connections.

Volunteering to help in whatever way I can.

Humble, caring, want to help those that everyone doesn't gravitate to,

Listening, sense of humour, patience.

Caring about individuals especially children.

Ability to talk with others, playing piano, care for others, think critically.

Kindness, helpfulness, generosity.

Good listener, sense of humor, being objective.

Reading, searching.

Understanding, loving,

I listen well, I am reflective, I am usually humble, I will do what's asked of me.

Can write concisely, can organize events,

Praying for others, willingness to help others on short time frame

Helping out especially social events, coffee, baking, sharing the fun of music, love, laughter and tears,

Awareness of God, intuition about what to do or say, recognition of the creator throughout the world.

Compassionate, kind, thoughtful, caring.

Teaching, preaching, organizing events, bringing people together, pastoral care/calm presence, being a visionary.

I can sing and do in the choir.

Playing the piano or organ for church, taking part in UCW

Caring for others

Listening, planning, connecting, discerning

A questioning spirit and enquiring mind.

I thank him for my voice,

I believe in God, my strong, single, step of faith, I have a mind that challenges, I have a soul that searches, I have a compassionate nature, I have a strong character.

### **Question #6**

How comfortable are you with witnessing your faith. Would you enjoy a gathering where you would listen to others speaking about their faith journey.

Listening to others is good.

Okay with listening to others faith stories.

Yes, hearing from 4 or 5 women sharing their faith.

I would enjoy listening to other people talk about their journey.

Not really interested, maybe one but not three or four,

Yes, hearing about other faith journeys.

Not comfortable at all.

I would enjoy hearing other speak.

Yes, would be interested in hearing ladies' faith journey.

I would also like to hear others stories.

No,

I would like to hear others' journey.

Would be interested and enjoy hearing other women speak about their faith journey.

I participate more now in music (ukelele group) which I love and would like to share the happiness I feel with others,

Yes, I would enjoy listening to others.

I would like to hear more testimonies

Not interested.

Yes.

Not hard when it's with people who are anxious to hear about my spiritual journey.

Yes, I would enjoy listening to other woman sharing their faith.

I value my spiritual growth and offer facets of it during services,

Yes.

### **Question #7**

How comfortable are you with witnessing your faith, if a gathering were planned as mentioned in the previous question would you offer to share your faith journey.

No – 15 Yes – 6 Not sure, maybe – 6

### **Question #8**

Using General Council, Region, Community of Faith and UCW (Women's groups) list them in the order starting with the one that inspires your faith the most, the last one being the one that inspires your faith the least.

UCW, Community of Faith, Regional, General Council

Community of faith, UCW, fellowship, head office

Community of Faith, UCW Regional General Council

UCW, Community of Faith, Regional, National

Worship Circle, peer groups, local community of faith, Region, General Council

Community of Faith, UCW, General Council, Region

Community of Faith, Minister, Bible Study, Pastoral Care Group

UCW, Women at the well, ecumenical coffee morning

Community of faith, women, national, region

UCW, women's group, rest are unknown

UCW, Community of Faith, Christians of other faiths, good people

UCW, Community of Faith, region, general council

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Women's group, region, national church

Women's groups, UCW, one to one, church, regional

Women's group, UCW, community of faith, regional, general council

Community of faith, UCW, regional, National

Community of faith, UCW, General Council, Regional council

Community of faith, inspires my faith the most, UCW, Region, National inspires the least

Church, women's groups

Community of faith, general council, region, UCW

Bible study group, preparing and leading worship with neighbouring congregations

Community of faith and women's groups, region, national level

UCW, community of faith, regional, general council

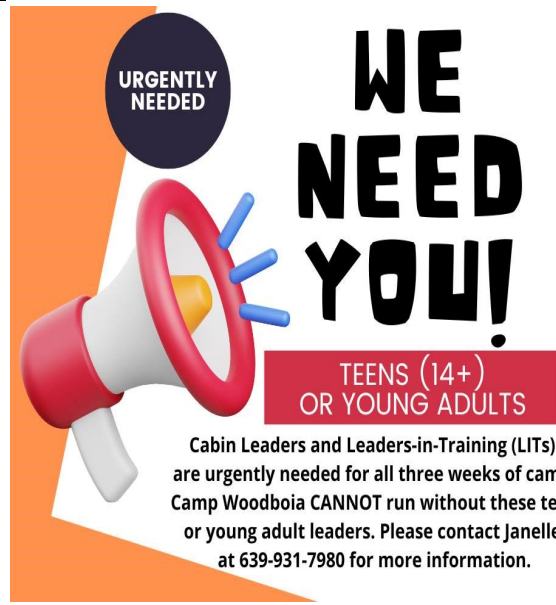
Social women's group within my faith community and the old people I visit through congregation care are my inspiration.

Local bible study

Community of faith, UCW Region, general council

Women's groups inspire my faith the most.

**CAMPING SEASON IS HERE:**



**URGENTLY NEEDED**

**WE NEED YOU!**

**TEENS (14+) OR YOUNG ADULTS**

Cabin Leaders and Leaders-in-Training (LITs) are urgently needed for all three weeks of camp. Camp Woodboia CANNOT run without these teen or young adult leaders. Please contact Janelle at 639-931-7980 for more information.

**Our Cabin Leaders (16+) and Leaders-in-Training (14 and 15) are the core of Camp Woodboia. They are the "first point of contact" for their cabins and truly work to make sure everyone is having a good time. They each have different gifts and share them so generously with campers and other staff alike. Camp wouldn't be "Camp" without them!**

We are urgently in need of leaders so that Camp can run this year, so if you or someone you know is 14 by the first day of camp and want to spend a week (or more) at Woodboia, please let us know ASAP! The application can be found on our website at [www.campwoodboia.ca/get-involved](http://www.campwoodboia.ca/get-involved) or reach out to Janelle at [campwoodboia@gmail.com](mailto:campwoodboia@gmail.com) or 639-931-7980 if you have questions. We'd love to have you join the team!

**July 21 at Camp Woodboia Camp Sunday and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Lunch will follow Worship Service. For information contact Rev. Janelle Shaw or [www.campwoodboia.com](http://www.campwoodboia.com)

**September 6 – 9 Save the date for Christopher Lake Women's Camp at Christopher Lake.** For more information go to [info@campchristopher.ca](mailto:info@campchristopher.ca)

**Commissioning and Benediction (Iona Community)**

May the God who dances in the storms and the sunlight,  
keep you and cherish you in mercy and love.  
May God who is present in sunrise and nightfall,  
and in all the places you tread,  
guide your feet wherever you may go.  
May God who knows your path and the places where you rest,  
be with you in your waiting,  
be your good news for sharing,  
And lead you in the way of faith.

Peace  
Mary