

Sask. UCCW Newsletter February 2025

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 7 New Revised Standard Version

Executive Meeting

The executive of Sask. UCCW met by zoom on January 23.

It was decided to ask for membership donations this year along with the Stats reports. **Please fill out the [Statistics Report](#) even if you do not have an active UCW group in your Community of Faith. This newsletter and all Sask. UCCW events are open to ALL women in Living Skies Regional Council.** The stats report helps to keep us connected.

Spring 2025 Women's Gathering

A one-day Spring Women's Gathering is being planned for **Saturday, April 26 at St. David's Trinity Church in Saskatoon** from 10 to 3:30. This is for ALL women in Living Skies Region. The worship service will include communion and a memorial for those women who have passed away in the last year but have contributed to the church in many ways during their life span. Please send memorials to Barb Byers Bradley. Because the theme is the Centennial of The United Church of Canada we are also inviting those attending to bring a historical item from your church or wardrobe.

The Annual meeting will also take place. Please remember that we are looking for a secretary and a second vice-president. If you or you know of someone who might be interested in either of these positions, please contact any member of the executive.

We will again be having a silent auction, so please consider donating an item or bring a group item for the silent auction.

The executive will be meeting again on February 27 to finalize plans for the Gathering.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical event that began almost a century ago, bridging social, geographic, and political barriers. Over the decades, it has been an important ministry for women in Canada as they faithfully lead ecumenical services within their communities year after year.

In 1895, the Anglican Women's Auxiliary of Canada began a day of "corporate intercessions for mission." By 1916, the Dominion Board of the Women's Missionary

Society of the Presbyterian Church of Canada was calling for a meeting for "united prayer for missions."

On October 19, 1918, Bessie McMurchy invited representatives of five women's missionary boards – Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian – to meet together to "promote the spread of Christ's kingdom by united prayer, united action, and a stronger voice in national questions." Her letter led to the formation of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies.

Imagine this small group of resilient women getting together near the end of WW1, and then 1918-19 - The Spanish Influenza epidemic puts the plans of the newly formed inter-board committee on hold.

1919 – On February 15, a planning meeting resulting in the drafting approval of a brief constitution.

1920 – On January 9, the first national interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer is held in Lindsay, Ontario.

1920 – On February 20, the first interdenominational Day of Prayer in the US is held.

1922 – On Friday, March 3, millions of church women in Canada and the United States celebrated a common day of prayer. The Canadian and US committees continued to prepare their own services but used the same theme.

1927 – The World Day of Prayer for Missions is instituted.

Preparation for the day is vast. The international committee is based in New York and there are national committees and organizations in 146 countries. In Canada, the World Day of Prayer (WDP) is coordinated by the **Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)**, one of the original founders of this prayer movement.

In our Region the World Day of Prayer will be aired on Access communications and Faith T.V.

Abbey One Day Women's Event – Tuesday, June 10

Women's Camp Day at United Church in Abbey, Highway 32.

Time: registration starts at 10. Closing worship starts at 3.

Theme: 100th anniversary celebration.

Cost: \$20 per participant

Camp Tapawingo Women's Camp - June 20 - 22



Join your friends and find fellowship at
Camp Tapawingo this June

Registration Cost: \$65/weekend. \$40/Sat. only

Tapawingo at Candle Lake is pleased to be hosting the Women's Camp this summer...

Friday night potluck supper

Silent auction, bring an item

Stay in one of our cabins or bring your camper (no hookups)

Home-cooked meals

Enjoy our beautiful sandy shallow beach area

Go for a stroll on a path through the forest or walk the labyrinth

Make a craft

Unwind with chair yoga

Bring your musical instrument

Go for a paddle in a canoe, kayak or paddle boat

Play 9 holes of golf next door

Sing and roast a marshmallow at the campfire

Worship and reflect on Vesper Hill

Bring a board game or cards for a games time

For details and to register go to Camp Tapawingo website, go over to “more” and scroll down to Women's Camp at the bottom and click on it.

Funding Available

There is funding available through the **Agatha Kaasa Fund** from the National UCW to help offset travel and registration costs associated with any events that lay women would like to attend and participate in. The deadline to apply is April 15 and October 15 of each year, but it is suggested that you get applications in at least one month in advance as these are the dates the grant committee meets. You can apply only once per year.

The **Dorothy Amos Fund** is for UCW members only and the deadline is July 2. Again apply at least a month in advance.

Applications that are accepted usually pay up to 1/3 of the cost of attending events. This includes cost for mileage, meals on the way to and from as well as registration / accommodation. You must apply before the event takes place. If anyone has questions or would like help in filling out an application please phone me: Mary at 306-749-3446 or e-mail at d.mohn@sasktel.net.

Here is the [Agatha Kaasa Fund application](#). For detailed information go to the National UCW Website. Here is also the [Dorothy Amos Fund Application](#).

Lumsden Beach Camp

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding job this summer? LBC might be the place for you. Take a look at the available job descriptions and how to apply. If you have any questions or problems with the application, please call Executive Director Kylie at 306-510-6135 or email info@lumsdenbeachcamp.com

Executive Director

LBC is seeking a talented, hardworking Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing the organization's administration, promotion, off-season camper engagement, and fund development. It is the only year-round staff position with the organization, but works closely with a committed volunteer Board of Directors and various committees. The demands on this position are varied, but not untypical of many small non-profit positions. The flexibility to set your own hours and work from home can make this position very gratifying.

This position is 75% EFT time position (30 hours/ week) with some flexibility. The salary range is between \$40,000 and \$45,000 and is subject to negotiation based on qualifications and experience.

Applications should be forwarded to ynotu@lumsdenbeachcamp.com with a resume and a cover letter outlining the applicant's interest and qualifications for the position.

UCW Bursary Fund

The Sask. UCW Bursary application form is available on the Living Skies Website under Resources: Funding, 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 **February 28, 2025** and **October 31, 2025**.

New Address

Please note the new address if you are sending anything to Living Skies Regional Council office:

Living Skies Regional Council
423 Main St. N.
Moose Jaw, Sask.
S6H 0W5

**When we pray, how often do we say: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"?
More often, I think, we say: "Listen Lord, for your servant is speaking".**

– Robert Wicks

Blessings,
Mary