



PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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To: *Chairperson of Official Boards of Communities of Faith and UCWs or Women's Groups*

Re: *Prairie to Pine Bursary Funds*

Greetings!

Here it is a new year, and once again there are lots of changes in our beloved United Church, especially now with this COVID-19 pandemic, and having to find other ways to "do church." Thank goodness we are still able to communicate in alternate ways besides physical face-to-face services and meetings. Although we need to practice a safe distance in a physical sense, we can still be close and nurture others spiritually.

As chair of the committee for the **Prairie to Pine Regional Council Bursary Fund** I am contacting your Community of Faith with the **Prairie to Pine Bursary** application form, attached with this letter, which includes those in the Designated Lay Ministry training program as well as those working toward ordained or diaconal ministry. This application form may also be found on the Prairie to Pine Weekly News or the Prairie to Pine Regional Council website at: prairietopinerc.ca.

In 2019 we were pleased to award the Prairie to Pine Bursary to one applicant, Damber Khadka of Winnipeg, Master of Divinity program at AST \$2,000. The Bursary Committee sincerely thanks all UCWs and Communities of Faith for their contributions and asks for your continued support. If your community of faith no longer has a contributing UCW or Women's Group, our Committee is hoping that you have included this in your yearly budget.

Donations should be made payable to **Region 5 of the United Church of Canada**, and in the memo line of the cheque, write "**Prairie to Pine Regional Council Bursary Fund**" and forward to Prairie to Pine Regional Council, 1622-B St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB, R2M 3W7 to the attention of Cherry Abad. Please call the Regional Council Office (204-233-8911; ext. 7) or check our link for the Prairie to Pine Regional Council website at: prairietopinerc.ca for additional information.

In addition, a **UCW Bursary** is awarded annually from UCW funds to persons, at least 18 years of age, not in, or studying towards, paid accountable ministry. The applicant must be actively involved in a United Church Community of Faith and taking a course that would benefit a local United Church. In 2019 we had one applicant, Allison Abbott-Wiebe, from Carman, who received \$250 from the Prairie to Pine UCW Bursary Fund. Please encourage members of your congregation who would benefit from this bursary, to apply. An application form for the UCW Bursary is also attached.

As well, there is the Agatha Kaasa Bursary, established in 2003 by the National UCW. The Agatha Kaasa Bursary is available to women for leadership training, continuing education or projects. There is another National Bursary, the Dorothy Amos Fund, for any woman who is a UCW member, and not in paid accountable ministry. This Bursary was founded in 2012 in honour of Dorothy Amos using proceeds from the UCW 50th Anniversary. Both these National Bursaries can be found online and can be accessed at the United Church of Canada website www.united-church.ca. On the search button look for the Agatha Kaasa Bursary or Dorothy Amos Fund by its name.

We ask your assistance in promoting both the Prairie to Pine Bursary Fund and the UCW Bursary Fund in your community of faith. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Shirley May

V. Shirley May, Convener
Prairie to Pine Bursary Committee

attachments: Prairie to Pine Bursary Application Form
UCW Bursary Fund Application Form