

Prairie to Pine United Church Women
May 2022

Spring is here! It is such a relief to be able to be outside after a winter that seemed to go on and on! I hope that you are able to enjoy some milder weather where you are. I know that in some places, snow still lingers, but soon it will be gone!



Lorna Barclay



Jean Hutchings

I am sad to report that two former Conference UCW past presidents died in January. Lorna Barclay was a member of Darlingford UCW. Jean Hutchings was a member of Hamiota UCW and Trinity UCW (Brandon).

NUCW President's Message – *Standing with God in Hope*

Reflecting on the theme for 2022, I have drawn my message for this issue from The United Church of Canada's Hymn and Worship Book, *Voices United*; Hymn #424 and Affirmation #656 both remind us that with faith we know that we are truly standing with God in Hope. Without Faith, how can we have Hope? I have Faith that God is standing with us in Hope. Blessings, *Nancy* Nancy Risto, National UCW President

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, *let us work for peace,*
Singing, *share our joy with all,*
Working *for a world that's new,*
Faithful *when we hear Christ's call.*

Hymn: May the God of Hope Go with Us

424 VU, Verse 1

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

Affirmation # 656VU

Keeping In Touch – the newsletter from National UCW that used to be included in the InfoPac is still available. You can find it on the UCC website. In the search bar, type Keeping in Touch. You can download the latest issues as a pdf file. You can also ask to be added to the mailing list by being in touch with National UCW secretary, Karen Gardner. Her email address is gardnernucwsecretary@gmail.com

National UCW Guidelines were revised in 2021. You can download a pdf copy at

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_ucw.pdf

UCW 60th ANNIVERSARY CONTINUING IN HOPE: JULY 11–15, 2022

Registration closes May 31, 2022.

In July, some of us will be in Sydney, NS this summer.

I know that there are still openings available if you would like to attend.

Guests from Women for Change Zambia include Lumba Siyanga, Executive Director, and Shadrick Chembe, Programme Manager. I look forward to learning about the work they do in support of women and children in Zambia. More information about the celebration can be found at this link.

<https://ucceast.ca/fsldw-and-region-15-ucw>



Here is an update on the National UCW outreach project, **Women for Change: Zambia**. I received word that donations received up till May 10, 2022 amounted to \$83,663.49. In addition, there is a transfer of \$10,000 from the UCW Life Membership funds. Way to go, UCWs!

Recently, Prairie to Pine UCW executive met by Zoom. We learned that the Banner being designed for the National Gathering has been started. I look forward to sharing a picture of it with you after it is completed.

Prairie to Pine Bursary Report was given by Darlynn Smith, convenor of the bursary committee. These candidates for ministry had received Prairie to Pine Bursaries in 2021:
Pat Chabluk, Jen Carter-Morgan, and Damber Khadka.

Cheques for the bursary fund should be sent to
Prairie to Pine Regional Council,
60 Maryland Street, Winnipeg, MB
R3G 1K7

Cheques should be made out to Prairie to Pine Regional Council, with “**Bursary Fund**” noted in the memo line.

Darlynn also reported that no application was received for the bursary offered by Prairie to Pine UCW. The **UCW Bursary** of \$800 is awarded annually from Prairie to Pine Regional UCW funds to persons, at least 18 years of age, (and not in, or studying towards, paid accountable ministry). The applicant must be actively involved in, and taking a course that would benefit a local United Church Community of Faith. Please encourage members of your Community of Faith who would benefit from this bursary, to apply in the future.

There are two National UCW bursaries available:

The Agatha Kaasa Bursary

The Dorothy Amos Fund

Information for both funds can be found by searching on the National Church website: <https://united-church.ca>

We also discussed the possibility of hosting a rally in the summer of 2023 for UCW in our region as well as in Living Skies (Saskatchewan). It is a long time ago now (4 years I think) that the Saskatchewan UCC Women hosted a gathering at Wellman Lake United Church Camp.

UCW Memberships

At our last P2P UCW Executive meeting we discussed requesting the various UCW Units submit their membership fees by November 30th of the year to which they apply. Sometimes there is some confusion as to which year it applies to if the membership cheque is mailed at year end, received and deposited by the Treasurer in the New Year. It is often questionable by both the Unit and the P2P region Treasurer as to which year it actually applies. So, for clarification, we are requesting that you send your Unit Membership Fees, (total of \$5 per member), anytime during the year, with the **deadline being November 30th**. Thank you. The membership cheques can be made out to **Prairie to Pine UCW** and mailed to:

Shirley May, #401-95 Paget St., Winnipeg, MB R3P 1E8

What has your UCW been doing? How are you meeting? Have you hosted any events? These are all questions that we'd like to know, and to share with you. Please contact me at igpokotylo@gmail.com so that I can share your news.

I have attached the Statistics report below. Please fill it out and mail/email it by June 15 to Shirley May whose address is at the bottom of the form. Statistics reports are supposed to be in by June 30 to National UCW, so your help with this is greatly appreciated!

Until next time, stay well!

2021 Statistics Report - United Church Women Community of Faith

Name of Community of Faith:



Prairie to Pine

Total number of UCW members in your Unit:

Total number of Life Memberships given out in 2021:

President or Contact

Name:

Address:

City/Province/Postal Code:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Vice-President

Name:

Address:

City/Province/Postal Code:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Treasurer:

Name:

Address:

City/Province/Postal Code:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Secretary

Name:

Address:

City/Province/Postal Code:

Telephone number:

Mail or e-mail this form to Prairie to Pine UCW treasurer by June 15, 2022.

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