

# September 2021 United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways

Happy September, everyone. I hope you have all had a good and fulfilling summer. There are a lot of events coming up for United Church Women that are highlighted below. I hope they encourage you to reach out to other women of the church through these activities – some virtual and some in person.

Covid times have reminded us of how we are connected globally as well locally, and the slogan "to act locally but think globally" reminds us to broaden our definition of both neighbour and neighbourhood. We do not live in a vacuum.

You are reminded that it is possible to continue your membership in the UCW even if your local unit has closed or you are unable to attend. An **Individual Membership Application** was included in the **Annual Report** of the UCW of WOW that was sent to all presidents of local units. For \$3.50 you will be able to continue to receive news from WOW and National UCW. There is a 3-year membership for \$10 with some savings available.

Ask your local president for the form or contact us at ucw.wow@gmail.com if you are interested.

If you are still interested in a book study led by Rev. Trisha Elliot on her book *How the Light Shines: Stories, Strategies, and Spiritual Practices for Caregivers of People With Dementia*, please contact Carolle Arbuckle at <a href="mailto:cdallas@riptnet.com">cdallas@riptnet.com</a> as soon as possible. The proposed date for the study is Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 1-3 pm.

Just a reminder that this is the final year of our national UCW project of **Women for Change – Zambia.** I encourage you to continue to support this project by studying more about Zambia and learning how one of the United Church's partners is encouraging young girls to remain in school. Your prayers and financial donations help our partners in Zambia do important work.

The National UCW executive will be meeting virtually daily from September 20-24 each afternoon. Please remember these women who represent you and others across Canada in your prayers, especially during this week of deliberation.

We are not alone. We live in community with each other. We live in God's world. Thanks be to God. Anne Reuber

# Save the Dates

### **National UCW**

Invites you to the closing worship & communion service of the NUCW Executive Meetings By zoom

Friday, September 24

At approximately 1:30 pm. Link will be sent out later this month.

### September Gathering

Of United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways

# Saturday, September 18, 2021

By Zoom
Link opens at 9:30
9:45: Gathering singing
More information to come

#### **November Gathering**

Of United Church Women of the 3 regions of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls Western Ontario Waterways Saturday, November 6, 2021 By zoom More information to come

# **Opportunities for Service**

We are looking for women who are interested in helping Marnie McDonough make a banner to represent our women in WOW at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration next July. Contact her at <a href="https://www.wow@gmail.com">ucw.wow@gmail.com</a> or at 519-377-1092 before November 30, 2021.

There is still room for anyone who is interested in joining the UCW executive of WOW. Please contact President Anne Reuber at <a href="mailto:dareuber@rogers.com">dareuber@rogers.com</a> if you are interested in this important work of connecting women of the local congregations with the wider network of women in the national church.

# ONLY 11 MONTHS UNTIL THE UCW 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION in July 2022!!!

- -Have you marked your calendar for July 11-15, 2022?
- -Have you invited your favourite UCW roommate to go with you?
- -Have you started building up your Celebration Budget fund?
- -Have you submitted a funding application to The Agatha Kaasa Bursary; deadlines are Oct.15 & April 15/22; (Dorothy Amos grant deadline is past)

You can apply online or print application. Form & info can be found on the UCC website.

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### To find the 60th News:

https://ucceast.ca/fsldw-and-region-15-ucw/ucws-60th-anniversary-news/ SUGGESTION: Once you find the page add it to your favourites; then it is as easy as one click.

# From Ruth Kennedy for the 60th Anniversary Planning Committee

**Celebration Registration** will open **September 30th** online. If you need help registering, someone with a computer can apply for you. One person may register up to 5 people. You will need all relevant info including the method of payment. The options will be to pay immediately by credit card or to mail a cheque.

Please be aware payment by credit card completes your registration. If you prefer to mail a cheque after registering online, the registrationis is incomplete until the cheque is received. Each region has 22 guaranteed spots held until February 2022. If the spots are filled you will go on the first come-first served waiting list. Apply early to assure your spot but be assured all wanting to attend will be able!

If you fall ill and cannot attend, your money will be refunded up to 30 days prior to the event. Your spot

will be offered to someone on the first-come-firstserve list.

# Hotels are now taking reservations by telephone.

When you call indicate you are part of the 60th UCW Anniversary Event. You will need to provide a credit card number when you book.

**Cambridge Suites Hotel:** call (902) 563-7004 and request a room in 60th Anniversary block. No booking code yet.

**Travelodge:** Phone: (902) 539-6750. Tell the agent you are with the 60th UCW Anniversary Convention July 2022. No booking code yet.

**Hampton Inn**: call front desk 902-564-6555 and tell agent you are booking for UCW Convention in July 2022. No booking code yet.

Comfort Inn: call (902) 562-0200 or email <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/nova-scotia/sydney/hotels">https://www.choicehotels.com/nova-scotia/sydney/hotels</a> Group Code: 4138883

\*All hotels include breakfast

.\*Free shuttle from the venue to Cambridge Suites, Comfort Inn and Travelodge.

**FLIGHTS**: Air Canada is flying to Sydney. Book any time. West Jet has still not returned to Sydney. We will keep you informed as flight status changes.

See you in Sydney!!!!

Slainte, Ruth Kennedy Chair 60th Anniversary Committee

# Optional Tours for 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 26, 2021

# Louisbourg

Journey to the past as we visit Louisbourg. French soldiers march down the streets of the town as ladies dance in formal parlours.

Cannon fire shakes the



ground as harpsichord tunes mingle with baking bread aromas drifting from the stone bakery. Step through Louisbourg's fortress walls and time-warp back to the 1700s. Chat with fishermen, sailors and servants. Watch lace-making as children play 300-year-old games and stew simmers on an openhearth fire. It's so real, it seems surreal. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

While its surroundings are accessible to all visitors, it is important to note that the reconstructed 18th century buildings within the fortified town are not fully accessible.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Louisbourg. All taxes & gratuities where applicable in the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are NOT included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. \$157.40 = 23.60 (HST) = \$181.00

MINES, MARCONI AND MIRA Travel from Sydney through New Victoria, New Waterford, along the coast to Table Head. Spend some time visiting this National Historic Site. See how Marconi triumphed at his first permanent transatlantic wireless station at Table Head, and how his work would usher in the age of global communications. We will climb back on for a short drive through Glace Bay to the Miners museum.

Enjoy the tour, go down in the mine, enjoy the displays and the property. Lunch will be at the quaint and beautiful Miners' Village Restaurant. After lunch we will continue with a drive along the coast through Port Morien, Mira Gut then along the Mira River, Marion Bridge and back to Sydney.

Please note the museum and grounds are fully accessible however taking the mine tour is not recommended for those with mobility issues, due to confined space.

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Miners Museum. All taxes & gratuities where applicable in

the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are NOT included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. \$151.30 + 22.70 (HST) = \$174.00

**BADDECK AND BELL MUSEUM**. Baddeck has been described as the beginning – and the end – of

Cape Breton Island's world-famous Cabot Trail. Nestled along the shore of the Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton, the town is a favourite stop for sailors and those looking for tranquil beauty in the heart



of the island. It is Baddeck where you will visit the Alexander Graham Bell Musuem. This self-guided tour allows you to explore the amazing world of Alexander Graham Bell learn of all the discoveries he made not only in communications, but aeronautics, hydro planes, and much more. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant and then some free time to visit some of the many little shops before heading back to Sydney.



The

museum and most village shops are wheelchair accessible.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Bell Museum. All taxes & gratuities where applicable in the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are not included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. \$148.26 + 22.24 (HST) = \$170.

# LIFT YOUR SPIRITS - GLENORA DISTILLERY



AND ROUTE 19 We will travel from Sydney through Whycocomagh, through the vales and Glens. Glenora's story starts in the early 1800's, when Scottish immigrants flocked to Cape Breton Island. Its beauty resembled the Highlands and islands of Scotland so much that they decided to settle here and make it their permanent home. You will have a tour of the distillery and tasting. After the tour you will enjoy lunch in their pub and have a bit of free time to explore the ground before heading back to the Convention Centre via Route 19 through Inverness, Dunvegan, and the Margarees.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Glenora Distillery with tasting and lunch. All taxes & gratuities where applicable in the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are NOT included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. \$150.44 + 22.56 (HST) = \$173.00

ENGLISHTOWN, ST ANNE'S BAY & THE GAELIC COLLEGE Experience true Nova Scotia Gaelic culture with a visit to the Gaelic College. The only

institution of its kind in North America, the College



provides education in the language, music, dance, arts, and crafts of the first Scottish settlers to this area. Visit the Great Hall of the Clans, pick up a few handy phrases, and learn a milling song, while participating in a traditional Gaelic milling frolic, with one of our fluent Gaelic instructors (if available) or learn the art of Kilt making. After this interesting stop lunch will be served at a local restaurant before winding our way back to Sydney.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: .Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Gaelic College and lunch. All taxes & gratuities where applicable in the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are NOT included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. \$156.52 + 23.48 (HST) = \$180.00

HIGHLAND VILLAGE - IONA Highland Village in

Iona, central
Cape Breton.
Plan to spend
a few hours
immersed in
Gaelic culture
on our 40 acre
site dotted
with 11
historic
buildings
depicting life



for Gaelic settlers in Nova Scotia. Experience a blacksmith working his forge, costumed animators demonstrating spinning, weaving, wool-dying, and other hand-crafts, farm-hands working with traditional livestock, and much more. On completion of this visit you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Sydney.

Note: Half of the tour is uphill and the rest is down hill. The route includes stairs and gravelled pathways. The Visitor Centre and entrance washroom building are fully accessible. As well some of our period buildings including the blackhouse, log house, barn, church, and general store are equipped with ramps.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Highland Village and lunch. All taxes & gratuities where applicable in the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are NOT included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. \$156.52 + 23.48 (HST) = \$180.00

# CABOT TRAIL, INGONISH AND SMOKEY. Keltic



Lodge is a resort hotel located in the village of Ingonish on the northeastern coast of Cape Breton Island. Situated high on a cliff surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and a view of majestic Cape Smokey rising out of the

sea, Keltic Lodge is less than 0.6 miles from Ingonish Beach. Travel along the Cabot trail to see the rugged coastline. We will stop in Ingonish for lunch. After lunch we will plan to visit the "tree walk" built at Cape Smokey to offer a bird's-eye view of the landscape around Ingonish harbour. Soaring 30 meters above the top of the mountain, North America's first and only Treewalk will allow you to explore Cape Breton nature, learn about the history of the Mi'kmag people, and take in views of the Atlantic Ocean. The Ingonish Treewalk is delicately incorporated into the landscape, offering education, entertainment, and adventure accessible to all. After our Cape Smokey stop, we will travel along the rugged coastline of the Cabot Trail on our way back to Sydney.

# PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Transportation via deluxe motorcoach (air-conditioned & lavatory equipped). The service of a Step-On Guide & lunch. Admission to Cape Breton Highlands National Park , lunch and the Tree Walk admission. Please note the tree walk is tentative and contingent on the scheduled opening date. All taxes

& gratuities where applicable in the package. Gratuity for the driver & guide are NOT included as this is of a personal nature and should be handled on an individual basis.

COST PER PERSON: Minimum of 40 people Maximum 52. Gondola Ride only (2020 rates) \$147.82 + 22.18 (HST) = \$170.00.

Adults (19 to 65) \$45.00+ Seniors (65+) \$38.00+ Children (5 to 11) \$20.00+

