



**June 2021 Newsletter
United Church Women of
Western Ontario Waterways**

You may have been shocked over the discovery of 215 bodies of children in unmarked graves on the grounds of the former residential school in Kamloops. As Canadians, we are trying to come to terms with the fact that our history includes racism against Indigenous People. We are members of a The United Church of Canada (UCC) which offered an official apology for our role in running residential schools. The UCC committed itself to pay reparations and work towards reconciliation.

Thérèse Samuel (Rev.), Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice for Antler River Watershed, Western Ontario Waterways, and Horseshoe Falls regions has made available a 'Truth & Reconciliation 101' video recorded on April 29th (1 hour long). Copy this link into your search. Link is **available only until June 16, 2021.**

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/0ZcGOcsTsttg1bL005UGk9Hjw>

The speaker, Sara Stratton, is the Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator for our national church. The regional presentation begins and ends with Elder Norma General-Lickers speaking. I encourage you to watch the video to become more informed about our history of residential schools. Listen to the stories of those who mourn, and pray for the survivors who daily relive the trauma. Additional resources are available on the UCC website.

60th Anniversary of UCW – July 11-15, 2022

The host Committee reminds those who wish to apply for the Dorothy Amos grant of \$400 that the first deadline date is July 2. You can apply online or by printed application. Forms and info can be found on the website below. The Agatha Kaasa Bursary grant deadline is Oct.15th. You can apply for only one.

To find the 60th Anniversary News, click below:
[UCW's 60th Anniversary News \(ucceast.ca\)](https://ucceast.ca)

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 10 people.

Payment by credit card completes your registration. If you prefer to pay by cheque, your registration 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.

Special Hotel codes to guarantee UCW rates will not be available until late August/September.

From Ruth Kennedy for the 60th Planning Committee

The next NUCW ***Keeping in Touch*** newsletter will be distributed later this month. Watch for it and share. Note the **new contact link** for submissions here:

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UCW Donations to 2020 Mission & Service!

Nationally: \$681,020.70

WOW: \$88,251.22

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We were delighted to have almost 100 members join the AGM on April 24th. Would you like something virtually again in the fall? Let us know please.

Are you doing anything interesting &/or different that other units might like to try? Let us know.

Anne Reuber & Marnie McDonough