United Church Women Western Ontario Waterways

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

(Reporting on activities of 2022)



3rd Annual General Meeting Saturday, April 22, 2023 Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener Gathering at 11:30 a.m. with bag lunch at noon Sing Along at 1 p.m. followed AGM and speaker

"The Love of Creation"

Guest Speaker & Worship Leader
Lori Neale
of General Council's Church in Mission Unit

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Agenda

- 1. Greeting
- 2. Regional Land Acknowledgement
- 3. Constitution of the Meeting
- 4. Greeting from NUCW President, Nancy Risto
- 5. Appointment of recording secretary for the AGM
- 6. UCW Regional Purpose
- 7. Worship, Speaker
- 8. In Memoriam
- 9. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2022
- 10. Approval of Annual Reports
- 11.Treasurer's Report
- 12. 2023/2024 Budget
- 13. Nominations, Election
- 14. Installation of Executive
- 15. Announcements
- 16. Courtesies
- 17. Enabling Motion
- 18. Benediction
- 19. Adjournment

UCW Western Ontario Waterways Leadership Team

President: Anne Reuber

Vice President:

Treasurer: Joyce Osborne Secretary: Marnie McDonough

Communications: Kim Posno Rep to Region: Edith Coyle National UCW Rep: Anne Reuber

Nancy Lennox

Member at large: Eleanor Firth

Barbara Seaton Eileen Townsend

Joan Whyte
Nancy Lennox
Jacquie Diverty
Mary Hawthorne
Margot White

Staff Support: Kathy Douglas

UCW Regional Purpose

The purpose of the Regional United Church Women is

- to strengthen and support the United Church Women and other groups where desired
- to provide an opportunity for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, study, and leadership development
 - to maintain close ties with all Conference/district and General Council working units

In Memoriam



Let us pause to remember the UCW members and indeed all the women of our churches who are no longer with us since our last AGM.

Let us pray. Eternal God, Father of Mankind,

We thank you for the lives, work and influence of these women. We honour their joy and faithfulness in serving You and strengthening us in our service. They shared in our joys and sorrows always offering support. love, and hope. We will remember them.

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

I place these flowers in loving memory of our friends.

Let us join together in singing, "In the Bulb There is a Flower" Voices United No. 703.

Guest Speaker Bio

Lori Neale serves as Network Coordinator in the Identity and Mission cluster of the Church in Mission Unit of the General Council Office.

She supports Climate Justice advocacy and Faithful Footprints promotion as well as people to people experiences with Global Partners.

This past summer this included supporting the visit of Lumba and Shadrick from Women for Change in Zambia to attend the National UCW Conference in Cape Breton, NS.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN of Western Ontario Waterways Region SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Zoom virtual meeting Saturday, April 9, 2022; 10:00 a.m. MINUTES

<u>Present:</u> 59 members and guests joined the virtual meeting; including Executive members Anne Reuber-President, Joyce Osborne-Treasurer, Marnie McDonough-Secretary, Edith Coyle-WOW Rep, Kim Posno-Communications; Members at Large Eleanor Firth, Eileen Townsend, Joan Whyte, Nancy Lennox, Barbara Seaton, Jacquie Diverty, and WOW Staff Minister for Faith Formation Kathy Douglas.

<u>Guests</u>: Nancy Risto, Rev. Mark Laird, Dan Van Winden-zoom host, Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith, and Heather Herman-zoom support.

This second annual general meeting of the United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways Region was advertised with over a month's prior notice, including by emails distributed to all UCW Units that had provided addresses in their 2021 statistics. It was advertised on the WOWRC webpage as well. The Annual Report in addition to the Zoom-link were distributed two weeks preceding the meeting. The Theme was "Caring For Spirit".

The Zoom room opened at 9:30 a.m., with music of pre-recorded singing beginning at 9:55 a.m. Eleanor Firth introduced five hymns, with Susan Walker providing the vocals and Dan Van Winden on piano. Kathy Douglas provided hosting along with Dan, and Heather Herman for zoom-support. The meeting was recorded.

Anne Reuber opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m., showing the Christ Candle already lit. She thanked our music leaders, welcomed everyone and introduced guests Nancy Risto-National UCW President and Mark Laird-President WOWRC. Greetings were read from Win Czum-UCW Past-President of Antler River Region.

Anne acknowledged our settler presence on the Indigenous lands which our region resides on, and led us in prayer.

President Anne <u>Constituted the meeting</u> as the second business meeting of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council United Church Women for whatever business may properly come before it.

A motion was made by Nancy Lennox-Waterloo, and seconded by Joan Whyte-Londsboro, to appoint Marnie McDonough-Annan as the recording secretary for this meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eleanor Firth-Meaford, seconded by Nancy Lennox-Waterloo, and carried to approve the Revised Agenda. Change was so that the Benediction would precede the Adjournment (Annual Report [AR] Page 3). Nancy Risto brought greetings from NUCW, wishing us well for our meeting. Jacquie Diverty introduced our worship leader and guest speaker The Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith, who is Manager of the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Department. Biography is on page 5 of the Annual Report.

Joan acknowledged the various gifts we bring to our UCWs, congregations and the world. She led us in an opening ritual of candle lighting, meditation focusing on breathing, and blessings. We were encouraged to turn to, share with, and be open to the light in others.

Her presentation on the role of spiritual care was enhanced with a short video and power point visuals. We were reminded that spiritual pastoral care can be integrated into a patient's medical care team, is available to everyone no matter your faith tradition, is available 24 hours/day, does not cost the patient or their family, and is not dependent on having your own clergy. Confidentiality is a vital part of this support role, and providers are well trained for this care. Joan acknowledged with thanks the funding provided by the United Church's mission support.

Eleanor Firth thanked Joan for her worship and informative presentation. Nancy Lennox helped us to remember UCW members who had passed away in the past year, as well as gave thanks for the ministry of units that had closed. President Anne resumed the chair for the business portion of our meeting.

Adoption of Minutes of April 24, 2021 AGM. (AR Pages 6-9) Moved by Marnie McDonough-Annan, seconded by Eleanor Firth-Meaford, and carried.

Motion to accept remaining reports, (AR pages10-11,13-16) with the exception of the Financial Reports (AR page 12), was approved on motion by Edith Coyle-Waterloo, and seconded by Jacquie Diverty-Sauble Beach.

The Treasurer's Financial Report for 2021 (AR page 12), was accepted as moved by Joyce Osborne-Ripley and seconded by Kim Posno-Barrie. Thanks were extended to Marilyn Freer for reviewing the financial records.

2022 Proposed Budget explanations were presented by Treasurer Joyce Osborne. **Motion to approve the budget for 2022** (AR page 12) **was moved by Joyce Osborne-Ripley, seconded by Anne Wright-Guelph, and carried.**

Nancy Risto-NUCW assumed the Chair, declared all Executive positions clear, and the nominations report (AR page 16) was presented.

A motion was made by Nancy Lennox-Waterloo, seconded by Mary Helen Clifford-Stratford, and carried, that Marnie McDonough-Annan be appointed secretary for the election of officers.

A motion was made by Susan Dunlop-Guelph to accept the Nominations Report. After Nancy Risto called for additional nominations from the floor three times without any additions, the slate of the Executive was acclaimed. Motion was seconded by Mary Helen Clifford-Stratford and carried.

President of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Rev. Mark Laird installed the Executive of the United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways Region, sharing inspiration from 1 Corinthians 12. A prayer of blessing was offered on all the members.

<u>Announcements</u> where presented by Marnie McDonough. Highlights included the photos of our 60th Anniversary Banner made by Cathy

Stewart Savage, Linda Bland and Marnie. It is a 2-sided quilted piece with blocks inspired by our purpose; witness, study, fellowship and service.

There are 31 WOW members registered for the July Celebration to date. The Theme song "Into Your Hands" by Rev. Alice Finnamore is available now, as are four (4) worship services for wider congregational use. In addition, the WOW UCW Executive is providing worship in celebration of this anniversary for the WOWRC AGM on Sat. May 7 at 1 pm.

The Tri-Regional UCW events are on hold for now. Newsletters are available on the websites of our regional and the national church. Camping Sunday is April 24th, and the three (3) local camps would welcome support as they open this summer.

<u>Courtesies</u> were offered by Joan Whyte to those who had contributed to the meeting, work and ministry of our UCW. She thanked those behind the scenes who made the technology accessible, Dan, Heather and Kathy. Also recognized with appreciation were Joan Silcox-Smith, Nancy Risto, Mark Laird, Executive members, and Anne Reuber for her leadership.

Moved by Joy Barr-Collingwood, seconded by Anne Wright-Guelph, that the Executive of the United Church Women of The United Church of Canada of Western Ontario Waterways Region be empowered to transact any necessary business on behalf of the United Church Women until the next Annual General Meeting, including the right to appoint any necessary changes of membership to the Executive itself. Motion carried.

Closing comments and the UCW Benediction were offered by NUCW President Nancy Risto at 11:45 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jacquie Diverty-Sauble Beach. Carried.

Recording of meeting ended.

Members were invited to join chat rooms for a few minutes.

| President Anne Reuber | Recording Secretary Marnie |
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| McDonough | Recording Georgially Marrie |

Activity Report – 2022

United Church Women (UCW) of Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Council Summary of 2022 Activities

The Executive was installed at the April 9th, 2022 Second Annual General Meeting.

A list of contacts is included with this report, and we ask that you respect privacy by using it only for UCW business.

Your Executive is made up of 14 UCW members living across the region who bring a wealth of experience, passion, and skills to the Executive, so it functions efficiently on behalf of all UCW units. The Executive continues meeting virtually using the 'Zoom' platform. We are very blessed by our Faith and Formation regional staff minister Kathy Douglas who gently shepherds us. The convenience of virtual meetings and no travel expenses mean the Executive may continue to meet this way.

Since April 9th, the Executive has met via Zoom six (6) times; May 9, June 13, Aug. 22, Oct. 3, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, Feb. 1, 11 & 20 and March 20. An autumn event was held on Saturday, November 5th at St. Jacob's Calvary United Church. The theme was "One More Step Along the Way..." with speaker & worship leader Ann Harbridge DLM. Musical guests were Randy & Shirley Forester. There were lots of additional preparations, calls and correspondence behind the scenes to make this first 'in-person' event the first in over 2 years.

Communications were shared with all contacts via email, thanks to Kim Posno our Communications Coordinator. WOW Newsletters were distributed in October & December. The NUCW 'Keeping in Touch' e-newsletter was forwarded to all contacts when received; it focuses on the national activities.

Our WOW UCW has been recognized as a Community of Faith, and has a representative on the Discipleship & Justice Commission of Regional Council. Edith Coyle informs the Council and our membership of UCW interests.

Assessments and Money:

Assessments, also known as 'dues', are collected so that we have sufficient funds to support ourselves and the National UCW. The amount recommended is \$4 per member, of which \$1 is forwarded to National UCW for their communications and programming. \$3 of that assessment will remain with UCW WOW. Please refer to the financial statements and recommended budget for more information.

Continuing Outreach Projects:

Our region has various ministries, camps, outreach programs and special events within our boundaries still in need of support. Many activities the local UCWs do has not changed; it is the structural network that has changed. You were represented by two (2)

Executive members, President Anne Reuber and Nancy Lennox at the National UCW Gathering in September. The worship service to conclude that NUCW gathering was again available on live-streaming to all members.

Tri-Regional UCW Events: Two (2) events were hosted by the three (3) regional UCWs, namely Horseshoe Falls, Antler River Watershed and WOW. Both virtual events included gathering in song, guest speakers, worship, news, and socializing 'chat' time. Approximately 100 women attended each event. Costs were shared evenly between the three UCWs. In February the theme was 'A Step Toward Diversity'; and November was 'A Step Toward Affirming'. Feedback has been positive. As health conditions are less restrictive, these virtual events may be limited.

The UCW's 60th Anniversary Celebration 'Continuing in Hope', hosted by the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional UCW in July was a wonderful gathering. A total of 32 registered members plus two infants attended from our region. Our quilted WOW UCW banner was displayed & is now available to visit each unit; please contact us to schedule a date. Distinctive scarves were worn by each attendee to help us identify each other.

Our national 60th Anniversary Mission & Service project, the **Women for Change Zambia (WfC)** has wrapped up. Two visitors from WfC Zambia attended the July event to describe their programs; it continues to be a M&S funded project. The project for the next five years is the **Healing Fund - Supporting Indigenous Women, Children & Families.** This project was presented virtually in the February 2023 event, with guest speaker Joni Shawana from the United Church's General Council office. An invitation was extended to UCWs across the country, and several joined from east and west coasts.

Latest Statistics:

UCW membership statistics are collected yearly from across our region, including their contacts. These tabulated numbers are shared with the NUCW so they have a sense of total national membership. As of March 19, 2023 our regional includes;

65 <u>active UCW units</u>
1,310 members
Including 11 <u>Individual Memberships</u>

Twenty-Four new (24) Life Memberships were presented in the last reporting year.

A limited number of units reported their total Life Members numbers: 479

Marnie McDonough Recording Secretary

UCW Western Ontario Waterways 2022 Treasurer's Report and 2023 Budget

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| *non budgeted items | | | | | |
| | | 2021 | | 2022 | 2023 |
| RECEIPTS | | YTD | | YTD | BUDGET |
| BALANCE FORWARD | | \$10,389.30 | | \$10,010.16 | |
| Assessments | | \$5,074.00 | | \$4,772.00 | \$5,420.00 |
| Regional UCWs | | \$1,200.00 | | \$600.00 | |
| Donation - Grand River & Huorn Perth | | \$300.00 | | \$1,010.33 | |
| Leadership Grant | | \$375.00 | | \$375.00 | |
| Women for Change - Zambia | | \$1,425.00 | | \$3,716.15 | |
| Healing Fund | | | | | |
| TOTALS | \$ | 18,763.30 | \$ | 20,483.64 | \$ 5,420.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | i | | | | |
| Administration | | \$10.05 | | \$173.26 | \$50.00 |
| Bank Charges | | \$49.34 | | \$51.86 | \$50.00 |
| Member Services | | | | \$110.63 | \$200.00 |
| Honoria (Chair, Sec. Treas,) | | \$300.00 | | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Executive Meetings | | | | | \$150.00 |
| Tech for Regional Meeting | | | | \$300.00 | |
| Travel Pool | | | | | \$150.00 |
| Archives | | | | | \$50.00 |
| Events | | \$2,233.75 | | \$2,207.16 | \$2,020.00 |
| UCW WOW to TriRegional Events | | \$600.00 | | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Mission Support | | \$1,000.00 | | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| NUCW Assessment | | \$1,370.00 | | \$1,387.00 | \$1,350.00 |
| Zambia Women for Change | | \$1,990.00 | | \$4,205.00 | |
| NUCW Donations | | | | | |
| Tri Regional flow thru | \$ | 1,200.00 | \$ | 600.00 | |
| Total Expenditures for the year ** | \$ | 8,753.14 | \$ | 10,434.91 | \$ 5,420.00 |
| BANK BALANCE | \$ | 10,010.16 | \$ | 10,048.73 | |
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I have reviewed the income & expenditures for the UCW Western Ontario Waterways for year ending Dec. 31, 2022 and found them to be correct. Balance Dec 31 2022 - \$10,048.73 Marilyn Freer

**Total Expenditures of non flow thru items

Other Reports

Communications

Once again UCW news from regional and national has been distributed to our UCW women in Western Ontario Waterways. Newsletters, posters for events and Keeping In Touch have kept women informed of what is happening. Videos of meetings and events have also been sent out to UCW units. Our 2021 Annual Report was also distributed to all groups in the WOW UCW region and individual members as well.

Lots of celebrations for the 60th Anniversary took place this past year. We informed women of events before and after the national celebration held in Sydney, Nova Scotia in July and distributed videos about the ongoing services of celebration (one put on by WOW UCW for the WOW Regional Council annual meeting) and videos from the UCW WOW region of women who attended the 60th Anniversary event in Sydney.

Many are using these videos at meetings. Hopefully they help the women see the UCW is still vibrant and healthy and fulfilling it's purpose. Also individual members appreciate being kept in touch too. Hats off to those (Joyce Osborne, Diane Bender and Margot White) for making sure you receive information. Hats off to all of you who receive and make sure members of units are informed. This is a good chain we have working.

We hope you feel informed and are finding material for your meetings and ideas to keep your UCW active. We appreciate all the work UCW does and we hope Communications makes it a little easier. And a thank you to individual members for keeping in touch.

Kim Posno

Discipleship and Justice Commission of WOW Regional Council

(formerly known as Mission and Discipleship Commission)

February 2023

Following much discussion at prior meetings, it has been decided that the name of this commission will be changed from Mission and Discipleship to DISCIPLESHIP and JUSTICE (D/J).

Gail Fricker will prepare a personal new territorial acknowledgement to present at the next meeting, (Feb 15)

Jenny Stephens and Bill Allen have been contracted to evaluate our Regional Structure —they will meet with our Commission at our next meeting. The purpose: how we give approval (for grants etc) for our work. Presently, we are considering having a representative other than one of our co-chairs appointed to the Regional Executive who will be able to keep us up to date with issues and concerns.

In January, Adam Creswell hosted a meeting re: "affirming priorities for the D/J commission."

Upcoming events and areas of support:

Lent (which will be held prior to the UCW WOW AGM):

Faith and Justice series; Jesus' Encounters with the Powerful and Powerless; Cycle of Gospel Living; Antiracism series

Camps:

are communities of faith and need our encouragement as well as our financial support. Environment:

Earth week: April 16-23 "For the Love of Creation" Watch for further information.

JUSTICE: Our Commission's responsibility:

To speak out on current events that demean, stigmatize, or incite violence.

To advocate for governments to create policies /laws that reflect a diverse and inclusive society.

To provide opportunities for celebrations of our diversity.

To set Budget for events in 2023.

I have appreciated serving on this commission with so many dedicated Christian members.

Sincerely, Edith Coyle

Huron Perth Presbyterial Closing Report

About 50 people gathered on a warm summer day to celebrate the final meeting of the Huron-Perth Presbyterial. Mary Moffatt and Willie Laurie brought us together to sing with joy and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to join voices together again!

President Anne Reuber opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement. She hoped we will renew friendships and share stories today. Anne also introduced the members of the planning committee, which are included in the final report.

Several past presidents of Huron-Perth were present and introduced. Muriel Coultes, Nancy Kraemer, Ruth Long, Pat Young and Barb Schoch shared stories what UCW meant to them, and other members were invited to do the same. A few more past presidents were added to the existing list. Margaret Mickie was the first president of Huron. Wilena Butson was the first president of Perth. Elizabeth Babensee was president in Perth in 1972.



Anne asked to amend agenda, and have the closing motion

after the Worship Service. Motion: To approve amended agenda: Marg Fouts, seconded: Wanda Keith Carried

Motion: To approve the minutes from the last Annual General Meeting of April 9, 2019. Laura Forbes, seconded by Joan Whyte Carried

Eileen Townsend moved the Treasurer's Report, as printed in the final report; seconded by Muriel Coultes. Carried

The disbursement of remaining funds, around \$4000., was discussed. Eileen Townsend made a motion that after all expenses are paid, \$1400. be paid to each of Camp Menesetung and Camp Bimini, \$600. to the Mitchell Resource Centre and that the remaining funds, be divided between Women for Change, Zambia and the UCW of Western Ontario Waterways Region. Seconded by Yvonne Gedcke. (Expenses for the Celebration ~ Rental of church: \$250.00 plus \$50.00 deposit, which was donated, Musicians: \$25.00 to each, Larry S: honorarium of \$50.00) Carried

Motion: to appoint Barbara Schoch to review the final financial report by Mary Helen

Clifford, seconded by Marg Fouts. Carried

Kathy Douglas, Faith Formation Minister, was our Worship Leader. She reminded us about stories that join and connect us. As United Church women, we set goals and



expectations. Our voices were heard, and we worked together to accomplish many things.

As a memorial, Kathy put stones in a large vase. They were to represent a monument, as a way to remember the legacy of Huron-Perth Presbyterial. We were invited to name what each stone represented. These included: Caring & sharing, friendship, joyful praise, support, faith, hope, worship, outreach & justice, fellowship & food, love, grace, and music. We were invited forward to receive the elements of the Eucharist, and we shared in Communion together. We closed the worship singing "We

Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection. This was very appropriate as our theme for the day was "Continuing in Hope".

Laura Forbes extended courtesies to everyone who helped make today's celebration a success.

A motion to disband Huron-Perth Presbyterial was made by Jean Taylor, seconded by Wanda Keith, Carried

We ended the day at 4 p.m. with a social time and refreshments.

Huron Perth Closing Financials

To Whom It May Concern,

I have examined the books of the former Huron-Perth Presbyterial for the period ended August 27, 2022, the date the Huron-Perth Presbyterial was officially disbanded.

Note the financial records extend beyond August 27, 2022 to allow time for final payments and cheques to clear the bank account. The bank balance was zero as of October 11, 2022.

All final payments were made in accordance with the decisions passed by the members of the Huron-Perth Presbyterial on August 27, 2022.

It is my opinion the books and records of the Presbyterial, as of August 27,2022, accurately represent the financial position of the organization and that the funds have been correctly dispersed.

Yours truly,

Barbara Schoch, CPA, CA February 6, 2023

Bank Balance January 1,2019 \$7,097.47 Deposits as of December 31, 2019 6,093.50 Total \$13,190.97 Cheques written January 1,2019 to December, 2019 \$ 5,496.29 Bank Balance December 31, 2019 \$ 7,694.68 Final Cheques to close out Huron Perth Presbyterial Bank Balance January 1, 2020 \$7,694.68 Bank Balance August 30, 2022 \$4,810.33 Cheques written August 27to September 2022 Cheq. #358 Mary Moffat \$25.00 Pianist Cheq. #359 Willie Laurie \$ 25.00 Music Leader Cheq. #360 Mitchell U C \$ 250.00 Rental of church Cheq. #361 Larry Schock \$ 50.00 Technologist Cheq. #362 Joan White \$ 50.00 for reserving Church Cheq. #363 Camp Bimini \$1,400.00 Donation Cheq. #364 Camp Menesetung \$1,400.00 Donation Cheq. #365 Christian Resource Centre \$ 600.00 Donation Cheq. #367 United Church UCW project \$ 500.00 National Project Cheq. #368 WOW \$ 510.33 WOW UCW Total Cheques written \$ 4,810.33 Bank Balance August 30, 2022 \$ 4,810.33 Cheques written August 27- Oct.11/22 \$4,810.33 Bank Balance October 11, 2022

Eileen Foursend Treasurer

National United Church Women (NUCW)

The Annual Meeting of the National UCW took place in-person, September 19-23, 2022 at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, ON. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing of information under the theme of "Standing With God in Hope". The major pieces of business that happened were: 1) Meeting and being introduced to the new Moderator, The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne; 2) Voting in a new president-elect of the National UCW, Barbara Davison; 3) Voting on a new 5 year NUCW Special Project, The Healing Fund with preference for projects helping women and children; 5) receiving and disseminating reports on Finance, 60th Anniversary and other projects. A very productive and enjoyable time.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Lennox

National Anniversary Projects Women for Change Zambia

In 2017 the National United Church Women chose Women for Change Zambia as the project for the next five years. The project supports the education of girls and boys in Zambia. Through your donations, 44 children were helped with the costs of education. The total amount raised across Canada is \$107,644.49. Well done! The UCW project has ended, and if you wish to make your personal donation, you can send your donation to Mission and Service. The United Church of Canada, P O Box 53250 Stn BRM B, Toronto, On M7Y 8X1.

Healing Fund

At the September 2022 meeting of the National United Church Women, the Healing Fund was chosen as the next five year project. This is a fund to support Indigenous Women, Children, and Families. The project will support programming specifically designed for Indigenous women and children whose primary focus is healing the family through culture and language while meeting individual supports within the program. The Healing Fund is a grant that supports healing initiatives in Indigenous communities to address the ongoing impacts of the residential school system.

To make a donation, issue a cheque to United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways, and mail to Joyce Osborne, Treasurer, Box 298, Ripley, ON, N0G 2R0. On the memo line indicate this is a "donation to Healing Fund".

Nominations Report

Nominations for the Executive 2023-2024:

President: Anne Reuber, Stratford

President-Elect:

Treasurer: Joyce Osborne, Ripley

Secretary:

WOW Rep: Edith Coyle, Waterloo

Communications:

Members-at-Large: Eleanor Firth, Meaford

Nancy Lennox, Waterloo Eileen Townsend, Clinton Joan Whyte, Seaforth

Barbara Seaton, Cambridge Jacquie Diverty, Sauble Beach Mary Hawthorne, Shelburne Margot White, Kitchener

Unit Contacts

The following contact information is for the use of local UCW units and you are asked to respect privacy by using it only for UCW business.

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The United Church Women (UCW) was formed in 1962, joining Woman's Association and Woman's Missionary Society. This organization is the only national women's organization in The United Church of Canada.

With the 2019 restructuring of The United Church of Canada, many presbyterial and conference UCWs have chosen to restructure as well. The missions, visions and purposes will remain largely unchanged but may be consolidated into three levels to achieve maximum efficiencies. The previous four levels of UCW (unit, presbyterial, conference and national) all refer to the importance of and commitment to Christian study, spiritual growth, education, and leadership development. As an organization this has been a constant focus over the years.

In Western Ontario Waterways region, some UCW units have closed, leaving women with no group to attend. These women want to receive UCW News, and to know what is happening within their region, and nationally. We suggest that these women become individual members of UCW Western Ontario Waterways, and be added to the email list for news, or in some instances, receive news by mail, and to know when meetings of the UCW WOW are being held. The membership assessment is \$3.50 per year, with \$1.00 of this amount going to National UCW. You may wish to have a three year membership for \$10.00 with \$3.00 of this amount going to National UCW.

Please complete the following form and return, with your cheque issued to UCW WOW, and mail to: Joyce Osborne, Treasurer, UCW WOW, Box 298, Ripley, On, NOG 2R0

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