

United Church Women

Western Ontario Waterways

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

(Reporting on activities of 2023)



4th Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Grace United Church, Hanover
Gathering at 9:30 a.m. with AGM beginning at 10:15 a.m.
lunch at noon followed by entertainment and speaker

“Be Thou My Vision”

Guest Speakers & Worship Leaders
Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
Kathy Douglas

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Agenda

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2. Regional Land Acknowledgement
3. Constitution of the Meeting
4. Appointment of recording secretary for the AGM
5. UCW Regional Purpose
6. Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2023
7. Approval of Annual Reports
8. Treasurer's Report
9. 2023/2024 Budget
10. Nominations, Election
11. Installation of Executive by Nancy Risto, NUCW past president
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UCW Western Ontario Waterways Leadership Team

President:	Anne Reuber
Vice President:	
Treasurer:	Joyce Osborne
Secretary:	Eleanor Firth
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Hawthorne
Communications:	Dianne Bender
Rep to Region:	Edith Coyle
National UCW Rep:	Anne Reuber Edith Coyle
Member at large:	Barbara Seaton Eileen Townsend Joan Whyte Nancy Lennox Jacquie Diverty 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 Regional 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.

Guest Speaker Bios

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa: Cheryl-Ann was born and raised in Toronto where she completed her undergraduate studies at York University and her M. Div. at Emmanuel College. As part of her preparation for ministry, she served four months as an overseas intern in Zambia where she met her husband, James. Cheryl-Ann was ordained in 1983 and settled to Egmondville United Church where she remained until 1997 when she moved to Central United Church in Stratford. In 2012 she became the Executive Secretary of London Conference and, in 2019, at the time of structural change, she became the Executive Minister for Antler River Watershed, Western Ontario Waterways and Horseshoe Falls regional councils. As of January 1, 2024, Cheryl-Ann moved into the position of Senior Governance Support Lead with the General Council, involving support for the General Council Executive, the 45th General Council, the 100th Anniversary Commemoration, and the evaluation of structural change. Cheryl-Ann and James live in Mitchell and are the parents of three adult children and one spoiled dog!

Kathy Douglas: Most of my official ministry leadership has been in regional or wider church work. Serving 10 years as Youth Minister for Huron Perth Presbytery and now, Faith Formation Minister in ARW, HF and WOW Regional Council, I find my gifts of being a ‘connector’ very helpful. I love to listen to passions in ministry, consider others who have a similar experiences and then bring the energy together as a way of celebrating God’s presence in a big way. I am a Diaconal Minister, living in Kitchener (Haldimand Tract Treaty #6 Lands) where I enjoy walking on a daily basis, as I discover the community around me.

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
of Western Ontario Waterways Region
THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener
Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:30 a.m.
MINUTES**

Present: 45 Members and guests attended, including Executive members; Anne Reuber-President, Joyce Osborne-Treasurer, Edith Coyle-WOW Rep, Kim Posno-Communications; Members at Large, Eleanor Firth, Eileen Townsend, Joan Whyte, Nancy Lennox, Barbara Seaton, Jacquie Diverty, Margot White, Mary Hawthorne and WOW Staff Minister for Faith Formation Kathy Douglas. On livestream there were 109 views.

Guests: Nancy Risto, Lori Neale

The third annual general meeting of the United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways Region was held at Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener. Women gathered at 11:30, and were welcomed by Jacqui Diverty with name tags, and Joyce Osborne with travel reimbursement forms. Rev. Sue Campbell of Elmira United Church offered copies of her book for sale, Spirit Refresh. We expected a book table from The Christian Resource Centre, Mitchell, but they were unable to attend because of illness.

Women gathered in the Parlour for our Bag Lunch, with refreshments provided by the women of Forest Hill. We were greeted by Betty Kocher, President of the local UCW, who gave the lunch blessing.

At 1 p.m we gathered in the sanctuary for the meeting. The meeting was available by Livestream, arranged by Margot White of Forest Hill United Church. The 60th Anniversary banner was hung on the lectern. Eleanor Firth, Member at Large, led in hymn singing. The pianist was Barbara Kellerman of Calvary Memorial United Church, Kitchener.

Betty Kocher welcomed everyone in the sanctuary as well as those joining by livestream and Mary Hawthorne lit the Christ candle. Anne Reuber spoke about the power of the small light in a dark room. After Easter, there is Hope, as we walk the road.

Nancy Risto, President of National United Church Women, brought greetings, saying "with Faith there is Hope". Kathy Douglas, Faith Formation Minister, Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils, brought greetings. Anne Reuber read the Land Acknowledgment for the Kitchener area.

The Meeting was constituted by Anne Reuber - "I declare the Annual Meeting of the United Church Women of Western Ontario Waterways duly constituted in the name of Jesus Christ and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to thoughtfully and prayerfully deal with all matters of business that may rightfully come before it."

Agenda: A motion was made to approve the Agenda as shown on page 3 of the Annual Report.

Moved by Lorraine Bowlby Seconded by Kim Posno

That the Agenda as presented be approved.

Motion carried.

Secretary: A motion was made to appoint Eleanor Firth as recording secretary for the Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Edith Coyle Seconded by Jacquie Diverty
That Eleanor Firth be appointed as recording secretary for the Annual General Meeting.
Motion carried.

The UCW Regional Purpose was repeated by the women. “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 and to maintain close ties with all Regional and General Council working units.”

Kim Posno introduced our Guest Speaker and Worship leader, Lori Neale of General Council's Church in Mission Unit. April 22 is Earth Day, and Lori talked about Climate Justice, and what is happening in the United Church across Canada. Her presentation included a video by Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, 44th Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Our UCW meeting is one of 90 within The United Church of Canada today, talking about climate change. It is an opportunity to talk about what we love in creation, and how it has changed, and how we feel about it. The four pillars of the United Church climate action are Putting our house in order, Raising our Spirited voices, Connection with earth and Our response to climate impacts. Worship was based on John 20: 19-31. The offering was presented by Jacquie Diverty for dedication. The offering will be sent to the Healing Fund, the Five year project of the National United Church Women. Nancy Lennox thanked the speaker.

Barbara Seaton presented the In Memoriam from Page 5 of the Annual Report. We remember UCW members no longer with us since our last AGM. We sang “In the Bulb There is a Flower” a very appropriate hymn.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held virtually April 9, 2022, recorded on Page 6-8 of the Annual Report were approved.

Moved by Joyce Osborne Seconded by Joan Whyte
That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held April 9, 2022 be approved.
Motion Carried.

Annual Reports: The reports of 2022 are the Activity Report page 9, Communications Report page 12, Discipleship and Justice Commission Report page 12, Huron-Perth Presbyterial Closing Report page 13 and National United Church Women Report page 16 were presented for acceptance.

Moved by Kim Posno Seconded by Jacqui Diverty
That all reports in the Annual Report except for the Treasurer's Report, the 2023-2024 budget and the Nomination Report be accepted.
Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Osborne, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for 2022, shown on Page 11 of the Annual report.

Moved by Joyce Osborne Seconded by Nancy Lennox
That the Treasurer's Report for 2022 be accepted.
Motion Carried.

Joyce Osborne, Treasurer, presented the Budget for 2023, shown on Page 11 of the Annual report. The Budget is based on 1,350 members.

Moved by Joyce Osborne Seconded by Nancy Lennox
That the Budget for 2023 be accepted.
Motion Carried.

Nominations for 2023: Nancy Risto, President of the National United Church Women presided for the election of the Executive for 2023. The list of names is found on Page 17 of the Annual Report, and all Executive positions are open.

Moved by Joyce Osborne Seconded by Jacqui Diverty
That Eleanor Firth be Secretary for Nominations.
Motion Carried.

The Nomination Report was read by Nancy Risto. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Mary Helen Clifford Seconded by Barb Schoch

That the Nomination Report be accepted.

Motion Carried.

Nancy Risto installed the Executive and welcomed them to their positions.

Two women of the 2022 Executive have retired, Kim Posno, Communications and Marnie McDonough, Secretary. Anne Reuber thanked both women for taking part on the initial Executive since 2019, and for their guidance in the UCW of WOW becoming a Community of Faith. Mary Hawthorne presented Thank You cards. In honour of Kim and Marnie, a donation is being made to The Healing Fund. Marnie was not able to be present.

Throughout the meeting, the Blessing Song was sung to Lori Neale and Kim Posno. May the Blessings of God be upon you, we bless you in the name of God. (sung twice)

The UCW Banner is available for any group to use it. Eleanor Firth keeps track of where the Banner goes. The Banner was made by Marnie McDonough, Cathy Stewart Savage and Linda Bland. Linda was present at the meeting.

Joan Whyte gave the Courtesies. She thanked everyone that had taken part in organizing and presenting at the meeting.

Enabling Motion:

That the executive of the United church Women of Western Ontario Region be empowered to transact any necessary business on behalf of the United Church Women until the next annual gathering, including changes in membership of the executive itself.

Moved by Loraine Bowlby Seconded by Eileen Townsend

That the Enabling Motion be enacted

Motion Carried

There was no further business, Nancy Risto gave the Benediction.

President

Eleanor Firth, Secretary

Activity Report – 2023

The Executive of UCW of WOW is 12 women from across the Region. The Staff Support is Rev. Kathy Douglas, Faith Formation Minister for the Region. The Executive meets virtually, by Zoom. During 2023, the Executive met six times, to discuss the business of UCW and to plan three meetings of the larger group.

February Virtual Gathering: On February 11, **Joni Shawana**, Healing Program Coordinator, Indigenous Ministries & Justice for the UCC, introduced the National UCW Special 5-year Project at our winter virtual Gathering. Approximately 80 women attended the live stream session, including some women from across Canada.

Annual Meeting: On April 22, the Annual Meeting was held at Forest Hill United Church in Kitchener. This was an in-person meeting and livestreamed. The women gathered for a bag lunch, with refreshments by the women of Forest Hill. We had music, worship, and review of the Annual Report. The guest speaker was Lori Neale of General Council's Church in Mission Unit, talking about Climate Change. The Executive was installed by Nancy Risto, President of the National UCW.

Fall Meeting: On November 4, the women met at Calvary United Church in St Jacobs. This was an in-person meeting and livestreamed. The women gathered for a bag lunch. There was music, worship and then a presentation by a panel of Climate Motivators. Connor Russell, Jackson Rukundo, Jyla Mills and Sifa Kanyamuneza were part of a group of 15 young students that met in 2023 with people across Canada to identify concerns and needs regarding climate changes and environmental issues.

Communications: Mary Hawthorne and Diane Bender circulate Minutes and News with every unit via email. WOW Newsletters were distributed in 2023 in June, September and December. The National UCW Keeping In Touch Newsletter was distributed in 2023 in January and June.

Assessments and Money: An Assessment is collected from each unit in the Region to cover the expenses related to holding an in-person meeting, and to cover the expense of the Executive. The Assessment is calculated on the number of members in each unit. The Treasurer Report is included in the Annual Report, and it will be approved at the Annual Meeting.

Outreach: We continue to support the five year project chosen by The National United Church Women in 2022, The Healing Fund. A report is included in the Annual Report. Locally, we are encouraged to support the three summer camps in our Region. They are Camp Bimini, Camp Menesetung and Silver Lake United Church Camp.

National United Church Women: In September 2023, Anne Reuber and Edith Coyle represented the Western Ontario Waterways Region and the meeting of representatives from all Regions of Canada. Their report is included in the Annual Report.

Eleanor Firth, Recording Secretary

UCW Western Ontario Waterways
2023 Treasurer's Report and 2024 Budget

*non budgeted items

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 BUDGET
BALANCE FORWARD	\$10,010.16	\$10,048.73	
Assessments	\$4,772.00	\$5,079.00	\$5,220.00
Regional UCWs	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Donations	\$1,010.33	\$695.57	
Leadership Grant	\$375.00	\$375.00	
NUCW Project	\$3,716.15	\$1,410.00	
Offering		\$534.00	
TOTALS	\$ 20,483.64	\$ 18,142.30	\$ 5,220.00
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u> 			
Administration	\$173.26	\$12.97	\$50.00
Bank Charges	\$51.86	\$52.40	\$50.00
Member Services	\$110.63		\$45.00
Honoria (Chair, Sec. Treas,)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Executive Meetings			\$0.00
Tech for Regional Meeting	\$300.00		\$0.00
Travel Pool		\$150.00	\$150.00
Archives			\$25.00
Events	\$2,207.16	\$1,986.15	\$2,500.00
UCW WOW to TriRegional Events	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Support	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
NUCW Assessment	\$1,387.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,300.00
NUCW Projects	\$4,205.00	\$944.00	
Tri Regional flow thru	\$ 600.00	\$ -	
Total Expenditures for the year **	\$ 10,434.91	\$ 4,960.52	\$ 5,220.00
BANK BALANCE	\$ 13,281.78		
**Total Expenditures of non flow thru items	\$ 5,629.91		

I have reviewed the income & expenditures for the UCW Western Ontario Waterways for year ending Dec. 31, 2023 and found them to be correct. Balance Dec 31 2023 - \$13,281.78 Marilyn Freer

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. Our 2022 Annual Report was also distributed to all groups in the WOW UCW region and individual members as well.

Videos of meetings and events are available to UCW units. Please remember to use these videos at meetings. Hopefully they help the women see the UCW is still vibrant and healthy and fulfilling its purpose. Hats off to those (Joyce Osborne, Diane Bender, Mary Hawthorne and Margot White) for making sure you receive information. Thanks to all of you who receive and make sure members of units and individual members are informed. Let's keep this chain of email and snail mail 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.

Mary Hawthorne

Discipleship and Justice Commission of WOW Regional Council

Attending meetings at this Commission on behalf of WOW UCW has been an enlightening experience for me. Our United Church of Canada is very involved in many areas of everyday-living in our country.

There have been several conversations regarding the remit – a voting process necessary when changing our basic by-laws within the United Church. A “yes” decision will enable the Indigenous church within the UC to establish its own structure. This will be important in furthering our right relations with Indigenous people.

Our Commission received many requests for grants, and we spent time selecting and prioritizing our response to those applications:

- right relations
- camps (Bimini, Menesetung, Silver Lake)
- youth and faith formation,
- chaplaincy.
- two resource centres (Mitchell, Grand River)
- The Hub
- 5 Oaks .

The grants totalled \$135,000.

Rev. Kathy Douglas introduced a new and exciting event, “ Audacious Hope”, to be held at Brock University, St Catherines. July 3—6 2024 . The UCC will be working in partnership with the Presbyterian Church. Kathy is on the planning team and Andrew Hyde will be one of the leaders. Jim Cain will also be one of the presenters and will provide Camp Training for leaders.

Kathy Douglas is looking for help in how we can help provide resources and support for peace in the Palestine/Israel conflict.

With thanks and blessings

Edith Coyle WOW Regional UCW Representative

National United Church Women (NUCW)

Report of the Work of the National UCW for 2023

The National UCW Executive continues to reach out nationally through the newsletter *Keeping in Touch*.

There is also a 5-day in-person meeting each September of the Regional UCW Presidents from across Canada in Mississauga. Edith Coyle and I attended on your behalf. We renewed friendships, passed the reports from the previous year of the UCW at work across Canada and approved the budget for 2024. We worshipped and prayed, sang and talked. We mourned the loss of UCW units across Canada in which we and others have been nourished, comforted and challenged.

But above all, we were raised up with hope that the presence of God is still with us, even if our church structures are changing. God is not done with us yet.

Good news!

- **In 2023, UCW members gave \$494 217 for Mission & Service.** This is a story of Hope!
- Since its inception in the fall of 2022, **United Church Women of UCC raised \$28, 383 for the NUCW 5-Year Anniversary Project supporting the Regina Native Outreach Ministries Baby & Mother Welcome Bags.** You continue to take seriously the United Church's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.
- **The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne**, Moderator of the UCC spoke to us about signs of hope for her in the United Church. She talked about two national youth programmes specifically.
 - **Climate Motivator Programme**
 - The UCC sponsored 15 diverse young people, aged 15-18 years from across Canada for the Summer Youth Climate Motivators Programme. Each young adult was recommended by his/her local community of faith, and each designed a "passion project" around environment change to implement with their home community of faith. Some of you met four of these young people from WOW Region at our November Gathering in 2023.
 - Twelve youth from Shining Waters Region and 12 Indigenous Youth from across Canada were teamed up with each other in a **3-week**

canoeing group. The Moderator joined this group as they bonded together over the three weeks as friends and as they learned about Indigenous culture, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, traditional medicine teachings and back-country canoeing skills. She said “This one project [young people and their friendships] is enough. If Nothing else remained of the United Church of Canada, it is enough!”

- PS. She also got dumped from her canoe twice, though she assured us it was not her fault!

We also recognized the declining and aging membership of the UCW, and heard how some women across Canada are trying new ways of supporting women locally. Several regions are experimenting with virtual meetings with women whose UCW's and churches have closed. Other women are continuing to meet much more informally; some with a “Bring your own lunch” and social and worship time; others with an invitation to get together and talk.

Edith and I were privileged to attend this weeklong meeting in Mississauga.. We came home raised up with hope that perhaps our work as the UCW has not been in vain. There are others whose faith and strength will continue to sustain communities and individuals and reach people in ways we could never dream.

It is good to be reminded that in our lifetimes, we experience only a fraction of the generosity of the Holy Mystery. We share only a tiny part of the hugeness of the God's great generosity.

Anne Reuber, Edith Coyle

National Anniversary Project

Healing Fund

In September 2022, the National United Church Women chose The Healing Fund as a project for the next five years. This is supported by Mission and Service of The United Church of Canada, and is a Bursary to support Indigenous Women, Children and Families.

As of January 31, 2024, the United Church Women across Canada have donated **\$28,383.77** to the Fund. The first project that was selected by The Healing Fund Working Group was the Regina Native Outreach Ministry, Mother & Baby Welcome Bags for Indigenous new Moms at the Regina General Hospital.

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 The Healing Fund.

Nominations Report

Nominations for the Executive 2024-2025:

President: Anne Reuber, Stratford
 President-Elect:
 Treasurer: Joyce Osborne, Ripley
 Secretary: Eleanor Firth, Meaford
 WOW Rep: Edith Coyle, Waterloo
 Communications: Diane Bender,
 Members-at-Large: Nancy Lennox, Waterloo
 Eileen Townsend, Clinton
 Joan Whyte, Seaforth
 Barbara Seaton, Cambridge
 Mary Hawthorne, Shelburne
 Margot White, Kitchener

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<i>As of April 6 2024</i>		

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, N0G 2R0**

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Phone #	Are you a Life Member

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