

Keeping in Touch

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The National United Church Women

Walking in the Holy Spirit's Power

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." (Desmond Tutu)

Welcome spring! After a long winter of darkness, storms, wind, and snow, we give thanks to God who gives us hope every day. The pussy willows are out, crocuses are pushing through the last of the snow, lambs are running in the fields, and farmers are preparing their land.

Spring brings a busy time for UCW with planning for spring fairs, as well as observing the solemnity of Lent and joy of Easter. Let all of our plans and events be led by the Holy Spirit's power and give glory to God.



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The Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund and the Dorothy Amos Fund

Did you know that the National UCW recently granted \$11,200 to 20 women to enable them to take part in a mission trip to El Salvador? These grants are available to all United Church Women, and details can be found in the UCW Guidelines. Learn more by searching "UCW" at www.united-church.ca.



Photo: Phyllis Buchner

Mildred Cation (left, Norfolk County UCW) and Phyllis Buchner (National UCW) at a WICC 100th anniversary celebration.

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Did you know that the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) celebrated 100 years in 2018? WICC offers resources for the World Day of Prayer and the Fellowship of the Least Coin, as well as grant programs. Visit <https://wicc.org> or e-mail ucw@united-church.ca for more information.

Leadership Grants

Each March, \$375 from the National UCW is sent to your regional UCW. This grant is to be used to offset expenses involved in providing training for women in leadership roles. The regional presidents' reports for the National UCW should outline how these grants were used.

UCW Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was established in 2012 as a wonderful way to honour our loved ones that were a part of this great organization. Yearly interest (after it reaches a certain level) is given to Mission & Service. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

60th Anniversary of United Church Women

Mark your calendars for July 11 to 15, 2022—a celebration of 60 years of United Church Women taking place at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Sydney, N.S.

The theme is “Continuing in Hope.” More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.



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Membertou Trade and Convention Centre

103 Years Young

Rebecca Irvin (pictured below), a UCW charter member from Surrey, B.C., is 103 years old. Rebecca is wondering if she is the oldest living member of the UCW. If you know an older member, e-mail details and a photo to ucw@united-church.ca and I will post their picture in the next newsletter. I thank God for these wonderful, faithful women who continue to answer God’s call.



Photo: Courtesy of Rebecca Irvin

Rebecca Irvin

NUCW 60th Anniversary Project: Women for Change, Zambia



Photo: Women for Change, Zambia

A young women participates in a WfC program.

The National UCW’s 60th anniversary project is Women for Change (WfC), Zambia: *Never Accept Poverty, Unite and Fight It*, partnering with Mission & Service. Please take the time to learn about what we can do to make life better for women and young girls in rural Zambia by helping to create an environment

that empowers women and girls to actively participate in community development. Learn more about the project by visiting www.wfc.org.zm or requesting an information sheet by e-mail (ucw@united-church.ca). We hope that we will receive a Mission & Service grant to invite a young woman from Zambia to speak at our fall 2019 meeting.



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In closing, may God bless you and your units with love, power, and peace and fill your hearts with hope.

*“I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit.”
(Ephesians 3:16 NRSV)*

Walking in the Holy Spirit’s Power,
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The National UCW acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.