



Keeping in Touch

NATIONAL UCW NEWS

NUCW President's Message – *Standing with God in Hope*



Reflecting on the theme for 2022, I have drawn my message for this issue from The United Church of Canada's Hymn and Worship Book, *Voices United*; Hymn #424 and Affirmation #656 both remind us that with faith we know that we are truly standing with God in Hope. Without Faith, how can we have Hope? I have Faith that God is standing with us in Hope.

Blessings, *Nancy*

Nancy Risto, National UCW President

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Hymn: May the God of Hope Go with Us
424 VU, Verse 1

An Affirmation of Hope

*We affirm our hope that a new day is dawning upon us.
We affirm our vision of a new heaven and a new earth.
We affirm our belief that the love of God, which is greater
than all understanding, has the power to unite us to participate
in the creation of a new world.
We affirm the hope that turns suffering into a creative process.
We affirm the hope that enables us to act.
God we hope: help us to hope together! Amen*

Affirmation # 656VU

Note for 2022 - Deadline for Nominations is June 15, 2022 - National UCW President-Elect

The National President-Elect is elected every two years.

See Link: [Appendix 5: Policy and Procedures regarding the Election of the National President](#)

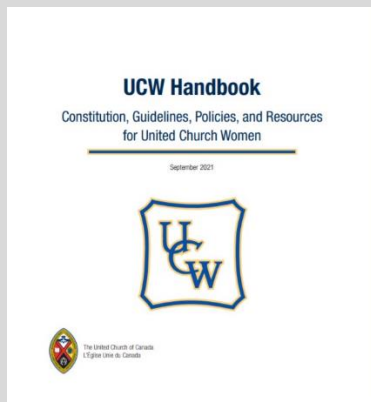
Reference: *UCW Handbook September 2021 – Page 36*

National President-Elect Requirements

- 1 Have held, or holding, the position of United Church Women Region/District or former Conference/District President.
- 2 Candidates must be nominated by her Region/District or two members of the current National United Church Women Executive.
- 3 Nominations for National President-Elect, with a short bio, must be received by the [National United Church Women's secretary](#) no later than June 15th of the election year for National President-Elect. If nomination papers are delivered by Canada Post, or any other delivery service, it must be postmarked no later than June 15th.
- 4 At the close of nominations, the National United Church Women's secretary will circulate the names of the nominated candidates to the Region/Districts and the National United Church Women Executive along with the short bio provided by the candidates no later than June 30th.
- 5 Nominated candidates will be given the opportunity to provide a campaign video, written material, attend the annual meeting of the National United Church Women Executive via Zoom or other media streams available on the scheduled day for the election.
- 6 If no nominations are received by June 15th, then the National United Church Women will open nominations at their annual meeting where nominations will be entertained providing candidates are nominated by two voting members of the National United Church Women. *Nominated candidates must meet the first requirement.*
- 7 The position of the National President-Elect is the start of a four-year term commitment:
One year as National President- Elect, two years as President, one year as Past President



UCW Handbook September 2021 Edition



The updated UCW Handbook is now available free to download /print from the UCW web page at https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_ucw.pdf
A copy can also be made available through your Regional UCW President



NUCW 60th Anniversary Fundraising Initiative Supports Women for Change – Zambia.

Donations for this NUCW special project have reached \$74,443.00 as of January 13, 2022.

Send donations to: The United Church of Canada, 3250 Bloor St. W. Ste 200, Toronto ON. M8X 2Y4

Note: Mark your cheques on the memo line to direct funds to UCW Women for Change – Zambia

Marilyn Rodger, a UCW member from **Four Winds Presbyterial in Bay of Quinte UCW East Central Ontario Region** is creating face masks with the UCW Crest (logo used with permission) to support the 60th Anniversary Fundraising Special Project. Marilyn donates all money from mask sales to “Women for Change – Zambia”. Masks are reversible, 3-ply 100% pre-washed royal blue cotton with narrow elastic and clear barrel adjusters. Design does not fog glasses. **Email Marilyn at marilynrodger@aol.com to order.** Cost \$15 each. Shipping extra. Pay by Credit card, Cheque or Etransfer.



UCW 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONTINUING IN HOPE: JULY 11 – 15, 2022

Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Sydney, Nova Scotia

Link: [UCW's 60th Anniversary News \(ucceast.ca\)](https://www.united-church.ca/news/ucw-60th-anniversary-news)

Email: ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com

Have you registered? Registration is now open on a first-come-first-served basis. We have approximately 260 ladies registered so far.
Have you applied for a bursary to assist with travel expenses? For those who haven't applied for a bursary grant, there is one more date remaining to qualify for the Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund grant.
Deadline is April 15, 2022. A reminder, that if you have received your \$400 bursary, you must still register for the event.



Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund

To apply for one of the \$400 grants to attend the Anniversary, allow plenty of lead time to send in your application for approval. Applications cannot be accepted after the closing date of April 15, 2022. Complete the Personal Details section; skip the financial section; Letters of Reference are not required. Include name of your UCW group with Region/District information. Date and sign the application! Please note that if for any reason you cannot attend the Anniversary in July 2022, you are required to return the grant money.



Have you booked your flight? We will have people ready to meet you at the Sydney NS airport. If you have already registered and want to add information to your on-line registration, simply go into the registration site, click on your region, find your name and click on the box entitled “Actions” with the little pen cursor. You can then change or add information. We would like to know when you are arriving and when you are leaving so we can organize our shuttles and greeters. As there is only one line for this on the on-line form, include both your arrival and departure information in this field. Sydney has only a few flights a day; please be aware so you are able to book a flight.

Tours must be booked in advance! If you have opted not to participate in the tours on Wednesday, we would like everyone to know you will not be able to get on the bus or book a tour at the last minute. We have to give our final numbers to our Tour company well in advance of the event. If you opt not to go on the tour your day is your own.

Have you booked your hotel? When last we checked all bookings have been made at the Hampton Inn with the exception of six people booked at the Cambridge Suites. There are still rooms available at the Hampton which is connected to the venue. We encourage women to book at the Hampton first and Cambridge Suites second to reduce the number of shuttles needed each day. All hotels we have contracts with have *Breakfast Included* with the room. Please make sure you eat before you come to the venue.

Want to know the schedule?

Monday, July 11th Registration begins at 2pm
Our event officially kicks off with a buffet dinner (supper time) at 5pm and evening Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, July 12th is a full day and evening.

Wednesday, July 13th is Tour Day. We will all gather that evening with the *Men of the Deeps*.

Thursday, July 14th is another full day and evening which includes our featured Banquet.

Friday, July 15th In the morning we gather for a communion service and the Closing Ceremony, with event wrapping up at the lunch. Hope this helps with your scheduling of travel and visiting Cape Breton family and friends. *The schedule will soon be posted to the webpage at ucceast.ca. (Choose Region 15, then Ministries, then UCW, scroll to 60th news links).*



Have you ordered 60th anniversary pins?

You can order pins with your registration and pay with your registration. We will have them ready for you in your welcome package July 11th.

You can order ahead (in bulk is preferred to defer shipping costs). You must pay when you order.

Contact: Debbie Hawkins
debbieh@ridgetimber.com

Debbie accepts e-transfers at the same email address. If paying by cheque, make cheque payable to Maritime UCW. Please note the number of pins you are ordering on the memo line of the cheque. Mail to Debbie Hawkins 128 Woodbine Lane, Upper Kingsclear NB E3E 1S3 (506)477-0274

Planning a UCW service to celebrate 60 years?

We have four (4) special 60th Anniversary-themed services to choose from, should you want to present a service in your community of faith, your units, or at your annual meetings. Each service was written for us, and we have permission to use and alter to suit your particular locations. *Be sure to share credit with the authors when using and reprinting these materials.*

To download copies of the services, use this link at the [60th Anniversary information page](#). *If you are reading a paper copy of the newsletter here is the link to copy into your computer browser for access <https://ucceast.ca/fsldw-and-region-15-ucw> Scroll to the 60th logo and news links.* Note: Regional UCW Presidents will also be able to assist you to obtain copies.

Do you have a Regional Display to Share?

Display tables will be available and the Book Room will be open Monday to Thursday. Refer to the 60th News webpage for details. Sandra Carr is the coordinator for tables and the Book Room.

Did you send in your picture?

We are still seeking pictures of UCW members with their children and/or grandchildren/nieces/nephews, for one of our vesper services during event week. Email photos to ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com



Want to learn the theme song?

Our 60th Anniversary Theme Song is titled “Into Your Hands”, with words written by Rev. Alice Finnamore. Music is set to the hymn, “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”, an African-American Spiritual.

We have permission to use the words, and the music is covered by our copyright licensing. To obtain a copy of the [sheet music](#), visit the [60th Anniversary information page](#) at ucceast.ca UCW ministries webpage.



INTO YOUR HANDS

Words: Rev Alice Finnamore
Music: African-American Spiritual

1. Into your hands I give my worries,

into your hands, into your hands.
Into your hands I give my worries,
into your hands.

Into your hands, into your hands.
Into your hands I give my worries,
into your hands.

2. Into your hands I give my sorrows
3. Into your hands I give my family
4. Into your hands I give my neighbours
5. Into your hands I give my planet.

6. In your hands I know there's hope.

In your hands, in your hands
In your hands I know there's hope,
in your hands.

In your hands, in your hands.
In your hands I know there's hope,
in your hands.

If you would like to be on the information email list for the 60th Anniversary News, please email ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com to add your name to the list.

My 60th Anniversary Packing List



5 pair of undies, 5 pairs of socks...
Wait, we all know how to pack for
this trip...or do we?

One of the things my brother says living in Cape Breton is, “Layer, buddy layer! Make sure you're warm, you can always peel off the layers.”

Here in Cape Breton, it might be as hot as the dickens, or so cold it will freeze the balls off a brass monkey...now before you become offended...Did you know that in the Napoleonic wars, the ships had a tray called a brass monkey which held cannonballs tied on the tray. When it was really cold, the brass tray would shrink causing the balls to fall off...

With this in mind:

- Bring some shorts, but bring some long pants.
- Bring a tank top, but bring a long sleeve shirt.
- Bring your sunscreen, but bring a rain jacket just in case you are going for a walk or out and about.
- Bring a light jacket for a cool day.
- Bring a sweater for the chilly evening or the chilly air conditioning.
- Bring your 3-layer masks enough to get you through your trip (Marilyn Rogers sells them).
- Bring your hand sanitizer.
- Bring your passport, if you have one.
- Bring your vaxx pass or document showing you have had your Covid shots. You'll need it to register with the venue and the hotel, and any restaurants (this may change, but be prepared).
- Bring your picture ID (you'll need that for the hotel, venue and restaurant as well).
- Bring your walking shoes, your comfy shoes/sandals.
- Bring your reusable water bottle if you use one.
- Bring your spending money, the Book Room will be open as well as the gift shops.
- Bring your list of medications.... we're going to ask you for it when you register.
- Bring your singing voice.
- Bring your smiles.
- Bring a friend!!!! The more registrations the merrier!
- See you in July.....the teapot's on! *Sainte!*

The 60th Anniversary Planning Committee



REGIONAL UCW NEWS

'Tea, Music and Friendship' Zoom Event – Bring Your Own Tea



The Three Regional UCW Council's of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways are hosting a virtual Zoom event, the third since the pandemic began.

“From Despair to Hope: Journeying with Women Hymnologists”

Date: Saturday February 12th, 10am ET.

Link will open at 9.30am ET.

Music will begin at 9:50am ET.

Speaker: Rev. Michael Brooks

Rev. Brooks explores hymns written by women during difficult times.

Worship: Kathy Douglas, Faith Formation Minister for the three Regional Councils.

Chat: The event will close with a chat time, an opportunity to visit with old and new friends.

Meeting Link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/94768170788?pwd=cEg4SzVZSW10VHp1YUFkRlpYQzREZz09>

Meeting ID #: 947 6817 0788

Password: 551047

Contact for assistance on Saturday February 12th call Marilyn Johnston 1-905-823-3229



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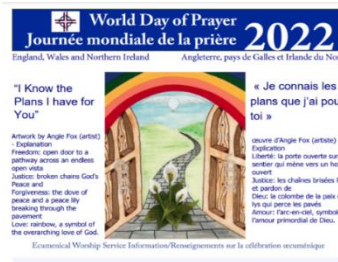
Blessings from *Win Czum*, UCW rep to WICC board



World Day of Prayer (WDP)
Friday, March 4, 2022
Theme From Jeremiah 29:1-14
'I know the plans I have for you'

This year's World Day of Prayer Service is prepared by women of England, Wales and N. Ireland.

WICC- WDP Canada will have options for in-person service or video service, or a combination of both. Included here is information that has been provided to share with WDP Organizers, which you will find informative and will support your planning. WDP is a terrific way to learn about the past and present social justice issues for England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.



View and create Posters: Click on image for fillable form template.

WDP Field Reps across Canada can aid in planning: <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate/>

Events: WDP Festival “Day” Zoom event replay from January 22, 2022 and WDP 4-part series *Pray NOW* at <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>

Exciting NEWS! The 2022 full-length Service Video is now available for your WDP presentations at wicc.org **Video is free to download.** DVD and USB memory stick resources as well as the printed package can be ordered for organizers to use.

Cable TV: <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>
A community listing is available for locations signed on to broadcast the services via cable TV.

Help to keep people safe during COVID: Consider planning your service in March using Zoom or Facebook Live, or plan for a later date in Spring, when the warmer weather permits outdoor gathering. **Advertise your service dates**, and the WDP 2022 – England, Wales, and Northern Ireland Video, on church websites, bulletins, weekly newsletters, social media, and community newspapers. Visit <https://wicc.org/donations/> for guide re: donations.



STEWARDSHIP

- For questions and information around Congregational Stewardship - stewardship@united-church.ca
- For questions and information concerning Mission & Service - ms@united-church.ca
- For questions and information on Planned Giving - legacy@united-church.ca
- And, for questions and information on the United Church of Canada Foundation - fdn@united-church.ca

Roger Janes, Stewardship & Gifts Officer

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS 2022

Reporting Incredible Results!

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all UCW members who have been so very generous in these challenging times. Thanks to your generosity and the support of other United Church members, we are making an incredible difference in the lives of those who struggle most as a result of COVID-19.

Since the pandemic struck, we have raised over \$500,000 in emergency gifts to support Mission & Service partners to deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs to help prevent and control the spread of the disease.

What's more, through Gifts with Vision we have provided over 8,360 full vaccinations to those who need them most around the world.

Altogether, that's over \$750,000 in COVID relief. Amazing!

Mission & Service has released [2022 Your Generosity Matters](#), also known as Minute for Mission. We hope you enjoy seeing first hand the impact of your support! Click on link above or copy paste this link to your browser to view <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjJACPvvWEs&list=PLODu-SgFb3Ri6qP8WEABHeID1bCj4vqx8>

In Christ,
Sarah Charters, Director of Philanthropy



Development of *Then Let Us Sing!* Moves into the Next Phase

The development of *Then Let Us Sing!*, the United Church's new digital music resource, enters a new phase this month now that the deadline for submissions of new music has passed.

Composers and text writers from across Canada have seized the opportunity to have their works included. By the deadline of January 15th they submitted several hundred hymns, tunes, and texts. So now, the Materials Curation Sub-Committee is getting ready to review them and decide which will be included in the resource.

Materials Curation has accepted submissions for *Then Let Us Sing!* that use fresh language for God as well as accessible musical styles, and that lift up and prioritize racialized, Indigenous, francophone, LGBTQQITTPA+ and Two Spirit people, people with disabilities, and people of diverse linguistic communities. All submissions related to congregational singing and worship were encouraged with a focus on specific community interests and challenges.

The new hymns will be in addition to most of the hymns that we've come to love in *Voices United*, *More Voices*, and our French hymnal *Nos Voix Unis*, which will be included on the portal. A hard copy booklet of the new hymns is also planned, for communities of faith that wish to supplement the hymnbooks already in our pews. *Then Let Us Sing!* will be The United Church of Canada's most current—and future-focused—content source for congregational singing, worship, and liturgy planning. Release date is scheduled for the fall of 2024, in time for our celebration of the Church's 100th birthday. For more information on the project, visit our webpage www.thenletussing.ca and our Facebook page.



UCW RECORDS AND LEGACY MATERIALS: WHERE TO SEND - WHERE TO FIND

This is the link: <https://www.unitedchurcharchives.ca/welcome/united-church-of-canada-archives-network/>



The United Church of Canada's Archive webpage includes links to all the regional information. **Click on the file cabinet image to be directed to the archive site.**

For the convenience of readers of a hard copy of this newsletter, regional addresses and phone numbers are listed below.

Regional Council Archives

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Toronto, ON

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Prayer of Gratitude and Hope for a Lifetime of UCW Service

Lord, help me to remember your love is great.

I know your plans for my life are always better than my dreams.

Lord, help me to use my voice to reach out in Love.

Help me to use my gifts to uplift others, both in spirit and in practical ways through prayer, through fellowship, and through giving where I am able.

Thank you for the many generous gifts that you have granted me during my life and especially during this past year of challenge.

Thank you for the many gifts that you have awaiting me in this new year of possibility and hope.

I am open to hearing your word and your message as a United Church Woman with skills to share with the world.

Alongside other talented and strong women with like minds and hearts, let me go into this new year and future with joy and energy, embracing the good, releasing the fear and doubts that may detour me from my goals and purpose of a lifetime. Amen.

This prayer was inspired by: The lives, energy and achievements of United Church of Canada Women I have met and themes from "Count Your Blessings Colouring Book", 2021
Karen Hansen-Gardner

Reflections on HOPE for 2022

What is your greatest hope for 2022?

What is one sign of hope that you have seen or felt in your life today?

A Closing Prayer

"And now, go with us God, into the days ahead. Strengthen us for peace. Give us wisdom, keep us humble, and may we live and work together; And so, striving, build a new and better world for tomorrow. Amen."

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BE INSPIRED IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY IN 2022! ADD ACTION TO YOUR ASPIRATIONS!

Plant the seeds of Hope. Create and **share** your Recipes for Love. Reflect and **pray** for Peace and Health in our communities and around the globe. Rejoice, **dance**, be joyful!
Find these gifts in even the tiniest spaces and places. Many Blessings!

*Standing with God in Hope and Love,
from Keeping in Touch*

RESOURCES:



United Church Bookstore ucrdstore.ca

Contact: Kim Allin: kallin@united-church.ca

Technology Tip for clipping images and text: ✂

Here's a quick shortcut when saving images and text for use in your writing.

Microsoft /PC Users Snip Tool: Windows Key + Shift + S

Mac Users Screenshot or Snip Tool: Command Key + Shift + 4

Both tools require that you hold all three keys down at the same time to activate the cross-hair tool (+). Drag the tool across the section of the screen you want to capture. Click to save/Hit the return key and data is copied to the clipboard as an image, for easy pasting into your documents or ready to save to a folder for later use. Avoid copyright infringement; give credit and document your sources.

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