



Keeping in Touch

NATIONAL UCW NEWS

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



With all the devastation in the world - fires, floods, earthquakes, illness like covid- we need to stand with God in hope: hope for a better world. This reminds me of the story of Noah in Genesis 8:1-12. He too stood with God in hope of a better world. When he was told by God of the great flood to come and to build an ark and gather the animals and his family, with food for all, not knowing how long it was to be, his hope was in God to get them through. When he sent out the dove to find a sign of land, he had hope that it would return with evidence. With God, they were on their way to a new future. The earth would be habitable again. Standing with God in hope, he knew that God would be there for them.

In this time of devastation now, we too need to stand with God in hope. We can be compared to the dove. We see little hope for humanity. Spiritually and emotionally, we find no rest. Yet there is someone who cares about us, who watches closely over all. GOD! Through him we can find rest in spite of the catastrophes that devastate the world. God offers us a place to stand, and hope, even in an apparently lost world.

I pray to you, my God, thanking you for letting us stand with you in hope. May you guide and show us the way to keep the hope, and to find a new and better life. Be with us, God, as we do your work to hopefully make a better way of life here on earth. Amen

I am honored to represent the UCW nationally. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the days ahead and in Sydney for the 60th UCW Anniversary.

Blessings, *Nancy Risto*
National UCW President

NUCW Past-President's Message

I just want to say how privileged I felt serving as your President the past three years (three years because of Covid-19). I have been blessed by all the women I got to meet, the places I got to visit and all the new things I got exposed to such as Thai food in Winnipeg. Thank you for your support! I am praying for your new President, Nancy Risto, and all UCWs across Canada. I hope we get to meet again. Remember, God loves you and is with you always. Blessings, *Beulah Hayley*



National UCW Gathering – September 20 – 24, 2021 Walking with Love in the Holy Spirit’s Power

We gathered everyday via *Zoom* for a 2–3-hour meeting. President Beulah Hayley’s theme was “Walking with Love in the Holy Spirit’s Power”. The scripture she chose was “For we walk by faith, not by sight” 2 Corinthians: 5:7. At the beginning of every meeting the Christ candle was lit and we started with an opening Worship. We ended each day’s gathering with a closing message and prayer. Terry Beaumont, Program Administrator and UCW support staff at Church House, was with us all week to help and guide us with any IT problems we could have.

Monday following worship we read the Land Acknowledgement, and President Beulah constituted our daily *Zoom* meetings to be the bounds of the court. The agenda, and the previous year’s minutes were presented and approved. Our speaker was Kim Allin, Sales and E-Commerce Associate with UCRD who introduced us to book resources available through the UCRD bookstore.

Tuesday following worship, the NUCW financial statements were presented and approved. This year we continued to donate \$3,000.00 to Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) and \$150.00 to the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. The National UCW Executive moved to donate \$10,000.00 to Women for Change – Zambia and donated \$5,000.00 to the Healing Fund of the UCC. Our speaker was Adel Halliday, the Anti-Racism and Equity Lead with the United Church of Canada.

Wednesday following worship, we heard Regional UCW Presidents’ reports, a report from the NUCW representative on the board of WICC and an update on the 60th Anniversary by Ruth Kennedy. Our speaker was Amy Crawford, Team Lead, Identity and Mission, who led us through a Bible study on the book of Mark.

Thursday following worship we approved the 2022 budget, and renewed the Treasurer’s contract. Diane Aikman, President of Shining Waters UCW, told us about a special project for 2022 – 60 Years of Women’s Leadership. They plan to present certificates to women who have been nominated for their work within UCW. For more information about this project contact Diane Aikman at aikmandi@rogers.com. The Handbook Committee presented the revised UCW Handbook which was approved and will be available soon. Our speaker was Marilyn Rodger from Kingston, Ontario who spoke about the custom face mask fundraiser she is doing to support *Women for Change – Zambia* and *The Healing Fund*.

Friday following opening worship it was time to wrap up any business, including asking women to be on our different committees, making a motion to give the Sub-Executive the power to make decisions until the next National UCW Executive meeting, and setting the date for next year’s meeting (hopefully to be held once more in Mississauga and in-person). We welcomed Rev. Japhet Ndhlovu the Executive Minister to Church in Mission along with UCW and United Church staff to join us for our closing worship. During the closing worship Rev. Japhet installed Nancy Risto as our new National President. Nancy will lead us faithfully for the next two years. Rev. Japhet encouraged all to join in as he celebrated communion with us.

Although *Zoom* allows us to continue to hold meetings virtually, and to communicate with each other, nothing replaces the person-to-person gathering-in-one-place that inspires us to continue living out our purpose. Please contact your Regional UCW President for more information.



Church in Mission

Terry Beaumont, Program Administrator and UCW support staff.

The Church in Mission Unit provides support and leadership to The United Church of Canada to participate in God's mission of justice, peace and transformation in the world, through its various ministries and partners in their contextual response to God's invitation of partnership.

The unit consists of four clusters namely, Executive Leadership, Identity & Mission, EDGE and Church in Partnership

Executive Leadership Team: Executive Minister, Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu

The executive consists of the Team Lead for each cluster, the Refugee Program Advisors, *Responsable des ministères en français*, and the work of the United Church Women (UCW).

Identity and Mission: Team Lead, Rev. Amy Crawford

To gain an understanding of the core values and characteristics of The United Church of Canada through stories and policies (Identity); Listen to/for stories of where we see God at work in the global context (through Global Partners), and where God is at work in our Canadian context, particularly amongst our communities of faith, assisted by EDGE (Mission

Work areas include:

Intercultural and Intersectional Ministries - To support, encourage, and equip faith communities and individuals to embrace the complexity and transformation found in intersectionality and interculturalism. Lead staff: Emo Yango and Ren Ito

Justice and Public Witness - To better equip the people of The United Church of Canada to more fully engage in ministries of justice, transformation, public witness, and inclusion in their own local contexts. Lead staff: Lori Neale, Beth Baskin, and Ren Ito

Leadership Development - To support and encourage lay leadership development for the flourishing of individuals and communities of faith.

Communities of Faith and Worship - To support, encourage, and learn from individuals and communities of faith as they seek to live as faithful disciples, nurtured through worship, faith formation, and spiritual practice. Lead staff: Alydia Smith and Amy Crawford

EDGE: A network for Ministry Development: Executive Director, Rev. Robert Dalglish

<http://edge-ucc.ca/>

EDGE: A Network for Ministry Development began in 2011 as a three-year project focused on new and renewing ministries across The United Church of Canada. In 2014, it was integrated into the periphery of the Church in Mission unit of the General Council Offices.

EDGE joins hands with those willing to take a leap into the promise; God breaking open the church, breaking into the world. EDGE is a living web of new and renewing ministries and leaders in the power of the Spirit, following Christ, embracing God's mission in the world.

We work with congregations, presbyteries, conferences, regional councils, and ministries across Canada in areas of new ministry, renewing ministry, property, and innovation.



Church in Partnership: Team Lead, Patti Talbot

Mandate: The Church in Partnership staff cluster supports and provides leadership to the United Church global partnership program as the church lives out God's call to mission and justice.

Vision: A vibrant, sustainable global partnership program that strives for right relationships in God's mission.

In **Africa and the Middle East**, the United Church works with Mission & Service partners on urgent issues affecting people's daily lives. Priorities are sustainable livelihoods, community access to food and markets, and the right of communities to determine what food to grow locally and how, as well as access to land and safe water in the context of land grabbing, issues of resource extraction, such as mining, and working for justice and peace.

In the **Caribbean and Latin America**, the United Church works with **Mission & Service** partners to secure community access to food and sustainable practices, to provide education for young children and adults, and to build and sustain safe water supplies. Partners also work to promote respect for human rights, including women's and Indigenous peoples' rights, as well as the right to a healthy environment in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The United Church also supports **Mission & Service** partner work responding to humanitarian crises and, with others, advocates for strong development and aid policies that support people and communities in crisis.

In **Asia**, the United Church works with **Mission & Service** partners who are identifying and addressing human rights abuses wherever they occur, as part of building a world of justice for all. Critical issues for the region include peace building and upholding the rights of communities to healthy environments in the context of resource extraction projects, such as mining. The work of **Mission & Service** partners includes sustainable community development and addressing food security. The United Church also supports **Mission & Service** partners responding to humanitarian crises.



Women for Change – Zambia

United Church Women across Canada and Bermuda understand our mission to service.

Your donations to *Women for Change – Zambia*, as of August 2021, total \$58,718.39.

National UCW Executive have moved to also make a donation to *Women for Change – Zambia* in the amount of \$10,000. Keep up the wonderful work you are all doing. COVID will not stop us from caring and supporting the education of girls in Zambia. You are all a blessing. Thank you. Send your donations to:

The United Church of Canada
3250 Bloor St. W. Suite 200
Toronto ON. M8X 2Y4

Important: On the cheque memo line, please write *UCW Women for Change – Zambia*.



Marilyn Rodger, a UCW member from **Four Winds Presbyterial in Bay of Quinte UCW East Central Ontario Region** has permission to put the UCW crest on 3-ply 100% pre washed cotton reversible masks with narrow elastic and clear barrel adjusters. Royal Blue as shown is the most popular. Design does not fog glasses. Marilyn donates all money from the UCW masks to "**Women for change - Zambia**", a **60th Anniversary Fundraising Initiative**, closing in July 2022, in Sydney, NS. Email Marilyn at marilynrodger@aol.com to order. Cost

\$15 each/ Shipping is 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://ucceast.ca) Email: ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com

Just rotated my canned goods to put the new stuff away and guess what the best-before date was? Yup! JULY 11, 2022! **Registration opened October 1st** and as of October 4th, 170 have registered. We have at least two Regions in overflow, with additional names added to the wait list. The 22 spots per region are capped until December 31st 2021. Beginning January 2, 2022, people on the waitlist will receive an email inviting them to register.

Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund: There is only one more date deadline for grant applications before the 60th event. Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund applications are due by April 15th, 2022.



When applying for one of the \$400 grants to attend the Anniversary, fill out the Personal Details section; it is **not** necessary to fill out the financial section or provide letters of reference. When entering your Region/District please include the name of your UCW group. Please note that if for any reason that you cannot attend the Anniversary next July 2022, you are required to return the grant money. Don't forget to date and sign the application. *Looking forward to seeing you in Sydney, Nova Scotia!*

Deadline for Grant Application: Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund is April 15, 2022.

The planning committee is meeting in Sydney Oct 25-27 to map out seating arrangements, pick menu items, meet with the venue staff, the chef, the hotel manager, and the Heritage Park manager, to talk about all things Anniversary. We will have more information about banners after we meet.

Stay up to date: If you would like to be kept up-to-date, please ask to be put on the 60th Anniversary News Contact list. Email Ruth: ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com

Books from our theme speakers Sharing your Christmas list out to loved ones? Perhaps you may want to read some of the books written by our event speakers! Sally Wishart Armstrong, our theme speaker, has a number of books for sale: *Mila* (1992); *Veiled Threat: The Hidden Power of the Women of Afghanistan* (2002); *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor* (2007) - A story of how Charlotte Taylor settled in Tabusintac NB on land still owned by the Wichart family; *Bitter Roots, Tender Shoots: The Uncertain Fate of Afghanistan's Women* (2008); *Ascent of Women: A New Age Is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter* (2013); *Power Shift: The Longest Revolution* (2019); *The Passions of Charles Kingsley: A Novel* (2019). Sally will happily sign your copy you bring to the 60th Anniversary! Also take a look for JD Kennedy's book, *C.O.M.F.O.R.T. a Dying Friend*, which is available for purchase on line at Blurb.ca. He would be happy to sign your copy of the book.

Traveling to Sydney: Flights to Sydney, Nova Scotia are available only through Air Canada. At registration, add your itinerary and we can plan to meet you at the airport. Email Ruth with your arrival /departure times once these are known. ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com

Special 60th Vesper Service: We are still looking for pictures of UCW members with their children/grandchildren/nieces and nephews/Grands or Great-Grands for a special vesper service at the 60th. Just send pictures. No names will be shared. Photographs will not be reproduced or shared except with those attending the vesper service.

July 11th Check-in: Our registration check in time is **2-5 p.m. on Monday July 11, 2022**. Our event officially starts with a buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Our event will end with our closing worship, communion and ceremony and optional lunch (some may have to catch flights) on Friday July 15th at 12:00 p.m.

Event Pictures: Pictures will be taken throughout the event and digital copies will be available for attendees to upload for a limited 2 weeks after the event. An online link will be provided.



Our 60th Anniversary pins are in!



If you would like to order pins, we will gladly ship them to you. Each pin is \$6. It has a picture of the logo. If you are ordering ahead of time, we would prefer you order in bulk rather than individually. **Payment must accompany your order;** sorry no consignment. You can order your pins by contacting **Debbie Hawkins** at debbieh@ridgetimber.com. Payment for the pins can be by cheque made out to Maritime UCW. Please note the number of pins on the memo line. You may also pay via e-transfer to debbieh@ridgetimber.com. There is an option on the registration form to order pins by including the total number you wish to order with the registration payment. Your pins will be waiting for you at the registration desk when you arrive.

To Contact Debbie: 128 Woodbine Lane, Upper Kingsclear, NB E3E 1S3 ☎ 506-447-0274

UCW Handbook

The revised UCW Handbook is now complete. We have been told that it could be a few months before it will be available on our webpage. Please contact your Regional UCW President and she will have the UCW Handbook that she can email to you.

UCW Handbook
Constitution, Guidelines, Policies, and Resources
for United Church Women



UCW and Church in Mission Unit of the United Church of Canada



*Engage: Love & Justice Gathering
Virtual Event - November 3-7, 2021*

Edge: A Network for Ministry Development/United Church of Canada, is hosting a virtual event, Engage: *Love & Justice Gathering*. We want to celebrate and recognize all that we do together as the United Church of Canada. The National UCW has a virtual booth at this event. Come and see what UCW has to offer and explore the booths from across the United Church of Canada. All are welcome.

This event starts Wednesday November 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. and runs until Sunday November 7, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. eastern time. Tickets are free. You must register to be sent your link to access the event. You also have the opportunity to support and make a donation to the COVID Emergency Appeal. More information can be found in the link below, which is also the registration link.

[To access link, hover mouse over the link below, depress ctrl key while left-clicking on the link. The browser will take you to the information page or, copy and paste the link into your browser]

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-united-church-of-canada/events/engage-love-and-justice-ministries-of-the-united-church-of-canada/>



REGIONAL UCW NEWS

Bay of Quinte UCW ECOR and Outaouais UCW EOR Celebration Day at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac

Camp-Quin-Mo-Lac, near Tweed, Ontario, was the place to be for UCWers from ECOR and EOR on August 28. Celebration filled the air for the 84 who attended from across our two regions, including 24 “first-timers” with butterflies on their nametags so we could extend a special UCW welcome. We were ready to live out our theme and “**Let It Go!**” Outside, seated in a curve facing Moira Lake, watching the sky and water, we could SING! Cathedral of the Trees with Rev. Marilyn Zehr and Rev. Svinda Heinrichs and music by Rev. Wanda Stride were amazing! Soon bubble wands came out and we blew away our cares in the breeze. A gazebo with scriptures that had inspired the day was set up as our place for prayer or reflection. Some took part in the painted rock hunt. For many years, Bay of Quinte UCW has held fall weekend retreats at camp and at the memory wall, we recalled good times and friendships formed and collected memories to share afterwards on the Bay of Quinte UCW ECOR Facebook page. But mainly, we just enjoyed seeing each other again.

The UCW has always been able to find new ways. On-line registration (new for our events) was enthusiastically received and so easy for our registrar. The host planning team put a lot of thought into keeping us safe and created a COVID Safety Plan and an Equity Plan available to share for future events. They found local Public Health most helpful and supportive with advice. White dots painted on the grass helped people keep their distance. Brown bag lunches replaced our usual shared food, but the fellowship was there! There were lots of laughs when people came up with hats down to their eyebrows and masks up to their eyes and we played guessing games to figure out who they were! We missed the hugs, but the evaluations said it all --- “music, friends, outdoor worship, a magical setting on the Holy Ground of Quin-Mo-Lac – wonderful -- good communication -- loved it all!”



There was a feeling of celebration in the air at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac as Regions 11 and 12 enjoyed seeing friends again, outdoor worship, singing with Rev Wanda Stride and BUBBLES. (L) Karen Hope (member of the Kente area host team from ECOR UCW) leads the group in letting cares float away like bubbles. Background: Rev Marilyn Zehr who earlier led the group in Cathedral of the Trees.



LOCAL UCW NEWS **Tottenham United Church Women**

The last time our UCW met as a group was Dec. 5, 2020 for a fun get-together organized by our minister Patti Rodgers for the exchange of Prayer partner gifts and some fun games and videos. Ruth Stanford our secretary updated the prayer partner list for the year 2021. We felt it would be a while before we are able to meet in-person due to Covid. We are only a telephone call away if anyone would like to reach out to each other.

We are looking forward to the United Church Women's 60th Anniversary in Sydney, NS in July 2022, to new ideas for fun get-togethers to try with our local group, and to make some new friends across Canada. It is always interesting to read what other UCW groups are doing.

Our Tottenham UCW makes meat and fruit pies as a fundraiser for our Tottenham UCW. We used the profits to support our church's general fund and to celebrate during Christmas and fun events during the year. We were able to start our pie-making sessions July 26, 2021 by self distancing and wearing masks. There are only about 6 pie makers out of a group of about 15 UCW Tottenham women. Tottenham is part of the Western Ontario Waterways UCW Region. President Velma Wace, Vice-President Janice Milne, Secretary Ruth Stanford, Treasurer Carol DeLand Doyle, Social Convenor Margaret Osborne.



Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada/Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada
47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2C3 www.wicc.org

World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2022 Theme: *'I know the plans I have for you'* (Jeremiah 29:1-14). 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. Resources available beginning October 2021. Beginning in October there will be four Pod Casts leading up to WDP, one being an interview with Jelianne, the liturgical dancer featured on the 2021 video. A panel discussion will focus on prayer. **Fellowship of the Least Coin** is an Ecumenical movement of world-wide prayer for peace and reconciliation. **Ending violence against women** – support 'Thursdays in Black'.

Grant Programs: There are grant programs that lift women out of poverty. Check the web site for the grants given out. Purchase *'Awakening'* by Indigenous artist David Alexander Risk. All proceeds go towards supporting First Nations women's organization in Canada.



"Awakening" Limited edition print by Artist: David Alexander Risk. Sales support Canadian projects to help Indigenous women in Canada.

Subscribe to receive the e-newsletter (free) *'We-Connect'*
Please check out the WICC web site for more information and updates.

Blessings from Win Czum, UCW rep to WICC board



Thanks for all you do!

You support the work of our partners in Canada and across the world, through Mission & Service and through your own focused projects. Even in the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, your support has not faltered, and we are grateful.

Stewardship for Your Community of Faith

Introducing *Called to Be the Church: The Journey* - tailored and topical modules with coaching and ongoing support to meet your stewardship needs.

The Called to be the Church: Congregational Giving Program is also available on paper from UCRD <https://ucrdstore.ca/>. The new 2022 materials should be there by the end of October, but the 2021 materials are there now.

The Stewardship Best Practices Module helps you:

- Claim Your Mission – it is really why people give to you
- Cultivate Generosity - practical ways to increase giving
- Create A Culture of Gratitude - saying thank-you is critical
- Stewardship Is Discipleship - integrating stewardship in your spiritual growth programming

It comes complete with a customised **Stewardship Analysis report** and **ongoing coaching and support** to help you apply what you have learned.

To find out more, contact us at called@united-church.ca or see Called to Be the Church: The Journey on united-church.ca/stewardship.

giftswith**vision**

Each pastoral charge will be getting 5 *Gifts with Vision* catalogues in the mail. If anyone wants more, contact Kathie Murphy (kmurphy@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781 x4029) and she will add them to the weekly list of people to be sent catalogues directly from the printer, for free. A copy of the catalogue can also be downloaded at

<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0258/7915/0674/files/gwv-catalogue-2021-22.pdf?v=1631732807>.



Additional Mission & Service materials can be ordered (for free) through UCRD.



To Celebrate 100 Years! United Church Plans for New Digital Worship and Music Planning Resources

In anticipation of its 100th anniversary in 2025, The United Church of Canada has announced ***Worship United***—a new Digital Planning Tool for Worship and Music. Published by United Church Publishing House, *Worship United* will consist of **two platforms**:

Then Let Us Sing!—An online music resource that will make most hymns from *Voices United*, *More Voices*, and *Nos voix unies*—plus approximately 150 new hymns and songs—available in one digital location and under one copyright license. It will be introduced in the fall of 2024 to celebrate our 100th birthday.



As a result of a unique partnership between the United Church and both Hope Publishing Company and OneLicense.net (GIA Publications), *Then Let Us Sing!* will include copyright for print, projection, and streaming of any of the music for worship. The digital setting will allow for the regular addition of new music to satisfy future needs of a changing church.

Then Let Us Sing! will be available by subscription through OneLicense.net. All of the new hymns will be available in book form as well.

Gathering Worship—An online worship planning resource and collection that will expand on the over 40-year history of *Gathering*, the Church's popular worship periodical. It will be introduced this fall (2021) and will provide a curated, searchable, and customizable collection of online worship resources. Access to *Gathering Worship* will be by subscription through United Church Publishing House and will include the paper subscription.



Through these two complementary platforms, *Worship United* will increase the availability and accessibility of dynamic, multimedia resources, equipping churches for the next 100 years of worship and musical possibilities.

For more information—or to donate toward the development of these resources—visit the website at www.thenletussing.ca. (www.gatheringworship.ca is coming soon.)

Call for Submissions for *Then Let Us Sing!*

United Church Publishing House (UCPH) is calling for submissions from hymn lyricists and composers to be considered for inclusion in the first selections of new material in *Then Let Us Sing!*.

Submission guidelines and forms can be found at www.thenletussing.ca.



MEET OUR NATIONAL UCW SUB-EXECUTIVE

Nancy Risto – President NUCW Nancy lives in Niagara Falls, Ontario. She is the mother of two and grandmother to two grandsons. She joined UCW when her kids were just toddlers, with a seat on the Niagara Presbyterian as the rep for Cave Springs Camp. Over the last 40 years she has shared her time and talent with the Hamilton Conference UCW as a member-at-large, as President of Niagara Presbyterian, then President of Hamilton Conference UCW continuing in the role through the United Church restructuring as the President of Horseshoe Falls UCW. She has enjoyed working with the UCW for many years through both the good and trying times. Nancy became the National President of United Church Women in September 2021. She looks forward to continued work for and with the UCW at the National level. She is honored to be part of this wonderful group of Christian women, and to be doing the work of our Lord.



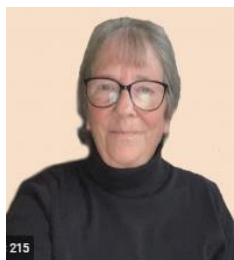
Beulah Hayley – Past President NUCW Beulah was born in a very small isolated town of 200 people in Newfoundland. School was a struggle but she managed to graduate and attended Memorial University in St. John's, later spending a year as a student teacher in Wales. Beulah has always been an advocate for the less fortunate in society and volunteers in her community. Education, Rural Development and of course her church are important parts of her life. God blessed her richly with a wonderful supportive husband, two sons, two wonderful daughters in law, and seven grandchildren. After spending a few years in education, Beulah became an administrator at a transition house for battered women and children. With the powerful presence that God has in her life, Beulah is a woman of prayer, praying that God guides her while asking for prayers and care for all.



Karen Hansen-Gardner – Secretary NUCW Karen feels truly Canadian made and raised having lived in five of Canada's provinces and territories, and well travelled through all but one (to be corrected as soon as travel is possible again). Karen shares her home near Ottawa with her wonderful husband of 30 years, Ted, and their big playful rescue Saluki-Shepherd hound, Lloyd. Raised in a large military family, grounded in The United Church, and in the values of love, faith, service to the community, music and laughter, Karen celebrates this wonderful blessing and great start in life. God continued to lead the way, through the opportunity to reconnect with her faith through UCW and to become Secretary for NUCW in 2018/2019. Karen is also the Unit Secretary for Metcalfe St. Andrews United Church UCW, and a member of the NUCW Communications Committee / Keeping in Touch Newsletter team. "It is an honour to support National UCW and to see the strength, resiliency, creativity and spirituality of UCW Women in our work."



Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle – Treasurer NUCW Carolle lives in a small village within the City of Ottawa. Wife, mother, grandmother and volunteer, she has volunteered on her community association, library board and community museum board. "Volunteering gets you out of the house. UCW at all levels; local unit, presbyterial, conference (now region) and the national level has provided the fellowship, inspiration, encouragement, and support as we all share a common purpose. The truth is UCW is fun."



Carolle is also a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. She manages and works closely with our liaison at the United Church of Canada concerning all things financial and beyond. She is a member of the Grants Committee as well as a member of the Communications Committee that produces *Keeping in Touch* (K.i.T.).



Now available at the United Church Bookstore! ucrdstore.ca

Seeking to answer the question ‘How do you give a child the gift of faith?’, [*Adventures in Faith & Family*](#) uses a blend of real-life experience, developmental psychology, and bible passages to suggest ways to support children “to become all that God has created them to be”. Written for anyone with a child in their life, this book is perfect for all kinds of readers - not only parents, but also clergy, grandparents, and godparents too!

Focusing on caregivers for people with dementia, each chapter of [*How the Light Shines*](#) engages an issue raised by caregivers themselves and is filled with real-life stories that convey the realities of caregiving, as well as tips advice, and spiritual insight and guidance. While caregiving is typically understood as an activity, as something we do – likely because caregivers do a lot - but caregiving is deeper than what we do. It is more than a series of tasks. It is, first and foremost, a call to love.

Both books are available to purchase through UCRDstore.ca and you can use code **UCW2021** to take 20% off your order when you purchase a copy of *Adventures in Faith & Family* and *How the Light Shines* until October 30th.

Blessings,

Kim Allin (she/her)

Sales and Ecommerce Associate ucrdstore.ca

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*Donations to special projects, membership fees,
grant applications, Life Membership pin purchases,
general questions about UCW*

**The United Church of Canada,
Church in Mission Unit, National UCW
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UCW Endowment Fund

*Donations to honour and in memory of
UCW Members*

**The United Church of Canada Foundation
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What is happening in your Region, your Area, and your local UCW Unit?

Send us a photo (JPG) or article (500 words or less).

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