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**CHIGNECTO PRESBYTERIAL UCW 'KEEPING IN TOUCH'**

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## An Invitation to you...

**Members of UCWs groups in Chignecto Regions of the Maritime Conference and all others interested in the work of the UCW are invited to attend  
THE 48TH ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PRESBYTERIAL  
OF CHIGNECTO UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

**WHEN: Saturday, March 21, 2015. Registration begins at 9:30 AM**

**WHERE: Sackville United Church, 110 Main Street, Sackville, NB**

**THEME: Caring At Home Special Speaker: Mrs. Catherine MacLean, MC-UCW President**

### OTHER INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- \* There is a storm date: the following Saturday, March 28
- \* A shower of supplies for Camp Ta Wa Si will be collected. (see information on Pg. 2)
- \* There will be a fund-raising for School Breakfast Programs—Your contributions of (gently-used) new-to-you items and used books appreciated.
- \* Names of your members who 'passed away' in 2014 will be brought forward in a memorial service.
- \* Theme Song: When I Needed A Neighbour
- \* Noon Lunch: Bring your own lunch to eat at the church, or eat out at a restaurant.
- \* Each UCW group should have a representative present. In the interest of good stewardship please consider car-pooling to this meeting.

## SHOWER GIFTS FOR CAMP TA WA SI

If your UCW group would like to support Camp Ta Wa Si, there will be an opportunity to bring 'shower gifts' along to the annual meeting, where they will be received by our Camp Rep Lois Budd. Lois has sent her suggestions for gift items you might consider. "We could use some dollar store soap dispensers and liquid hand soap. Toilet paper, paper towel, dish cloths and wiping clothes. I would like to suggest that they purchase cheap and not expensive dish clothes as the cheap last just as long as the most expensive and while they are nice, they are a waste. As for craft supplies, yes, that too needs to be updated... scissors (also for leftys), staplers, perhaps white paper packages, glue, tape and construction paper. That would be some I would suggest could be used at any time and more than welcome and appreciated."

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## ALLOCATIONS

I have received several enquiries about allocation payments this month. A note from our presbyterial Treasurer Ruth Anne Waddy explains what, when, who and how? "Just an update to let all UCW groups know that the allocation increases in 2015 to \$5.00 per member from the former \$4.50 as a decision of the Annual meeting in 2014. We have been informed that Maritime Conference UCW will require \$3.00 per member in 2015 and I am responsible for submitting that amount from the allocations received from Chignecto Presbyterial UCWs. Please note the increase. All allocations are due by June 30, 2015 and cheques made out to Chignecto Presbyterial UCW, sent to me as treasurer. Your attention to this matter in the new year is appreciated." Ruth Anne's address is: 5004 Route 895, Colpitts Settlement, NB E4J 1M7, or you can bring or send your allocation payments to the annual meeting March 21.

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## FINANCIAL REQUESTS

We are now in our final year of a three-year (2013, 2014, 2015) commitment by the Maritime Conference to support the funding of the new Maritime Conference Building with \$1 per member annually over three years. Although only a small amount that would have been given by the near six hundred UCW members of the Chignecto regions has been recorded by our treasurer, it is possible UCW groups are sending their support directly to the Conference Office. A second request of \$1 per member to be forwarded to our National UCW to help fund resources and clerical work is still on the books. This request is expected to be ongoing yearly, and through it we were able to receive the resource booklet Bread Not Stones, dealing with child poverty in Canada in the fall. These two special \$1-per-member donations may be forwarded to our treasurer Ruth Anne Waddy, please mark their destination. Thank you for considering these requests, both are very important to us.

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## GOOD NEWS FROM CONFERENCE TO SHARE

David Hewett, Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference, announced some good news regarding the capital funding for the centre in Sackville, so know your UCW givings have made a difference, and I for one look so forward to the day coming when the message will be: The Mortgage Has Been Paid in Full.

Here is David's message: "Thanks to the additional donations received from individuals, churches, and through property sales, Maritime Conference has been able to make an "extra" payment of \$150,000 against the principal of the mortgage. The incredible effect of this payment is that over \$426,000 in interest has been saved, and the length of the mortgage has been shortened by 3 years and 9 months! The terms of the mortgage allow for such an extra payment to be made once per year, on the anniversary date in September. Donations remain strong and look to be sufficient that we anticipate making a similar payment in September 2015. However, many givers will finish their commitments in the next year or so. The ability to continue to make these extra, and very effective, payments is not certain. **If you are currently giving, please consider continuing your commitment for a few more years. If you are not currently giving, please consider starting! Every donation is significant, and the collective effect is substantial.**"

**NOTICES FROM ST. PAUL'S UCW**

2015 World Day of Prayer events hosted by St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview.

Yvette Swan will be providing leadership.

Bible Study: Monday, Feb. 23, 10 AM in the parlour.

World Day of Prayer Service: Friday, March 6 at 2 PM. Reception to follow.



A New-to-You Sale, hosted by St. Paul's UCW

Saturday, February 21, 9-12 noon.

404 Cleveland Ave. Riverview.

Gently used clothing, and accessories for all ages.

Something for everyone.

Donations accepted the week of February 16th.

**NEWS FROM SALISBURY UCW**

Is anyone tired of shoveling, or are you happy and in the mood to ski or snowshoe?? In January, on the 25th, we had the first of three soup-fests, and everyone enjoyed the warmth of the soup and fellowship. Our next one will be on February 22nd, with a variety of soups, crackers, biscuits, dessert and beverage. It is at 11:00, following our Church service. We will be happy to see you there. On February 16th, we will be helping with the hosting of the Pancake supper at the Lions Club in Salisbury from 4:00 'til 6:30, featuring pancakes, homemade baked beans, sausages, rolls, dessert and beverage. Hope to see you there. Our third soup fest will be on March 22nd, and reminder to all that our Annual Take-Out will be upcoming on April 18th.

—Doris and Janet

**NEWS AND PICTURES FROM CAMP**

Good day ladies, enjoyed a delightful meeting in Port Elgin for Camp Ta-Wa-Si on Saturday. Camp dates are set and on the web site. The 75th anniversary celebrations are coming along just fine...The date to keep on your calendar is July 18th for this all day lunch and supper, evening with vespers, fire works, camp-fire and so much more is starting to come together...Fun for all ages and we are hoping for a very full camp that day. An open house come and stay for the whole day and evening or leave anytime kinda celebration. This is what our church camp looks like before the Nor-easter of Sunday the 15th arrived... Keep warm, enjoy the snow, spring is only a few week away...

*Lois Budd,  
your camp representative*



## 2015 ... A SPECIAL YEAR FOR CGIT

Although there are only a handful of CGIT groups still remaining in the Maritimes, only one that I know of in the Chignecto region, it still remains in the hearts of many who were former members. This is a special year for CGIT, celebrating its 100th anniversary. The announcement circulated last week regarding this CGIT notice, and when the Christian Education Committee at Trinity-St. Stephen's looked at this item on its meeting agenda—a-never-was-a-CGIT-girl—I was delighted when one of our committee members was able to recite the entire Purpose, without hesitation and with as much enthusiasm as she did decades ago, of that I am certain. My CE committee has committed to recognizing this special year for CGIT, and are planning a tea party in September. Perhaps not all of you have received this notice yet! It is re-printed below. The message came from Sandy MacBean, and her contact information is 18 Alexander Crt., Stanley, NB, E6B 1E4 (Tel. 506-367-2163, email [ianmac@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:ianmac@nbnet.nb.ca))

CGIT - 100!

PLEASE don't disregard this because you don't have a CGIT group in your church (most churches don't) or you don't know what CGIT is, but bring it to the attention of the women of your congregation.

Do you remember CGIT? Were you ever a member, leader, or the mom of a CGIT'er? This, our centennial year, is the time to recall those experiences, however far back in the past they were, and to reflect on what CGIT has meant to the women of our congregations., and to the churches in which we have given service and leadership. CGIT across the country has declined steadily since the 1980's; now there are but five groups in the Maritimes. However, we, the members of the Maritime Regional CGIT Committee, want to emphasize thanksgiving and celebration for all that CGIT has been. We encourage every congregation with any history of CGIT to plan some kind of commemorative event during 2015. It could be as simple as an afternoon tea, where women who attended CGIT in your church, and/or women in your church who attended CGIT elsewhere, meet to share their memories. It could be a community-wide get-together for your village or town, a regional day-long rally, or a reunion Christmas Vesper Service in late

November. We hope there will be lots of United Church 100th birthday parties for CGIT, celebrating all the women who learned and lived its purpose: "...to cherish health, seek truth, know God, serve others, and thus, with His help, become the girl God would have me be."

A packet of resources you could use, including a worship service, and information on the Maritime Camp (Aug.1-8) are available from Sandy MacBean (Contact information above.)

## LENTEN RESOURCES

The season of Lent is upon us now...the 40-day countdown to Easter! Within the United Church there have been several retreats and resources made available for us so we can travel along with others. One is the Lenten program, "Longing for Home". The study/daily reflection booklet is available from UCRD. However, it has been pointed out that you do not need the booklet to follow along online with Trish Elliott's Wednesday postings to Facebook, the moderator's videos on the UC YouTube channel, and you will find music selections, and I understand the UCW is involved by offering some great recipes for the Friday Night parties. If you don't get on board, you might miss something quite exciting!

Also a reminder of Janice McLean's Prayer Bench, and her guided email retreat "Quench", and group study "Practices of Releasing". You can find all this information online at [prayerbench.ca](http://prayerbench.ca) If you are an avid reader I believe the suggested book title for March is The Long Way Home, author Louise Penny.

## BITS & PIECES

I hope you are all enjoying your 'at home' day. After a decade of deliberations, the province of Nova Scotia has declared the third Monday in February as a statutory holiday for its citizens. So, on this inaugural February holiday, most in our county of Cumberland at least, are snow-bound at home. The holiday is to be called Heritage Day, and this year honours Viola Desmond, whose brave spirit did much to quiet racial discrimination in the province.

Just a reminder, deadline for Now Events We Share (Spring Issue) is March 1. Subscription renewals are due following this issue, and can be received at the annual meeting March 21. — Jean Smith