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### **November 8, 2021**

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### **Maritime U.C.W. Executive Meeting - Agenda**

Monday November 8, 2021 Via ZOOM 9:30 till 11:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions:

Good News and Regrets: Condolences to Anna Peters on the unexpected passing of her older brother. Prayers for Evelyn Taylor as she deals with health issues. Regrets: Joan Fraser, Fran Harding, Anna Peters, Margaret Ingham, Diana MacLean, Carol Mehan, Evelyn Taylor, Audrey Matheson

First Nations Legacy:

As we gather, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people."

Constitution of the Meeting and Lighting of the Christ Candle:

MUCW Purpose:

To strengthen and support the United Church Women in the Communities of Faith and other women's groups where desired.

To provide opportunities for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, study and leadership development.



Region 14 Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW) PEI,NB & Gaspé PQ

FSLDW Regional council UCW rep. report – Elaine Burrows

Chignecto Anna Peters

Miramichi Evelyn Taylor

NorthWest NB Marilyn Bubar – contact

PEI Elaine Burrows/Joyce Bridges (email list) – contact

St. Croix Carol Mehan

Saint John Contact through MUCW Secretary

Region 15 NS and Bermuda

Region 15 Regional council UCW rep. report – Debbie Hawkins

Bermuda Marilyn Dyer

Halifax Lee-Anne Boulet

Inverness Guysborough Annie Dodge – contact

Pictou Olive Archibald – contact

South Shore Ruth Rudderham – contact

Sydney Diana MacLean

Truro Evelyn Negus

Valley Rosanne Peach - contact

60th anniversary report - Ruth Kennedy

Old Business:

1. Banner Display
2. MUCW handbook needs to reflect the national changes and wording. ?  
Committee review Biennial “delegates” section in accordance with National handbook. Committee is Ruth K, Reta, Sharon, Anna and Phyllis

New Business:

1. New UCW handbook: Purposes have new wording. The terms for the levels are Community of Faith UCW, Area UCW (we use district), District/Regional UCW (we are Maritime UCW) and National.
2. Idea for virtual MUCW gathering: Adele Halliday – Anti-Racism and Equity Lead for the UCC. Her question at the NUCW meeting was “What might God be asking the UCW to do in the areas of anti-racism and equity.”
3. How can we improve communication in MUCW?
4. MCUCW minutes at the archives (see the end of agenda)
5. Region 15 Strategic Plan

Move to Adjourn:

Next meeting – Place Sackville or Zoom

Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Grace: \_\_\_\_\_

UCW Benediction: And now go with us, Lord, 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.

**United Church Archives at Sackville, NB**

1. **Newsletters: Have from 1972 to the present.** Box UCW-1411.
2. Treasurer's Books Nothing after 1986.
3. Maritime Conference Annual Reports:  
Missing: 1963-1965; 2016.
4. MCUCW minutes – there are gaps and we need the following:  
**Need Anything between 1962 and 1992**  
**Need 2009; 2010**  
**Need October 9, 2013 minutes;**  
**Need 2014; 2015 & 2016.**

**Theses are the minutes that we have or will be deposited in Sackville, NB.**

MCUCW – Minutes - Jan. 14, 1992 to Nov. 17, 1997 (Box UCW-1412)

MCUCW minutes Feb. 11, 1998 to Feb. 21, 2006 (Box UCW-1414)

MCUCW minutes 2001-2005 (Box- UCW-1415)

MCUCW minutes Feb. 2006 (Box – UCW - 1415)

MCUCW- Correspondence, minutes, and reports for 2007-2008 (Box UCW-1416)

MCUCW -Correspondence, minutes, and reports for 2011-2012 (Box UCW-1416)

**Will be deposited**

MCUCW minutes - Aug. 2011 agreement between MCUCW and the Cookie Cottage.

2012 (3 sets + annual mtg); March and June of 2013; Elaine Burrows

MCUCW/MUCW minutes – 2017 to the present: Ruth Kennedy has them

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

Minutes of Meeting

June 21, 2021

The Maritime United Church Women executive meeting was held June 21, 2021 via Zoom with 13 members in attendance, namely Elaine Burrows – President/PEI Contact/FSLDW Rep, Marilyn Bubar – Co- Vice President/NW NB Contact, Debbie Hawkins – Co-Vice President/Region 15 Rep, Ruth Kennedy – Past President/Interim Secretary, Reta Manuel – Social Secretary, Audrey Matheson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Phyllis Munroe- Treasurer, Sharon Moyse – Archives, Sandra Carr – Christian Life and Growth, Anna Peters – Chignecto President, Lee-Anne Boulet – Halifax President, Ruth Rudderham – South Shore Contact, Evelyn Negus – Truro President.

Regrets were received from Joan Fraser – Berwick Camp, Diana MacLean – Sydney President and Carol Mehan – St Croix President.

Those who did not attend were – Fran Harding – Newsletter editor, Evelyn Taylor – Miramichi President, Rosanne Peach – Valley Contact, Olive Archibald – Pictou contact, Annie Dodge – Inverness/Guysborough contact, Marilyn Dyer – Bermuda Contact

This week was Reta's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday and today was Margaret Ingham's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. We celebrate both women.

Our meeting was opened at 9:36 a.m. by President Elaine Burrows who reminded us this is National Indigenous Peoples Day here in Canada. Today is also the longest day of the year which is sad to say as now our days will start to get shorter.

The First Nations Legacy was read aloud by President Elaine Burrows, followed by the lighting of a candle to constitute the meeting open and our MUCW purpose.

Worship was presented by Marilyn Bubar. She is an avid gardener so decided to base her devotion around inspirational garden quotes. "and the day came to consider the risk of staying tight in the bud compared to the risk it is to blossom" . Nature is constantly changing. Scripture verse Matthew 6:34

It was moved by Phyllis Munroe and seconded by Reta Manuel that the agenda be accepted with two additional items namely a report on stats, and discussion on banners. Motion Carried

Minutes from the last meeting were sent out ahead of time. Here no errors or omissions it was moved by Audrey Matheson and seconded by Ruth Rudderham the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

A discussion ensued about minutes going to the archives. Have they been sent in recent years? No one knew the answer to that question. Ruth Kennedy has a number of the minutes and will compile as many as she has. Evelyn Negus stated the information she got from Chris's family was mostly financial stuff. Does Fran send the newsletters to the archives? Ruth Rudderham has a number of anniversary banners and was wondering if the Archives takes these. Anna Peters stated they will take pictures but do not want the actual artifact. Sharon, as our archives contact will look into these questions and have a report for our next meeting.

A question was asked whether we gave \$450 to Camp Berwick this year. We did not give money this year or last. Ruth Rudderham stated although there is a modified camp this year and not cookie cottage, they would appreciate the support. It is considered a good will gesture. It was moved by Anna Peters and seconded by Debbie Hawkins that we give \$450 for 2020 and \$450 for 2021 for a total of \$900 to Camp Berwick. Motion carried. Ruth Rudderham will look after delivering the cheque to the treasurer at Berwick Camp.

Elaine was pleased with the first UCW gathering we had over Zoom in April. There were positive comments and approximately 90 people gathered. It was difficult to get an exact number as people joined and left and others gathered as a group joining as one participant. Elaine would like to have another gathering this fall either October or November, sometime after the National meeting. If anyone has suggestions for speakers please contact Elaine.

There was no correspondence.

Sharon Moyse – Archive contact will look in to the items mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. Archives are having webinars that are open to everyone. They hope to resume in person meetings when it is safe to do so.

Fran Harding – Maritime United Church Women Newsletter Report June 22, 2021 - The May issue of MUCW newsletter was cancelled due to Covid 19, and that a number of our groups felt that they didn't have news to share at this time, so it was agreed that we do a summer issue instead.

This 'new summer' issue of our newsletter is a work in progress as I'm awaiting reports to come in. It is my hope to have this issue in the mail mid-July.

Our subscription numbers are on the decline, due in part to the easy access for our subscribers to read the newsletter on the web-site. A number have already indicated they wouldn't be renewing for just that reason.

There was \$2381.73 in the newsletter account at the Credit Union in Kensington on May 31, 2021.

Thank You, in advance, to everyone who will be sending me reports for this issue

Fran Harding Editor

There was a discussion about the Christian Life and Growth position. Does it continue when Sandra is finished. The CL&G person is responsible for the programming at Berwick Camp UCW day. Ruth Rudderham reminded us at our last meeting we discussed that the CL&G person would also be responsible for contributions to the newsletter. It was agreed that this position is needed. Debbie suggested that this position could help the President with Spring/Fall gatherings. Perhaps book club suggestions or things that will help nourish us.

Berwick camp is modified this year therefore there will be no cookies and no UCW Day.

Social Secretary Reta Manuel sent a report. Elaine commented that Reta sent A LOT of condolences. Reta stated she can't do anything with the website if no one sends her stuff.

Ruth Kennedy reported on the preparations for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Nothing much to add to the written report. A question was asked about doilies and teapots. Debbie reported we do not have enough teapots yet. They asked Bible for Missions to save ones that had broken lids. We really don't want to get in to borrowing from members and having to protect and return them. We also do not have enough doilies yet but it is still early. They should be dinner plate sized and white if possible. Ruth noted that people are able to book at the Cambridge Suites as of this week, and the price is less than our contracted price. Ruth will continue to share information and put it on the webpage as soon as things become available. The Sydney airport is confident in saying they will be fully open by

2022. The only thing that will stop us from gathering now is if we will not be able to gather 350+ people in one room because of public health restrictions.

Financial Report – Phyllis Munroe presented her financial report. It was moved by Phyllis and seconded by Marilyn Bubar the report be accepted for information. Motion Carried.

A question was asked whether the money was given to Mission and Service on behalf of the ordinands? FSLDW only ordained one individual this year and Region 15 ordinands postponed their ordinations un2022. Elaine will send a card to the individual in FSLDW. Phyllis stated the amount that will be sent to M&S is \$240. Each year we send the interest to M&S as a donation on behalf of the people being ordained, commissioned, designated etc. On the treasure's report it is the amount noted under financial services.

Debbie Hawkins reported as UCW rep for Region 15. Information about the annual meeting can be found on the uceast website. The minutes will be available sometime in July. Debbie stated the Regional meeting was very interesting and informative. One interesting thing of note is the Strategic Plan. It is a "Go Forward" plan, not a rebuilding but refocusing. Debbie felt that as UCW we should look at our pillars of our purpose, look at our actions and functions and how they fit in to the Regional Strategic Plan.

Elaine sent a report as Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Rep. The annual meeting of FSLDW went well and was well organized. There was a Moderator's town hall that people could attend basically dealing with coming up with a 5 year plan for the Denominational Church (United Church of Canada).

Elaine reported we had National UCW meeting in May via ZOOM. The UCW handbook is revised. It will be voted on at our National meeting in September. National UCW meetings will be held by ZOOM again this year September 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon there will be a communion service. It will be open to all UCW members across Canada. The details for the ZOOM connection will be shared once available.

Terry Beaumont is now our UCW liaison person at General Council Office.

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Keeping In Touch: The newsletter is coming in June 2021. It will be forwarded the executive and will be on the UCW webpage.

Annual Meeting (Biennial): The question was asked: Should we have an annual meeting next year (biennial). It was felt by some that it is necessary to stay connected to the local units. It was also noted that we need to install new people, have our guidelines voted on, not to mention have our spirits lifted. The consensus was yes we will go ahead with a Biennial April 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. Anna Peters was asked if Chignecto was still willing to host and replied "We can try".

With the new handbook coming out for UCW it was questioned whether we should be having an annual meeting versus a biennial. As districts disband losing functioning executives, the onness is falling on Maritime UCW to provide gatherings and worships and leadership events.

A question arose whether this would be a good time to realign our district borders. Elaine asked Ruth Kennedy to share her thoughts. Ruth noted that there has been some concern with Chignecto being in 2 regions which set the wheels in motion. Ruth's suggestions for discussion are Pictou/ Guysborough go with Truro, Inverness County go with Sydney and form Cape Breton District, Halifax stay as is, Southshore join with Valley to be Southern NS, Amherst area units join with Truro, Saint John and St Croix be one district, NorthWest NB, PEI, Bermuda, Miramichi remains the same. Chignecto would remain the same except for losing the Nova Scotia units. When asked, Anna stated she thought Chignecto should stay as is. This is food for thought with discussion to be an agenda item for the fall meeting.

The figures are in for the UCW Mission and Service donations by UCW for 2020.  
Region 15 UCW's donated 54,674.68  
Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters UCW's donated 28,793.00  
Total donations made by UCW across Canada was 681,020.70  
The Maritimes/Bermuda gave approximately 12.25% of the total givings across Canada.

**Statistics:**

Ruth reported that most statistics are in. There are a number of hold outs. The issue is with the Districts that do not have strong contact leadership. For 3 years Ruth has worked to find contact names for UCW units and now that we have found quite a number there is push back wondering why they have to report statistics, let alone pay dues. As secretary I do not address dues unless asked. That as I perceive it is for the President and Treasurer to address. I believe as Presbyterials disbanded a strong connection was not maintained at the Maritime Conference UCW level which is unfortunate.

Total FSLDW	1483 + members	143 units	5
lifetime memberships			
Totals Region 15	1364 + members	133 units	8 lifetime
individual membership			1

**Total Number of reported members MUCW - 2767**  
**Total Number of confirmed units MUCW- 276**  
**Total Number of reported Lifetime memberships – 8    Total number of reported deaths -171**

**Banners:**

Ruth Rudderham has agreed to make the banner for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wanted some direction on design. Ruth would suggest a gold background with either the globe or

the map of the Maritimes and Bermuda in tartan, along with a rainbow as a sign of hope. After discussion it was decided the map be used with individual tartan for each province/Bermuda. Ruth stated Bermuda does not have a tartan but was directed before to use blue like the sea for Bermuda. She will check with Mary Sumpter to see if this is still the case. Ruth will need us to send her tartan for NB and PEI. Not wool but cotton polyester, about a ¼ yard.

Next meeting is planned for an in person meeting , October 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Sackville. Elaine will book the space. Worship-Ruth Rudderham, Grace- ??, Food- we will bring our own lunch for this time as we do not know what restrictions will be in place.

Benediction was read by Elaine.  
Meeting ended 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Kennedy – Interim Recording Secretary

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### **President's Report:**

President's report 08 November 2021

Here we are into November 2021 having lived through twenty months of COVID-19. We have learned new words, and have had to learn to live in a different way from we were used to. Each province deals with the virus in different ways. We mask, unmask, show our PEI pass, our Vax Pass, and do things that we have not done before. We keep on living our lives, though in a different ways.

As President, of MUCW, I have sat through a lot of virtual meetings on your behalf as well as having written a lot of reports, all the while in front of my computer! Of course, what is missing is the personal contact, and the opportunity to get to know UCW members from around the regions. But, in pandemic times, we as individuals and groups have to adapt.

1. Virtual annual meeting of FSLDW regional council held during the first week of June 2021.
2. Summer MUCW newsletter – my report + wrote a worship service + PEI report
3. June 22, 2021 FSLDW regional council meeting. (see separate report)
4. Prepared a MUCW yearly report for the National UCW annual meeting in Sept.
5. September 20-24 (5 afternoons) National UCW annual meeting (separate report)

6. September 29, 2021 FSLDW regional council meeting (see separate report)
7. Attended virtually, four worship planning meetings for the UCW 60th anniversary celebrations.
8. October 25-27 a trip to Cape Breton to work on 60th anniversary plans. (Live ! )
9. Am working on a UCW 60th anniversary worship service.
10. Four reports for the November MUCW newsletter & the Nov. 8 MUCW executive meeting.

Our local UCW has gone from meeting at the back of the church to meeting in the parlour. The ceiling is very high at the back of the church, and the sound goes up, and hearing what was going on was an issue. Our numbers at the meetings are not as large, but we keep going. We start our meeting with check-in time so we hear from each member at the beginning of the meeting. We are doing our first catering event the end of October. Our last event was a Valentine's day dessert party in February 2020! Our once a week breakfast gatherings have been successful. Some new to the congregation are regulars, and we do lunch on the third Wednesday of the month. Every week we have a different combination of people. What is your group doing to adapt?

Check the [uceast.ca](http://uceast.ca) website for the UCW page which you will find under the heading of Ministries.

There is information on the 60th anniversary of UCW; minutes of MUCW executive meetings; "Keeping in Touch" the NUCW newsletter, and MUCW newsletters. That is one way we have a communication within the UCW organization.

Pins for the 60th anniversary are available for sale. They are in lots of 10 for \$6.00 each. Please be in contact with Debbie Hawkins at 506 447 0274 [debbieh@ridgetimber.com](mailto:debbieh@ridgetimber.com) for more information.

Have a look at them on the UCW page on the [uceast.ca](http://uceast.ca) website.

In these pandemic times, be kind, be creative, and keep in contact with your UCW members.

I hope to see some of you in Cape Breton next July.

Elaine Burrows, MUCW President

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## **National UCW Report: National United Church Women Annual Meeting 2021**

Met virtually from Sept. 20-24, 2021

For the second year in a row, the National United Church Women executive met virtually. There were representatives from 16 regions across Canada, plus the national president: Beulah Hayley, the president-elect: Nancy Rico, the treasurer: Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, the NUCW recording secretary: Karen Hansen-Gardiner, WICC rep: Win Czum; UCW Alumnae: Pat Whitton; 60th anniversary committee chair: Ruth Kennedy; UCC Executive Minister – Church in Mission: Rev. Japhet Ndhlovu, (led the Friday communion), and UCC/GC Church in Mission Program Assistant and Zoom On-Line host support: Terry Beaumont.

We met from 2-4 p.m.AST so that when we were finished, those in the east were ready for supper, and those in the far west were ready for lunch!

Each day, there was the welcome and the lighting of the Christ Candle, and the acknowledgement of territory. The business meeting was constituted on Monday 20 September with three opening motions, and adjourned on Friday Sept. 24th.

On Monday, September 20th the opening worship was led by Antler River Watershed Region (Ontario) around the Genesis 32:24-31 passage. After introductions around the virtual table, we had a guest speaker from the United Church Bookstore – Rebecca. UCRDstore.ca She introduced us to two new books.

Susan Lukey's Book: "Adventures in Faith and Family." Available in soft cover or an e-book, of interest to teachers, parents, grand-parents, and anyone involved or interested in children.

Trisha Elliott's book is called "How the Light Shines." Published by Woodlake books. "Stories, Strategies, and Spiritual Practices for Caregivers of People with Dementia." From the title page.

The Church calendars were at the printers the last week of September. The book sale continues.

The first day ended with a closing worship led by Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional UCW who touched on the story of Noah, the ark, the dove and the raven.

On Tuesday Sept. 21, 2021 our time together opened with worship from the Shining Waters Region (Ontario). Their worship was based on 2 Samuel 6: selected verses with stories of King David dancing in the street. We sang MV#156- Dance with the Spirit; and VU 352 Lord of the Dance.

Following that, Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle presented the financial statements. We are providing support to those going to the 60th anniversary celebrations in Sydney, Cape Breton from July 11-15, 2022. You have to apply to the Agatha Kassa Bursary Fund, and the deadline is April 15, 2022. All other bursary deadlines have passed.

Our speaker on Tuesday was Adele Halliday, Anti-Racism and Equity Lead for the United Church of Canada. Her question to us was “What might God be asking the United Church Women to do in the area of anti-racism and equity?” There is a multitude of areas: language; auditory challenges; accents; structure of committees; policies and the list goes on. “What is one tangible way that you or your group might be able to act on?”

The day ended with worship by Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Regions based on verses from 1 Cor. 10

On Wednesday Sept. 22 we wore orange. Horseshoe Falls (Ontario) Regional UCW provided the opening worship based on Mark 14: 3-9.

Following worship, we had reports from the regional presidents, Ruth Kennedy on the 60th anniversary plans; WICC- Win Czum; the Alumnae (past presidents) – Pat Whitton; Handbook committee (which has been revised to reflect the changes in church structure), and, yes - each UCW member is expected to pay dues! It can be done in different ways. It should be on the website soon. The communications committee is working on another edition of “Keeping in Touch” newsletter which is expected out in October. Check the [ucceast.ca](http://ucceast.ca) website. Look for UCW under Ministries, and keep on clicking till you find it. Statistics were presented – UCW has about 16, 000 members across Canada.

Amy Crawford Team Lead Identity and Mission for the United Church presented a one hour Bible Study based on selected readings from Mark. “Who does Mark say that Jesus is?” We were divided into groups (rooms) , but there wasn't enough time to discuss the ideas to the full extent.

Newfoundland East and West Districts offered the closing prayers on Wednesday.

On Thursday Sept. 23 we wore black. Our opening worship was led by Saskatchewan UC of Canada Women. This was followed by committee reports on finance, grants, communication, and the Handbook. There was discussion on the Treasurer's contract.

Diane Aikman of the Shining Waters Region did a presentation on “60 years of Women's Leadership.”

She told us of the anniversary awards that they would be presenting in their region. Contact her for more information. This was followed by Marilyn Rodger's – Custom Face Mask presentation where the money made goes to the Women for Change - Healing

Fund. The closing worship by Maritime UCW was based on the hymn from More Voices #135 "Called by Earth and Sky."

On Friday September 24, the opening worship came from the Pacific Mountain Region UCW.

There was wrap-up business to do. Next year, we hope to be at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, ON from September 19-23, 2022.

To the closing worship, we invited UCW members from across Canada to attend, and around 50 did accept the invitation. It included the installation of Nancy Risco as the new President of NUCW, and a celebration of communion with Rev. Japhet Ndhlovu, Executive Minister of Church in Mission Unit of the United Church of Canada. There were thank yous and farewells. We ended by Diane Aikman leading us in the singing of the UCW Blessings Song.

May the blessings of God be upon you. We bless you in the name of God.  
May the blessings of God be upon you, we bless you in the name of God.

Author unknown, based on Psalm 129:8

Going virtual gets the business done, but meeting face to face provides so many opportunities to talk, and to get to know UCW members from coast to coast to coast. We give thanks for the work they do.

Elaine Burrows, President Maritime UCW 902 436 1443  
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November 8, 2021

## **Committee Reports**

### Archives: Sharon Moyse

The Archives Committee continues to meet virtually as needed, with the hope of soon being able to meet face-to-face.

The Archives and Artefacts workshops offered last winter by Chair, Julielynn Anderson and Regional Archivist Sarah Wallace were repeated virtually again this fall and were well received. Anyone can register for these workshops, and it is hoped to offer them yet again this winter.

Chair Julielynn also attended a virtual workshop on Communications in late October, and will be reporting to the committee on this at a later date.

Respectfully submitted.  
Sharon Moyse

Newsletter: Fran Harding

Maritime United Church Women Newsletter Report

At present I'm working on the November issue of the newsletter, and several ladies have already submitted their reports. Thank You!

If you have a Worship service, a report or write-up you would like to submit for this issue, please send it to me as soon as you can.

There is \$2379.37 in the newsletter account at the Credit Union in Kensington.

Suggestions for the newsletter are always appreciated, and please let me know when there is a change in the President or contact person for your area. I would also appreciate knowing, as soon as possible, any mistakes I've made in the contact information for your area, so it can be corrected before the next issue goes to print.

Thank You  
Fran Harding  
November 2, 2021

MUCW Social Secretary – Reta Manuel

Christian Life and Growth – Sandra Carr

Nominations: Past President

Nothing to report from Nominations. If anyone has a suggestion for the secretary position or the Christian Life and Growth position please let me know.  
Respectfully submitted : Ruth Kennedy

Berwick Camp: Joan Fraser

Berwick camp operated in a modified way this past summer which meant there was no berwick cookie cabin. Hopefully next summer things will go back to somewhat normal. With there being no cookies supplied the last 2 years i would assume we will pick up where things were at that time. With that in mind I'm thinking it would be valley providing the leadership and cookies next summer. I will follow up with them in the new year as more plans for summer 2022 unfold.  
Respectfully, Joan Fraser Berwick Camp

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Ruth Kennedy

Report on 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The planning committee met for 3 days in Sydney to pull together the event and get mental pictures on how things will work and flow throughout the 5 days, from airport pick up, to registration, to banner entry, to food and linens and hotels etc.

Our schedule is as complete as we can make it. Mary Sumpter will be pulling our booklet together for the week for printing in Canada.

Registration day will begin at 2 p.m. As of now we have to plan for all covid restrictions. This means that everyone has to be checked for a vaxx pass and ID by security at the facility before they can register and get their packet. They are looking at some type of bracelet so we don't have to do it often during the week. Our meals are chosen...there may be last minute adjustments however every meal has something for some common dietary requests. We looked at how the buffets will be set up etc.

Registration: We have 211 ladies registered at present, 22 on the waitlist( Region 15, Horseshoe Falls, WOW, Shining Waters, ECOR). What is discouraging is we only have one registered from Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters. This is an opportunity for ladies on the East Coast to attend one of these events.....with a grant provided, it will be the cost of a car ride and hotel.

Hotels: The Hampton has booked the first 80 rooms and has just released 40 more rooms. The just opened a new wing so there are more rooms to be had. We would prefer most ladies to be at the Hampton so we will have less to shuttle to and from venue. Sharon visited all the hotels and suggests not booking the Comfort Inn.

Tours: Louisbourg: 28, Mines 15, Baddeck 7, Glenora-13, Englishtown 14, Highland 19, Cabot Trail 38...that means out of the 211 ladies only 134 (4 are the committee) so 130 have booked tours (62%).

Pins are being purchased slowly. We have sold 372 of the 2500 we have in stock.

The banner information was sent out. Each region is invited to bring a banner. Audrey will be managing this aspect of the event.

Sandra has the book room and booths under control. We chose the room and have a better sense on how this room will flow and be set up.

Worship and music has been picked and organized.

Two people have been named as the Women for Change Reps. The United Church has to apply for Visas and check on vaccines etc. This will be done in January but as of now we expect they will be part of our celebration for the week.

Halifax District is donating items for trinkets we will be giving out during the week.

NW NB District (namely Keswick Ridge UCW) has made a donation to the Mission Store for teacups/teapots for the event.

Churches have donated communion cups and Debbie is having them engraved for the event.

Region 15 donated money to help sponsor the Book room, that cheque has been received. Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters also said they would sponsor the Book room same amount as Region 15 but the cheque was not received by our MUCW Treasurer. We will look into this.

I would like to thank everyone for their input and hard work. Ladies across Canada are excited about the 60<sup>th</sup>...please share 60<sup>th</sup> news and information with all you know, we would like to meet our goal of 350 ladies.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kennedy – Chair 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee.

Biennial – Hosting District Anna Peters

Treasurer's Report : Phyllis Munroe

MARITIME UCW FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Oct.31,2021

Balance May 31,2021.		\$7844.00
RECEIPTS:		
MUCW.	\$1314.20	
NUCW.	\$ 390.00	
60th Anniv.Pin Sales.	\$1962.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.		\$3666.20
EXPENSES:		
Ordinands.	\$240.00	
UCCMA(Berwick).	\$900.00	
Bank Charges.	\$ 15.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES.		\$1155.00
Balance on hand Oct.31. 2021.		\$10,355.20
BERWICK CAMP		
Balance on hand Oct.31,2021.		\$2874.87

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Munroe MUCW Treasure

## **District Reports:**

### **Region 14 Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW) PEI, NB & Gaspé PQ**

FSLDW Regional council UCW rep. Elaine Burrows

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region

The United Church of Canada

As President of Maritime UCW, I am on the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council. Debbie Hawkins represents the MUCW for region 15.

I attended the virtual annual meeting for FSLDW regional council held over several days during the first week of June.

On June 22, 2021, there was a FSLDW executive meeting held virtually. The minutes (all 16 pages) are on the [uceast.ca](http://uceast.ca) website along with the weekly announcements. The committees of the region work very hard to keep things going, and to do the business that needs to get done.

On September 22, 2021, the FSLDW regional council had another executive meeting virtually. The minutes (18 pages) are available on the [uceast.ca](http://uceast.ca) website.

Note:

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council is now an Affirming Region as voted on at the annual meeting last June 2021.

From page one of the Sept. 22, 2021 of the executive minutes of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council comes the following paragraph.

“Affirm Celebration Opening worship was led by the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Affirm Committee, in celebration of the Affirming Status of the Region. Jackie Harper, eastern representative of Affirm United, offered the reflection based on the scripture reading from Genesis 1: The Message. The President, Sheila Gallant, was presented with the Affirm United certificate. Congratulations from the Moderator, other affirming regions and affirming pastoral charges from within the Region, were shared. The celebration concluded with the singing of We Are a Rainbow by David Kai.” Another celebration will take place at the next annual meeting of the region.

One thing that is apart of the FSLDW agenda now are the questions listed below. There are two people who observe the meeting, and make comments at the end of the meeting related to these questions.

## Equity Self-Monitoring Questions:

1. Am I responding with my biases?
2. Just because we've always done it this way, should we continue?
3. Who is missing around our table in this discussion? (Do we need to consult wider?)
4. Whose voices haven't we heard? Have I spoken too much?
5. Am I using correct pronouns for colleagues?
6. Am I making assumptions based on race, sexual orientation, gender, to name a few?

Something to think about. It takes a wide variety of talents, gifts, interests and time to keep the FSLDW regional council working. Go to the [ucceast.ca](http://ucceast.ca) or the [united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca) to learn more about this United Church of ours.

Elaine Burrows MUCW representative on FSLDW council. November 8, 2021

## Chignecto District : Anna Peters

I would love to tell you that we are all back to our UCW groups but it just has not happened. Jean Smith sends an e-mail newsletter each week but, for the most part, it keeps us up to date on obituaries. There are a very few groups who have managed to meet but certainly not on a regular basis. We are currently in a "Circuit Breaker" which limits gatherings and it is not certain how long this will last.

Brenda MacFarlane reported recently that she made her annual batches of pickles, relishes etc. that she would usually sell at their bazaar at St. John's in Moncton. She sent out a message and took orders and was sold out. Great idea.

I attended the Celebration of Life service for Melcora Brown at Trinity St. Stephen's in Amherst in August. She was a former MCUCW president and a devoted member on UCW. It was great to see several of my UCW friends there and they were all concerned about how UCW was going to fair with all of our COVID challenges.

I have booked St. Paul's in Riverview for the Biennial but I have no more to report at this time. I had sent out a report in the e-mail asking if there was a location in which our Chignecto Executive might meet but there were no offers. My own congregation, Visions, are just moving into our new location next week. We are continuing with virtual services until the current restrictions are ended.

Anna Peters

### Miramichi District Evelyn Taylor

There is no report from the Miramichi District, but I'll sit in and take notes for the rest of the ladies. Diane Ellis – Miramichi District Secretary

### NorthWest NB Marilyn Bubar – contact

Greetings to all from Northwest NB!

Well now that we have survived our second Thanksgiving in a semi lock down and no “family gathering dinner” in our area here in NB, we are beginning to realize that Christmas may not be back to normal either. Will we ever be back to “normal” and do we even remember what that is? Cling to the words in our chosen theme for the 60th Anniversary Celebrations for UCW upcoming in July, 2022 and do not get discouraged, Continuing in Hope.

I have heard from a few UCW groups in our area and so appreciate that. Some groups are not meeting in any way, but continue to connect through phone calls and emails, while other groups are meeting in person and on Zoom and endeavouring to keep up with their mission as well as possible. As we are aware, there are still a few fund raisers taking place by way of yard sales, takeout meals and in the case with our Keswick Ridge group, we are in the midst of preparing for our 2nd Virtual Bazaar. We plan to have our “catalogue” of non-food items and our list of food related items ready to distribute to our congregation on November 3rd. We are hoping for a good response again this year. Yes, it is a lot of work to prepare, but in this time of restraints on so many activities, it is worth it to continue the experience of working together for a purpose. It is also ensuring that we will be able to continue our Christmas outreach projects, thanks to the folks who support us.

We have had two meetings since June by way of Zoom . In September, Ruth Slipp, our Mission Enthusiast gave a program on Mission and Service and some of the work being done in Canada and around the world. In October we had special guest, David Coburn, tell us about his local family farm and the newly opened “Farm Store” in the community of Keswick Ridge which is his way of supplying eggs, fruit and vegetables in season, apple cider, locally raised meat etc. The Coburn farm is now being operated by David and his two sons, who are the 7th generation on the family farm.

Thanks again to Fran Harding for working to bring this newsletter to us each time and may each one of you reading this have a blessed Christmas season.

Marilyn Bubar, Northwest District Contact

PEI : Elaine Burrows/Joyce Bridges (email list) – contact

#### PEI Report

When I asked for a few sentences from UCW groups across the Island about what they were doing, I did not hear from anyone. However, I know communities of faith have been doing yard sales, (both indoor and outdoor), and many take-out meals (from roast beef to turkey and more). There are pie sales, and silent auctions, so I am sure UCW members are involved in these events even though they may not be organizing them. At Trinity Summerside, UCW and friends hosted a meal for an event on October 30th, our first such event since a Dessert party in February of 2020. Trinity UCW and friends go out to lunch on the third Wednesday of the month – to different restaurants around the city in the winter months, and to restaurant further afield in the summer. Our numbers have ranged from 4 to 15. We (UCW) just have to keep going, but in a more careful way than in the past.

Elaine Burrows, PEI contact

#### St. Croix : Carol Mehan

There is nothing to report from the St. Croix charge , we have not met. with the fourth wave we are staying close to home a few phone calls to keep in touch but no business discussion. we are hoping to be able to get together soon but every time we plan something we are shut down again, Hope all is safe and well and we can move on at some point. . Blessings from Carol Mehan St. Croix charge

#### Saint John Representation through MUCW Secretary-

Both Harmony United and Silver Falls United UCW units made the decision not to meet during Covid.

Linda Watson, Secretary  
Harmony United Church UCW

In 2021, our Westfield UCW Unit has met 3 times already, and one more coming up. Three of these meetings have been afternoon ones, along with one evening one. The afternoon meetings have all been held outdoors. April & May's meetings we discussed how we could earn money. May's meeting was our covid safe pot luck yearly closing. We held a Strawberry Non Social Cold Plate Dinner Drive Thru in July. We also provided the food for 2 funeral receptions.

Our September & upcoming October meeting will be dealing with looking for people to cook squash and make apple crisps for the Remembrance Day Drive Thru Turkey Dinner. We're also going to discuss if it is possible that we can hold our end of November Yard & Bake sale. We are also looking forward to our UCW Christmas Communion Service, if covid rules don't make it impossible again. I think that is all we have been able to do with covid restrictions.

Linda McCullough  
Co President

Quispamsis United UCW

We have not been meeting, but I have passed on any info I received by email.

Brenda Badger

St. Mark's UCW have not met(in any way) since the beginning of the pandemic. However, I am hoping that we will get back together in February, 2022. Some, not all, have computers and do not use zoom.

Thank you,  
Lynn Kearns

## **Region 15 NS and Bermuda**

Report to Maritime UCW – October 2021

Region 15 - Regional Council MUCW Representative – Debbie Hawkins

I am reporting as the Maritime UCW Representative to the Region 15 Council Executive. Since my last report in June, Region 15 Executive has met online, September 16th for the regular scheduled meeting as well as on November 4th for brief “time sensitive-one topic” meeting. As Maritime UCW we cover two Regions. Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (New Brunswick/PEI) and Region 15 (Nova Scotia/Bermuda). Our President, Elaine Burrows is representative to the former region (FSLDW) and I sit on Region 15. Regional executives are made up of the President, President Elect, Past President, staff Committee Liaison and Chairs of the various divisions from within the regions. These executives meet regularly to oversee the work of the working committees within the region and are guided by our shared (tri-regional) Executive Minister Faith March- MacCuish.

Region 15 Council continues to be very welcoming and supportive of the work of the UCW and I feel it is extremely helpful in giving us not only a communication path with the region but insight to the work going on at the regional level of the United Church. Minutes to the meetings as well as submitted Committee reports are available online at [ucceast.ca](http://ucceast.ca) (Region 15), under “minutes” and include our report submitted on behalf of

our Maritime UCW Executive. I encourage you to take time to read through and see the work of your Regional Executive.

For this report I have highlighted a few items taken from the September 16th minutes which may be of interest.

#### Handout for Regional representatives

- The Executive Minister, Faith March-MacCuish, presented an updated version of the handout for regional representatives, entitled The Discipleship of Serving as a Member of Regional Council. This handout will help regional representatives understand their duties as representatives.

#### Justice, Mission and Outreach

- Donnie Morrison reported that the Justice, Mission and Outreach Network is not currently working on the development of an Anti-Racism Statement for the Region. The Network recommend that an education piece take place before a statement is developed, and that further conversation around this topic is needed. The Executive agreed that the education piece is key, and recommend that the Executive Minister begin this dialogue with the network leadership. It was also noted that the General Council has released an anti- racism statement for the United Church.

- Donnie Morrison reported that the Just Peace for Palestine and Israel Working Group will prepare this piece for the Region.

- Donnie Morrison reported that the Ecological Justice Working Group will be communicating the plans for more climate crisis action to communities of faith in the Region.

#### Strategic Plan Implementation

- The Executive Minister provided an update to the Executive on the implementation of the Strategic Plan. At the June 10, 2021 Executive meeting, it was agreed that all staff, divisions and committees would be encouraged to examine their work, using the strategic plan as the lens. As follow up, a memo was

prepared this summer and sent to all committees and divisions, asking that this work take place in the fall, with the deadline of November 15, 2021, so that further discussion could take place at the December 8, 2021 meeting of the Executive. (Note this memo has been forwarded to our President, Vice Presidents and Secretary to be added to our agenda for discussion on action needed as a Maritime UCW Executive). The Executive Minister led the Executive in a discussion of the work ahead. It is hoped, that at the December meeting, the reports from the committees and divisions may expose gaps, or duplications in processes, and may help to identify work priorities. The General Council will also be releasing its strategic plan this fall, and that will also have implications for

the Region. When considering what pieces are needing reflection by the Executive, it is important to consider the framework set out by the mission, vision and core values. The Executive shared their thoughts on what stands out to each of them when hearing the mission, vision and core values: what are we being called to do? who are we as a Region? and how are we going to move out of our comfort zone to risk discipleship? how do we now animate this theme that we have laid out for the Region? Instead of just “doing”, the Executive would like the Region to have a conversation about “why we do”.

#### Executive Minister

- The Executive Minister, Faith March-MacCuish, presented an update on her work. It has been a busy summer, but the Executive Minister reported that all staff have had some vacation time for rest and restoration. The Executive Minister updated the Executive on some of the work in the eastern regions, a Covid update, and work coming from the General Council; including the strategic plan, work on becoming an anti-racist church, and collaboration, flexibility and responsibilities for new ministries and outreach work, and a financial update on Mission & Service. The Executive Minister was also able to confirm that mission support grants to the region have remained as budgeted for 2022. General Council Office is preparing a response on behalf of the United Church for those most affected by the recent pain and trauma from the discovery of the residential school graves. It was also noted that the Executive Minister is planning an orientation of GC Commissioners in advance of GC44.

#### Staff Committee

- Derek Elsworth reported on the work of the Tri-Regional Staff Committee. The committee met twice over the summer, largely on the vacancy in the Minister of Justice, Mission and Outreach position. The job description has been prepared and will be distributed later this month. The target start date for this position is January, 2022.

#### Presentation – Tatamagouche Centre

- Nanci Lee, Executive Director of the Tatamagouche Centre, introduced herself to the Executive and updated the members on the recent work of the Centre. The Tatamagouche Centre has been working to navigate through the pandemic and live into their mission through programs including learning programs, food boxes, digital literacy, and anti-racism work. In 2020, the Centre welcomed 655 guests, offered 18 learning programs, hosted 450 gathering guests, and 155 program participants.

- The Centre has been asking what this pandemic time is asking of the Centre; and what capacities are needed right now to be in touch with each other, in love and spirit? How can we bring spiritual grounded-ness to the questions of justice and equity? What the Centre has heard is the need for rest, reconnection and collective care and reimagining possibilities. The Tatamagouche Centre shares much of the same language and goals as outlined in the Region’s strategic plan, and extends a warm welcome to all in the Region.

In closing I would encourage any of our UCW women to consider serving as a member of Regional Council as there are still many congregations who do not have Regional representatives. Regional Representatives are an important link for the flow of information between individual congregations and their Region.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hawkins

Co Vice President

Region 15 Council Representative

Bermuda : Marilyn Dyer

Bermuda has nothing to report other than we still have not met since March 2020 but continue with our monthly newsletters.

All of us have stayed safe. 😊

I have registered for the 60th and really looking forward to being there.

Regards,

Margaret Ingham – President Wesley UCW

Halifax : Lee-Anne Boulet

Inverness Guysborough : Annie Dodge – contact

Greetings from Greenwood United Church Women, Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. We have met 3 times in 2021 as a result of the pandemic. Our numbers are dwindling slowly over the past 3-4 years. The oldest member is 104 and she likes to be kept informed of our activities and generously contributes with knitted goods. She is unable to attend meetings. We number 5 at the present time and have had many discussions about dissolving but we make up baskets for those who cannot come to church and those is need in the village before Christmas every year. Therefore we will continue to meet throughout the year and have discussed various fund raising events. We continue to support Greenwood and Mission and Service as best we can.

Patti Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer

St Stephen's Jubilee United Church Women held 4 meetings during 2021. We had an average of 4 members at each meeting.

We usually hold a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper but due to Covid restrictions we had to cancel. We decided to prepare and deliver a hot turkey dinner with dessert to 35 members of our community who live alone, have health issues or just a pick me up. With the turkey carcass we were able to deliver 20 bowls of turkey soup with a roll and dessert to residents of Seaview Manor in Port Hood. Both these activities were therapeutic to both our organization and our community.

We supported our local food bank and sent a donation to Brunswick Street Mission in Halifax.

With the help of a summer student we were able to give our church and hall a thorough cleaning.

Our church celebrated 202 years of Protestantism in our area. We had a local historian John Gillies as a guest speaker and served a light lunch after church.

In October, with some of the restrictions lifted, we held our annual, New To You Sale. Our community and former members were very generous and we raised over \$1400.00.

We support our Royal Canadian Legion on Remembrance Day and are planning our annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Because of aging membership it is becoming more difficult to fund raise. We will persevere for the love of our church.

Eloise MacIsaac – UCW Secretary

From Stewart United in Whycomogach:

- ...have not been meeting
- ...decided not to meet until safe to do so
- ...no fundraisers
- .. sent a monetary donation to Brunswick Street Mission
- ... we are always available to help in our community if needed.
- ...we connected on the phone, Church and meeting one another in the village stores.

Margie MacIntyre reporting

### Pictou : Olive Archibald – contact

The Antigonish UCW at St James United has not met at all during Covid-19. We were scheduled in March of 2020 to have a guest speaker to talk about women in government but it was cancelled first by a snow storm and then by the provincial restrictions. Our group is made of two units totalling about 20 women. Much of our meeting time (in the healthy past) was dedicated to planning and holding fundraising events - yard sales, Valentine's Tea, Holly Tea and Sale, as well as assisting with the Men's Group's major fundraiser. As none of that was happening, there was less to discuss. Many other groups at the church were still meeting virtually - Bible Study and Coffee Hour, which fulfilled the social and companionship aspect of the group.

St James is now beginning to re-emerge from this period of restrictions. The local UCW are now having conversations about what we look like as a group in 2022. I can not begin to suggest how we move forward, but will let you know as we find our footing. Best to you all. Good luck at the November meeting. Christine Briand

### South Shore : Ruth Rudderham – contact

Report from South Shore UCW, November 8, 2021

It seemed that when the world shut down with COVID restrictions that activities within our local UCWS came to a standstill, and perhaps they did for a time. But I knew that along the South Shore women continued to contribute to the life of their churches in whatever way they could. So a few weeks ago I sent an email reaching out to twelve UCWs just to see what they have been up to and received replies from eight groups. In spite of small memberships and COVID restrictions it is commendable, but not surprising, the accomplishments of these UCWs.

I need to share some of this with you. Most groups have been able to hold some meetings, either virtually or in-person following protocol. Middle Lahave (Riverport Pastoral Charge) reported an outside meeting. They also did a roadside litter clean-up and will be having a Christmas Angel Tree for outreach to those in need. Mahone Bay UCW had an outside yard sale giving them an opportunity to sell those extra belongings that we tend to accumulate, and which they had lots of time to clean out during lockdowns. Christmas and Easter baskets have been given to members in need of being remembered, and a sale of friendship pins bring in income for their group. West Side Church (Lahave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge) are planning a meeting for fellowship and an in-house fundraiser.

The UCW at Barrington have sent a hundred pairs of socks to Brunswick Street Mission, did an April Calendar with fun things to pay for each day, and held an outside bake-sale in September. They plan to meet soon for a quilting afternoon. At Bridgewater women have been knitting mittens for the Schools Plus program in Lunenburg and

Queens County Schools,, a No-Bake sale was held in support of outreach projects "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" "Starfish International" Schools Plus Emergency Fund, Brunswick St. Mission. A "Come back to UCW" meeting was recently held with masks and proof of vaccination required, and with an attendance of twenty-two women. Two Life Membership pins were presented. Plans are underway for a Christmas Bazaar and a collection of clothing for Brunswick Street Mission.

Lunenburg UCW held a meeting in September, the first in a year, but have managed to organize a two-day Yard Sale, sent out Christmas Cheer baskets last year and plan to sponsor two needy families this Christmas. They have provided transportation for members requiring vaccines which kept them busy over the summer months. Riverport UCW did a take-out lunch for the local Legion instead of their usual Luncheon on Remembrance day and plan the same for this year. They held a "Bake and Craft sale, and will be doing take-out lunches for Christmas parties. Hunts Point UCW (Port Mouton Pastoral Charge) asked for monetary support from their congregation in order to honour their outreach projects: Madagascar School Project, Food bank, and Brunswick Street Mission.

This report shows that South Shore UCWs are indeed on the map, continuing in many ways, with a few obstacles in their paths, their mission of service to our Church led along the way by our friend and mentor, Jesus Christ.

Ruth Rudderham, Contact Person for South Shore UCW

Sydney : Diana MacLean

Nothing to report from Sydney. Diana MacLean

Truro : Evelyn Negus

I have a UCW lady looking into finding a Treasurer and a new Secretary. Fingers crossed everyone I have asked has said no. Hopefully she will have better luck than I have.  
Evelyn Negus – President Truro District

Valley : Rosanne Peach – contact

St. Paul's Mount Uniacke Pastoral Charge

We just catered to a funeral reception and on November 6th we will be holding our annual Christmas dime auction, which is usually well attended and a good fund raiser for us.

Other than that, we do not have anything on our agenda as yet

Blessings  
June Steadman