

## **Maritime U.C.W. Executive Meeting February 28th**

### **Agenda, Minutes(Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2021)Committee Reports , District Reports, Business**

Monday February 28, 2022 Via ZOOM 9:00 a.m. till 1 p.m.

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### **Welcome and Introductions:**

#### **Good News/Regrets:**

Our sympathy to Fran Harding on the death of her mother Muriel Bryanton in Jan.

Regrets: Diana MacLean, Fran Harding, Reta Manuel

Those not noting intent/regrets to attend meeting: Evelyn Taylor, Annie Dodge, Olive  
Archibald, Rosanne Peach, Marilyn Dyer,

### **First Nations Legacy:**

As we gather, let us pause to remember that in our regions 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:**

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#### **Opening Worship:** Debbie Hawkins

The Power of God’s Love --“Is God part of our Equation?”

#### **Corresponding Members Motion:**

#### **Approval of the Agenda:**

#### **Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

**MINUTES OF MARITIME UCW EXECUTIVE MEETING NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2021**The meeting started at 9:27 a.m. virtually via Zoom with introductions. Joining us today is Diane Ellis who is the secretary for Miramichi District and is sitting in for Evelyn Taylor.

Those attending the meeting were Ruth Kennedy, Elaine Burrows, Evelyn Negus, Debbie Hawkins, LeeAnne Boulet, Sharon Moyse, Sandra Carr, Marilyn Bubar, Ruth Rudderham, Phyllis Munroe, Diane Ellis.

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

Those who made no contact are Marilyn Dyer, Rosanne Peach, Olive Archibald, Annie Dodge and Reta Manuel.

The First Nations Legacy was read by Elaine.

Elaine Burrows, president, constituted the meeting with the lighting of the Christ Candle.

Ruth Rudderham led us in worship. Stand upon holy ground where our ancestors lived. She read works from Anne ~~Wiems~~ Weems "Holy Ground"

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed via email.

It was moved by ?????????? Seconded by ?????????? The minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the minutes:

It was discussed that we should have something special celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> at Berwick Camp. Ruth R stated that is assuming Berwick encampment will be open and fully operational in summer 2022. They will also be celebrating 150 years of the camp's operation. We will be just back from Sydney, perhaps we can combine the two. Debbie suggested we have the logoed banner and perhaps a slide show. The date for Berwick camp starts the last week end in July and runs all week. Traditionally UCW day is on Wednesday.

A discussion was had on realigning district borders. No action taken. It was suggested we think about holding annual meetings instead of Biennial to have better overall communication and contact with the units.

Correspondence:

Ruth Rudderham received a letter from Berwick Camp thanking us for our donation and looking forward to UCW attending in 2022.

Archives:

Sharon Moyse reported they have not met very often. There are some virtual education sessions that will be made available virtually. The committee is hoping to have more people attend.

Newsletter :

The newsletter will be sent out after this meeting.

Berwick Camp:

Valley seems to be willing to host the cookie cottage in 2022.

Biennial: No report

Treasurer Report:

Report was provided via email prior to the meeting.

There was a discussion on the receipts and expenses lines in the report. It was suggested that the NUCW money and the Pin money are in and out of the account as they are sent to National and should perhaps be reflected as such in the receipts but also the expenses.

MUCW reimbursed 1,075.21. This amount has not be received from National as of yet. Phyllis needs the address of the person to send it to.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was granted money from FSLDW Regional Council to help with costs of the bookroom. This cheque was not received. Elaine Burrows (FSLDW Rep) will look into this.

Phyllis moved the financial statement be received for information only. Seconded by Evelyn Negus Motion Carried

Phyllis asked for direction on the GIC's as they are due for renewal. It was moved by Marilyn Bubar and seconded by Ruth Rudderham That Phyllis Munroe renew the GIC's as she sees fit, keeping in mind we may need money for biennial. Motion carried.

Phyllis asked if we are giving any money to Women for Change Zambia. After discussion it was moved by Ruth Kennedy Rudderham and seconded by Debbie Hawkins that we donate \$500 to Women for Change Zambia. Motion Carried.

Reports were received from the Districts with verbal notations as follows:

Halifax: Lee-Anne Boulet reported nothing is going on in the Halifax district except for St John's UCW in Fall River.

Miramichi: Diane reported there is a President's "What's Happening" email that is sent out. Some units have commenced meeting with a safe bubble. Dalhousie/NewMills is meeting occasionally. The District has not met. With Evelyn having health issues Diane is not sure what the future plans are for the District.

North West NB: Marilyn Bubar reported that she offered to come talk to the ladies at Kingsley UCW and was told they "didn't want to get in to any of that". At St Paul's UCW Lynn Naugler was depended on a lot and has passed away so the ladies will be adjusting to her loss.

Old Business:

1. Banner display. It was reported that the Archives office in Sackville has agreed to hang the UCW banners from previous anniversaries on the back wall of the offices. It is a good location as they will not fade there. Ruth Rudderham is making the banner for Maritime UCW. She contacted and had a chat with Mary Sumpter. Bermuda does not have a tartan so Ruth is using turquoise and pink material for Bermuda. Ruth R. needs a piece of Quebec tartan to represent the

Gaspe. Ruth Kennedy will contact Valerie Nickson NUCW rep for Quebec to see if we can find a small piece.

2. MUCW handbook needs to reflect the national changes and wording. Ruth Kennedy asked that the committee review the biennial “delegates” section to work in accordance with the National handbook. According to the NUCW guidelines all UCW members are voting members of the annual meeting. Why does our guidelines say 6 delegates per presbyterial? It seems that this deters people from attending and we have many districts now that do not have executives or annual meetings therefore cannot appoint delegates. Most could not offer a explanation for the section on delegates other than perhaps it was a way to allow for travel expenses to be paid out fairly. Change at biennial. It was thought that it did not need to be voted on a Maritime Executive meeting.

#### New Business:

1. The new National UCW handbook has been voted on and will be put on the National UCW webpage. It was suggested we put it on our MUCW webpage as well as send it out via email. : 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. Elaine suggested we do another Virtual gathering for Maritme/Bermuda units to attend. Perhaps late November. Elaine will try to contact Adele Halliday – Anti-Racism and Equity Lead for the UCC as a guest presenter. The executive thought that was a great idea. We will gather at 9 a.m. meeting to start at 9:30. We will have a worship, guest speaker, Ruth can update us on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Elaine suggested a book written by Susan Lukey “How the Light Shines” Adventures in Faith and Family. The gathering will be planned to be approximately 2 hrs long. Ruth Kennedy offered to do the worship.
3. There was a discussion on when biennial was to happen and was suggested the biennial would be the last week end in April ?April 29, 30 and May 1
4. It was discussed on how we can improve communication. We have a webpage that Ruth tries to keep up to date. We have a Facebook page that few people access. The minutes and handbooks are on the webpage. Ruth has been working for a number of years now trying to find contact emails for all units in the Maritimes/Bermuda. It is still a work in progress. Ruth now contacts the units without a district executive either through the contact person or through direct emails to the units. Our communication is only as good as the effort put in, meaning people need to share their information with MUCW, and as good as the people clicking on the information and actually reading it and sharing it with the ladies in their units. It has been very frustrating knowing that the information gets

sent out but does not always get filtered down to the individual units. It was decided through discussion we would continue to share information on the MUCW website, the Facebook page, through sending personal emails and emails to units as well as through the executive members.

5. Minutes at the archives. Elaine included a list of what minutes and booklets etc we have and what is missing at the end of the agenda. Ruth will forward what minutes she has to the Archives. If anyone has minutes that are missing please let us know so we can get a copy to the archives.
6. Region 15 Strategic Plan. The Future Directions Committee of Region 15 Regional Council is looking at how to go forward. A strategic plan was presented at the Annual meeting and approved. They took the Regional mission and looked at the 3 pillars Discipleship, Mission and Leadership. The question is how would UCW look under the lens of these 3 pillars. The 1<sup>st</sup> stage is ask the executive to have a discussion on how this fits for UCW. After discussion it was felt we already have with UCW our own mission, purpose and pillars. We want to respond positively stating this is where we fit in to this strategic plan. Elaine and Debbie will develop a response with emphasis on our parallels , the pillars of UCW and the regional vision, purpose and mission. A response to the Region 15 Regional Council Future Directions committee needs to be submitted by Debbie. A question was raise about Communities of Faith and UCW becoming a CoF. It was suggested after discussion that units already belong to a Community of Faith and many individual ladies are leaders in our Communities of Faith.

Our next meeting will be held either in person in Sackville or virtually, depending on the pandemic. We will meet Feb 28<sup>th</sup> ,2022. Worship – Debbie Hawkins.

It was moved by Sharon Moyses that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m. followed by the benediction read by Elaine.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kennedy (Interim Recording Secretary)

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Enclosed is the response submitted to Region 15 Regional Council

**The United Church Women**

The United Church Women were established January 1, 1962 combining the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Association, who were active when the United Church of Canada was formed in 1925.

The United Church Women are independent of the United Church of Canada but work parallel with the United Church of Canada. We now fall under the Church in Mission unit of the United Church of Canada. The Executive Leadership Team: Executive Minister, Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu. The executive consists of a Team Lead for each cluster, the Refugee Program Advisers, Responsable des ministeres en francais, and the work of the United Church Women. Terry Beaumont is the Program Administrator and UCW support staff person.

United Church Women are generous in their support of their local communities of faith, and in their givings to Mission and Service and in many other areas. They carry out their work through Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service.

The United Church Women are a part of their communities of faith spread across the United Church of Canada. They do not own any property.

## **Vision and Mission Statement of the United Church Women**

### **Our Vision As Women of Faith**

We believe in nurturing Christian spirituality by reaching out through commitment and devotion to God's people in the promotion of truth, justice, peace, caring, and respect throughout the earth, God's world; We believe in honouring God, the creator, and loving others through generous giving and joyful living; And we believe in affirming and strengthening ourselves both individually and together through creative study, prayer and action.

### **Mission Statement**

Love God.

Foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality.

Promote respect and love for all God's creation. <sup>1</sup>

### **Organizational Chart of the United Church Women**

The United Church Women of the Communities of Faith (formerly known as congregations).

**Local United Church Women** whose units are formed within Communities of Faith – usually meet monthly.

#### **Purpose:**

To unite women of the community of faith for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ through Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service.

**District United Church Women** (formerly known as Presbyterials) or equivalent structures composed of the District United Church women or successor groups within the District usually meets at least once a year for an annual general meeting.

#### **Purpose:**

To united women of the Community of Faith for the total mission of the church and to support and strengthen the work of the United Church Women in the local communities of faith of the district by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, and leadership development.

**Regional UCW:** In our case, (Maritime UCW – includes Fundy St Lawrence Regional Council and Region 15). The executive usually meets three times a year – in person except for 2020 and 2021. We usually have a biennial meeting, but that was cancelled in 2020. We will probably be going to annual meetings in the future.

#### **Purpose:**

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<sup>1</sup> National UCW handbook. (September 2021) page 7



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. To work with the District UCWs within the regions, and to maintain ties with all regional governing bodies.

**The National UCW (NUCW)** composed of the UCW Region/District presidents and Past/Vice-Presidents/Presidents Elect or alternates who usually meets once a year for a 4-5 day gathering in person or by zoom in 2020 and 2021.

**Purpose:**

To strengthen and support Region/District UCW in their relationships within the United Church of Canada.

Each level has its purpose, membership, organization, meeting, and responsibilities which is found in the United Church Women Guidelines booklet. <sup>2</sup>

## **Region 15 Strategic Plan**

### **Pillar 1: Discipleship**

Objective:

Promote and importance of discipleship as core to strengthening, vitality, and sustainability of Christian Community.

**Actions:**

1. Most UCW groups have worship/devotion as part of their meeting time.
2. Groups often invite members of the community as speakers to their meetings.
3. Groups provide financial support for groups in the community who are working to make their communities a better place to live.
4. Members can tap into programs offered through EDGE or other programs within the United Church such as the 2021 Love and Justice Gathering, or special worship services that have been offered during the year.

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<sup>2</sup> NUCW Guidelines (September 2021) page 8

## **Pillar 2: Mission:**

### **Objective:**

Engage communities of faith in defining their part in God's Mission.

1. UCW groups have a history of strong mission involvement both local and abroad. In 2020 UCW \$686,686.00 to Mission and Service Fund. Many local units provide leadership and direction and engage their own Community of Faiths in local service projects.
2. For the 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there have been special mission projects that all levels of UCW have supported financially. Currently “Women for Change” Zambia.
3. Many UCW local units support groups with their geographic who are working for justice, etc.

## **Pillar 3: Leadership**

Objective: Develop curious, faithful, brave leaders.

1. Our governance has been well-established over the decades. We do have to improve the communication between the local units, the districts and the regional UCW's which is something that we are constantly working on.
2. The NUCW is offering “Keeping in Touch' newsletter that is much more comprehensive than what was offered in the Info pack of the past. At a Regional (Maritime) level we offer our “Maritime UCW News” which is offered in a mail out subscription or online.
3. We need to encourage members to sign up for National and Maritime e-newsletters which communicate what is going on in the United Church.
4. We need to encourage members to sign-up for book studies, conferences such as the “Love and Justice Gathering” held in November 2021, and other events offered by the National church.

### **Correspondence:**

### **Committee Report:**

a. Archives Sharon Moyse

Report of the Archive Committee

Unfortunately the Archives Committee has been unable to meet for the past year due to Covid restrictions. Chair Julielynne was able to offer two excellent sessions on how to handle or deal with church artefacts and archival materials - both of which were well received. I am pleased to report that Sarah Wallace, archivist, has agreed to hang the banners from previous UCW celebrations in the back hall of the Regional office in Sackville NB.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Moyse Archives Committee

b. Newsletter Fran Harding

Maritime UCW News The February/March issue of the newsletter is a work in progress. I am still waiting for a number of reports to come in so I can put this issue together. 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. At present only 98 subscribers receive a paper copy of the newsletter and I send 7 copies out by e-mail. A large number of subscriptions have expired and the renewals are very slow to come in. A number of ladies have indicated that they wouldn't be renewing their subscriptions as they were able to access the newsletter on the web-site. There is \$2065.05 in our newsletter account at the Credit Union in Kensington. I have included the financial report for the year. 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 February 24, 2022 Maritime UCW News

Annual Financial Report January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

**Receipts**

Subscriptions	\$ 519.00
Credit Union Dividends	22.19
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>613.19</b>
<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>2563.35</b>

**Expenditures**

February/21 – Printing & Postage	467.64	
July/21 – Printing & Postage	268.53	
December/21 - Printing & Postage	368.12	
Credit Union Service Charge	7.20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 3176.54</b>	<b>\$ 1111.49</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2065.05</b>	

Balance in Shares Account at the Provincial Credit Union, Kensington, PE on December 31, 2021 \$2065.05

c. Social Secretary: Reta Manuel

Marion (Seaman) Anderson born June 12, 1831 was a member of St. Andres Church, Halifax. Life member of UCW

Heather Marie LaMoine born May 4m1948 died Dec.1, 2020. Was a member of Bedford UCW

Lillian (Alcorn) Wickwire born 1908 died Dec.3, 2020.Member of UCW

Theresa Phillis Rose born August 10,142 died Dec.5m2020 member of, James United Church, Dartmouth, member of UCW Born MAY 12, 1934 DIED Dec.12,2020.

E mail condolences sent to the family of the late Katherine Cameron. Katherine was a life member of St Andreas United Church. Truro, NS

Email condolences sent to the family of Late Mary Helen Campbell, born May 12, 1934 d Dec. 12. 2021 life member of UCW and member of Rawdon UC for 27 years.

Email condolences sent to the family of the Late Ethel MacKinnon b 1939 d Dec 2020. Life Member of Trinity UC formerly Lower Onslow UC

Email condolences sent to the family of the late Ferne Barton born 1941 died April 13, 2021, Charter member of UCW Riverview UC Elmsdale

E Mail Condolences sent to the family of the Late Doreen Campbell b July 18 died April 14, 2021. Member of St. Johns UC

Email condolences sent to the family of the late Elsie Jean Gamble born 1933 died Apri 15,2021 LIFE Member of UCW at St. Davids UCW

Email Condolences sent to the family of the late Shirley Gilroy, B Dec 10, 1928 d April 26, 2021 Life member of UCW at Stairs Memorial Church

Email condolences sent to the family of the late CHRISTINA Irene Hager Born June ee, 1939 died June 2, 2021. Life member of UCW at Little River Black UC as well Sable River Craft Group

Emailed condolences to the family of the late Verna Gass. Verna was born on Oct.10, 1925 9n Famish NFLD and died on June 2, 2021 in Bridgewater, NS She was a Past President of MCUCW, Seved the United Church of Canada in many capacities.

Jan. 31 Sent E mail condolences to the family of Geirgie Dewey, Georgie was a long time member of First United Church Trenton, NS Life Member of UCW was UCW treasurer for over 50 years. Held many other volunteer position in Trenton

d. Christian Life & Growth: Sandra Carr

e. Nominating: Ruth Kennedy

I continue to search for a replacement for the Interim secretary, to fill the Recording Secretary position as well as Christian Life and Growth position. Emails have been sent out but no one has offered to fill the position as yet.

I will be calling/emailing all the executive members over the coming weeks to document their intent concerning the positions they hold.

f. Berwick: Joan Fraser

I am excited to say that at this point berwick camp will be taken place in all its glory this summer of 2022. It's been a tough few years for everyone for sure

We are very excited

I have been in touch with Roseanne peach who is my contact for the valley presbytery. The summer camp was cancelled this was the group who had agreed to take on responsibility so I just pick up where this was left off

Roseanne will reach out to the groups in that area and we will follow up.

I am very confident we will be able to count on the UCW again this summer to host the cookie cabin and be a highlight for many berwick campers. We all need a little good news indeed.

Thank you

Blessings

Joan Fraser

g. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Ruth Kennedy

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report February 28, 2022

We have not met since the face to face meeting in October. Behind the scenes Debbie continues to have pin orders trickling in. Our lanyards, and gifts have been ordered. There will be a gift for each attendee everyday. The contract has gone out to the Men of the Deeps but I have not received the final signed contract as yet. There are some tours that have little interest therefore we will be cancelling some of the tours. The ladies will be asked to choose an alternate. Any money difference in the tour will be accounted for. If they do not want a second choice then they will be refunded. We are watching the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions in Nova Scotia as the only thing that will force us to cancel the event is not being able to gather in the same room as a large group.

I would like everyone to remember that Maritime UCW is hosting this event on behalf of National UCW. Not the executive, not the planning committee, but all the members of NS, PEI,NB and Bda are hosting all the UCW members across Canada. We have at

present 52 ladies registered from within our boundaries. Region 15 : 40 + 4 committee members =44, Fundy SLDW: 3 + 5 committee members = 8. I am wondering why there is very little interest from the FSLDW districts. It is such a shame as it is a wonderful opportunity to have a week to learn, worship, sing, be catered to, meet new people, and celebrate. This is a huge undertaking mentally, physically, emotionally and financially by the 10 planning committee members and I would like to thank them for their work.

There is still one date ladies can register for the Agatha Kaasa grant. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. This is not a registration it is an application for the bursary of \$400 which is the price of registration for the week. Any application for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be granted. The expenses for ladies in the Maritimes would be a car ride and hotel ( if you carpool and stay with a friend, your expenses would be minimal)

There are some ladies that have received their grant money but have not registered as of yet. If you do not attend the event you have to pay back the \$400 granted to you.

Our liaison Terry, with the United Church of Canada, has resigned as of February 17<sup>th</sup> , moving on to a new job. We have just heard who will be our contact. The wait was a bit unnerving given the pace at which things will soon increase. This is the person who is supposed to be providing us with statistics, registration information, who requires shuttles, names, addresses, medical information etc., liaison with the financial department, and copyright for music. Our new liaison is Angie Musonza.

Some flights have been changed so ladies from BC had to deal with the changes but are still excited to attend. At present all ladies are flying to Sydney airport so it seems we will not need the busses contracted to shuttle from the Halifax airport. Sandra is the contact for buses.

There will be booths presenting information. MUCW will have a table, so if there are any suggestions for Sandra (coordinator) or Debbie/Marilyn(co-Presidents) please let them know. These booths will not have attendants...they will be maintained by the Region hosting the table on a daily basis (keeping tidy, refreshing items etc)

There will be a bookroom available. If there are specific items you would like to see at the bookroom for purchase please let Sandra know as she is coordinating with Leona Laundry from NL.

We are looking forward to this event. We hope our Districts will be well represented. We are trying to represent all areas of Maritime UCW NS, BDA, PEI, NB and Gaspé.

See you in Sydney July 11-15th

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Kennedy  
Chair 60<sup>th</sup> UCW Anniversary Planning Committee

h. Biennial 20(21) – Anna Peters

**Treasurer’s Report** : Phyllis Munroe

MARITIME UCW FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Feb.18, 2022

Balance Dec.31,2021.		\$7605.60
RECEIPTS:		
MUCW.	\$1332.00	
NUCW.	442.00	
Financial Services.	240.00	
Pin Sales.	390.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.		\$2404.00
EXPENSES:		
Travel (2021 ).	\$63.16	
Bank Charges.	3.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES.		\$66.16
Balance on hand Feb.18,2022.		\$9943.44
BERWICK CAMP		
Balance on hand Feb.18,2022.		\$2874.87

Respectfully submitted.  
Phyllis Munroe MUCW Treasurer

**District Reports**

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

Chignecto: Anna Peters

**Maritime UCW Report Chignecto District February 2022**

It is hard to believe that our lives have been so controlled by COVID for close to two years now. UCW units have not been meeting for the most part but most have and

Jean Smith was good enough to forward the reports that she received so that I could compile a report for Chignecto. Most of these reports were from the New Brunswick portion of our district. I will likely receive some reports from Nova Scotia before long.

Some groups continued to collect dues from their membership although they were not meeting. Funds raised supported a very broad range of non-profit agencies in their communities. Mitten trees, collection of hats, scarves and socks were common for several groups. We all want to help in any way we can and there is so much need around us.

Some of the fundraising included a modified Flea Market for the congregation at Trinity in Shediac. Brenda MacFarlane sold jams and pickles from her home for St. John's in Moncton. The Hand Quilters at Central in Moncton sold quilt blocks to raise funds for their outreach efforts.

At Christmas, shut-ins and seniors were recognized with poinsettias, baking or gift baskets. With the limitations around "household bubbles", we had lots of individuals who were quite isolated during the Christmas season.

There is ongoing collection of eyeglasses, postage stamps, pop tabs and card fronts. It will be a task to get everything collected and distributed once we are able to have a little more freedom.

My own UCW have not met but we were able to help supply the linens for the 20 apartments that are part of the Community Hub where our church is now located. It is quite exciting to be in this new space but we only had 3 in-person services in Advent and just returned on Sunday. We won't try to meet right away as a UCW because the virus is still with us and we have to avoid that risk as we are able. Jean is trying to prepare an Annual Report for our District but we have both been struggling with technology issues.

We had hoped to host the Biennial at St. Paul's in Riverview but with the restrictions we have experienced and continued threat of this virus, meeting in-person is just not feasible at this time.

Respectfully submitted,            Anna Peters

**Miramichi:** Evelyn Taylor

No report submitted

**NorthWest NB :** Marilyn Bubar – contact

Northwest NB UCW District Report to Maritime UCW – Feb. 28, 2022



Here we are in a new year, but “Continuing In Hope” in the Covid Pandemic, still. Yes, we are all getting tired and anxious about the continued restrictions, yes, we are all struggling to keep up to the constant changes required to keep us safe, but, if we have faith, we know there is a plan for us and for the world in this unpredictable time of chaos and demands for so many. Continue to pray for our health care workers, and government officials who must make the challenging decisions each day in an attempt to keep us as free from contracting the Covid virus as possible and pray that we, as good citizens, co-operate to the best of our ability.

I did contact folks in our District as much as possible via email, sent out the Statistic forms and a copy of the latest Keeping In Touch, as well as the last issue of Maritime Newsletter in November. I have heard back from a few folks who have been meeting, some held a Bazaar in the fall, some held take-out meals and some were able to have some other form of a fundraiser to keep up with their Christmas Outreach projects, while others simply received donations from their members to continue with their financial obligations. Everyone appears to be trying to keep in touch the best they can, even if it only takes the place of phone calls to one another. Every little effort helps during this time.

Keswick Ridge Ladies had another successful Virtual Bazaar in November and have continued to meet via Zoom on a monthly basis. We have found that having a guest speaker join us by Zoom has made our meetings both interesting and informative. In January we had Steve Patterson who is a director with the 12 Neighbours Community Inc. – Fredericton Tiny Home Project which is well under way and the first occupants have now moved in their new tiny home.

At our February meeting we had the installation of new officers for the next two year term. Marilyn Bubar will serve as President and Chris deJong, the Vice President. We also were happy to present three life membership awards to Bonnie Kelly, outgoing President, Pauline Luker (member), and Debbie Hawkins (Transfer of Pin from her Grandmother, Pauline Bubar). Thanks to the folks at National Office for their prompt delivery of Certificates and Pins.

We continue to promote the upcoming 60th Anniversary Celebration, but folks are hesitant to commit to plans to attend. Hopefully, the Pandemic threat will diminish over the next couple of months and registration will increase. Until then, we will “continue in hope”.

Marilyn Bubar, Contact for Northwest NB District United Church Women

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

PEI report can be found in the President’s report.

**St. Croix:** Carol Mehan

St Croix Charge is made up of 4 charges of U.C.W. 's in my area have been quiet.

Kirk McColl had our Christmas Bazaar, and we are planning the World Day of Prayer and hosting this on March 4. No one has had any meeting yet but some are planning for March. hoping to get things going again.

We have a unit that is closing ,the Rolling Dam UCW , because of membership down. Our members are all aging and no new ones joining., With Covid restrictions starting to ease I am planning an annual Presbyteral meeting in late Spring hopefully.

We talk on the phone and email and do facebook to keep in contact, ,Fellowship has been missed with all the changing of rules of Covid and of course we miss the food that goes with it ,we are planning on to try to move ahead and stay positive.

Carol Mehan St. Croix Charge

**Saint John:** Contact through MUCW Secretary

Westfield United Church UCW

Since fall, we have met 2 times - September(outside) and October(inside). All we have managed to do was make desserts and cooked squash for the churches Annual Turkey Drive Thru Dinner(November 11), held a bake and yard sale November 27 and make sandwiches and sweets for a funeral reception this week,(February 22). Our Christmas Communion Service was cancelled due to road conditions that evening.

Linda McCullough  
Co President - Westfield United Church UCW

The Berwick-Pearsonville UCW held 4 zoom meetings in the past year as we've been unable to meet in person because of Covid.

We still gave to Mission & Service and Manse Fund, and Salvation Army as they are our projects. We send cards and give sick boxes when needed and did Christmas boxes at Christmastime. The UCW did a June and Sept church service while Rev. Pam was away.

We joined the WI in December for a Christmas Dinner at JJ's Restaurant, which was nice to see everyone again. There were 14 in attendance.

Hopefully 2022 will be a better year and we'll be able to meet in person again. Mildred Folkins is our President and does a great job in these hard times to keep us up with the work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Duplisea, Treasurer

## **Region 15 NS and Bermuda**

**Bermuda:** Marilyn Dyer

No report submitted

**Halifax:** Lee-Anne Boulet

Halifax UCW District - Report to Maritime UCW – Feb. 28, 2022

Like all districts we've been quite quiet. Some dinners were held, but all were take out. We continue to support each and as things start to open up in the next few months we should start seeing more events happening. Covid has hit everyone in different ways. Some of us have embraced the solitude and others have found themselves isolated and alone. Zoom meetings, phone calls and emails have kept us in touch with each other. By doing this we've let our members know that they are not alone. Many of us in our district are looking forward to the 60th Anniversary celebration in July. Three of us from my own unit are attending. It will be nice to welcome members from across the country to our beautiful province.

Respectively Submitted      Lee-Anne Boulet      Halifax District President

**Inverness Guysborough:** Annie Dodge – contact

Good pm Ruth and All

A few notes from our activities during the Pandemic.

We held 4 in person meetings in 2020 and 1 in 2021

We celebrated The World Day of Prayer ( just under the wire) in 2020-no go in 2021 but sent a monetary gift.

Co sponsored our Annual Shrove Tues. Pancake + Supper (just pre-wire)

We collected shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Mission in 2020 and delivered in the 2021 collection.

We were able to meet our charity donations, as well as add 2 locals needing housing assistance.

Monies were donated to the church scholarship fund in both years as well as to the charge M/S allotment.

Our yearly clothing drive for The Brunswick St. Mission was given to the local Hospital Mental Health Unit due to changes at the Mission.

Christmas cheer baskets were delivered and cards sent to about 30 persons both years- some deliveries included an at the door chat.

In 2021 we added the local Hospital to our charity list. Monies were sent to a very ill friend of the group to help defray costs, as well as increases to the monies we send to 2 local food banks

We were able to have a large yard sale effort at a community held event in the Fall. Still no Christmas Party DOUBLE BOO-HOO.

As I reread this it sounds a lot about \$\$ but we can blame that on Covid too! but that is how we were able to do our outreach during these times.

Although not getting together the phones kept us connected. Members sent their monthly collections along to our Treasurer faithfully. We have support from past members and friends of UCW who see fit to support us from time to time. We made lots of phone calls to keep in touch and to ask consensus on \$ issues. We have been traveling this road adhering to the rules of the road-and the motto "actions speak louder than words" but we are REALLY excited to be getting closer to lots of in person words and actions safely -soon.

Thanks for all the updates, and for keeping in touch. Take Care Bev MacMillan King's United UCW.

**Pictou** : Olive Archibald – contact

No report submitted from contact

St James United UCW - Antigonish

In addition to the dissolution of our units, we are reevaluating the role of the UCW locally.

Previously, between the 2 units and the general membership, we coordinated multiple fund raising projects over the calendar year; the proceeds of which would go to a charity or the church general fund. While we still recognize the value of those events both to the charities and to the feel of community in the church, we are an older group of ladies. There is only so much that can be done. Like I assume many other UCW, we are facing challenges with recruiting new members.

We have held a few meetings to determine what the "new normal" means for us as a UCW, as much of the world is also in a re-genesis. I will not lie; some of the questions that arose were around merging with a men's group to address membership issues, and also

questioning the value of a woman's only organization in such an inclusive community as the United church as well as in our less gendered world. Weighty questions indeed.

We are still carving our space. Through 2022 we are set to meet every other month, intend at least 1 (hopefully 2) fundraising events, will host a celebration of the UCW 60th, and several learning events in areas of interest to our members (green burials, UBI/GLI, the rise of the extreme right in Canada, are among those being considered).

Thanks to all the executive for your work,

Christine Briand

South Shore : Ruth Rudderham – contact

South Shore Report for February 21,2022

These winter months have been moving slowly for the UCWs along the South Shore, but while gathering statistics I can sense a desire to resume some activities, some with an anticipation of spring weather, but most are looking forward to a lifting of restrictions and isolation. It has been a rough two years for organizations attempting to survive.

It looks as though membership totals have dropped, but there are signs of renewal in several groups which brings hope. There has been some interest in obtaining the 60th Anniversary services which I offered after I received them, so it looks as though plans are forming to celebrate our milestone. Bridgewater UCW plans to provide the morning worship at church on a Sunday in May using some of the material which has been written for us.

Ruth Rudderham, South Shore contact.

Sydney: Diana MacLean

Sydney District UCW has nothing to report, I'm sorry to say. We haven't held a meeting or a rally since covid-19 restrictions came into being in 2020. Hopefully 2022 will see us back to meeting once again.                      Regards, Diana Maclean, Past President

Truro: Evelyn Negus

Truro Presbyterial

I sent out the statistics reports and have only heard back from First United in Truro, and I think UCW group at Brunswick St. is closing. See you Monday. Evelyn Negus

Valley: Rosanne Peach – contact

### Aylesford UCW

Are planning their first meeting for 2022 on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The United Church Women were able to meet for seven of the usual ten months in 2021, following Covid-19 protocol restrictions, with an average of 12 members present. Those restrictions limited the normal activities we were able to participate in, but it was often a relief for the ladies to have a short social time together. At one program meeting, members brought "personal treasures" to share, which included everything from craft items, poems, favorite stories, and others.

The UCW continued to support many aspects of the Church life, such as arranging for the placement of flowers for the sanctuary, sending cards and gifts to congregation members, overseeing the Church Memorial fund, baking pies for the Church supper, procuring United Church calendars for Church members interested in them, and working at the Annual Yard Sale and Take-out supper. A framed copy of the UCW Closing Prayer was commissioned by Brian Graves, and has been hung in the Church Parlor, to match up with the framed UCW Purpose that was previously completed. Thanks go out to Brian for assisting us in this endeavour.

In March of this year, for the first time, our UCW joined with the Kingston United Church in a World Day of Prayer service that was provided through an on-line presentation developed by the National organization. The service was written by the women of Vanuata, and UCW women from across Canada took part in the video presentation.

We were able to meet our budgeted amounts in support of our Church General Fund, Building Fund, and Mission and Service Fund. As well, we were able to continue with our annual support of the Kingston and Berwick Food Banks, and Chrysalis House at Christmas time. Unable again in 2021 to cater any events due to Covid-19 restrictions, we met these financial obligations through the generous support of the Congregation for our annual Bakeless Bake Sale, and through the generous donations made by some of our membership, which supplemented the dues collected at meetings. Thanks to all who donated, and who may be able to help in 2022.

On a sad note, we were sorry to lose two of our long term UCW members in 2021, Bernice Mahar and June MacCarthy. They will be missed.

The UCW year was wrapped up by our annual Christmas outing, which was attended by thirteen of us, at Angie's Restaurant in Middleton.

Respectfully Submitted, Shirley Thompson

St George & St Andrew United

We, the UCW of St George & St Andrew United, were able to meet twice this past fall -- September and November -- at the latter meeting we planned and had a very successful Take out Turkey dinner with the support of member of the congregation and for a first try, it went very smoothly.

Rosanne Peach

Newport United Church Women

We have not had a meeting since 2019 but hope to resume in the future Thank You Sharon Dodge

**President's Report:**

MUCW President's report & PEI report Elaine Burrows Feb. 28, 2022

Between COVID-19 restrictions imposed in December, and a storm (snow, ice, rain, wind) every week since Christmas has impacted activities everywhere including UCW.

The second MUCW wide zoom call was held on **Monday November 29, 2021** with around 33 on the call. **Carolle Dallas-Artbuckle**, NUCW treasurer co-hosted the call. There were updates on the 60th anniversary celebrations. **Ruth Kennedy** led a worship based on the Jesse Tree, and the **Rev. J D Kennedy** led us in an Advent Bible Study called "Continuing in Hope." We were given a different perspective of the traditional Christmas story – a family in distress looking for shelter in a time of great need. There was an opportunity for lots of questions. Please join us for the next MUCW zoom call – to be announced.

I sat in on a zoom call with three regional UCW councils in Ontario on Saturday Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. 2022. Over 108 UCW members were on a zoom call of the Antler Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Councils. There was a hymn sing of eight hymns led by a music leader from Mississauga. This was followed by Rev. Michael Brooks who gave a talk entitled "From Despair to Hope: Journeying with Women Hymnologists." 6 Hymn stories were presented. There was

time for 20 minutes in a chat room with 5 other UCW members. Nancy Risco, NUCW president brought greetings. It is good to find out how other groups organize zoom calls.

Terry Beaumont, our very gifted UCW contact person (ours was only part of her work) is moving to a new position. There was a zoom call on Thursday Feb. 17, 2022 of her UCC unit and National UCW members to say thank you. Debbie Hawkins, Ruth Kennedy and I were in on the call along with 42 others. Sartu Mohamed will be returning as our contact person at the National UCW.

Thank you to Joyce Bridges who gathered the statistical information from PEI UCW members, and who maintains an extensive PEI UCW email list getting the latest "Keeping in Touch" national newsletter and other information out to PEI UCW members quickly.

The biennial will via zoom this year with the details still being worked out. It will have to be spread over more than one day. It is too much for one sitting!

I hope that each UCW group finds some way to celebrate the UCW's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Do a church service, have tea – dig out the cups and saucers and honour UCW members, have a party of some kind, dig out pictures, scrapbooks, etc. Be creative but celebrate the contribution that UCW members have made to your community of faith, and to the wider world over the past sixty years. It is worth celebrating.

In the words of the hymn: "We are Pilgrims" found in VU #595, *We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road, we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

## **Region 15 Regional Council UCW rep. report – Debbie Hawkins**

Report to Maritime UCW – February 2022 Region 15 Council UCW Representative

This upcoming June it will be two years representing UCW on the Regional Council Executive, having taken over from our past President Ruth Kennedy. Our President Elaine Burrows continues to report to Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters. The



executive is made up of the President, President Elect, Past President, staff Committee Liaison and Chairs of the various divisions from Region 15 (Nova Scotia/Bermuda). It oversees the work of the Region and is guided by our shared Executive Minister Faith March- MacCuish. I continue to see our representation on this committee to be very worthwhile as well as informative. Reporting to the Region the activities of the Maritime UCW keeps them aware of our activities and improves communication. I have found the executive to be very interested and supportive of the UCW.

Since our last Maritime UCW Executive meeting on November 8th, I attended a regional meeting on December 8th. In addition to the regular quarterly work: (budgets, reports, remits, proposals, nominations for committees, annual meeting planning, etc.) this meeting focused largely on Region 15's Strategic Plan which was presented and approved at the annual meeting of the Region in June 2021 and was left with the Executive to work towards implementation. Committees and divisions were asked to look at their work and mandates through the lens of the three pillars of the strategic plan and prepare responses to be submitted prior to the December 8th meeting. Our president Elaine Burrows prepared a report on our behalf (see attachment) which was submitted on the behalf of MUCW. The Executive Minister presented the responses to the strategic plan in a PowerPoint presentation, outlining what was submitted from the various committees and divisions with respect to the three pillars: Discipleship, Mission and Leadership. The Executive Minister noted that there was an excellent response from the committees, which included their action plans for the next 2 (two) years. A report for communities of faith will be provided in the new year to update the region on the work that has been done to date regarding the implementation of the plan. Note that all minutes to our regional meetings are made available on our [uceast.ca](http://uceast.ca) website under each of the Regions.

Jane McDonald, President of Region 15 Executive Council has expressed an interest in being our guest at any of our MUCW meetings, gatherings etc. We may wish to consider extending an invitation in the upcoming year.

Our-Tri Region website can be a wealth of information if you look for it. Take some time and explore [uceast.ca](http://uceast.ca). There you will find links to each of the Regional Council websites. Especially helpful are the weekly announcements as well as a place to sign up to have them delivered each week to your email. The all things UCW can be found under the tab "Ministries", and it links to all our 60th Anniversary information.

The next Region 15 Executive meeting is scheduled for March 8th, and we will meet again as an executive prior to the Regional Council Annual meeting which will be held virtually over zoom May 27-28 with the celebration of Ministries Service on May 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Hawkins    Co Vice President    /Region 15 Council Representative

## FSLDW Regional Council UCW rep. report – Elaine Burrows

### Old Business

1. **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. Revised **National UCW guidebook** is now on the United Church website. Some of the purposes have new wording. We use the word district instead of region.
2. **Virtual annual meeting.** I have attached a 2 page summary for what we can do. Anna Peters has looked at it. I have a few questions that need to be answered.
  - a. **Timing of the meeting:** It is too much for one day so will need to be over two days. Which two may depend on when speakers are available.
  - b. **Guest speaker:** ?? 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.”
  - c. **Spiritual Leader:** ?? Janice MacLean (of the Prayer Bench ministry). We will pay her. We have been getting money from the NUCW for this kind of event.
  - d. **Business meeting:** the usual items but done faster. Do you have new business items that you want addressed? I need to know ahead of time so they can be on the agenda.
  - e. Installation of the new co-presidents and vice-president. In the National UCW handbook (on the UCC website), there are three suggested services in Appendix 2, pages 27-31.
  - f. Do we include anything about the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary?
  - g. How can we improve communication in MUCW?
  - h. MCUCW minutes at the archives (see the end of agenda)
3. **Compensation for speakers:** M. McIntyre spoke on behalf of the Tatamagouche Centre (donation to the centre for their hospitality ministry); to

Rev. J. D. Kennedy for leading us in a study at the November 2021 MUCW zoom call; Janice MacLean (?)

4. **MUCW handbook adjustments**

5. **MUCW biennial handbook adjustments**

6. **MUCW rate for dues** how much per member and until what date for review.

Next meeting – Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Move to Adjourn the meeting:**

**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.