

1. AGM Report - Ann Piper reported that the evaluations of the AGM showed that it was a very successful gathering. The workshops were rated from good to very good and the presentation by Nick Hawkins was the highlight of the sessions. The worship on Sunday was also wonderful and the UCW members felt very appreciated. The Nashwaaksis UCW did an amazing job hosting the meeting.
2. Holy Manners – Ann passed out a copy of Holy Manners to each person and stated that this respectful way of meeting behaviours is now always available at United Church meetings.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

- *Archives:* Sharon Moyse reported that she has forwarded articles to Pat Edmonds at KIT but doesn't receive a response. She will continue to forward articles. She has asked Ruth Kennedy to provide her experiences as a past President and it was suggested that this article be put in our own Newsletter. Sharon has given a copy of 'Treasured Mother's' that was compiled by the UCW at St Mark's United in St John to our Archives at Maritime and will forward it to National Archives as well. Sharon also provided a list of years that the Annual Reports have not been provided to Archives and they are:
1964-1965; 1979-1980; 1982-1990; 1993-1996; 2000-2002; 2019-2022; 2024. She provided a hard copy of the 2025 Annual Report.
- *Newsletter:* Ann Piper is still doing the newsletter and working at getting it out to people on line. She has cheques from people for the mailed copies but is hoping that someone can provide the newsletter to those people so it will be emailed only. She hopes to do an eight-page bimonthly newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is June 26, 2026. She will include information on obtaining funds (\$300.00) from the Dorothy Amos Bursary. The deadline for the next newsletter is July 2, 2026.
- *Christian Life and Growth:* Ann Piper reported that she spent an afternoon with Jocelyn Langille discussing the UCW day at Berwick Camp. The theme this year is 'Covenant'. Rev. Bev Brazier is the Minister in Residence and will speak about her time in Whitehorse, Yukon. UCW Day is July 29th and the service begins at 2pm. It would be a good idea to let Jocelyn know if you plan to attend so she can advise the cook regarding numbers at lunch. It was suggested that a sign be placed on a table or two to reserve spaces for the UCW members attending. Jocelyn and Ann discussed other ways that opportunities for Christian Life and Growth can be provided to our membership. Ann Piper and Elaine Burrows attended a workshop called 'Rural Routes through the Holy' in PE and found it very interesting. This workshop will be held next year in Old Barns, NS. Information on events like this will be put in our Newsletter.
- *Berwick:* Joan Fraser reported that Pauline Leonard will host the Cookie Cottage. It was moved by Joan Fraser and seconded by Anna Peters that an honorarium of \$250.00 be provided to whomever hosts the Cookie Cottage. ***Motion carried.*** It was also discussed that

all monies coming in for cookies will be handled by the MUCW Treasurer. The dishwasher at camp is not easily winterized so rather than using it, people are encouraged to bring and wash their own mugs. Joan discussed an idea of having the local Youth group make cookies with donations that come in. She will follow up on this. This year the name being added to the Plaque will be Ann Lake. She was very involved in the Cookie Cottage. Marilyn Bubar will get the engraved name plate but requires her birth and death date.

- MUCW Social Secretary: Michele Ashby continues to send out cards as people send her names. She read a lovely Thank You card from a family member. Please remember to provide names of people celebrating any milestones to Michele.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis Munroe provided a copy of the Treasurer report that was forwarded to everyone. There were no questions so Phyllis Munroe moved the adoption of the report for informational purposes.

New Business

1. **AGM Location, Format and Theme 2027:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding the meeting for April 2027. Both Ruth Kennedy and Elaine Burrows offered to hold the event at their locations. Both places would be able to provide the necessary space and food. Elaine's church, Trinity Summerside, is already booked for the date we generally hold the meeting (the last Saturday in April) A vote, by show of hands was taken and the meeting location will be Winsloe United Church in PE. A Planning Committee was established, Ann Piper, Betty Ann Watts, Myra Thiemann, Sharon Moyse and Ruth Kennedy. It was moved by Anna Peters and seconded by Betty Ann Watts that we will hold a one-day meeting at Winsloe United, PE, on April 24, 2027 (9:30 am-4pm) with a theme of Peace, Love- Hippy Style. It will have limited business and be a time of fellowship and fun. ***Motion Carried*** Many people attending will gather in PE on Friday evening, depending on the length of their drives.
2. **AGM Handbook Review:** Anna Peters, Elaine Burrows and Ann Piper Betty Ann Watts will also join this committee and the review will be presented at the October, 2026 meeting.
3. **65th Anniversary & Banner:** Elaine Burrows showed us a mock up of the banner that MUCW will be taking to the 65th Anniversary celebrations in Ottawa next July. She has received one square and is hopeful that more will be forwarded to her. The square should measure 7 1/2 by 7 1/2 and must be to her no later than January 10th, 2027.
4. **Vacant Positions:** Myra Thiemann resigned as Secretary of MUCW. It was moved by Betty Ann Watts and seconded by Sharon Moyse that Myra Thiemann's resignation be accepted with appreciation. ***Motion Carried.*** It was moved Anna Peters and seconded by Joan Fraser that Krista Stott-Jones become the MUCW Media and Recording Secretary. ***Motion carried.*** It was moved by Sharon Moyse and seconded by Michele Ashby that Elaine Burrows become the Annual Report editor. ***Motion carried.*** It was moved by

Debbie Hawkins and seconded by Phyllis Munroe that Myra Thiemann become the Treasurer of MUCW. *Motion Carried.*

- 5. National Meeting, September 13-18, 2026:** This year's attendees will be Phyllis Munroe, Ann Piper, Betty Ann Watts and Krista Stott-Jones. The group will be responsible for offering grace at the three meals on Thursday, September 17, 2027.

Grace: Phyllis Munroe read a beautiful grace that she had written and will take to the National Meetings.

Lunch

District Reports: Reports emailed to Myra Thiemann at mlthiemann@mail.com one week prior to meeting.

Region 14 Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW)

- Chignecto - A detailed report was sent out by Lois Budd.
- Miramichi Elaine Stewart
- PEI - Elaine Burrows- Their will be a Rally on October 17th at Trinity Summerside.
- FSLDW Regional Council- Elaine Burrows attended the Ordination ceremony in Sackville.
- Western NB Marilyn Bubar sent a report detailing the exciting things happening. Keswick Ridge United Church are celebrating their 200th Anniversary and Re. Dr. Kimberly Heath, the Moderator, will be in attendance.

Bermuda Nova Scotia

- Halifax Joann Chapman sent a report that a Fall Rally will be held on October 17th at Cole Harbour Woodside
- Valley/South Shore MUCW Secretary still looking for a Rep.
- Cape Breton/Sydney MUCW Secretary will contact Mary Quirk to see if she may be the Contact for Cape Breton (on Catherine MacLean's suggestion)
- Bermuda NS Council Rep Ann Piper forwarded her report.

President's Report Ann Piper forwarded her report and she has been busy.

Next Meeting Tentative dates for upcoming meetings:

Oct. 19, 2026 in person Anna Peter's building 190 Carson Drive, Moncton, NB
(9:30 for 10am meeting start)

Jan. 22, 2027 ZOOM (9am for 9:30 meeting start)

Apr. 2, 2027

ZOOM (9am for 9:30 meeting start)

Apr. 24, 2027, in person

Meeting/Rally, PE (9:30am -4pm)

Jun. 14, 2027, in person,

Sackville, NB (9:30 for 10am meeting start)

Worship Next meeting

Michele Ashby

Grace

Myra Thiemann

Food

Bring something to share.

MUCW President's Report – June 15th, 2026 Executive

Wow where have the last 6 weeks gone?

Since being installed as President, I attended a zoom executive meeting of the Bermuda Nova Scotia Regional Council on April 30th.

On Friday May 1st, the UCW of Trinity St. Stephens hosted a meeting of Chignecto Area UCW. As always, we enjoyed worship, food, fellowship, work and fun.

On Saturday May 2nd I attended a North Nova Cluster group at St Matthews United Church in Pugwash. This cluster was a learning session led by Chris Bowman, Music Director of First United in Truro on many of the new songs from our new Hymnbook Then Let Us Sing.

On Tuesday May 5th my home UCW at TSSUC gave me a wonderful luncheon to celebrate my becoming MUCW president. This was such a lovely honour, and was wonderful to be surrounded by my UCW family. I am so thankful for the love and support that I know they will give me over the next two years as president.

On May 16th I spent the afternoon with Jocelyn Langille, Christian Life and Growth, to start our planning for UCW day at Berwick Camp.

May 23rd I was in Sackville NB for the Chignecto UCW Rally – Hope Continues to Bloom.

For more information on this event see Lois Budd's report from Chignecto.

May 28th to 31st I attended the Annual Meeting of Bermuda Regional Council at Acadia University. I presented cards to the Ordinands, Donna Kelly, Ron Shaw, and Wayne Jarvis and to two Ministers from other denominations who were admitted to the UCC, Jenny Eisner and Webster Vhembo. I also left a card to be presented to Brian Bottan, being ordained at the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters regional meeting on June 7.

June 11th to 13th I was in Hunter River P.E.I. for Rural Roots Through the Holy. Although this was not a UCW sponsored event it was a very spiritually uplifting event and filled with learning about ways to be small rural church. I was very interested to see that Elaine Burrows was one of the presenters. She showed us her Liturgical quilting for the whole church year. She had Pulpit falls, Wall Hangings, Banners and Communion table runners starting with the four Sundays in Advent through Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. As well as Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. What an amazing presentation of her work.

How blessed we are that God made us unique, each with our own talents to share.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Piper, President MUCW

**Maritime UCW Financial Statement
June 15,2026**

Balance Jan.20 2026. \$3,635.94

RECEIPTS:

Dues. \$4887.00

Leadership Grant. \$950.00

Berwick Camp. \$380.00

Hospice House Fredericton. \$786.55

Investment Transfer. \$5000.00

AGM Registration \$7715.00

Total Receipts. \$23,354.49

EXPENSES:

Dues (2024). \$1640.00

Service Charge. \$98.79

Newsletter. \$284.36

Office supplies (Cheques). \$148.20

Honorariums. \$900.00

Ordinands. \$240.00

Travel (2024). \$50.25

Hospice House Fredericton. \$786.55

AGM Entertainment. \$1000.00

Booklets. \$606.48

Gifts. \$463.29

Supplies. \$61.05

Refund for Meals. \$320.00

Accommodations. \$8783.24

Meals. \$5555.00

Total Expenses. \$20,937.21

Balance on hand June 15,2026. \$2,417.28

**Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Munroe**

MUCW Executive Meeting June 15th, 2026, Chignecto UCW Report

Since our last MUCW Executive by zoom in January, Chignecto UCW has been very busy. We held an Executive meeting at Anna's the week before this Zoom meeting to complete work on our Chignecto UCW Annual to take place in Sackville on March 21st and touch on our Spring Rally for May 23rd.

Chignecto UCW Annual, Dare To Dream didn't need to use our storm date although we did drive home in some snow on March 21st. I accepted the position of Chignecto UCW President for another year with Deborah Ellison ready to step up as President at our Annual in 2027. I am very fortunate to have an active and supporting executive which makes my term as president so much easier and exciting. Our guest speaker was Karen Oliveto, retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church and she now lives in Pugwash. Very well-spoken speaker and I recommend her to any group looking for an interesting and informative speaker. Betty Anne brought greetings from MUCW and we much appreciated her being there with us. We have also completed our updates on our Guidelines and Policies; this was a major undertaking as we had not done this in several years due to COVID and missing an Annual and the many changes that had occurred within our church governance.

Chignecto Directory is now out with updated names and positions and I am sad to say another UCW Local - Dulcie Cook – Advocate has Disbanded in 2025. We do have several independent members and it is heartwarming that they wish to stay connected to Chignecto after their local has disbanded. We also have a UCW group that stays together even though their church has been decommissioned. Seems our Chignecto UCW is moving forward with different dynamics but still Daring to Dream and moving with Hope.

On March 24, several Chignecto ladies attended the MUCW Annual in Nashwaaksis and it was a delightful weekend, well prepared, with workshops, worship, music, speakers, delicious meals and so much more. It was a delight to meet and enjoy time with our National President. Chignecto says thanks to the committee for all your work that went into a well-planned weekend enjoyed by us all.

On May 1st we held our Spring Executive meeting at Trinity-St. Stephens United Church in Amherst to prepare for our Spring Rally.

On May 5th I was invited to Amherst UCW to enjoy a party to welcome Ann Piper as our MUCW President. It was a pleasure to enjoy this time of celebration and we sat at a front table which I dubbed the President's table as there was Ann, Betty Ann and myself sitting there together. Fun times as Chignecto President. In the afternoon I attended the Amherst UCW General meeting. It is always a blessing to see how efficient these meetings are run and I am learning more and more as I attend them.

On May 23rd Chignecto held our Spring Rally in Sackville N.B. "Hope Continues to Bloom" Abbigale Ryder was our speaker on Homelessness and food inequalities and she kept us interested through her entire talk. Phil Williams was our afternoon music and recitations and a delightful finish to our enjoyable day. I recommend both if looking for a speaker or some music for a gathering.

Chignecto has also been in the business of supplying Cam Ta-Wa-Si with cleaning supplies, sleeping bags, cabin lamps and donations to help our beloved camp enjoy another summer with children who grow for the experience of a week at this summer camp.

That has been our busy time since the new year began and I and my executive is looking forward to taking the summer off as we put away Chignecto UCW fun stuff until September

when we will have an Executive meeting to begin preparing to celebrate our 60th Anniversary at our Annual in March 2027.

Submitted by Lois Budd Chignecto UCW President

Halifax District Report for Maritime UCW

June 2026

Introduction

Hello, my name is Joann Chapman. I live in an area of Halifax called Westphal, with my husband, Ted, and dog named Stan Lee. I am a member of Cole Harbour Woodside United Church and am secretary of Cole Harbour UCW. I officially transitioned from the position of VP of Halifax District to President of Halifax District in March 2026 at the AGM held at St. John's United Church in Fall River. Since then, I was invited to and attended the Spring Fling held at Woodlawn where the guest speaker was Neville MacKay who owns and operates My Mother's Bloomers, a long-standing flower shop in Halifax. It was a delightful way to spend a rainy afternoon and especially moving to see a Life Membership received. Additionally, I was invited to Bedford United Church to attend Worship and Potluck. This was another lovely opportunity to meet and mingle with United Church Women and to see a number of members receive their Life Memberships.

I also attended the Maritime UCW AGM at Nashwaaksis United Church in Fredericton. It was an uplifting and inspiring experience.

And finally, I ran my first Halifax District Executive meeting at the end of April.

Nominations

At this time, the Halifax District executive has one open position, Vice President.

Members

Overall, the UCW Units in the Halifax District are keeping steady with numbers. The largest numbers are at Bedford United and Woodlawn United.

Halifax Churches Amalgamation

There are three churches in Halifax that are amalgamating and this is known to Maritime UCW who has been guiding the process of amalgamation of two UCW units, Fort Massey and Saint Andrew's. The two units met on May 11, 2026 and it was moved and approved unanimously that "UCW Saint Andrew's United Church will disband, due to the amalgamation of Saint Matthew's United Church, Saint Andrew's United Church and Fort

Massey United Church, by the amalgamation date of July 1, 2026. With the intention of forming “UCW, Halifax United Church” in the fall of 2026.” The name “Halifax United” is temporary name for the amalgamated church until a naming committee is formed within the first year of amalgamation.

Upcoming Events

St. John’s United Church, 3360 Highway 2, Fall River will be holding their 73rd Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, July 4, 2026 form 4:00 – 6:00pm. Sponsored by St. John’s UCW.

Menu: ham, potato salad, vegetables, roll and strawberry shortcake.

Price: Adults: \$17

Children under 12: \$8

Strawberry shortcake only: \$8

Cash only

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Chapman, President Halifax District

Social Secretary Report for MUCW Meeting on 15 June 2026

As of 3 June 2026, a total of 13 cards has been mailed out this year.

Sympathy – 10

Get Well – 2

Milestone Birthday – 1

If at all possible, when sending me a request, please include the contact information for the person to whom you’d like the card sent. Often, I have to send cards to the Funeral Home to forward to the family. Due to privacy concerns that means I frequently have to send the card within a second envelope, increasing our costs.

Please keep in touch with me about all card appropriate events in your units and encourage others to do so also.

Nothing else to report!

Respectfully submitted,

Michèle Ashby (she/her) Living in Mi’kma’ki, ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq.

Berwick Camp

Berwick camp is fast approaching and we are looking ahead to fill the cabin with cookies. Marylynn Cameron spoke at the annual meeting in Fredericton in reference to helping support the cookie cabin. As we are all aware it has been difficult to expect numerous cookies from any one area as there are fewer groups and fewer members. It was suggested that we put the message out to all members at the meeting to take back to their units and see if they can help. At this point I have received monetary donations from 3 units. This is greatly appreciated. I will make arrangements with local bakeries to supply cookies with these donations.

I have had an offer from a family wanting to host the cookie cabin. As we had agreed to subsidize their registration and offered 250 towards food for the week, I will follow up with the treasurer.

The dishwasher in the cabin has bite the dust and there is concern about being able to afford a new one. Also, the concern of it weathering well through the winter. It is only used the one week of the year. The suggestion is to wash mugs which would be a tedious job given going through so many a day. Another option would be to be diligent about bringing your own mug which in theory would be the best option or our executive offering to help fund a new one.

I would welcome discussion about this.

In regards to the donations coming in for the cookie cottage I'm going to suggest this be filtered through the Berwick treasurer. This way we will have everything documented and I can present a financial picture each fall. Receipts can also be issued through Berwick camp. I also feel the donations that come into the cookie cabin through a donation jar on the table should be used for the cookie cabin and given to the treasurer at camp. This way there will be a slush fund hopefully each year to help with the supply of cookies.

Each year will bring different dynamics I'm sure and this is a starting point to feel our way through.

Lots to think about

Blessings

Joan

Report to MUCW from BNS regional Council June 2026

In addition to our regular executive meetings, I attended two Zoom orientation meetings to get ready for the Annual Meeting. These two info sessions allowed people to ask questions and discuss the financial reports, budget, and proposals being brought before the region.

The AGM was held at Acadia University, in Wolfville NS from May 28th to 31st, 2026.

We started by gathering for Supper. Then after introductions and greetings, procedural motions we shared in an opening worship and a service of remembrance. After this the Ordinands were introduced and I presented a Card to each of them from MUCW. Donna Kelly and Ron Shaw were ordained. Wayne Jarvis, previously recognized as a DLM was ordained, and Rev. Jenny Eisener and Rev. Webster Vhembo were admitted to the UCC from other denominations.

I played the piano for the early morning worship services on Friday and Saturday. These services were led by Donnie Morrison, LLWL from Sydney River. Donnie was the President Elect and at the Sunday morning Service he was installed as the new President of BNS regional council.

Friday and Saturday were full days of business, including finances, budget, committee reports with the theme speaker, and table discussion times wound throughout the day.

The theme was “into the deep” and we looked into going deeper into our faith. The theme speaker was Rev. John Pentland from Hillhurst UC in Calgary Alberta. He gave us some inspiring ideas for worshipping in new ways, and in new spaces.

Sunday morning worship was very uplifting. Rev. Dr. Mary Taylor, now past president of BNS, led a wonderful service, “Into the deep A Celebration of Ministries”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Piper, Regional Council Rep. BNS

Maritime UCW AGM report May 2026

The annual meeting of Maritime UCW took place on April 24th to 26th 2026 at Nashwaaksis United Church in Fredericton NB.

80 women from across the Maritime provinces gathered to conduct the business of MUCW, worship, sing, laugh, pray, learn, and share tables of food. The theme of this year’s gathering was Creator, Creation and I. We heard a wonderful presentation from Alice Fynamore on the topic of creation and nature and how to engage with nature in our

prayers. Nick Hawkins, a nature videographer, presented his work on the life cycle of the Atlantic Salmon. This was fascinating and his videos were amazing.

We had four creative workshops to choose from. Lynda-Jean Coffin gave us an introduction to the new hymnbook *Then Let Us Sing*, which was very well attended and enjoyed by all who attended. Betty Ann Watts led a workshop that included breaking pottery and putting it back together in a way that decorates and improves on the original piece. Elaine Burrows led a workshop on creating quilt blocks for our Banner for the 65th Anniversary of UCW that will take place in Ottawa in July 2027. Anna Peters led a workshop on creating beautiful bookmarks. Our Saturday evening was entertainment provided by the Golden Club Singers. The weekend ended with Sunday morning worship at our host church where we were welcomed and processed in and filled 4 or 5 pews of the sanctuary. It was a joyous service with music provided by Lynda Jean Coffin, Sue McBeath and Ann Piper.

Our new executive was installed by our guest, Barbara Dejeet, National UCW president. Barb also presented us with her thoughts on Creation. Although our nominations committee has worked very hard over the past year to find people to fill executive positions, we still have a few vacancies to fill. We are looking for a president-elect, Treasurer or Recording Secretary. (the current recording secretary is willing to be treasurer if we can find a new secretary). We also need a newsletter editor although, the president and past president will continue to produce the newsletter in the meantime.

A new contact list for our full executive will be posted on the UCCEast website. Our next executive meeting will be on June 15th at the Church Office in Sackville NB.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Piper – President MUCW

PEI UCW report June 15, 2026 Elaine Burrows

There is going to be a UCW gathering at Trinity United Church in Summerside, 90 Spring Street from 9:30 till 1:30 on Saturday October 17th. There will be small fee to cover lunch and other expenses. Information on UCW activities will be collected for the annual report. More to come!

FSLDW annual meeting report June 15, 2026 Elaine Burrows

The 8th annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters was held by via Video Conference on June 5 and 6 2026. This was preceded by a video conference on June 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm which dealt with orientation, president-elect nominees, and proposals. The second video conference was held on Wednesday June 3 from 6:30 till 8:30 pm and deal with committee reports, 2025 audited statements, and the 2027 budget. This freed up time for the rest of the business on Friday night and Saturday.

Seeds of Hope, Roots of Change” was theme for the 8th annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council of the United Church of Canada. The meeting was held on June 5 and 6 via Video Conference.

Friday evening’s meeting included the opening worship, a service of remembrance, consent and procedural motions, time for virtual table groups, introductions of candidates for ministry and Part 1 of Toward 2035. This started at 5 pm and ended at 9 pm.

Saturday’s session began at 8:30 and ended after 5 pm with a lunch break and a few stretch breaks during the morning and afternoon. The morning session included election and introduction of the president-elect, the Atlantic School of Theology report, President and executive-minister’s report, Toward 2035 Part 2. We had a General council report and an equity support team report.

After Saturday June 6 lunch, the work continued with Finance motions – the 2025 audited statements, and the 2027 budget. There was a Eco-Justice, Care for Creation report, and Justice, Mission and Outreach – Beyond the Bean report, followed by the Affirm Committee report.

After a break, we discussed the three proposals and they passed. You will be hearing more of them in the future. Milestones were highlighted – those retiring, and those celebrating milestones (from 50 years in ministry to 70 years in ministry), and those leaving and entering the region were acknowledged.

This was followed by the regional council evaluation and governance report, the Children, Youth and Young Adult report by Rev. Catherine Stuart. The Justice, Mission and Outreach had an Invitation Video. The Equity Support Team reported which was followed by the closing motions and worship.

The meeting adjourned.

On Sunday June 7th, The Service of Celebration was held on June 7, 2026 at 10 am at Mount Allison University, Convocation Hall. Outgoing president Hugh Ellis presided over the service. One minister was ordained. Rev. Rachel Campbell was inducted as the new president of the region.

Next year, FSLDW regional council will be meeting in Sackville, NB from May 14-16, 2027.

All the reports can be read if you go to FSLDW website and look for annual meeting 2026.

Fundy St. Lawrence Regional Council meeting

Tuesday June 9, 2026 9 a.m.

The annual meeting was barely over, and the executive of the FSLDW regional council met via video conference. The new president, Rev. Rachel Campbell conducted her first executive meeting. The equity self-monitoring question (8 of them) were in front of us as we began our meeting with a short devotion based on Hebrews 6:19. New members were welcomed. There were a number of business arising items that have on-going including Toward 2035, and the regional council structure evaluation. As per usual, each committee has time on the agenda to report. And the life of the region goes on. The executive will be having an in-person retreat on September 15 followed by a business meeting on September 16 in Sackville, NB. The minutes will be available to read on the website once they are approved at the next meeting.

Elaine Burrows MUCW rep on FSLDW.



80 attendees at MUCW Annual Meeting in Nashwaaksis United Church, Fredericton NB.



National UCW President Barbara Dejeet with 2026 MUCW Executive

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

REPORT TO JUNE, 2026 MUCW

The spring has been a busy time for many of us UCW members here in this area as we prepared for and hosted the AGM the last week-end of April at Nashwaaksis United Church in Fredericton. It was very exciting for us, as part of the former *Woolastook Region* which opted out of the Maritime UCW many years ago, to see the Maritime UCW AGM held in our home town. The attendance from Western NB and Saint John area was very good and according to the Evaluation statements, they were pleased with the event. A big thank you to the folks from Nashwaaksis United for hosting the week-end and also for providing the catering services for the three meals required....everything was delicious and the banquet was so professionally done, we felt like very special guests.

I do have a few snippets of news from some units and I will share these below.

From Joan McGee (Nashwaaksis): They are continuing the *Bridge Luncheons* again this year and have already catered one in May serving 23 tables of players. In their group, they had a *Bring & Buy Auction* (sounds like a really fun thing to try in your group – each person brings a wrapped item which could be baked goods, candles, napkins etc. which are auctioned off to members. The fun part is that no one knows what they are bidding on until they get it and unwrap it. Many

surprises! The group has also been busy providing reception for three Memorial Services this spring. This month they plan to treat themselves to a dinner out at a local restaurant.

From Linda McCullough & Pam Smith (Westfield United (Grand Bay-Westfield)): They are preparing for a Strawberry Shortcake, cold plate supper on July 9th at a cost of \$18...tickets at the local Home Hardware.

From Helen Banks (Kingsley United): As a closing project for the summer, members assembled cosmetic bags filled with personal items to be given to *Transition House*, along with a monetary donation.

Keswick Ridge United UCW has been busy with the planning for the 200th anniversary celebrations set for September. We will be organizing and supplying the food for two luncheons following the services on September 13th and September 20th, as well refreshments for a *Music Night* on the 19th. The end of May we again had a very successful Plant Sale offering over 300 potted perennials, trees and shrubs....every one sold!

The end of April, five of our members attended the AGM at Nashwaaksis, and it was a first for two of the ladies.

Janet Blair (Harvey United Church) tells us about a wonderful project of sponsoring a celebration of their 90+ members. They were interviewed by Janet Watson and Martha Willett who “gathered” the stories from 11 of their members. A celebration service was held with families and community attending to honor these folks. In March The group took part in *World Day of Prayer* service hosted by the Anglican Church at St. Clements church.

As one of the UCW projects for many years, the group continues to support the *Lakeland Food Bank* which serves Harvey and McAdam. With one of the UCW members “championing” this cause, the church and church friends, food and cash donations represent over \$17,000. Wow what an effort!

Linda Gough (Wilmot United in Fredericton) reports another successful Rummage Sale in April and that they were delighted to have eight of their members attend the Maritime AGM the next week-end. She says it was a good experience and they learned a lot about the Maritime UCW, met many new friends and reacquainted with some old friends and learned “what a small world it is”, meeting new friends who had connections to others they knew. They had their closing dinner at Gibson Memorial United Church and enjoyed being served a lovely dinner with 36 in attendance. Members Nancy Chase and Linda Gough were surprised when they were presented with Life Membership Pins and flowers in appreciation for all they have done for the group over the years.

Lynn Kearns (St. Marks United, Saint John) sent along news of some events within their group. In the past they have held many events as fund raisers and have been “worker bees” much of the time. This past March, April and May the group took a breather and decided to do some activities at their meetings.....March they played multiple board and card games; in April they joined in the fun of Mexican Train Dominoes and in May, a member supplied the materials to make greeting cards. In June they plan to do a Chinese Takeaway, no work and a great way to begin their summer.

I don't know about you, but I really enjoy hearing from UCW groups and learn what they are doing that perhaps others can adapt to their group. Thank you to all who have shared their news of this spring.

Marilyn Bubar, Contact

Western NB & Saint John area