

Women of the United Church: Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit
Report from our Network to the Northern Spirit Region

It seems like longer than a year since Northern Spirit Regional Council met in Valleyview for its inaugural meeting. So much has changed since then! For the rest of 2019, our UCW groups and women's groups continued to do their good work as always, providing fellowship to members, learning, and serving. UCW members in the Northern Spirit Region contributed \$29,187.00 to Mission and Service, part of the \$1,020,034.00 contributed by UCW nationally.

At the beginning of 2020, plans were well under way for the second AGM of our Network, to be held April 30 to May 2 at the FCJ Centre in Calgary. We had leadership for music and worship lined up, and a speaker from the General Council office who would tell us more about the current UCW national project, which is to support "Women for Change, Zambia". Registration forms had been sent out and some registrations had been received. However, news began to trickle in about an illness, which was declared a pandemic on March 11, and like many things, our event had to be postponed. We initially hoped to have it in September, but as of now have set the date for April 29 to May 1, 2021 at the FCJ Centre. We have scheduled our fall Full Executive meeting as a Zoom meeting, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. In addition to our Executive, we will invite all interested women to join us on Zoom.

Since our AGM has had to be postponed by a full year, the Sub-Executive voted to name our President-Elect, Eleanore Tribe, as Interim President, effective May 2. Welcome to your new role, Eleanore!

Barbara Davison continues as editor of our newsletter, The Banner. There are three issues annually, at no charge if sent by email, or \$10 per year if mailed. To receive an email copy, contact ucwbanner@gmail.com. For a printed copy, send \$10 to Barbara Davison, 127 Ranchwood Lane, Strathmore, AB T1P 1M8.

May God bless all of us in this very unusual year.

Margery Wright and Eleanore Tribe