



The United Church of Canada

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Dear Members of Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds Regional Councils:

We are writing this letter to inform you of some upcoming changes to the Alberta Chinook Winds Northern Spirit Bursary Fund Society (formerly the Alberta & Northwest Conference Bursary Fund Society).

The Alberta and Northwest Conference Student Bursary Fund Society was incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta, December 16, 1992. Due to changes in church structure, as well as more costly and stricter insurance requirements, we are beginning the process to formally close the Society as an Alberta Society and as an Incorporated Ministry of The United Church of Canada, and shift its functions to Northern Spirit Regional Council.

This is mainly an administrative move. We want to assure you that the Bursary Fund Society's purpose will continue, and all donations will continue to be used for the purpose to which they were directed.

Elected members from Northern Spirit, in consultation with Chinook Winds Regional Council, will continue to grant bursaries to students who are candidates for Diaconal, Ordained or Designated Lay ministry streams within the bounds of the two Regional Councils. Northern Spirit will hold the funds in trust for this purpose and will regularly provide financial reports to Chinook Winds. The students need to be presently studying and are only eligible for bursaries for three years of their studies.

In the past, funds were raised by an annual letter to congregations and United Church Women's groups, and at the Annual Service of Celebration. Donations to the Bursary Fund can continue to be made. Please make cheques payable to Northern Spirit Regional Council, write "bursary fund" in the memo line and mail them to Northern Spirit Regional Council, 13535 122 Avenue NW, Edmonton AB T5L 2V7. Payments can also be made by e-transfer, for more information contact Heather Dootoff at hdootoff@united-church.ca. Requests for bursaries will be accepted in 2021 and information about how to apply will be posted on the Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit websites.

We offer our thanks for the dedication of those who created the Bursary program, those who faithfully served, and those who shared their financial gifts: individuals, UCW's, congregations, and members of ANW Conference. We hope to continue this work well into the future, and the foundation you have built will help us do that for many years to come!

Thank you for your patience during this transition!

Gord Waldie,
Chair, Northern Spirit RC

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