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## UCW PURPOSE

***To unite women of the congregation, for the total mission of the church, and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.***

Well ladies, Spring is not even in the air these days. There is snow on the ground, and when we think things are improving, more snow and cold weather are back again.

Now is the time to start thinking about our AGM's. I know we have our local AGM's at Christmas, or at least most of them, when we distribute our funds both within the Church and those groups in the area that need our help.

It is the Area or Regional UCW Annual Meetings that are being worked on these days. I must draw your attention to two meetings in the WUC— Chinook Winds & Northern Spirit Area. The former Foothills Presbyterial are holding a meeting on April 6th for any woman in the area who wishes to come and join with others, and the Chinook Winds & Northern Spirit are have their meeting in Edmonton in May. Please check on the information inside this Banner, and please, if you can, attend at least one of these meetings and show the rest of the Church that the Women of the United Church (UCW) do count.

Barbara.



**WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH:**  
**CHINOOK WINDS & NORTHERN SPIRIT**  
**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**  
**JANUARY 2024 E-BANNER**

Greetings Everyone:

*“May you have Happiness, Health, and Blessings throughout this new year”.*

The sub-executive committee has started the planning and organizing the AGM. This year it will be held 9 – 11 May 2024, at the Providence Centre in Edmonton. The Theme is: **“For the Beauty of the Earth – Caring for Creation”**. This is a very timely topic. Jenna Butler has been booked as one of our guest speakers. Jenna is an author, poet, scholar, and researcher of endangered environments. One of her ecological essays is a “Profession of Hope: Farming on the Edge of the Grizzly Trail.” - She operates an off-grid organic farm (called Larch Grove ) near Barrhead, in Treaty six territory. We are very pleased to have her as one of our guest speakers, I am sure her presentation will be very interesting and enlightening. I hope many of you will be able to attend our conference AGM this year. (Detailed information will be out in early spring).

We are still struggling to find people to fill the executive vacancies of President Elect and Corresponding Secretary. It is most imperative, and urgent that we ‘find’ a President-Elect and Corresponding Secretary before the AGM in May. Names need to be presented to the Nomination committee ahead of the AGM (before May) so that we can carry out proper voting procedures at the AGM. So, Please, if you think of someone in your local unit that would be interested, please contact them and submit names to Margery Wright, Nominations Committee. I will be doing some ‘searching’/calling/emailing as well. Perhaps with a collaborative effort, we will have some names to present for nomination. Thank You.

Blessings,

Eleanore



*For the Beauty of the Earth:*  
**Caring for Creation**

**Women of the United Church**  
Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Region  
**Conference and AGM**

**May 9-11, 2024**  
**Providence Renewal Centre**  
**3005 119 St. NW Edmonton**



**WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH:  
CHINOOK WINDS AND NORTHERN SPIRIT  
CONFERENCE AND AGM**



***“For the Beauty of the Earth:  
Caring for Creation”***

**May 9, 4:00 p.m. to May 11, 1:00 p.m., 2024**

**Providence Renewal Centre  
3005 – 119 St., Edmonton**

**ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME**

Please complete the Registration Form and mail with payment to the Registrar by April 5, 2024. Commuters please register by April 30, 2024. Make cheques payable to *Women of the United Church (WUC)* with *Gathering/AGM* in the Memo line.

**Registrar:** Margery Wright, 38 Danforth Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 4W8  
Email: [margery.j.wright@gmail.com](mailto:margery.j.wright@gmail.com) Phone : 780 419 3224

**Financial Assistance is available.** See the reverse side for information on the Christensen/Dryburgh Fund.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

- Staying at Providence, single room, shared bathroom, all meals and program \$250.
- Staying at Providence, room with ensuite bathroom, single, all meals and program, \$290
- Staying at Providence, room with ensuite bathroom, double, all meals and program, \$155 each

Roommate's name \_\_\_\_\_

- Commuter Package – not staying at Providence, includes all meals except breakfast \$130

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Dietary Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Other requests \_\_\_\_\_

Role or former role in UCW or WUC \_\_\_\_\_

**WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH: CHINOOK WINDS AND NORTHERN SPIRIT**  
**CHRISTENSEN /DRYBURGH MEMORIAL TRAVEL and EDUCATION FUND**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: Phones: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faith Community \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Plans \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Review:**

Course/Event Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging \_\_\_\_\_ Meals \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Funds \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

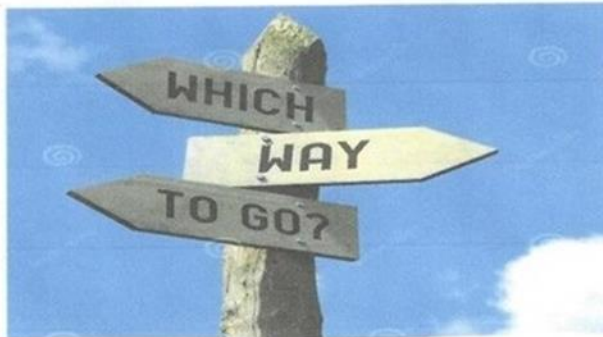
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**Submit to : Alice Bramley, 116 Hillcrest Blvd., Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 0A4**

**CHINOOK WINDS**  
**(FORMER) FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERIAL**

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)**  
**--- "WHERE ARE WE GOING?"**

**Join with the former Foothills Presbyterial for a  
Meet & Greet your Neighbour.**



**April 6, 2024**

**Camp Chestermere – 1041 East Lakeview Road,  
Chestermere, Alberta**

**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Cost : \$25 (includes lunch, snacks & craft  
supplies)**

**Registration closes : March 17, 2024**



**FORMER FOOTHILLS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN  
ANNUAL MEETING AND GET-TOGETHER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 2024.9:30 AM TO 3 PM**

**CAMP CHESTERMERE (1041 EAST LAKEVIEW  
ROAD,**

**CHESTERMERE, AB)**

**THEME: UCW – “WHERE ARE WE GOING”**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**



**CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION: 9:30 am (Coffee and goodies provided).**

**REGISTRATION FEE - \$25.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH)**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: WEDNESDAY, March 17th 2024**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Mobile or Land Line)**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate any Dietary Issues:** \_\_\_\_\_

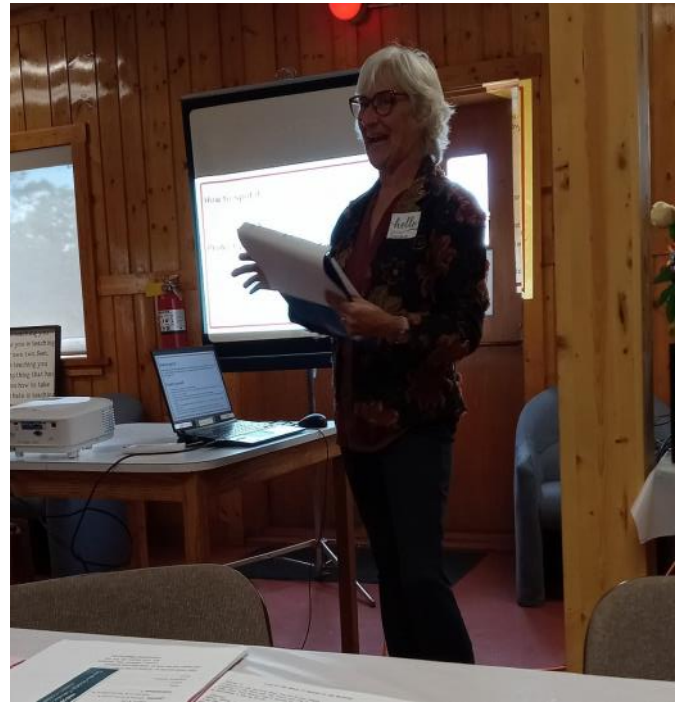
**JOIN BY ZOOM: YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment: Cheque or e-Transfer. Please make cheques out to: Foothills Presby-  
terial UCW and mail to: Eleanore Tribe PO Box 1528, Nanton, AB T0L 1R0.**

**ETransfers – email to: - [eleanoretribe.26@gmail.com](mailto:eleanoretribe.26@gmail.com)**

**(SILENT AUCTION: Please bring a small item for the Silent Auction. Proceeds will go  
towards our Student Bursary Fund.)**

***Hope to see you on the 6th April/24***







## AROUND OUR LOCAL UNITS.



### Fall Rally at Rundle's Mission

On September 18, Twenty-two Women of the United Church gathered for a fall rally at Rundle's Mission, the theme being "What Influences Your Life?" The women of Millet, MaMeO, Mulhurst and Wetaskawin hosted. We were greeted with smiles, muffins, tea and coffee.

The ladies had not met since 2019. Pat Hughes from Millet welcomed everyone. Eileen Lange of MaMeO was secretary. Terry Blois, Lesley Janke, and Linda Maki from Stony Plain led the morning and afternoon sing song.

Board member, Cindy, from Rundle's Mission, told us that everything was on hold at the Centre since 2019 as well. Programs resumed slowly in 2022. The fund-raising for the new elevator is still far short of the needed amount. 144 acres were donated by the Hutchinson family and the walking trails are being extended. The Centre has cabins for rent to groups or families. Check out their website <https://rundlesmission.org/> The mission has been part of Alberta for 175 years, since Robert Rundle established a mission in 1847. It is \$20 to become a member and new members are encouraged.

Stony Plain ladies conducted the morning worship service. The offering, after expenses, was donated to Rundle Mission for the elevator fund.

A short business meeting concluded that next year we will have a Women's Fall Rally in Stony Plain and Leduc will host in 2025.

A Memorial Service was led by Peggy Lunde for 35 ladies who passed away since the 2019 rally. They were each remembered with a butterfly posted on a blue back ground.

Everyone brought their own lunch which we shared by moving to tables where we met new friends. Some ladies took the opportunity to go outside, walk down to the lake, or check out the walking trails.

Our after lunch speaker was Darlene McPherson, from ATB Financial: Calmar, Warburg and Millet Agency. Her topic was Scams and Frauds. She gave us a good overview of what traps lie waiting for us. She introduced us to phishing which looks like a legitimate email; vishing which appears to be a legitimate phone call from a legitimate organization; and smishing which seems to be a legitimate text, also known as SMS phishing. She explored psychological manipulation, emergency scams and identity theft with us. Her final tip was to not use the free WiFi at Tim Horton's to do your online banking. Someone at the next table could steal your banking information.

Each community of Faith brought a poem or story which they shared and we ended with a monologue by Leduc. After the benediction we all had a sunny, fall drive home, planning to meet again next year.

## **POSITIONS NEEDING TO BE FILLED.**

### **At WUC —Chinook Winds & Northern Spirit.**

There are a number of positions which need to be filled if our joint Regional area is to continue. Please consider accepting one of the positions , as it makes the work much easier for all concerned, when we all do our part. It might not take up as much time as you think, or you might not need to travel as often or as far as you think. If you consider one of these positions, you may be able to delegate, and therefore share the load with someone else.

Sometimes we don't like to volunteer, but we like to take part in our groups, and if we have NO one to help arrange these little treats, we will need to disband, becoming the first area in the new structure to have no representation at the National Level.

At the National level, all areas of the Church, discuss and work out where the UCW is going, and how we are going to reach our goals. Meeting and mixing with the women from across the country, helps us in our endeavours to be the United Church Women. We have lots of fellowship, networking and great ideas that we work on, we also have speakers both from the National Church and from lay workers explaining how we work within the United Church and with the United Church to help obtain our goals.

The National UCW sets out our objectives, and how we will work to obtain them. Friendships both lifelong and short term are forged, and we remember that WE ARE IMPORTANT, that we ARE COUNTED, and that WE ARE SOMEBODY!

Please pray and think carefully about taking part in this wonderful organization that is the UNITED CHURCH WOMEN.



## National UCW Project.

The previous NUCW Project ( **Women for Change**) has ended, and a new Project was to be discussed and decided on at the National Meeting. Below, please see the outcome of that discussion and the decision made.

**UCW FIVE YEAR SPECIAL PROJECT SELECTION:** This year's NUCW Executive were challenged to select the next Five-Year Special Project from a list of four possible options.

This next Special Project follows on the success of our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary partnership choice -- *Women for Change – Zambia*. **THE HEALING FUND - Women and Children, was selected** for partnership with United Church Women as our next Five-year Special Project 2022 – 2027, to conclude at the 65<sup>th</sup> UCW Anniversary celebration.

## CAMP CHESTERMERE

*Would you like to attend an all day meeting on the shore of Lake Chestermere, located just east of Calgary on the TransCanada Highway?*

*If your answer is YES, then we have a treat in store for you!*

The Former Foothills Presbyterial (We need a new name) are holding a “Meeting and Greeting” day on 6th April of 2024 at Camp Chestermere. It will be an all day event, with a **meeting** to plan and sort the UCW business. We will have **speakers**, and that all important **greeting**, where we can mix and mingle with our neighbours throughout the area.

Registration will be required, this helps us with catering numbers, and a small fee will be applied.

Mark this date on your 2024 Calendar, it is the Saturday after Easter) and more information will be forthcoming in the next Banner (Newsletter).

## **Allocation: What it is and why it's needed**

Allocations are the money (\$2000.00) that each Presbyterial used to send to the Alberta Northwest Conference UCW Treasurer since the beginning of the organization. It has been used to cover the expenses of the Annual General Meetings, Annual Reports, Directories, honorarium for guest speakers and/or worship leaders, reimbursing mileage to executive members attending in-person meetings, office supplies, supplementing the cost of publishing the Banner Newsletter, M&S, overseas relief funds, special projects, etc., etc.

Over the last several years this amount has been greatly reduced, but some of it is still needed in order to continue the functioning of the organization. Since all but one of the old nine "Presbyterials" are no longer functioning as they used to, and we know that most Units are no longer able to do fundraising in order to raise the funds, we came up with a new way of meeting the need for collecting some of the said Allocation.

On April 30, 2021, at the Annual General Meeting by Zoom, we passed a motion saying: "We request each and every member of the Women of The United Church: Chinook Winds & Northern Spirit (aka ANW Conference UCW) pay \$11.00 per year/member to 'Women of The United Church', of which \$1.00 will go towards National Women's Travel Fund and \$10.00 towards allocation. This money can be collected by each Unit, but contributed by each member, or paid by their Unit itself, whichever they see fit. However, if any member finds the \$10.00 too much, they are welcome to contribute whatever they can".

This means that the responsibility lays on each and every UCW unit that is still functioning, (under the old or the new name) and is asked to contribute something towards the much needed funds. For example: If your Unit has 10 members you would send \$110.00, which would be shared with the National Women's Travel Fund, as explained above. Or, if your Unit is still very active and can afford to send more, that is most welcome too. We also ask that the Contact Person of each Area remind you of this each year and further explain it to you, if needed.

As the treasurer of Women of The United Church of both Regions 2 and 3, I thank you for your cooperation and support. Please make out your cheque to; Women of The United Church and send it to: Alice Bramley, 116 Hillcrest Blvd., Strathmore, Ab. T1P 0A4. Don't forget to put in the Memo below what it's for.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrine Giles

**Individual Memberships** have been requested from a number of ladies, who are not members of a UCW Unit. This could be due to the fact that Units have closed, a member is no longer able to travel to join in a UCW meeting, or various other reasons. The National UCW came up with this solution, and it was moved, seconded and passed at a National Meeting. If you think you would like an individual membership, please read the following information, and fill in the form and forward it to Alice Bramley, as noted on the form.

## WUC Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Region

### UCW Individual Membership

**PURPOSE:** Individual membership is available to women who agree with the Purpose of the United Church Women but are not able to attend a local UCW group. (UCW handbook p. 9)

Women who do not have a local UCW group available to them may become a member of WUC Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Region.

Individual members are required to pay any National Membership Fees and to give a donation to support the work of the Region and National UCW (UCW handbook p. 13)

#### **PROCEDURE**

Complete the Individual membership form and send it along with the membership fees to the Regional Treasurer.

Membership will be renewed annually.

The Regional Treasurer will communicate your membership and contact information to the President, The Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the applicable Area Contact person, and the Editor of the ebanner.

As a member, you will receive, via email, news about events happening within the Region and National UCW, be counted in the annual statistics, and be included in the Directory.

# UCW Individual Membership Form

## WUC Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Region

Please register me as an individual member of UCW, as I am aware of the following:

\*As an individual member, I will receive, via email, all news for events happening within the Region and from the National UCW.

\*I will also be counted on the yearly statistical form as a member of the Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Region.

\*Memberships are renewed annually.

\*My membership fees help my Area, Region and National plan events.

\*UCW women also always support The United Church of Canada's Mission & Service projects and our National UCW Special projects.

Please complete the following:

**Fees:** National UCW: \$1.00

Region: \$5.00

**Optional:** Mission & Service Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

National UCW Special projects: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make cheque payable to:** Women of The United Church

**Mail cheque and this form to:** Your Regional Treasurer

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P.O. Box 204,

Alliance,,

Alberta,

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petendia@gmail.com.

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH.**

As you probably know, the INFOPAC used to be sent to every United Church. There was a sheet included in that package, that was entitled "Keeping in Touch". This was the information sheet for the women of the United Church, and came from the National UCW. Since the INFOPAC is no longer being sent out, the National UCW decided that the women of the church needed the information that sheet contained, and so a committee was formed to make sure that the Keeping In Touch information was still being sent to the UCW ladies, and those who were interested. The first issue was sent out earlier this year, and a second issue was sent out in June. The distribution is from National UCW to contacts in the various regions, and those contacts are asked for forward to their contacts in the various areas. It should eventually trickle down to each local UCW group, and from their to each member of the UCW. If you have not seen a copy of Keeping in Touch, please contact your local unit, if they have not received it, contact the area contact, and so on up the line. The committee are hoping that eventually all women of the United Church, will be able to read about all the projects etc., for which the UCW is known, and what is going on around the country.

## **Food for thought**

Said the robin to the sparrow"

I should really like to know

Why these anxious human beings

Rush about and worry so"

Said the sparrow to the robin,

"Friend, I think that it must be

That they have no Heavenly Father

Such as cares for you and me.

(compiled by Jo Petty)

## Christensen/Dryburgh Memorial, Education and Travel fund.

This fund supports travel to an event within Alberta and Northwest Territories, covering both Regions -2 & 3. At the discretion of the Revue Committee, it may also be used to attend at places/events outside the borders of our two Regions – Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit. Events should be of an educational/Leadership quality for use within one's home church; events could be of an ecumenical, mission, interfaith, spiritual, youth or outreach interest. Funding is on a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> basis – 1/3 personnel, 1/3 supporting congregation or committee and 1/3 from the Fund to a maximum of \$500. Application forms maybe obtained only through the Banner or by contacting the administrator.

The new application form (on the previous page) is the new and revised form. It is shorter and simpler. We advise you to use this form when you are seeking financial assistance for an event. I will be more than happy to send you a copy for you to fill and return to me. While we have cut out some of the other documents that you had to send, with the old form, we do need this one for our Records, as an expense form.

If you are planning to attend the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in the summer and you choose to apply, we will assist you with a flat rate of \$150. However, you have to apply prior to the event, and you will receive the cheque after you return. We encourage you to apply. Money is there to assist you.

Applications should be forwarded to the administrator: Ms. Dianne Damman, PO Box 204, Alliance, AB, T0B0A0. Donations to this fund should be made out to: Christensen/Dryburgh Fund and forwarded to: Dianne Damman, address as above.



**WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH: CHINOOK WINDS AND NORTHERN SPIRIT**  
**CHRISTENSEN /DRYBURGH MEMORIAL TRAVEL and EDUCATION FUND**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: Phones: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faith Community \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Plans \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Review:**

Course/Event Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging \_\_\_\_\_ Meals \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Funds \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like a copy of the Banner or the EBanner sent to someone else in your group or to your friends?**

**Have you missed your copy of our UCW Newsletter?**

Copies of this newsletter are sent by mail to those who have provided us with an address, or emailed to those who would like a paperless copy.

**WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!**

A number of copies, both paper and electronic, that have been returned. The return of the paper copy tells the sender that the recipient has moved or is no longer at the address provided. In the case of the electronic copy, either the address is not recognized, or the mailbox is full.

If you move, change your email address or service provider, **could you please inform me, Barbara Davison,** I send out the electronic copy. **You can always send an email to : [albertaucwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:albertaucwnewsletter@gmail.com).**

**Cheques for paper copies (\$10 per year) should be made out to : Women of the United Church, Northern Spirit & Chinook Winds** and sent to Barbara Davison, 108—43 Westlake Circle, Strathmore, Alberta, T1P 1T6.

The electronic copy of your newsletter is free. It costs ***\$10 per year to receive a printed copy.*** . **If your subscription is due, (June) please pay the \$10 per year (3 copies).** If you have already paid for this coming year, your increase will show on your renewal. June is renewal month.

***Please*** keep sending reports and information about your upcoming events. If you don't send us the information, it cannot be printed and your information will not be circulated.

**Scams : if you receive anything (email or see a "link" entitled "UCW BANNER, - DO NOT OPEN IT—this is a SCAM address and not our Banner address. I do not send a "link" unless included in an article.** **Barbara.**