

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)



Your CS UCW continues to work within Canadian Shield Region. While we have been witness to the closure of several UCW units in the last few years the Canadian Shield UCW retains enthusiasm and momentum.

We continue to contribute financially to Mission and Service and specific projects chosen from the GIFT catalogue. As well CS UCW members contribute to the

National UCW five-year charity project, The Healing Fund, to help women, girls and families in need of support. Local charities in various communities also benefit from donations of monies and time of the individual UCW Units.

In 2023 the CS UCW put out a request for volunteers for the position of president and vice president. When no nominations were forthcoming the executive was reorganized so that duties of these two vacant positions would be divided amongst the remaining executive members. The chairing of CS UCW executive meetings rotates among the executive members. Dawn Monroe will remain on the executive as past president for one year and then resume her former executive position as CS UCW Archivist.

CS UCW continues to struggle with the geographical size of Canadian Shield Region. As many members begin to age, travelling long distance to meetings is not an option. The in person Annual General Meeting for 2023, which was to be held in Sault St. Marie, was cancelled due to lack of pre-registrations. Hope springs eternal as the CS UCW executive has for 2024 split the AGM into an online Business Meeting with online representatives from each UCW unit are invited to participate on May 1, 2024. The social aspect of the former in person AGM, with guest speakers etc, will be left up to each district, Algoma and Near North, to arrange and invite UCW members. The Near North district will invite the independent units up hwy 11 corridor and in the Sudbury area to participate with their social event. District gatherings will be advertised across CS UCW and on the CS UCW Facebook page so that members from all areas may register to attend any district UCW event. The executive leaves the idea of a full CS UCW gathering for future consideration.



CS UCW continues to send two representatives to the annual National UCW meeting in Toronto in the early fall. News from all UCW units highlighted in the CS UCW newsletter. We also continue the distribution of the NUCW newsletter 'Keeping in Touch'.

Respectfully

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