

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

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



In 2024 the CSUCW did not have any in person gathering but welcomed UCW members to participate in an online business meeting where such business as donations to charity and election of representatives to attend the NUCW meeting in Toronto were discussed. Financial donations were made to the National UCW charity campaign for The Healing Funds, Mission & Service, and support for the Rainbow Camp for Youth located in the Canadian Shield geographical region. We were also able to support women students in the ministry with a small financial donation. Heddys Stevenson from Algoma District and Cecilia Grasser for the Near North Region represented CSUCW at the September 2024 NUCW in Toronto.

We produce an electronic CS UCW Newsletter in the spring and fall providing news from individual UCW groups, regional news and invitations and Synopsys of NUCW news. We also continue the distribution of the NUCW newsletter 'Keeping in Touch'. The newsletters are a welcome connection for all our CS UCW members.

The CS UCW executive is currently has the following positions, a secretary, a treasurer, a representative from Algoma Division, co-representatives from Near North Division, a member from Sudbury, an archivist, and one member-at-large. While we meet most often via Zoom we have held one in person meeting executive meeting in Espanola. Executive meetings are conducted with each member taking a turn serving as chair. Requests to the regional membership for the positions of president, vice present, and a newsletter editor, have not garnered any new volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that while many of our individual UCW units will be Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada, the CS UCW will be hosting a regional in person meeting at St. Peter's UC, Sudbury, at the end of May 2025, celebrate the *Strength and Honour of the UCW* and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Barbara DeJeet, the president elect of the NUCW, will be our keynote speaker and of course there will be shared worship and camaraderie for all!

Respectively Submitted,  
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