

Four Rivers Presbyterial report to the EOORC—UCW

August 16, 2022

Our AGM was held on April 27, 2022 at Bethel U.C., Rideau Ferry, ON. The Theme was HOPE! Approximately 45 women were in attendance. The agenda was very fluid that day. Our guest speaker, whose topic was Human Trafficking, was unavailable to join us and our photographer was only available for a short time between engagements. It did not matter. Our day began with gathering hymns and learning the 60th UCW hymn, “Into Your Hands,” led by Barb De Jeet. Our morning worship also included the In Memoriam and Agape. The offering was designated for the Mayor’s Fund to support Ukrainian Students in Kingston. Members of our executive: Secretary, Treasurer, and Archivist spoke about their duties and responsibilities. Wow, two women stepped forward to shadow the Archivist and each of us learned something of the workings of the Presbyterial. The “surprise” was a skit preformed by the women from Grace UC, Gananoque and kept us in stiches. The new executive was installed by Regional President, Linda Stronski. As a standard practice items for the local food bank were collected. With appreciation to past president, Charlotte Hoy, for staying cool and focused—she ensured the day proceeded as if by clockwork. In 2023 our AGM will be at wall St UC, Brockville.

Our executive meeting was held on June 16 at Trinity UC, Smiths Falls. The main focus of the agenda was to plan our Fall Rally. This will be held at Christ UC, Lyn ON on October 19. Our theme is “Led by the Spirit”. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Terri Chedore, who will be speaking about her discernment “art” to become a Diaconal Minister. We do not have a poster as of yet.

We have asked the EOOR—UCW for direction regarding the name “presbyterial.” Is there a name suggestion and a consensus as to whether we should be consistent within our region?

Prior to seeing the NUCW individual membership notice, we thought it would be a good idea within our Presbyterial to offer this option. Once we, as a Regional UCW, decide how we will proceed with this, we will get the word out.ⁱ

We are working on our guidelines and hope to have something we can adopt in principle by early 2023. This will then be brought forward for a vote at the AGM 2023.

Our next executive meeting will be at Christ UC, Lyn on September 14.

Respectfully submitted,
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President, Four Rivers Presbyterial

ⁱ Individual Membership Individual membership is available to women who agree with the Purpose of the United Church Women but are not able to attend local UCW groups. Individual membership can be obtained through the Area or Regional/District UCW. Individual members will be kept up to date on what is happening within their Region/District and National UCW. A monthly devotion is available on the National UCW webpage providing spiritual growth and fellowship. Page 9 UCW Guidelines