

# ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024***

***EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGION***

***UNITED CHURCH WOMEN***

**Trinity St. Andrew's United Church, Renfrew, Ontario**

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

***Theme: Telling Our Stories***

**2nd Corinthians 3:2-3 “You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to one known and read by all.”**

**Jeremiah 30:2 “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you.”**



## **UCW Purpose**

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

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## **Vision Statement**

**As women of faith,  
We believe in nurturing Christian spirituality  
by reaching out through commitment and devotion  
to all God's people in the promotion of truth, justice, peace,  
caring, and respect for all throughout the earth, God's world;  
We believe in honouring God the Creator,  
and loving others through generous giving and joyful living;  
And we believe in affirming and strengthening ourselves  
both individually and together  
through creative study, prayer, and action.**

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## **Mission Statement**

**Love God  
Foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality.  
Promote respect and love for all God's creation.**

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## **Closing Prayer**

**(in unison)**

**And now, go with us, God, into the days ahead.  
Strengthen us for peace, Give us wisdom,  
Keep us humble,  
And may we live and work together, and so striving,  
Build a new and better world for tomorrow.  
Amen**

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## **AGENDA EOORC UCW AGM**

09:30 Registration and Refreshments and Fair Trade

10:00 Gather and Sing - Barb Dejeet and Lenna Whyte

Welcome - Nancy Hazen, EOOR UCW President

- Lighting the Christ Candle
- Land Acknowledgement
- UCW Purpose (in unison)

Greetings from Upper Valley UCW - Lee Torvi

Opening Motions - Nancy Hazen

- Voting members
- Approval of Agenda
- Designation of Offering for the Healing Fund

Morning Worship and Offering - Louise Shaw, Seaway Valley

In Memoriam - Louise Shaw, Seaway Valley

Business - Nancy Hazen

- Approval of Minutes of the 2023 EOOR UCW AGM
- Acceptance of the Financial Report
- Acceptance of the 2024 Budget
- Acceptance of Portfolio Reports
- EOOR UCW Student Gift Program – Carolle Dallas Arbuckle
- 65th Anniversary Update – Kim Baird
- Summer Event - Charlotte Hoy
- Nominations for President Elect of National UCW

Grand River Books - Pat Gilmore

12:00 to 1:30 – LUNCH

1:30 Gather and Sing - Barb DeJeet and Lenna Whyte

SURPRISE - Four Rivers Area UCW

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle

Guest Speaker - Betty Radford Turcott

Thank Speakers - Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle

Nomination Report - Kim Baird

Installation of Executive - Norma Wrightly

Courtesies - Lee Torvi, Upper Valley UCW

Closing Remarks - Nancy Hazen

Motion to Adjourn - Ellen Muise

## **EOOR UCW President's Report**

EOOR UCW consists of four regions: Four Rivers (President Norma Wrightly), Seaway Valley (President Louise Shaw), Ottawa (President Nancy Desjardins) and Upper Valley (President Lee Torvi).

Last September, I was able to attend the National United Church Women's AGM at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, Ontario, along with EOOR UCW Vice President, Charlotte Hoy. The theme of the meeting was "Where There's Faith There's Hope". At this meeting, Barbara Davison assumed the position of National UCW President.

Throughout the past year, I attended the Area UCW AGMs in April and our EOOR Annual UCW AGM, which was held last May 9 at Bells Corners United Church in Ottawa. The guest speakers were Ellie and Clark Topp, who spoke on the topic of Guaranteed Livable Income. This Fall, I was able to attend two Seaway Valley UCW events, one in Bishop Mills and the other in Winchester.

As I come to the end of my term as EOOR UCW President, I want to say how honoured I have felt to have so many caring women from the different areas who made me feel so welcome at their meetings. Lastly, I want to thank my wonderful executive who has been so supportive and helpful and an extra special thank you to my secretary, Ellen Muise, who has helped me enormously and made my job so much easier. Our Executive will miss Ellen, as she retires this spring.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing everyone at our EOOR UCW Area AGMs in April and our EOOR UCW Annual AGM on May 6 at Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew, Ontario.

Blessings,

Nancy Hazen,  
EOOR UCW President.

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## **EOOR UCW Vice-President's Report**

As an avid UCW member I have been very busy in our Region to be visible as a face to a name. I strive to be at as many events and meet as many people as I can. To this end in the past year, I have attended AGM's of Seaway Valley, Four Rivers, Ottawa ( by Zoom) and also the Regional AGM. At the Regional AGM I spoke about the Affirming educational process that had taken place over the last two years. The vote was passed to allow our Region to be Affirmed!! All inclusive ... everyone welcome!! In September, I went to Toronto to attend the National UCW Gathering. This was from Monday to Friday, all day for information and decisions which relate to all United Church

Women. I met women from across Canada with all the same issues as we face ... lack of people to step up to leadership roles. I also had the honour to announce that EOR UCW Region would host the 65th Anniversary of the UCW.

In my role as Vice-President I have endeavoured to help Nancy Hazen in all that she had to do in her role as President. I thank her for the support and encouragement that she has shown me over the past two years.

Submitted  
Charlotte Hoy

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### **Leadership Report**

The Annual UCW Leadership workshop was held in Cornwall on October 18, 2023. Rev Takouhi Demirdjian-Petra spoke on Pastoral Care - how we are all called to offer words of hope and comfort to our friends and family as well as others in our church community. We do not need to be a Minister!! She shared stories and examples of care and silence. The biggest thing she stressed was not to be afraid of silence. Sometimes just your presence is enough. Everyone participated in discussion, questions and resources were handed out. These included sheets with ideas and tips, spiritual prayers and readings for everyone to take home and use. Everyone had very positive feedback on the day.

Respectfully submitted  
Charlotte Hoy

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### **Stewardship Report**

No Stewardship Report submitted.

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### **Resources Report**

There are many books and poems available for us to use in our services at UCW meetings. There is the Gathering magazine which is put out by the United Church and is available through your churches or online.

Devotional books are also useful when preparing devotions for meetings. The following reference books were mentioned in my report before but I think bear repeating.

“Room at My Table” - Preparing Heart and Home for Christian Hospitality by Evelyn Bence. “Anchors for the Soul” - Daily wisdom for inspiration and guidance by Joyce Rupp. “Ordinary Heroes” - Celebrating United Church Women, published for our 50th Anniversary in 2012 edited by Noelle Boughton for United Church Publishing house.

Books to be used as study sessions throughout the year: *HOLY ENVY* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book is about finding God in the faith of others. *REBEKAH—the Valley of Hope* by Betty Radford Turcott. This is a brilliant portrayal of the day-to-day life of a strong and interesting woman of the *Bible*. As one of the matriarchs of the Biblical story, her life unfolds in this book, from birth to death, a leader of the women of her time. I found it an excellent read. *The Woman's Book of Spirit*, by Sue Patton Thoele is filled with meditations to awaken our inner wisdom.

I receive many readings from Diana Butler Bass daily via email. These too can be used as resources for us. I'm sure there are many more for us to use but these are a few which I have used.

Blessings,  
Barb DeJeet

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## 65th Anniversary United Church Women

As a region, the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional UCW was pleased to learn that we were awarded, last February, the opportunity to host the 65 th Anniversary UCW in 2027. I am happy to report on some of the preliminary details that have been put in place thus far.

The planning committee members are as follow:

Kim Baird – Chair  
 Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle – Treasurer/Registrar  
 Nancy Desjardins – Tours and Travel Arrangements (arrivals/departures of delegates)  
 Charlotte Hoy – Worship and Music  
 Linda Stronski - Banners  
 Cheryl Sullivan – Audio Visual, Promotion/Advertising, Event Booklet  
 Denise Wood - Banners  
 President of EOR UCW – Nancy Hazen (Ex Officio)

Date: July 19 – 23, 2027

Venue: Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport; 2400 Alert Road

Theme: Hear Our Voice

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1 (Wisdom's Call) "Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?"

While there has been much discussion on several areas such as guest speakers, worship leaders, music, these are still in the planning stages. It is with many thanks to East Central Ontario Region (ECOR) UCW for doing the grunt work on possible delegate welcome bags. With all of the information the committee made a decision to purchase the welcome bags from the Curve Lake Whetung Ojibwa Gift Shop.

Registration forms will be available Fall 2026. Keep an eye out for upcoming information on available grants to attend the 65 th Anniversary through the Agatha Kassa and Dorothy Amos funds.

Our heartfelt thanks to ECOR UCW and Quebec UCW and the many members from EOR UCW offering their help in any way. In the near future we will be looking for volunteers to help before and during the celebration week. Many of the committee members will be looking to create sub committees to lighten the workload. If anyone is interested at this time to volunteer, please speak to any of the committee members or you can reach us at [ucw65anniversary@united-church.ca](mailto:ucw65anniversary@united-church.ca)

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Baird, Chair

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## Area UCW Reports

### Ottawa President's Report

At the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region's Annual Meeting on May 9, 2023, I was voted in as President of the Ottawa Area. At that time I did not anticipate all the challenges I would encounter in the year to come. As a result our Executive did not meet and for that I apologize.

I thank the members of the Ottawa UCW Executive for continuing to do the work of our committee. Everyone fulfilled their roles and ensured that everything that needed to get done was accomplished.

Moving into 2024-2025, my health had improved and I am planning on getting the Committee together to plan get together for our area and to see what new ideas we can come up with.

If your UCW group would like me to attend one of your meetings, I would be excited to attend. The goal would be for me to find out what your UCW would like our Committee to do to support your group, and also to find out what activities your group would be interested in attending in the coming year. I can be reached by e-mail at [oldchurchmouse@sympatico.ca](mailto:oldchurchmouse@sympatico.ca) or 613-830-2565.

I look forward to a new and better tomorrow, as God walks with us as we serve our church and our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Desjardins.

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## Four Rivers President's Report

*Galatians 5:25 ESV: If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.*

Four Rivers Area/Presbyterial is an Affirming ministry, situated in the southwest corner of the Region. Within Four Rivers there are a few single memberships and 15 local UCW's, some of which are really struggling to stay active. Leadership seems to be one of the problems. However, it is wonderful to hear of places who have 4 members that continue to live out the UCW purpose in various ways. We have contact names in other churches.

As I end my term of office as Four Rivers Area/Presbyterial president, I would like to state that it has been a rewarding experience to sit on the EOR UCW executive. I've been able to make new friends and get reacquainted with women I'd lost track of. I appreciate the work that has been done and that which is before the new executive. I would say that Four Rivers Area Presbyterial is filled with and led by the Spirit. Twice a year we meet as a larger group to fully experience the UCW purpose in a one-day event. In the spring we have our Annual Meeting and, in the fall, we have our Fall Rally. "Circles of Care" was the theme for our AGM held on April 12, 2023. Our theme hymn was "Draw the Circle Wide." We met at Wall St. United Church in Brockville. Our guest speaker was Denise March, from Beacon Bags, who spoke on the very real and serious problem of human trafficking in Canada. In the Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa triangle, including our own communities, particularly, the rural ones, she told us about the threat to our children and youth, especially, those who are very vulnerable. Our offering went to support the work this charity does in helping victims.

The skit was hilarious—thanks to St. Paul's UCW, Perth. All I am going to say is be aware of who sits behind you in church—their actions may be more innocent than what they seem.

The "In Memoriam" is held once a year in recognition of the UCW women who have passed away since our last AGM. Our Archivist, Elaine Farley, keeps a record of the names and, also, files any funeral cards, newspaper clippings etc. about these women.

Voting on the Four Rivers Area/Presbyterial "Job Descriptions, Duties and Responsibilities" hand book is deferred to the 2024 AGM.

"Praise, Sing and be Merry" was the theme for our Fall Rally held at Delta United Church. "When in Our Music God is Glorified" VU # 533 was the theme hymn. This was a new hymn for many. Some women found this to be a challenge and the jury is still out as to whether it will show up on a Sunday morning at their home churches or not. However, it is only by being exposed to the new that we can make those decisions. As part of our Roll Call, each church was asked to stand and either sing or say together words from a hymn that spoke to the Theme. What a variety of hymns were chosen, there was only one repeat.

Paul Sales was our speaker who led us in singing familiar and new hymns featured in “Then, Let Us Sing,” the UCC new on-line worship resource.

Our offering, \$474.00, was designated for the Healing Fund—NUCW initiative. Dizzie Lizzie’s (aka Irene Tennant, president of Wall St. UCW) performance had us all laughing. While Irene has said that this might have been the last stand-up performance of Lizzie, we hope not.

At these gatherings, we always collect food items for the local food bank. Our executive met in February, June, September, and November. Officers, portfolio/special events chairpersons, members at large, and local UCW presidents or their designee are part of the executive. Business such as dues, duties, single memberships, were a small part of the work we carried out in 2023. Of course, planning for our AGM and Fall Rally always form a large part of these meetings.

Respectfully,  
Norma Wrightly

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## **Seaway Valley President’s Report**

An AGM is a time to look back, remember and highlight what took place the past year, 2023. Many of the churches in Seaway Valley have closed or are sold, and several are without clergy. Since Covid, the United Church Women in Seaway Valley Area have discovered new ways to reach out and be a light in their church community. I have heard of so many new things that they have tried as a way of outreach and fundraising for their church.

Seaway Valley UCW met four times in 2023 with approximately 25 women in attendance. Each meeting starts with coffee/tea and muffins, we worship together, we have an interesting enrichment time (it varies), we always enjoy a delicious lunch together, and we end the day with business and the benediction.

Our AGM was held on April 11, 2023, at St. John’s-First Responders United Church in Cardinal. Johnstown UCW led the Worship and Memorial Service with the message that “greatness comes from serving-giving of yourself to help God and others and the Bible promises us hope; public servants, who put on their uniform and continue doing their jobs, are the unsung heroes, needing our prayers more than ever. We heard how St. John’s have turned their old building into a new ministry. The Sunday School rooms have been converted into sleeping quarters and other areas have become shared spaces hosting retreat participants during the week. The mission of First Responders United Church is to provide a therapeutic retreat for First Responders to promote and support their recovery from operational traumatic stress incidents that they are exposed to in their career. Motions were made to become an Affirming UCW Region, to support the EOOR UCW to host the UCW’s 65 th Anniversary and to donate 4200.00 to the EOOR UCW Student Gift Program.

In June, our meeting was held at Salem United Church in Summerstown, Ontario. We opened our meeting with a short history of the United Church of Canada as we celebrated the 98 th Anniversary. We sang “The Churches’ One Foundation is Jesus Christ Our Lord” as our opening hymn. Ingleside UCW led in worship using Luke 24:13-35, “The Walk to Emmaus”. We sang “Walk With Me” and “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”. During the enrichment time, we heard a presentation about dementia and Alzheimer’s and the difference between the two. We were told about “Project Lifesaver” which uses technology to assist in the search and rescue efforts for those with dementia who have wandered away. Project Lifesaver” has proven to reduce the search time which can prevent your loved one from harm.

The September meeting was held at St. Andrew’s United Church at Bishops Mills. Cathy Ashby, the Executive Director of the House of Lazarus, in Mountain, led the opening worship. The opening hymn was “Let Us Build a House”. Her message brought to our attention that both stories, from the Gospel of Luke, “The Rich Man and Lazarus” and “The Death of Lazarus” represent the need and grief so often found in our communities. The story of Jesus’ friend, Lazarus, reveals how uncertainty, sickness and despair can leave people isolated and alone. A community of compassionate people is essential to meet the need. The House of Lazarus is such a place sharing the hope and love that Jesus exemplified. Her message ended with the singing of “Go Make a Difference”.

Cathy Ashby also shared a very informative Powerpoint presentation. Louise Shaw closed the meeting with “Reach out and touch and let the love of God shine through you”.

The November meeting was held at Winchester United Church. The Winchester UCW led the worship with “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace” as their Remembrance Day theme. Bob McGuire, from War Amps, was the guest speaker for the Enrichment Time. Bob was one of the first kids in the “CHAMP” Program and he told us how donations empower young amputees-providing them with artificial limbs and valuable peer connections that give them the tools and confidence to succeed. He said thanks to you, we also remain a strong advocate for the rights of amputees, including adults and veterans.

After lunch, Nancy Steele, author of “Stepping Stones”, who suffers from Irritable Bowel Syndrome, told us about the strategies God gave her to cope with her illness and the obstacles of fear, despair and discouragement. They were: 1. Go to God. 2. Go to God first. 3.Count your blessings. 4. Positive thinking. 5. To love intentionally. Everyone enjoyed Nancy’s presentation and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The usual business followed, we approved the minutes and the Treasurer’s Report, donated \$400.00 to Mission and Service, approved the budget for 2024, and gave \$100.00 to Rideau Hill Camp. This year, we started collecting money for the Native Healing Fund in jars set on each table. We will continue until the 65th Anniversary.

We heard the NUCW and EOR UCW Report from Nancy Hazen. Carolle Dallas Arbuckle reported on the 65 NUCW Anniversary which is to be held in Ottawa, July 19-24, 2027. Carolle also told us about the Student Gift Program. Several Women from Seaway Valley UCW Area attended Summer Event in Morrisburg, Ontario and appreciated the time spent in preparation for the event by Charlotte Hoy and Barb DeJeet.

The Seaway Valley UCW Area will hold their AGM on April 9th, 2024, hosted by Knox-St. Paul's, Cornwall. Catered lunch for \$13.00, we are still working on the details. Johnstown UCW has offered to host the June 11th, 2024, meeting. I am very grateful for all of the women in the Seaway Valley UCW Area. We so enjoy getting together for worship and music, fellowship and delicious food. Our UCW Area continues to reach out and be the "hands and feet of Christ" in our churches and communities and beyond. As we go into the future, we walk together in hope and joy, thankful for all that is, and will be. We do not know what tomorrow holds. We do know, however, that we follow the path of strong, capable women who left us a great legacy and pattern for living as stated in our Purpose:

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Shaw

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## **Upper Valley President's Report**

In 2023, Upper Valley UCW enjoyed a full year of regular meetings post pandemic—the first full year of meetings since 2019. Representatives of 13 UCW units attended our quarterly meetings, half-day meetings on the third Monday of January, June and October, plus our April 17 annual meeting. We very much appreciate that Trinity St Andrew's, Renfrew, UCW has continued to host all of those meetings. Renfrew's central location minimises the required travel time; nevertheless a drive of 45 minutes to an hour is required for half of our units.

A silver lining to the dark cloud of COVID is our increased appreciation for getting together in person. About 15 women attended our regular quarterly Presbyterial (We still use that familiar term.) executive meetings, with some units sending two representatives balancing absences of some who had to send regrets.

Our quarterly meetings followed our familiar agenda with an important component being the individual unit reports, hearing what each UCW is doing and learning from their experiences. These are oral reports with lots of questions and answers. Much of the information tells of the donations made and the fundraisers held. I remain awed by

UCW members' commitment to outreach and service. Devotions too are much valued. Last year, two recently widowed members gave very moving messages based on their lives and experiences. The names and check-in are usually fun. At our January meeting, we went round the circle naming women in the Bible, the idea inspired by Betty Turcott being the guest speaker at the EOOR AGM in May.

Holding our annual meeting in April, 2023 was definitely a highlight of the year. Seventy-four women attended and all enjoyed hearing the Military Wives Choir from Petawawa. Since that meeting, awareness of the choir has led to their accepting invitations to other UCW events in Upper Valley. I wish also to thank those from other areas of EOOR UCW who joined us for the meeting. It was a delight to have you with us. And special thanks to Nancy (Hazen) who is so generous and conscientious in carrying out the responsibilities of EOOR UCW President.

Upper Valley UCW has made a few changes this year. Our executive has changed: Our long-time secretary was no longer able to continue in that position. However, we were delighted and relieved that another member immediately stepped in to fill that void. At our January meeting, when much of the AGM planning takes place, we were also delighted to have a volunteer for the long vacant position of vice president. That means a full slate of officers will be installed at our April 15, 2024, AGM. Another change is in how we organize our individual units. For many years, our Presbyterial had four groups of about five UCW units each. These groups each held a rally in the spring to supplement the Presbyterial's annual general meeting. Now with fewer units and fewer members, four groupings have been changed to two, so we now have Upper Valley East units and Upper Valley West units, with Renfrew representing the dividing line. Rallies have not resumed since the pandemic but the idea of having a second event in the year will be discussed at our next quarterly meeting.

Financially, Upper Valley UCW is stable. Our dues were always based on the projected expenses, and the pandemic shutdown reduced our expenses: without holding meetings we had reduced mileage costs and our executive chose not to accept honorariums. Therefore our bank balance in 2023 allowed us to suspend membership dues to our member units. That decision was especially appreciated by the smaller rural churches that were struggling financially. They are pleased to continue their enthusiastic support for the re-established Student Aware program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Torvi

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## Nominations Report

The proposed new executive for 2024-2025 is as follows:

President	Charlotte Hoy
Vice-President	Betty Radford Turcott
Past President	Nancy Hazen
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle
Stewardship	Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle
Leadership	Charlotte Hoy
Resources	Barbara DeJeet
Nominations	Nancy Hazen
Members at Large	Linda Hamon, Kim Baird, Sharon Hinton, Linda Stronski

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Hazen

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## Financial Reports

### Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional UCW – EOR – General Accounting

**Income Statement** - This statement reports the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

#### Revenues

NUCW Leadership Grant	375.00	
EOR General Donations	484.00	
EOR UCW Dues	2,022.00	
EOR UCW – AGM	565.00	
Summer Event	4,590.00	
Bank Interest	<u>1.02</u>	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$8,037.02</b>
National UCW Dues	1,929.00	
The Healing Fund	2,750.20	
Mission & Service	1,485.00	
Student Gift Program	<u>1,625.00</u>	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$7,789.20</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$15,826.22</b>

#### Expenses

EOR UCW – AGM	771.10
Summer Event	4,054.50
Leadership Day	390.00
Honorarium	400.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Bank Charges	<u>288.23</u>

<b>Sub Total</b>		\$6,303.83
National UCW Due	1,929.00	
The Healing Fund	2,750.20	
Mission & Service	1,485.00	
Student Gift Program	<u>3,000.00</u>	
<b>Sub Total</b>		\$9,164.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$15,468.03</b>

**Notes:**

Under Revenue, I have separated the funds that stay within EOR and the funds that are designated somewhere else. This way we will know how much money we have to spend.

As of December 31, 2023 the Student Gift Program has \$1,350.00 to start the year.

Bank account balances: \$17,406.73

Minus designated funds: Student Gift Program \$ 1,350.00

Total in Bank account for our use \$16,056.73

Submitted by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle – Treasurer EOR UCW

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**Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW – EOR Anniversary Account**

**Income Statement** – This statement reports the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**Revenues**

General Donation – cheque from UCC	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

**Expenses**

Bank Charges	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>

**Notes:** Bank account balance: \$24,982.00

Submitted by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle – Treasurer EOR UCW

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**EOR 2024 Budget**

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
<b>Revenues</b>			
Four Rivers	\$807.00	\$1,365.00	\$204.00
Ottawa	\$1,476.00	\$1,427.00	\$412.00
Seaway Valley	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$140.00
Upper Valley	\$690.00	\$843.00	\$175.00
Annual meeting	\$500.00	\$565.00	\$500.00
NUCW Leadership Grant	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Summer Event	\$3,000.00	\$4,590.00	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$- 0	\$- 0	\$- 0

Interest	\$1.00	\$1.02	\$1.00
Student Gift Program	\$500.00	\$1,625.00	\$1,000.00
NUCW Special Project			
- The Healing Fund	\$500.00	\$2,750.20	\$1,000.00
Mission & Service	\$- 0	\$1,485.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,449.00</b>	<b>\$15,826.22</b>	<b>\$8,307.00</b>

### Expenses

Annual Meeting	\$500.00	\$771.10	\$600.00
Mid Week (Fall Rally)	\$300.00	\$- 0	\$300.00
Leadership Day	\$375.00	\$390.00	\$375.00
Affirming Canada	\$- 0	\$- 0	\$100.00
Executive meetings	\$600.00	\$- 0	\$600.00
President's Honoriam	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Office Administration	\$200.00	\$- 0	\$200.00
Archives	\$100.00	\$- 0	\$100.00
Summer Event	\$5,000.00	\$4,054.50	\$5,000.00
Bank Charges	\$10.00	\$288.23	\$300.00
National UCW Dues	\$1,161.00	\$1,929.00	\$931.00
NUCW Special Project			
-The Healing Fund	\$2,400.00	\$2,750.20	\$1,000.00
Mission & Service	\$2,000.00	\$1,485.00	\$1,000.00
Student Grant Program	\$900.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,046.00</b>	<b>\$15,468.03</b>	<b>\$12,006.00</b>
Opening Balance	\$16,649.05	\$17,048.54	\$17,406.73
Diff. Income over expenses	-\$5,598.00	\$358.19	-\$3,699.99
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$11,051.05</b>	<b>\$17,406.73</b>	<b>\$13,706.74</b>

Note: EOR Executive voted to suspend the Region dues for the year 2024.

Dues \$1.00 per member collected will go to National UCW  
February 6, 2024, submitted by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle

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Nancy Hazen, EOR UCW President

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Ellen Muise, EOR UCW Secretary



## Attachment

### **EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGION UNITED CHURCH WOMEN 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region United Church Women (EOR UCW) met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at the Bells Corners United Church for their Annual Meeting.

In attendance were: Nancy Hazen, President EOR UCW; Kim Baird, Ellen Muise, Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, Linda Hamon, Louise Shaw, Lee Torvi, Nancy Desjardins, Charlotte Hoy, Arla Bailey, Barb McGonegal, Janice Burroughs, Valerie Bowes, Betty Faith, Linda Loveday, Martha Townshend-Colford, Beth Gutsell, Jean Butler, Joan Fletcher, Valerie Bowes, Lenna Whyte, Betty Lou Kempt, Audrey Cormack, Jean Robinson, Brenda King, Linda Loveday, Theresa Morin, Sharon Hinton, Desma Salway.

Regrets: Linda Stronski, Norma Wrightly, Barb DeJeet

Guests: Ellie and Clarke Topp.

We began the day with music led by Louise Shaw, President of Seaway Valley UCW Area. Marlene Pay Po was the pianist for the day.

Nancy Hazen, President opened the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle, spoke to the land acknowledgement, and led attendees in the UCW Purpose.

Martha Townshend Colford, Secretary for the Ottawa Area UCW Executive, greeted attendees and introduced members of the EOR UCW Executive.

The meeting continued with the following opening motions:

- Moved by Lee Torvi, seconded by Ellen Muise, that all UCW members in attendance be voting members. Motion Carried
- Moved by Louise Shaw, seconded by Beth Gutsell, that all those guests in attendance be considered corresponding members. Motion carried.
- Moved by Sharon Hinton, seconded by Barb McGonegal, that the offering be designated for the Healing Fund, the current UCW Project.

Betty Faith and members of the Four Rivers Area Presbyterian led in devotions, with Scripture reading, a walk down memory lane with a 1983 photo directory for Bells Corners United Church, a poem "Every Day a Joy to Live", and a closing prayer by Helen Steiner Rice "After the Winter, God Sends the Spring".

Kim Baird from Seaway Valley Area, presented the In Memoriams in honour of UCW members and other church women who passed away in 2022, lighting a candle and expressing gratitude for the work of those no longer with us, reading a Psalm, and reading a piece of music "Standing Before Us", written by Carole Etzler. leading in singing "Give Thanks for Life" (VU 706).

The business of the meeting continue with the following motions:

- Moved by Eillen Muise, seconded by Carolle Dallas Arbuckle, that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2022 of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region United Church Women be approved as issued. Motion carried.
- Kim Baird reviewed the 2022 Financial Statements and moved their adoption, seconded by Valerie Bowes. A number of questions were raised and answered. Motion carried.
- Kim Baird reviewed and moved the adoption of the 2023 Budget, seconded by Linda Hamon. Discussion ensued. Motion carried. Kim thanked all those who supported UCW endeavours.
- Carolle Dallas Arbuckle moved that Area Reports be accepted as reported, seconded by Lee Torvi. Motion carried.

Charlotte Hoy, Vice-President EOOR UCW introduced the topic "Becoming an Affirming UCW Region" in preparation for the vote. She noted that until a Mission Statement had been developed and approved, we would not be aligned with Affirm Canada. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Charlotte Hoy, seconded by Kim Baird, that the EOOR UCW become an all-inclusive, affirming region. A request was made that the vote be taken by secret ballot. The result of the vote was 22 for and 7 against. Motion carried.

Audrey Cormack moved, seconded by Lenna Whyte, that ballots be destroyed.

Lee Torvi, President of Upper Valley UCW Presbyterial, explained the EOOR UCW Student Gift Program in preparation for the vote to approve this initiative. She noted that before the UCC restructuring, the Bay of Quinte Conference UCW had that program for many years. She also noted that at the first EOOR UCW general meeting, a motion was approved for our EOOR UCW to establish such a program . Its purpose is to support students from our region in their education for ministry. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Lee Torvi, seconded by Betty Faith, that the EOOR UCW approve the Student Gift Program as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lee Torvi, seconded by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, that \$500 be retained in the fund each year to ensure there would be funds for the following year. Motion carried.

Charlotte Hoy introduced a "Proposal for EOR UCW Hosting the 65th Anniversary of National UCW", reading the draft proposal and outlining the benefits of hosting it in Ottawa and showcasing our areas. It was noted that other regions have expressed their support. The decision would be made at National on which region's submission was the winning one in the fall. It was noted that UCW National Funds are available to offset expenses. Discussion ensued. Moved by Charlotte Hoy, seconded by Barb McGonegal, that a proposal be submitted to the National UCW that EOR UCW host the 65th anniversary celebrations. Motion carried.

Carolle Dallas Arbucke introduced the Nomination Report, noting that Area Presidents are voted on by their areas and automatically sit on the EOR UCW Executive. She requested nominations from the floor three times. There being none, Kim Baird moved, seconded by Charlotte Hoy, that the slate of officers be accepted as presented on Page 14 of the AGM booklet with corrections to the years 2022-2023 should be changed to 2023-2024 and the spelling of Carolle's name. Motion carried.

Upper Valley Area presented a "Surprise". Lee Torvi led us in a song with the refrain "Glory, glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, glory, hallelujah", ending in "Church women we are strong", followed by a funny skit by Upper Valley members about the foibles of church attendees and where people sat in church.

Nancy Hazen reviewed the Summer Event poster.

Lenna Whyte sang the "World Hunger Grace" before the lunch break.

Karen Gardner thanked the UCW for the monetary gift to offset the cost of attending the 60th Anniversary of UCW.

After lunch, Louise Shaw led a brief hymn sing.

Martha Townshend Colford introduced guest speakers Ellie and Clark Topp whose presentation was on Guaranteed Livable Income. They reviewed the slides in their presentation and answered numerous questions, after which Martha thanked our guest speakers.

The installation of the new executive was led by Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle based on the Service for Dedication and Installation (UCW Executive) in the UCW Handbook. Carolle

introduced those members of the 2023 EOR UCW Executive present.

Carolle Dallas Arbuckle led us in an Agape service, a time of sharing, friendship and faith, with prayers and rice crackers and grapes for the meal.

Lee Torvi thanked all those who attended and those who prepared the day and asked all to pat themselves on the back.

Nancy Hazen thanked those who donated to the Healing Fund and noted our appreciation for the work of our guest speakers, Carolle Dallas Arbuckle for the installation of the new slate of officers, to the accompanist Marlene, and to the executive for their support, then led us in the closing prayer.

Ellen Muise moved at 2:40 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

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Nancy Hazen, EOR UCW President

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Ellen Muise, EOR UCW Secretary

## STANDING BEFORE US

These are the women who throughout the decades  
have led us and helped us to know,  
Where we have come from and where we are going,  
the women who've helped us to grow.

CHORUS:

Standing before us, making us strong.  
Lending their wisdom to help us along,  
Sharing a vision, sharing a dream,  
touching our thoughts, touching our lives  
Like a deep flowing stream.

These are the women who joined in the struggle,  
angry and gentle and wise,  
These are the women who called us to action,  
who called us to open our eyes.

CHORUS

These are the women who nurtured our spirits,  
the ones on whom we could depend,  
These are the women who gave us their courage,  
our mentors, our sisters, our friends.

CHORUS

These are a few of the women who led us,  
we know there have been many more.  
We name but a few, but we honor them all,  
those women who went on before.

CHORUS

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