

Rideau Park United Church Women Terms of Reference

Purpose

To unite all women of Rideau Park United Church (RPUC) congregation for the total mission of the Church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service.

1. The United Church Women (UCW) is one of the organizations of the Congregation and has a representative on and liaises with both the RPUC Council and the RPUC Committee of Stewards;
2. The UCW provides an annual written report to the Congregation. The report forms part of the RPUC Annual Report tabled at annual meeting of the Congregation.

Responsibilities

General

Our Mission is to love God, to foster Christian faithfulness, spirituality, commitment and devotion and to promote love and respect by living generously and giving joyfully to all God's people and to affirm and strengthen ourselves creatively.

Specific

The Function of United Church Women in the RPUC Congregation:

1. To provide opportunity for fellowship and mutual support.
2. To encourage growth in Christian understanding and faith through sharing in worship, Bible study, and involvement with church-oriented activities.
3. To encourage informed participation in the mission of the Church, the congregation, the community, the nation and the world.
4. To cultivate Christian stewardship in all of life.
5. To share financially in supporting the National Church through the Mission & Service Fund; helping meet the needs of the congregation by supporting the church budget; sharing Presbyterial and Conference expenses for United Church Women; and supporting community undertakings.
6. To develop Christian leadership for the Church community.
7. To encourage ecumenical understanding.
8. The UCW contributes to the total mission of the Church and the financial resources of Rideau Park United Church through:
 - The annual church bazaar which brings together, in a great adventure of stewardship, all Units of the UCW, along with many other men, women, and youth of our congregation. It is an opportunity to offer our talents and time in a special way, to enjoy fellowship and to create a sense of community;
 - Individual Units contribute during the year through projects such as Nearly New sales, book sales, bake table sales, catering dinners and teas, organizing Bridge Marathons, penny auctions and other projects.

Membership

Any woman who is willing to contribute to the work of the church may participate in United Church Women. A Life Membership pin and certificate are available to any member of the UCW whom a UCW group may wish to honour.

The UCW is responsible for its own organization, membership and recruitment of members to serve as Executive.

The UCW has voting representatives on and that attend the meetings of:

- RPUC Council; by virtue of the position the President of the UCW is the representative.
- Stewards; a representative nominated by the UCW Executive

The Executive includes the RPUC President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Unit Leaders and those with responsibility for specific areas or groups such as Finances, Membership, Correspondence, Supply and Welfare, Quilting, Bazaar Convenor(s) and UCW Representatives to Stewards, Council of Women, Presbyterial, etc.

Frequency of Meetings

- The UCW Units meet regularly to conduct business and study together;
- The UCW Executive meets monthly on the last Monday of the Month with the exception of June, July, and December;
- UCW General Meetings are held twice a year; a potluck on the first Monday of June and a Christmas Candle Light Service on the first Monday of December.

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