



UCW December News

My last meeting as UCW President was full of surprises. I am so honoured by the words of thanks and appreciation expressed.

I realize now how invested I am in the life and work of the Rideau Park UCW. I appreciate and honour those past UCW women who took pride in the hard work undertaken to raise funds so they could make their OWN contribution to helping others. The Rideau Park UCW has been, and continues to be, a top contributor to the UCC Mission and Service Fund.

Participation in the UCW has declined as our congregations age, but the Rideau Park UCW continues to experience **JOY** as we work together to raise funds to help others. We are extremely grateful for the blessing of being able to give.

An invitation is not needed to join the UCW. It is open to all women of the congregation. Experience the **JOY** of our fellowship and the opportunities to serve. The UCW is evolving, adapting and pivoting as it goes forward with Nancy McPherson as the next President.

Thank you for all your support. May you find **JOY** in your Christmas despite Covid-19. *Nancy Begg-Durkee*

Financial Decisions

Memorial Fund: 2019 proposed project funding carried over to 2021

Local Charities: RPUC outreach projects and local women's shelters donations increased

Ministry and Programs: RPUC Treasurer has informed the UCW that their contribution is not required this year

Mission and Service: 100% of remaining UCW General Fund balance will be directed to M&S

Who is the cleanest reindeer?

Comet!

Check out <https://dementiahelp.ca/jim-and-mary-lynn-holton-a-family-affair/> to find out about the Dementia Society, which we are supporting this year.

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Attend our
Zoom UCW
Devotional
Service*

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Check out
the CAWI
info and link
below**

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PERIOD
PROJECTS***
Ending
period
poverty



The Asterisk File

*You are invited to attend the Zoom UCW Devotional Service on Monday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. There will be carol singing (with piano accompaniment!), reading of the Christmas story, and time for a chat. BYOCC - Bring Your Own Candle and Cookie(s). Contact Nancy Begg-Durkee for an invitation: nandjdurkee@ncf.ca.

**CAWI - please visit <https://www.cawi-ivtf.org/>. "City for All Women Initiative (CAWI) is a unique collaboration of women from diverse communities, organizations, and academia working with municipal decision makers to create a more inclusive city and advance gender equality. Women have a lot to contribute to quality of life in our city, especially women at the margins of society who have particular insights into what is needed to make our city a better place to live for everyone. For this reason, we change the city by working from the margins with those of us who have less power and privilege in society." The UCW will communicate more about this organization and ways to support its projects throughout the year.

***Period products, as well as shampoo, soap, deodorant and sanitizer are all very much needed at **Heron Road Emergency Food Centre, 1480 Heron Road**. You might also consider supporting the local initiatives listed below regarding ending period poverty, and contacting your elected representatives. Let's aim to emulate Scotland!

<https://menstrottawa.wixsite.com/menstro/donate> and <https://www.periodpacks.org/donate>