



**WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH
ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
GATHERING AND INAUGURAL MEETING**



“Who is My Neighbour?”

April 4 to 6, 2019

**Star of the North Retreat Centre
3A St. Vital Ave., St. Albert, AB**

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME

We think you will enjoy and be enriched by the program we have prepared and by meeting and worshipping with other women. For the first time, we are meeting at Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, “a peaceful oasis in the midst of a busy world”. Registration includes accommodation and all meals, or if you live close by, you can choose to come for the day and go home at night. Free parking is available.

For our program, we will be learning more about Intercultural Ministries and Interfaith relationships, both of which are important topics in our increasingly diverse society. Come to learn more about neighbours in our own church and in other faiths.

Plan to arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. Our program will begin when we gather at 5:00, and when we share dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will continue Thursday evening, all day Friday, and conclude on Saturday after lunch.

In addition to our guest speakers, the program will include singing, fellowship, daily devotionals, a memorial service, worship on Saturday (with communion), and a meeting to set a path for the Women of United Church in what are now Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds Regions.

For more information, contact our registrar:

Karen McLennan, 2 Grosvenor Blvd., St. Albert, AB T8N 1P1
mclennan_k@hotmail.com (780) 458 1534

Registration deadline: March 15, 2018.

Late registrations (Mar. 15-21) subject to a \$20 late fee.

See the back of this page for information on the Christensen/Dryburgh Fund and for directions to the Star of the North Retreat Centre.

WHO ARE WE AS “CONFERENCE UCW” NOW THAT THERE IS NO ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST CONFERENCE?

At the ANW Conference UCW Full Executive meeting in October, we looked to the future – and decided that there was no reason to give up associating with each other and supporting each other, just because the Conference was about to cease to exist in the UCC restructuring. We decided to stick together. Under the new structure, that makes us a network, operating in both Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds. Since we can't call ourselves a Conference UCW any more, we will be looking for a new name when we meet in April. Bring your ideas!

DO YOU NEED FUNDING TO ATTEND THIS EVENT?

The **Christensen/Dryburgh Fund** was established in 1976 to assist women with travel and education expenses. For a copy of the form (sent either by email or regular mail), or if you want more information about the Fund, contact:

Adrine Giles
#413 14 St. E.
Drumheller, AB T0J 0Y5
adrine@telus.net
403 823 6135

Applications must be received before the event, and should be sent as soon as possible. **Application for funding is separate from event registration.**

Many churches and church women's groups provide sponsorship to members attending educational events (often in return for a presentation from you, sharing what you learned, when you return!). Ask your church or your women's group whether this is something they are interested in doing.

HOW TO GET TO STAR OF THE NORTH:

If coming from the south, follow St. Albert Trail (Hwy. 2) into St. Albert. Cross the Sturgeon River, then turn left (west) onto St. Vital Avenue (it is the first set of traffic lights after the river, there is a funeral home on the corner). Follow St. Vital to the top of the hill, then turn right into the St. Albert Catholic Church parking lot. The retreat centre will be to the right of the church. Ample parking is available. The main doors of the Centre are under the green awning.

Coming from the north, turn right on St. Vital Avenue. It will be the first traffic light south of the St. Albert Trail intersection with McKenney Ave. (on the west side) and Bellerose Drive (on the east side).



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Make cheques payable to *ANW Conference UCW* with *Who is My Neighbour* in the Memo line.

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Financial Assistance is available. See the attached page for information on the Christensen/Dryburgh Fund.

REGISTRATION FORM

- Accommodation in a single room, bathroom down the hall, plus all 6 meals: \$225.
- Accommodation in a single room with ensuite bathroom, plus all 6 meals: \$265.
- Commuter: not staying overnight, includes 2 dinners, 2 lunches: \$120.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Allergies/Dietary Concerns _____

Other requests: *If you have mobility issues, and especially if you have difficulty with stairs, please let us know. Star of the North has some bedrooms on the second floor and does not have an elevator.*

Role in UCW or other women’s group (if any) _____