

## ***United Church Women 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.**



**East Central Ontario  
Region UCW  
is an Affirming Ministry  
led by the Holy Spirit  
to celebrate  
the diversity and gifts of  
all people in God's creation.**



**Following in the  
decades-long tradition  
of the former Bay of Quinte  
Conference UCW,**

**United Church Women in  
local Communities of Faith and  
Presbyterial/Area UCWs  
have continued  
to pool their donations  
to provide gifts of support to  
students from our region  
who are Candidates  
on the Pathway  
to Ordered Ministry.**

**This generosity and  
commitment to our students  
enables  
East Central Ontario  
Region UCW  
to carry on this support for the  
total mission of the church.**

## ***United Church Women Gifts of Support***

**for**

## **Students in the Candidacy Pathway for Ordered Ministry**



## ***East Central Ontario Region UCW***

**October 2023**

## ***Eligibility***

**Gifts are given**

- **to students with United Church membership in East Central Ontario Region;**
- **who have been recognized by the national United Church Office of Vocation as Candidates for Ordered Ministry (Ordained or Diaconal);**
- **and who are in full or part-time studies in an MDIV or equivalent program;**
- **for a maximum of three years of studies (not necessarily consecutive).**

**Gifts are not given when either studies or participation in the Candidacy Pathways process has been suspended.**

**These gifts are given in recognition of the additional commitments students make.**

**Students may use them in any way that supports them on their pathway to ministry.**

## ***Process***

- **No application is needed.**
- **The ECOR UCW Treasurer receives in confidence, from the Office of Vocation, names of Candidates engaged in studies, then checks her UCW records of the number of years a student has received a gift.**
- **The amount of the gift may vary each year. Designated funds available are shared equally among students, up to a maximum per student set by the regional UCW executive.**
- **Students receive a cheque and letter explaining the gift and their option to return gifts not wanted.**
- **Gifts are made in March or later, after names are received from the Office of Vocation.**

## ***Confidentiality & Communication***

- **The ECOR UCW Treasurer holds names of recipients in confidence.**
- **Only the amount given and number of recipients are reported to the UCW.**
- **General information about this support for students may be shared with the ECORC Assembly of Elders or others for recruiting and encouraging students.**
- **The ECOR UCW Treasurer may share students' messages of thanks (without identifying information).**
- **The ECOR UCW Treasurer may invite a recipient to a ECOR UCW Annual Meeting to describe the student experience and express appreciation on behalf of students for gifts received.**

