



An occasional HamPack mailing designed to keep you informed of news and events for United Church Women in Hamilton Conference.

June 2017

Highlights from Hamilton Conference UCW Annual Meeting, April 29, 2017

The annual meeting was held at Parkminster United Church, Waterloo. UCW President Nancy Risto, whose theme was "Jesus Loves the Little Children," welcomed the gathering and chaired the meeting. Rev. Meg Grieve led in worship and presided over communion. Halton Presbyterial led the In Memoriam reflection, honouring past UCW members. Jackie Childerhose from the Grand River Bookstore gave a brief update on the work of the Member Working Group at Five Oaks and also recommended several books.



Melody Jackson is thanked by Dorothy van Osch

Guest Speaker in the morning was Melody Jackson, Development Manager, The Darling Home for Kids which provides paediatric hospice care, residential support and respite services to families who have children with life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses. This is the first and only facility in Ontario which is set up to offer all three levels of service under one roof. The Darling Home is a

place of joy, filled with the smiles and laughter of children engaging in unique and enriching experiences and activities. Children receive wonderful care in this warm, home-like environment. Families are supported, knowing that there is a continuum of care. www.darlinghomeforkids.ca

Hamilton Conference President, Rev. Gord Dunbar spoke to the theme "Jesus Loves the Little Children." His presentation included tributes to Eileen Burnes, whose presence was very much missed at this gathering.



The installation of 2017/18 Hamilton Conference UCW Executive was presided over by the Rev. Gord Dunbar, Hamilton Conference President.

A closing worship was led by Erie Presbyterial.

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**Women's Retreat reservation form available on
UCW page at
<http://hamconf.org/programs-resources/ucw/>.**



WE'RE BACK...!!! 2017 WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

AT

FIVE OAKS EDUCATION & RETREAT CENTRE!

Friday, October 13th ~ Saturday, October 14th

Arrival & Check In, Friday 4 - 5 pm ~ closing Saturday by 4 pm

Retreat Guide ~ Sheena Riley-Marini

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