

## **Report from Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Regional Cluster to**

### **2013 DUCC National Gathering**

The diaconal folks of Manitoba and NW Ontario cluster continue to gain wisdom and encouragement from one another at our annual gathering during the conference weekend. It is here that we are able to celebrate the ministries of those being commissioned as well as those moving into retirement. While we do not meet regularly, our paths continue to cross as we support the activities and learning that are part of the Centre for Christian Studies.

In 2011 our conference hosted the most recent national gathering of DUCC and it was a great energizer to be part of the local arrangements at the University of Winnipeg. From that meeting, five of us have joined other diaconal colleagues from across the country for the planning and preparations needed for the upcoming gathering in Nova Scotia.

Our conference also has representation on the following clusters of DUCC: Advocacy and Action, Membership and Coordinating.

An open evening was held at the MNWO Conference Executive where Caryn Douglas and Ted Dodd led a discussion on the apology to those women who were disjoined from or never joined ministry because of the marriage bar. The discussion was focused primarily on the ministries of the Deaconesses.

The CCS held a retreat day for the ecumenical diaconate post Easter 2012 which was well attended as was an evening to celebrate the 2012 season of Epiphany.