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# *Local Constitution*

of

## THE FELLOWSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

(Amended at the Biennial Meeting, Whitby, 1953)

A Unit of the Fellowship of Professional Women in the United Church of Canada may be organized in local centres where there are sufficient workers to warrant it.

Each Local Unit shall consist of women holding full membership with provision for associate and corresponding members.

**FULL MEMBERSHIP:** The following women shall be eligible for full membership:

1. Graduates of Theological Colleges, United Church Training School, or other approved Training Schools, who are employed in a professional capacity in full-time work in The United Church of Canada.
2. Women in the active service of the Woman's Missionary Society who have been commissioned by the Church.
3. Members of the Deaconess Order who are engaged in the active work of the United Church, or in positions approved by The Committee on the Deaconess Order and Women Workers.
4. Deans of Women, and Women Principals of United Church Schools and Colleges.
5. Women members of the United Church employed in executive positions by the Church or by Co-operating Boards, including organizational units within the Canadian Council of Churches.
6. Such other women employed by the United Church who because of position, training, and experience, are approved by the Executive Committee of the National Fellowship of Professional Women in The United Church of Canada.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** There shall be an Associate Membership without voting privileges which shall consist of:

1. Women who would otherwise qualify for full membership, but who are not at present employed by The United Church of Canada.
2. Women who would at any time have qualified for full membership in the National Fellowship of Professional Women of The United Church of Canada, but who do not now qualify for full membership.

3. Associate workers who are looking forward to completing the professional training which would make them eligible under 1 and 2 (Full Membership).
4. Church Secretaries who carry professional responsibility within the United Church, in addition to their clerical duties, and are approved for membership by the Executive Committee of the National Fellowship of Professional Women in The United Church of Canada.

All women holding full or associate membership in a local unit are full or associate members of the National Organization.

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP:** A Local Unit may admit for membership, without voting privileges, women who are not eligible for full membership or associate membership, such persons to be known as corresponding members.

**MEMBERSHIP** in a Local Unit of the Fellowship of Professional Women in The United Church of Canada shall involve:

1. An obligation to attend meetings of the Unit.
2. Participation in the work and life of the Local Unit of the Fellowship and, as part of the National Organization, to study the whole field of women's work in the Church with a view to making it more effective.
3. Payment to the Treasurer of the Local Unit of a yearly membership fee as agreed upon by the Unit.

**FEES:** The Treasurer of each Local Unit, shall forward to the National Treasurer:

~~50c per year for each retired missionary on roll,~~  
~~and~~ \$2.00 per year per member for all other members on roll, except corresponding members and members of Deaconess Association.

Fees for the current calendar year should be remitted to the National Treasurer not later than February 28th of each year.

**OFFICERS:** The Officers of the Local Unit shall be: Past President, President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary. Where membership is small, two or more offices might be combined. The President of the Local Unit is a member of the National Executive Committee. ALL OFFICERS (except the Past President) must hold full membership in the Fellowship of Professional Women in The United Church of Canada.