

## The Canadian Mothers' Union 2024 National Conference



By the time we all meet in Halifax on June 5, 2024, it will have been 8 years since we had an in-person National Conference. We are excited to be welcoming everyone back to Nova Scotia or welcoming you for the first time! The planning is well underway; some details include:

**Location** – the lovely Mount Saint Vincent University campus, with views overlooking the Bedford Basin. This is an accessible campus that embraces diversity.

**Accommodations** – The Mount, as it's known locally, offers single, double or quad occupancy; we will offer mostly single or quad as these are more plentiful. Singles have private bath and quads have 4 private bedrooms with two sharing one bath. These apartment-style units also have a kitchen and living area.

**Food** – The Mount's food service provider has many delicious, balanced and healthy food options. Of course, there's the occasional indulgence on their menu, too! Dietary concerns are no problem; there are options for everyone.

**Biennial Meeting** – This is where we get down to business and voting delegates help make the decisions for the national body. Motions can be accepted until early March, 2024 – firm dates and the subsequent motions will be shared with all branches.

**Worship** – Between our opening service on June 5<sup>th</sup> and closing service on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have daily morning services and some evening worship; members will have opportunities to participate in readings, singing and other roles.

**Presentations** – Whether it's speakers addressing the full group, or sessions with smaller groups in workshops, we hope to enlighten everyone and give you some ideas to think about and take home with you.

**Entertainment** – Get your artistic skills warmed up! We welcome you to participate in our entertainment evening with a skit, song, secret talent or other offering. Solo, duo or group, all are encouraged to share.

Auction – As usual, we will have a silent auction to raise funds for initiatives of Mothers’ Union and/or one of our charitable partners. Each branch is asked to donate one item for the auction.

Tours – Some great local adventures are being planned, including two of Nova Scotia’s 6 UNESCO Sites. In 2016 we were in Baddeck on the shores of the Bras d’Or Lakes, which feature a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. In 2024 the UNESCO sites will be closer to Halifax as we visit locations that offer history, locally crafted items and beautiful scenery all wrapped in a day of fun and friendship.

We hope you can join us!

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