
Canadian Mothers' Union



Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Hosting ideas, resources, and
tips

June 4, 2022



Did someone say party?

This June on the 4th we invite all our Canadian members to come together to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with a garden party. This is your opportunity to join in prayer, celebration, and national unity to recognize the Queen; our Patron; a remarkable woman who for 70 years has served so many with dignity, grace, devotion, leadership, and been an dutiful example to so many around the world.



Wherever you choose to celebrate and host your party (no matter the size) this is glorious way to bring us back together again. Together with fellow members, family, friends, and even your community, create ways to have fun, raise funds,

and get everyone talking about the power and impact of Mothers' Union.

You'll find some ideas, resources, and tips to host your party and fundraise, whilst you are not limited to these - be as creative as you wish, have fun, remember it is a party after all. Be sure to share your efforts, stories, and photos with us at info@canadianmothersunion.ca so all of us are able to celebrate your success with members across Canada, possibly even with Her Majesty.

Planning



Let's begin with the details

- Date: June 4th, 2022
- Time
- Location / venue
- Guest list
- Food & drinks
- How you'll fundraise

We hope everyone will be able to make the time to join in and celebrate on June 4th, however we recognize weather, previously scheduled events, and holidays may impact this date; the Canadian Mothers' Union then asks you to select a date close to this one.

Depending on your guest list and how you'll fundraise, you may host your party in your own backyard, your church hall, or out in the community at a local cafe.

Promote your party

Promote your party by sending out invitations, creating posters, advertising in local newspapers or church bulletins, or even use social media to get the word out. Remember to comply with local health and safety requirements.

Food, beverages, and decor

There are many types and styles of garden parties, yours should be unique to you. It may be small, intimate, and simple with finger food with a wonderful dessert table; or a grand dress up garden tea party with champagne; or you can harvest fresh local produce to host a strawberry social.

This is an opportunity to use those linens, fancy china and crystal you've inherited. Also dust off that dress in the back of your closet, slip on your sparkly heels, along with your summer hat (we think Her Majesty would approve).

Use some fresh springtime flowers from your garden, blow up some balloons to create a colourful rainbow, or create an enchanted secret garden by stringing up those holiday lights.



We look forward to seeing yours!

Fun and Fundraising

As you may have guests of all ages, think of activities, games, contests, and fundraisers that will keep little ones (and big ones) entertained at your party.

Doing the work of Mothers' Union requires us look for those moments where we can continue to build upon the well-being of families (in all their many forms) worldwide. As members it is our aim and duty to aid in the transformation so all everywhere are more loving, respectful, inclusive and flourish. For us to do this, we must put our Christian faith into action; together we can unite, be strong and make a difference.

No matter the size of your party, you can raise greater awareness about the work Mothers' Union does; and raise funds to do that work, all the while having fun being together and celebrating.

The Canadian Mothers' Union is challenging all its members to raise funds at their party, so those in need may benefit. For

all that you raise, we ask for 50% be donated to [/pwrdf.org/pwrdf-matches-donations-for-ukraine-with-four-other-humanitarian-responses/](https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-matches-donations-for-ukraine-with-four-other-humanitarian-responses/) (as a national contribution) whilst the remaining 50% stays with your branch to carry out the work you plan for the remainder of 2022. To honour God, just as Mary Sumner did and as Her Majesty has for the last 70 years of her life, let us in unity demonstrate to the world and those around us that Mothers' Union is a strong and impactful Christian organization doing great deeds.

Incase you are in need of some ideas, here are just a few:

- Sell tickets to your party
- Have guests write a few words (with their best wishes for the Queen, then have the next guest add on to it, until all have participated and you have one large wish
- Have a garden treasure / scavenger hunt for all ages
- Make colourful prayer beads, and sell them
- Create a Royal trivia game with prizes
- Run a contest for a mocktail in the Queen's honour, then sell it at your party to the guests
- Have 'guessing' or 'did you know' games

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- Ask guests to create something and sell it (such as floral arrangements, baked goods, decorated garden party hats)
 - Sell raffle tickets to guess the weight of your celebration cake
 - Arrange a best dressed (or costume) contest
 - Establish a race (such as who can brew the best cup of tea the fastest), or marathon of sort (such as a dance-a thon)
 - Toast (or roast) the Queen (we knows she has a sense of humour, so find ways that would make her smile and laugh)
 - Ask for prayer intentions along with a donation
 - Host a silent auction
 - Sell Mothers' Union merchandise at your party
 - Play board games (maybe a 'royal' game of life)
 - Have members write out a cherished memory about being part of Mothers' Union, or collect their favourite prayers, or gather a collection of local recipes, bind them and sell them at your church

The possibilities are endless.

Should you require further support, we encourage you to reach out to Diocesan President or Representative who will be happy to assist you further.



Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

~ Ephesians 3:20-21