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The recipient of several awards, **The Observer** is the oldest, continuously published magazine in North America, and is a lively way to be in touch with the ethos and work of United Church of Canada, from sea to sea to sea. It is also an excellent gift for certain of your friends who may be searching for answers to life's big questions....

The church has a "group" subscription price of \$25 annually. (This is an increase from the previous cost of \$20, unchanged for several years, and reflecting current mailing costs.)

REGULAR MONTHLY FEATURES INCLUDE:

- **Observations "outside our comfort zone"**
- **Interviews** with influential church and community leaders, writers etc.
- * **Spiritual but Secular column**, also known as **spiritual but not religious**.
- * **Question box** where you can have your questions re. the church answered.
- * **Spirit story**, in which a United Church member shares their faith journey
- * **Feature articles**, please see paragraph below.
- * **Culture**, which features suggested readings and films with an in-depth article about a timely topic.
- * **In Contact**, a section which reviews what churches in the area are doing.
- * **At A Glance**, which features short articles about church affairs.

RE> FEATURE ARTICLES: RECENT EXAMPLES INCLUDE: **Going Forward in the new millennium**, (Comprehensive Review findings); **Being There, Stories of illness and companionship**; **member surveys re. their beliefs**; and, most recently, an exploration of the topic of **pornography addiction** and why we should consider talking about it and learning what action some churches are already taking.

This is the tenth year that Julie Winkler has been co-ordinating the Observer subscriptions. She has asked Joyce Taylor and Carol Watt to join her in a committee, and we are happy to do so. **If you are paying by cheque, please write it directly to Julie**, she will be collecting cheques and cash, as usual, for the deadline of December 31st. Her phone= 403 627 4242. Our best wishes to you!

Dear Pastoral Charge Faith Family,

Please note: Re THE OBSERVER:

We are nearing subscription renewal and sign-up time for this award-winning magazine..... Church group subscription cost is \$25 (an increase due to postal cost realities).

This magazine is interesting, informative and uplifting, a connection across the United Church of Canada and beyond! Please note info display in church foyer. For an emailed info sheet, email caroluanne@gmail.com

Julie Winkler is once again your contact person. Please pay Julie, either cash, or, if by cheque, then directly to Julie, by Dec. 31st.

Hoping that you will consider this, and wishing you Christmas Blessings,

Julie Winkler, Joyce Taylor and Carol Watt, "Observer Committee"