

2021 Philip E.M. Leith Memorial Award

Nomination for Frans Compeer

Frans Compeer joined the Victoria Branch of the UELAC in 2013. Since then, he has been engaged in all activities of the Branch and is enthusiastic in taking on responsibilities that encourage Branch members and members of the public in their awareness of the UELAC and aspects of Canadian history. He also helps folks with research and acquiring appropriate links on their family history aside from that of the UE.

- Frans sits on the Executive Committee of the Victoria Branch and holds the position of Membership and Community Outreach. He has held that position (along with his wife Betty Compeer) since 2014. Prior to coming to Victoria Frans and Betty were members of the Hamilton Branch of UELAC (2008).
- As part of his role as Membership representative he sends reminders, and updates to members and maintains the Victoria Branch membership list.
- He has enhanced Membership Outreach by promoting the UELAC at community events (e.g., Black History Month, Family History Conference, and the Highland Games) where he sets up the tent, the books, the pamphlets, and all materials that facilitate an initial exploration of interested persons in finding ancestors who were UE.
- He continuously brings and updates the visual enhancements (e.g., posters, pamphlets, and bumper stickers) of the relevance and activities of Dominion and Victoria Branch UELAC. He also managed the purchase of a retractable banner display. The painting displayed on the banner is one that our member, Kathleen Lynch, exhibited on the instalment of our Commemorative Plaque (2014) in Beacon Hill Park to mark the centennial of UELAC and the 75th commemoration of the 1939 Royal Tour of Canada.
- He is enthusiastic and manages the sale of our UELAC promotional materials at our Branch meetings and takes orders for items to be purchased from Dominion.
- Frans has expertly established and maintained our Facebook page.
- He has shown inventiveness and creativity in raising the UELAC profile when engaging in his Outreach activities.
- Frans has also taken on the role as our technical expert and has brought our branch up to date on the internet and has polished our Branch presentations.
- He also implements and updates our IT processes to meet Dominion standards and expectations, and
- During our Branch meetings he is exceptional in providing the members and guest speakers with technical support.
- Since we have been using Zoom to manage our Executive and Branch meetings, Frans has been facilitating the meetings by being “Host” and coordinating all the associated task related to ensuring members know how to use Zoom (has done one-on-one teaching with members); registration and intake; collating and posting the Executive Reports during the meetings; manages the speakers IT connections, and ensures their presentations are well displayed. He also manages the menus icon (top right, 3 dots) during the meetings.

- Frans took on the role of Pacific Regional Councillor for British Columbia in 2016 and has continued to represent the Pacific Region since that time.
- He has also served as Chair of the UELAC Strategic Marketing Planning Committee
- He is an active participant on the Planning Committee for the 2023 Conference and AGM in Vancouver, where he has undertaken management and exploration of the finances to support the Conference.
- Presently he is co-chair of the Dominion Membership Committee, where he facilitates and interacts with all Branch Membership representatives across Canada.
- Frans has attended the Conference and AGM in 2015 in Victoria and continues by providing support toward the Conference and AGM in Vancouver in 2023.

Dates of active participation within the local UE branch or region

- Frans became a member in 2013 and continues to be an active, stellar member today.

All official honours/awards

- None, of which I am aware.

Loyally yours,

Judith McMullen, Victoria Branch President UELAC