



DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



4th EDITION - FROM JANUARY 25 TO 31, 2022



JANUARY

MUSLIM AWARENESS WEEK – January 25 to 31, 2022

Learn more: <https://ssm-maw.com/>

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

It is now five years since the terrorist attack in a mosque, on January 29, 2017, horrified Quebec.

To encourage and promote positive dialogue, a group of organisations and associations have organised an online event of commemoration and intercultural collaboration on **January 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm** on Zoom. See invitation linked below for Zoom link.

Download invitation (English, French, Spanish and Arab):

<https://bit.ly/2022-01-29-CommemorationMosque>

FEBRUARY

WORSHIP RESOURCES: Black History Month

How will your community of faith actively engage in anti-racism work during Black History Month?

Worship resources: <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days>



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SUPPORT CIRCLES for People of Colour

(every third Thursday of the month 4:00-5:30 p.m.)

Are you looking for support around experiences of racism in the United Church? Join other people of colour from across the church for a monthly time of sharing, support, and community-building. These gatherings are open to people of colour (including those who identify as Indigenous, racialized, mixed-race, and/or non-White). Registration link included in *Essentials* newsletter (link below).

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220118>



ONLINE WORKSHOP: Dialogue as a Sacred Path

with Dr. Sunnie Epstein, Ed. D (Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal)

Join the conversation and feel free to invite clergy and lay leaders from your congregations and communities.

Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, February 8 and April 12

Learn more/RSVP: regbsherril@outlook.com

CALL TO ACTION: Justice is not being served here

(A letter to the Montreal Gazette from Rabbi Sherril Gilbert and Reverend Diane Rollert, Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal)

As Jews and Christians who are members of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal, we stand in solidarity with Fatemeh Anvari, the elementary school teacher in Chelsea, Quebec, who was reassigned from her teaching position

because she would not remove her hijab. We are heartened by the overwhelming support that the children and parents of the Chelsea Elementary School have expressed for their teacher. They have modelled what it means to value a teacher as a person, regardless of her race, creed or religion... *Read more:*

<https://bit.ly/2021-12-22-CJD-Letter-MtlGazette>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS



MINISTRY PERSONNEL

PROFILE - 80th birthday celebration for Rev. Martyn Sadler

Our congratulations go out to retired minister, Rev. Martyn Sadler, on the recent celebration of his 80th birthday, which included a commemorative book celebrating his contributions to the United Church of Canada and to his community.

Thanks to Vivienne Galanis and Martyn's family for sharing these photos with us.

REMINDER - Annual Declarations

2022 annual declaration for ministry personnel is now open via ChurchHub, until **May 15, 2022** (NOTE: please use Chrome or Edge as browsers for ChurchHub; Safari is not optimal).

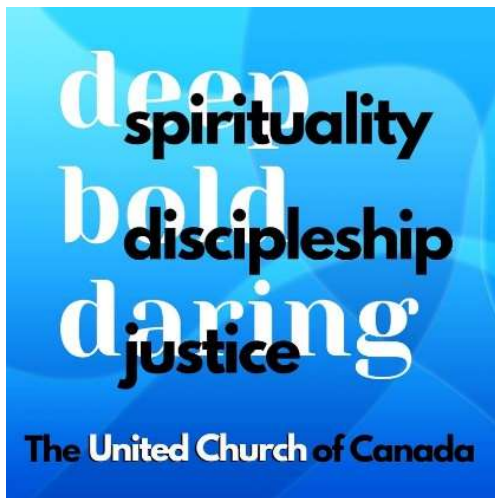
If you make your annual declaration (about whether you've had criminal charges in the last year or not) each year, you do not need to get a new police records check! Need help accessing ChurchHub? Please contact ministry@united-church.ca.

REMINDER - Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, February 8 at 1:30 pm.**

Learn more: dhayward@united-church.ca

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



BOLD DISCIPLESHIP: Planning for Regional Council Meeting (March)

The **theme** of upcoming Regional Council meetings (in March, June and November 2022) will be based on the new call and vision statements of the United Church of Canada: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision>.

For the March meeting, leadership teams are each asked to prepare a clear, concise and uplifting **5-minute presentation about how their team is living into bold discipleship**. (Since timing will be strictly observed, preparing a script and rehearsing the presentation is highly recommended.)

Written reports (maximum 1 page) from leadership teams for the annual report book should be submitted to Joel Miller **by February 14, 2022** at jmiller@united-church.ca.

SAVE THE DATES: March 11 (Friday, 6:30 pm) **AND March 12** (Saturday, 9:00 am)

GRANTING AND ENABLING

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

The next deadline to apply for grants from the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team (GELT) is **February 15**. Explore the range of grants available and download application forms at the link below.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

REMINDER - HYBRID WORSHIP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND

A new fund has been established by the Regional Council to help communities of faith offer online worship. Application form is available at <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/> and **applications will be received as long as funds remain available.**

In addition, please note that communities of faith may also be eligible to apply for the **Technology Support Grant** at the national level. Details can be found here: <https://united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/local-administration/capital-assistance-programs/capital-2>

OTHER GRANTS AVAILABLE AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The Joint Grants Committee of the United Church of Canada Foundation welcomes applications to the Seeds of Hope granting program for new, unique projects that:

- Provide innovative seniors' ministry
- Celebrate and encourage children and youth
- Address environmental and social justice issues
- Explore new ways to provide ministry and support during transition periods
- Facilitate experiencing faith and spirituality

Applications for Seeds of Hope grants are due **April 15, 2022**.

Learn more: <https://www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/seeds-of-hope/>

Applications for Scholarships and Awards are due **March 15, 2022**.

Learn more: <https://www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/scholarship-research-grants/>

PROPERTY AND FINANCE

MOTION REGARDING 2022 ASSESSMENTS

Pastoral charge treasurers should expect to receive communications shortly from Paul Stanfield and Brian Ruse pursuant to the following motion, which was approved at the Regional Council Executive meeting on January 20:

that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that up to \$20,000 be set aside for partial and full subsidies to specified communities of faith for their 2022 assessments, and that Paul Stanfield and Brian Ruse be authorized to make the appropriate arrangements with these communities of faith.

For any questions, please contact Brian Ruse: bruse@united-church.ca

LICENSING FOR VIDEO AND MUSIC

At a recent Property and Finance Leadership Team meeting, a report was presented by Brian Ruse on the potential cost for Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council to provide a group license for music and/or movies covering all of its communities of faith. It was decided at that meeting that the Regional Council is not willing to incur this expense at this time. However, our communities of faith should be reminded of their responsibility to purchase a license for music and/or movies.

For more information about movie licensing (Audio Ciné Films / Criterion Pictures): abelaskie@united-church.ca

For more information about music licensing (OneLicense / CCLI): smohamed@united-church.ca

EXECUTIVE

Upcoming Executive Meetings: February 17, April 21, May 19 (Thursdays, 9 am to 12 pm via Zoom)

REGIONAL COUNCIL NETWORKS AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS

PRIDE & FRIENDS NETWORK

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fiertemontrealprideunitedchurch>

REMINDER - Beginning the Affirming Process

Pride & Friends is looking for volunteers to be part of the committee to facilitate the Affirm United process for the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. If you are interested in helping facilitate this process, please contact David-Roger Gagnon at: DRGagnon@united-church.ca as soon as possible. Thank you.

Learn more about Affirm United: <https://affirmunited.ause.ca/>

Semaine de la Parole 2022 : Spiritualité autochtone

Dans le cadre de l'édition 2022 de la Semaine de la Parole, nous aurons l'occasion d'entendre une femme autochtone. La réputation de notre invitée, Mme Nicole O'Bomsawin, n'est plus à faire. Cette Abénaquise qui est anthropologue, muséologue, enseignante et conteuse, nous parlera de spiritualité autochtone. Bien entendu, il sera question de la nature dans sa présentation ; voilà pourquoi nous avons annoncé cette activité comme en étant une d'écologie intégrale, ce qui ne nous empêchera pas de faire des liens avec la Parole de Dieu présente dans la Bible.

La rencontre qui aura lieu le samedi **29 janvier de 10h à midi** et promet d'être fort riche et inspirante.

Formulaire d'inscription :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2W7ltWaGosMMzUW-A9MHfvfLILRD2btqnt1xL2A2hXNbz_A/viewform

Pour tout savoir sur la Semaine de la Parole 2022:

<https://www.dsji.org/fr/semaine-de-la-parole-2022>

Sacred Season of Climate Justice (GreenFaith International)

The world is emerging from COP26 with concern, fear, and anger about the failure of governments, corporations and financial institutions to address the climate emergency effectively and justly.

Within a 48-day stretch between March 19 and May 6, 2022, there are five major sacred days or seasons, an Equinox, and Earth Day. Together, these days collectively attract billions of people of diverse faiths and spiritualities to worship, pray, listen to sermons, reflect, and commit to act on what matters most.

We're launching our collective action on **February 7, 2022**, with the goal of creating a season of sacred observances in support of climate justice with people of faith and spirit around the world.

We have an opportunity right now as religious and spiritual people to rise up:

- In support of climate justice.
- Committed to compassion, love, and justice.
- With a unified call for universal access to renewable energy, a just transition, green jobs, and an end to all new fossil fuel projects.

Read more about Sacred Season of Climate Justice and register to join: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sacred-season-of-climate-justice-launch-call>

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

<https://nakonhakauc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>

FEATURED NEWS

Leadership team has met once since the holiday season. There was an update to the GCO plan, the **YAYA interns** will no longer need to participate in the meetings from Feb to June unless they are already elected as commissioners. We have 5 names.



Weekly programs – Tuesday youth group at 6:00 pm, Wednesday office hours with Dana Ducette 3-5 pm, Thursday Young Adult Discussion group 6:00 pm, and Sunday morning Children's Church 9:30 am.

Upcoming workshop (in collaboration with Montreal City Mission): Refugees 101 February 15, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm (see poster in **Local Community News and Events** section).

And we have a beautiful **new logo**!

Zoom link for Youth Group and Young Adult Group: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/92139604986>

Learn more: sbernier@united-church.ca

FEATURED NEWS



The Living into Right Relations (LIRR) Circle has submitted a grant application to Granting and Enabling Leadership Team so that our regional council might contribute to Resilience's operational costs for the Raphael Andre Memorial Tent in Cabot Square this winter. This is response to "A Cry for Help": an open letter written by Nakuset (Native Women's Shelter of Montreal) and Mary Martin-Goodleaf (*link to letter below*).

Members of LIRR have also presented a motion to the Executive, seeking that an additional 5% from the revenues of building sales be designated to support Indigenous initiatives within the area of the regional council.

Download letter: <https://bit.ly/2022-01-CryForHelp-Nakuset>

REMINDER

LIRR offers an array of workshops ready to present in French (F) and English (E) for groups or communities of faith:

- Kairos Blanket Exercise (F/E);
- Settler Mentality (E);
- Land Acknowledgement, parts 1 and 2 (F/E);
- Indian Act (E); and
- Doctrine of Discovery (E).

Learn more: rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/ucw/>

REMINDER

UCW 60th ANNIVERSARY: CONTINUING IN HOPE - JULY 11 – 15, 2022

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/ucw-60th-anniversary-continuing-in-hope/>

LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED IN LEARNING

See the new line-up of learning opportunities for 2022 at: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/>

REMINDER - EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Here are some Winter 2022 Continuing Education offerings at Emmanuel College's Centre for Religion and Its Contexts, including the "Things They Didn't Teach Me in Seminary" Seminar Series (online):

- **February 4, 9 am–12 pm: Managing Conflict in the Congregation** with Betty Pries, CEO of Credence & Co.
- **March 11, 10 am–12 pm: Anthropology for Ministry** with Susan Willhauck and Ken Chitwood

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-WinterContEd-EmmanuelCollege>

REMINDER - ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

ReVITALize 2022 – June 2-4, 2022 (Halifax, Nova Scotia)

Learn more: Jane Bolivar, Continuing Education Convener jbolivar@astheology.ns.ca

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/revitalize-halifax-2022-tickets-181032742807>

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<https://united-church.ca/opportunities>

There are currently numerous employment and volunteer opportunities available through the United Church of Canada; learn more at the link in the header above and at <https://egliseunie.ca/engagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/>

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

WELCOME PROJECT / PROJET BIENVENUE (shared by Vicky Duke & Darlene Halfyard)



We are pleased to announce that after submitting a proposal, Emmanuel's Welcome Project/Projet Bienvenue has been awarded a Seeds of Hope grant of \$1000 from "The Peace and Justice Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation". Their generous support of this initiative, which helps families arriving as immigrants, refugees or asylum seekers transition to a new country and new accommodations, is most graciously appreciated.

The Welcome Project/Projet Bienvenue volunteers prepare a gift package of a quilt, a Welcome card, an Emmanuel & Bedford Pastoral Charge newsletter, vouchers from l'Atelier de Récup, a list of resources and other small household items. With our stash of items in the Welcome Project Room, we are able to donate other items as needed.

MONTREAL CITY MISSION

Workshop

JOIN US
FEB 15 - 6:00PM - 7:30 PM
ON ZOOM

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER
EMAIL: SBERNIER@UNITED-CHURCH.CA

REFUGEES 101

How does Canada decide who gets to have refugee status?
What happens when someone's status is denied?

Join Montreal City Mission, and Nakonhaka Regional Council YaYa Ministries for an interactive workshop with immigration lawyer Rick Goldman and youth minister Shanna Bernier to answer all your burning questions about Immigration social justice and offer some practical tips on how to get more involved in refugee work in your community.

L'atelier se déroulera en anglais, mais les présentateurs sont bilingues et la participation francophone à la discussion est la bienvenue!

Montreal City Mission
communautaire de Montréal

ANCIENT TEXTS... CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS

With Muslim Scholar Imad Balkis

There is wisdom in ancient texts that speaks to some of the deepest, most complex issues of our time. St James - MCM invites you to a two-part, online series that begins with a discussion about Islam's most sacred text, the Qur'an and its place in Muslim life. Next, we will take a deeper dive into what the Qur'an teaches about hospitality and about bringing the traveler, the stranger, and the refugee into a welcoming circle of friendship and justice.

WEDNESDAY JAN 26
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
The Qur'an and its place in Muslim life

WEDNESDAY FEB 2
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Hospitality in the Qur'an

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Ancient Texts, Contemporary Conversations

Zoom links below:

January 26

<https://bit.ly/2022-01-26-AncientTexts-MCM>

February 2

<https://bit.ly/2022-02-02-AncientTexts-MCM>



Riverside United Church invites young adults and older adults to join us every Wednesday afternoon this winter.

Registration: info.joyfulconnections@gmail.com

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Parole sur le pouce

Weekly online bible study (in French), Fridays at 12:15 pm

Learn more: pasteur@stpierrepinquet.org

FEATURED NEWS

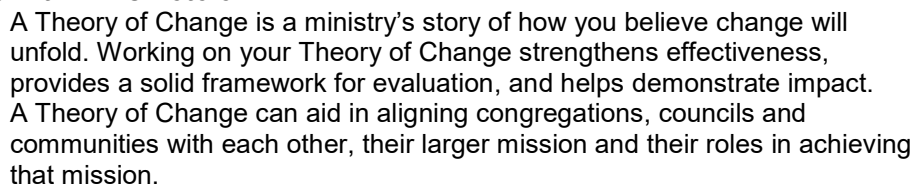


Are you fishing for new tips to sprout growth within your congregation? When is the last time you saw change in your community? Join author John Pentland for **Fishing Tips 2.0**, on **January 26 at 3:00pm** where he talks with United Church Bookstore about his book *Fishing Tips* and explores how his ideas on curiosity and congregational growth have evolved throughout the pandemic. This event will be on Zoom for those who sign up early, as well as on the United Church Facebook Page.

Registration: <https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJercuqopzkqE9Ghe4bKb9fnTUGClqrtTWZE>

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchCda>

Theory of Change Workshop with Chris Rotolo



Embracing the Spirit has benefited greatly from the Theory of Change workshop. It is a learning opportunity we expect all Growth Grant recipients to experience; all communities of faith who are interested are also welcome. If you have any questions, please email the facilitator at chrisrotolo@gmail.com.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/theory-of-change-how-to-start-change-or-grow-your-programministry-s22-tickets-239350151747>



Lent begins **March 2, 2022**. For those of you who are planning what you will do for the Lenten season, we want to let you know the new 2022 United Church Lenten book is now available in print or as an e-book.

The new book, "Lesser Evils," explores everyday dilemmas of seeking the good while choosing the lesser evil from a Christian perspective. Edited by Alydia Smith, this new Lenten book includes daily scripture, reflections, personal questions, and prayers for individual devotions or group study which explore how we attempt to seek wisdom and do good as followers of Jesus.

Life is full of big questions, and no easy answers.

Get your copies now: <http://ow.ly/b8lx50Hmhra>

REMINDERS



CUP OF HOPE ONLINE FESTIVAL

Cup of Hope is a weeklong Festival of Faith offered online (using the Whova platform and Zoom) with leadership from communities of faith across northern BC and the Yukon.

Monday, January 31, 2022 to Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
each day
Cost: \$50

HOPEFUL ECONOMICS

Podcast: The Hopeful Economics podcast, brought to you by EDGE and New Church Ministry, explores ways of making the world's assets and abundance work for all people.

Learn more: <https://hopefuleconomics.transistor.fm/>

Conference: Register for the Hopeful Economics Unconference, **March 3 and 4, 2022**, for a great time of learning about why Hopeful Economics is so needed right now and how our communities of faith can help! <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-united-church-of-canada/events/hopeful-economics-unconference>

IDEA DAYS

Idea Days are a chance to share and discuss your idea (and hear about others!). Come to be a collaborator or to share your idea with a group of champions. If you are interested in applying for an Innovation Grant, this is a great time to get potential partners or feedback. **Dates: Feb. 21, Mar. 28 at 1 pm**

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1047751>

LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

ehbert@egliseunie.ca

L'assemblée générale annuelle de la Table des ministères en français : le 26 février 2022

Notez ça dans vos horaires! Plus de détails à venir.

Personnel recherché – Adjoint(e) à la programmation

Avec le départ de Carol, nous sommes à la recherche d'une personne pour la remplacer. Grâce à la nouvelle réalité, le poste n'est plus obligatoirement à Toronto – ce qui nous permet une flexibilité de recherche partout au Canada. Veuillez, s'il vous plaît, publiciser cet emploi dans vos réseaux.

<https://egliseunie.ca/engagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/emplois/>

Mois de l'histoire des personnes d'ascendance africaine

Préparez-vous pour un mois d'activités et de célébrations! Nous cherchons toujours une personne qui organisera le culte de clôture pour le mois. Si vous êtes intéressé, communiquez avec Kofi au

iakoussah@gmail.com

Prenez-note de ces dates et ces liens :

[Culte d'ouverture](#) : **1^{er} février, 19h**

[Soirée Desmond Tutu](#) : **8 février, 19h**

[Soirée culturelle avec les jeunes](#) : **15 février, 19h**

[Causerie avec le Professeur K. Kuakivi](#) : **22 février, 19h**

[Culte de clôture](#) : **28 février, 19h**

Bilinguisme

Depuis le 10 janvier, le système téléphonique du Conseil général est maintenant bilingue! Lorsque vous appelez, vous pourriez maintenant parcourir le système entièrement en français. De plus, la plateforme de participation pour le 44^e Conseil général sera disponible dans les deux langues, toutes les propositions seront disponibles en français, les cultes seront bilingues, et toutes les rencontres bénéficieront de la traduction simultanée.

Ressource pour la traduction : <https://egliseunie.ca/ressources/ressources-linguistiques/glossaire/>

Pour en savoir plus, veuillez télécharger le rapport de La Table soumis le 20 janvier au conseil exécutif du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka : <https://bit.ly/2022-01-20-LaTable-Exec>



To receive all the national news directly from various United Church of Canada ministries and interest groups, you can subscribe to their e-newsletters: <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

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NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022