



February 9, 2022

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

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>



February 9 is the birthday of American writer Alice Walker, born in 1944. Her breakout novel was *The Color Purple* (1982), which won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. (courtesy of <https://www.saltproject.org/>)

CBC Black Changemakers 2022

CBC is currently featuring profiles and interviews with black changemakers in Quebec, like Marlene Jennings and Charlene Hunte of Union United Church Montreal.

Learn more:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/topic/Tag/Black%20Changemakers%20QC>



WORSHIP RESOURCES: Have a Heart Day

We are asking United Church communities of faith to take some time by **February 14** to mark a different kind of Valentine's Day.

Have a Heart Day is a project of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. Led by Dr. Cindy Blackstock, the Caring Society educates about and advocates for the rights of Indigenous kids across Canada. It works directly with Indigenous kids and communities to do this.

Learn more:

<https://united-church.ca/news/have-heart-day-february-14-0>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

Rassemblement
du conseil régional
2022-03-11/12
Regional Council
Gathering



REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

Regional Council Meeting (March 2022)

Our next opportunity to gather online as a regional council is just over a month away and the planning team remains focused on our theme of **bold discipleship**. Registration is now open!

Rev. Wendy Evans will be our **guest speaker**, offering some reflections and opportunities to engage with questions of how faith and environment intersect.

There will be a **pre-meeting learning opportunity** on **Wednesday, February 23** to view a video prepared by United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) and share discussions about the stewardship of property in the context of our ministries.

REMINDER - Presentations and reports

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.) Presentations are due **before March 9**.

Written reports (maximum 1.5 pages) 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:

February 23 (Wednesday, 7:00 pm) Pre-meeting learning opportunity (Property)

March 11 (Friday, 6:30 pm) **AND March 12** (Saturday, 9:00 am) – Regional Council Gathering

Registration: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-march-2022/>

COVID-19 RESPONSE

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/covid-19/>



Clarification regarding changing restrictions for places of worship

A special notice was sent out on January 31, 2022 to newsletter subscribers and pastoral charges with some clarifications from Mgr Pierre Murray, Moderator of the Table interreligieuse de la concertation au Québec regarding changes to government restrictions for places of worship in effect as of **February 7, 2022**.

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/ae6bbd9e4089/mises-a-jour-covid-updates-2022-01-28-n>

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

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

GRANTING AND ENABLING

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

LAST CALL - 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/>

REMINDERS

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

REMINDER - 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/>

ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

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

Welcome to UCC's Faithful Footprints Monthly Newsletter



Faithful Footprints

Ideas, tools & grants to help us live our climate commitments

The United Church of Canada (UCC) Faithful Footprints program offers grants, tools, and inspiration to help its congregations live their climate commitments. With UCC's commitment to reducing its carbon emissions by 80% by 2050, this one-of-a-kind program offers up to \$30,000 in grants towards energy efficiency and decarbonization projects (conditions apply).

Our monthly newsletter will be released the last Wednesday of every month, and will feature:

- New national and regional grants/incentives
- Program updates (photos, stories, before/after energy results)
- Climate justice and advocacy initiatives
- Informative monthly blogs that include stories from our grants manager and program participants highlighting carbon reduction, energy efficiency, and climate justice
- Upcoming events and webinars relating to climate action
- New resources and tools available

Learn more: <http://www.faithcommongood.org/>

Subscribe to newsletter: https://www.faithcommongood.org/mailling_list

**REMINDERS**

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).

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

Learn more: sbernier@united-church.ca

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS CIRCLE

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Living Into Right Relations newsletter (January): <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1048176>

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**MONTREAL MISSION INTERNSHIP**

Paid summer internship opportunity for social-justice-minded young adults! The Montreal Mission Internship is a 9-week program for people aged 18 to 25 organised by the Montreal School of Theology. Interns will work at a service organization in Montreal that aligns with their interests and participate in weekly group meetings to learn from one another and reflect on their experiences.

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-MontrealMissionInternship-Poster>

More information and the application form can be found at <https://www.montrealmission.ca/>

**CCS FRIDAYS**

CCS Fridays continue in 2022, starting on **Friday, February 11 at 1 pm** with "Painting Canadian Lives", an online discussion of art and history and learning with artist Kellen Hatanaka.

Learn more: <http://ccsonline.ca/2022/01/february-ccs-friday-painting-canadian-lives/>

Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlod-gqrzMoHdO-hyqWuiVB1thZknhPsi-h>

REMINDERS**UNITED IN LEARNING**

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

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

March 11, 10 am-12 pm: Anthropology for Ministry with Susan Willhauck and Ken Chitwood

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

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>

Part-time Office Administrator

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is still looking for a part-time Office Administrator. We are pretty flexible with hours worked, so it might even be a perfect position for someone who is already working part-time, and wants more hours.

For details, email barbrandle01@gmail.com

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

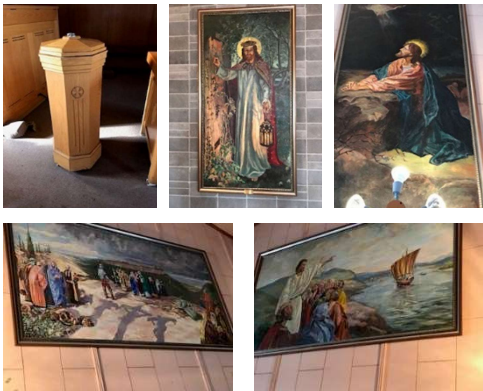
LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/>
STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH**ORA Loss & Living: Widow Support Circle**

February 10 to April 7, 2022 (8 weeks) - Thursdays on Zoom from 2:00 to 4:00 pm



This online support circle, facilitated by Cathy Hamilton and Manon Breton, is open to women grieving the loss of a spouse or partner. The weekly group offers conversation around loss and grief, and provides direction with healthy coping skills that can help weather the storm. Please share this invitation with anyone in your circle who has recently suffered this type of loss.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/2022-02-10-ORA-WidowSupport> or info@ora-mtl.org

LAKESHORE TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**For Sale**

Dorval-Strathmore United is in the final stages of selling its building and has merged with St. John's United to form a new faith community called Lakeshore Trinity United Church.

There are a few things to be sold (or are looking for a new home). These include a baptismal font (with pivoting cover), and four framed oil paintings (given to Dorval United, each measuring approximately 4'X8' - 122cm by 244 cm).

Please contact lakeshoretrinityunited@gmail.com or 514-697-6459

SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH**Milk Bags to Make Sleeping Mats for Local Shelter**

Summerlea United Church is looking for milk bags to make sleeping mats for a local shelter. If you have any milk bags, please drop them into the church's mailbox at 225, 50th Avenue in Lachine or contact us at 514-634-2651. If you have a large amount and are unable to bring them to the church, we will arrange to have them picked up.

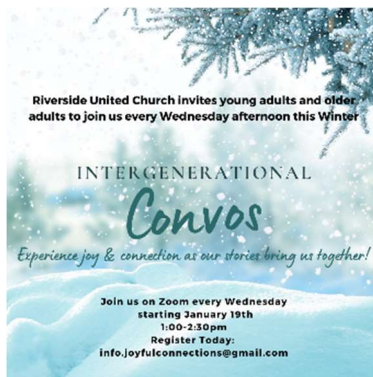


ÉGLISE UNIE SAINT-PIERRE ET PINGUET

Parole sur le pouce

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

Learn more: pasteur@stpierrepinguet.org



RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH

Intergenerational Convos

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

Wednesdays on Zoom from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Registration: info.joyfulconnections@gmail.com

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!


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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS



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FEATURED NEWS

Korea Peace Appeal Ten Thousand Signature Campaign

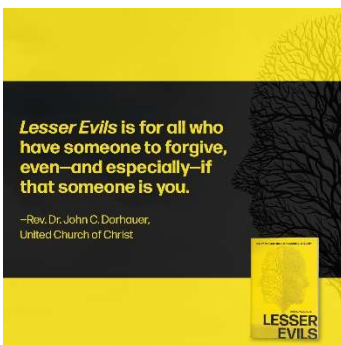
On January 24, The United Church of Canada launched its Korea Peace Appeal Ten Thousand Signature Campaign and declared, "70 years is enough. It's time to end the Korean War." You are invited to participate in this church-wide effort to collect 10,000 signatures—you can sign the petition at the link below.

Moderator Richard Bott and the Rev. Dr. Kyongia (Kay) Cho will be hosting a special Korea Peace Appeal Ten Thousand Signature Campaign information session on **Thursday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m. ET** to encourage and support uptake of this campaign. Use the link below to register and find out more.

Sign the petition: <https://en.endthekoreanwar.net/>

Register for information session: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/648123456789>

REMINDERS



Lesser Evils for Lent

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>

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

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

Mois de l'histoire des personnes d'ascendance africaine

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

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

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

Rapport de La Table (soumis le 20 janvier au conseil exécutif du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka)
Téléchargez le rapport : <https://bit.ly/2022-01-20-LaTable-Exec>

Glossaire

<https://egliseunie.ca/ressources/ressources-linguistiques/glossaire/>

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



Dialogue as a Sacred Path
Building Our Skills in Talking with One Another
with Dr. Sunnie Epstein, Ed.D.
Tuesdays @ 7-9pm ET
February 8 & April 12, 2022
on Zoom

Dr. Sandra Sterling Epstein (Sunnie) has worked in Jewish education for more than forty five years. She works extensively with multi-faith dialogue in personally, nationally and internationally. She also directs the Jewish Learning & Living Project and the Welcoming Shabbat Project of Eshet, ensuring the well-being of LGBTQ+ Jews in Orthodox community and life.

TO REGISTER:
Join the conversation! Please feel free to invite clergy and lay leaders from your congregations and communities.
To RSVP and for more info: regbsherril@outlook.com
These sessions will be held in English on Zoom.
Registrants will receive the Zoom link.

REMINDER

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.

Tuesday, April 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Learn more/RSVP: regbsherril@outlook.com

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SHARE YOUR STORIES, NEWS AND EVENTS

NEXT NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY 23, 2022

**NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022**