



DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



February 23 is **#PinkShirtDay –** share a photo of your anti-bullying pink attire on social media! *Learn more:* <u>https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/and https://humanrights.ca/story/travis-prices-act-of-kindness</u>



Responding to A Cry for Help

In response to a recent open letter (*A Cry for Help*) written by Nakuset and Mary Martin-Goodleaf, the Living in Right Relations Circle (LIRR) submitted a grant request to Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (CrNRC) for \$60,000, to be given to Native Women's Shelter of Montreal in aid of our neighbours in crisis, supporting Résilience and the Raphaël André Memorial Tent in Cabot Square.

The Granting & Enabling Leadership Team (GELT) was able to grant the request, with \$30,000 from the Erskine & American-Mountainside Trust Fund, \$15,000 from the Bhal-Jun 발전 Fund and \$15,000 from the Good Samaritan Fund.

On February 10, 2022, a cheque for \$45,000 was presented in person to Nakuset and the Resilience team by Lisa Byer-de Wever, Jan Jorgensen, and Read Sherman representing LIRR, and Marc Grenon, representing CrNRC in a simple gesture of solidarity. Moving words by Elder Robert Patton were written in a card to accompany the cheque. (The remaining \$15,000 from the Good Samaritan Fund will be directly transferred by the General Council Office Team to the Native Women's Shelter of Montréal.)

LIRR wishes to express its deep gratitude to the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team and the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for its generosity in response to this call for help!

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Several communities of faith in our Regional Council are sharing resources and opportunities for reflection during Lent. Riverside United Church, Beaconsfield United Church and Merging Waters Pastoral Charge are offering a **Lenten Devotional Reflection Series** based on the book *Lesser Evils*, edited by Alydia Smith, while Cedar Park United Church has published their own **collection of prayers and reflections**, *Lenten Prayers for a Pandemic Season*, written by Rev. Elisabeth Jones and designed by Martha Randy, with proceeds designated for the United Church of Canada's Global Vaccine Fund.

For more details on these and other Lenten activities, see the Local Community News and Events section.

MARCH

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

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



SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH

March 1: Shrove Tuesday March 2: Ash Wednesday

March 4: World Day of Prayer

March 8: International Women's Day

March 14: Pie Day: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q72enzmFiwU
March 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

March 26: Earth Hour (8:30-9:30 pm local time)

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



Learning session: UPRC and property stewardship - *ONLINE* **TONIGHT** - **February 23** (7:00 pm)

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

Registration: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/online-learning-opportunity-uprc-and-property-stewardship/



Regional Council Gathering - ONLINE

March 11 (Friday, 6:30 pm) AND March 12 (Saturday, 9:00 am) Registration:

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

Worship and reflections for the Winter 2022 Regional Council gathering will be grounded in the concept of **bold discipleship**.

The Mohawk version of bold discipleship (by Alma Teiensaketarhon Ransom) translates as "We are strong in our mind that we are following the tracks/trail/footsteps of our Creator."

REGISTER NOW! All ministry personnel and elected lay representatives* are requested to register or to send regrets before March 8 (*please send contact info for new lay reps to jcoffin@united-church.ca.)

The agenda for the Regional Council gathering will include:

- A keynote presentation ("Bold in the Body") focused on faith and environment by Rev. Wendy Evans (GreenFaith Montreal), with opportunities for engagement and discussion
- Brief presentations from regional council leadership teams and networks
- · Covenanting with Rev. Dan Hayward, Pastoral Relations Minister
- and more!

REMINDER - Presentations

Leadership teams are each asked to prepare a clear, concise and uplifting 5-minute presentation about how their team is living into bold discipleship. Presenters should send their slideshows, videos and/or presentations to Joel Miller at imiller@united-church.cg BEFORE the rehearsal on March 9 (10 am to 12 pm)

SAVE THE DATE: Spring 2022 Regional Council Meeting - June 4, 2022

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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





Clarification regarding changing restrictions for places of worship Special notices were sent out on February 9 and February 16, 2022 to newsletter subscribers and pastoral charges with additional clarifications from La Table interreligieuse de la concertation au Quebec regarding changes to government restrictions for places of worship in effect as of February 21, 2022.

Additional changes taking effect **February 28** and **March 14** have also been noted in these updates; another COVID update will be sent out as more information becomes available.

Learn more: https://mailchi.mp/a232b71def19/mises-a-jour-covid-updates-2022-02-09-n
and https://mailchi.mp/8d0d50c6c99a/mises-a-jour-covid-updates-2022-02-21-n

EXECUTIVE

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

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

ONLINE TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEES

Every community of faith has to have a Ministry & Personnel Committee – but what do they do? What is their role? How does the committee relate to the governing body, to ministry personnel, and to lay employees? If you are on your church's M&P Committee, are you there to supervise? Discipline? Support?

Members of **Ministry & Personnel Committees** (both new and long-serving), as well as **Ministry Personnel**, are invited to attend this online workshop, brought to you by the Nakonha:ka, East Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Councils.

When: **Saturday**, **March 5**, **2022** 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Registration: https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sfuirpz0tGt1Nlz2Fr1CyvAqWmPqcM9wv
Please contact Rev. Daniel Hayward, Pastoral Relations Minister, for further information: dhayward@united-church.ca, 1.800.268.3781, extension 6150.



ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR MINISTRY PERSONNEL: An Introduction to Emotional Intelligence

Pastoral ministry is all about relationships. One might be a brilliant theologian, excellent at Biblical exegesis, but if you are not emotionally intelligent one's ministry can be very difficult. Ministry personnel are called upon on a daily basis to make leadership decisions, to respond to demands of time and energy, to handle difficult situations, to calm frayed nerves.

Emotional Intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically. When we are emotionally intelligent, we begin to understand why certain feelings occur under certain circumstances. This workshop will introduce you to a basic understanding of Emotional Intelligence.

Time: **Wednesday**, **March 23**, **2022** 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Registration (for Ministry Personnel only): https://united-

church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUufu2tqTwoGNTyfn5WIyV5cJW4qqLPI-n8

To learn more, please contact Rev. Whitman Strong, Pastoral Relations Minister EOORC: wstrong@united-church.ca

2022-23 VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATE MINISTER (VAM) FORMS

Updated VAM forms for 2022-23 are now available to download on the regional council website. Please send completed forms to Joel Miller at jmiller@united-church.ca.

Download forms:

REMINDERS

Annual Declarations

2022 annual declaration for ministry personnel is now open via ChurchHub, until May 15, 2022. Need help accessing ChurchHub? Please contact ministry@united-church.ca.

Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 1:30 pm.

Learn more: dhayward@united-church.ca

GRANTING AND ENABLING

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

REMINDER

GRANTS AVAILABLE AT NATIONAL LEVEL

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/

LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE / SÉMINAIRE UNI

Upcoming Online Open Enrolment Courses



Comment parler de la foi avec les enfants

Les jeudis soirs du 17 mars au 28 avril (19h00 à 21h00)

Un cours pour apprendre comment parler de la foi avec nos enfants, autant en famille que dans les communautés de foi.

Learn more (in French): https://utc.ca/comment-parler/

Download poster (in French): https://bit.ly/2022-03-CommentParler-UTC



Living as a Christian in a World That's Not: Reading the Acts of the Apostles Tuesday evenings, March 8 to April 5 (7 to 8.30pm)

An introduction to the Acts of the Apostles with an emphasis on what it has to teach believers in today's multi-faith setting.

Learn more: https://utc.ca/living-as-a-christian-in-a-world-thats-not-studies-in-the-acts-of-the-apostles/

REMINDERS

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/

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 <u>jbolivar@astheology.ns.ca</u>
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 https://united-church.ca/opportunities and at https://egliseunie.ca/engagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/

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/



GREENFAITH MONTREAL

The next Montreal GreenFaith circle online gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 23rd at 11:15am**.

The purpose of the gathering will be to consider what action we may want to take in relation to the GreenFaith International 'Sacred Seasons' call on February 24 and to discuss any local initiatives we may want to respond to.

To participate in this gathering, contact Rev. Wendy Evans for the Zoom link: evanswendy@gmail.com GreenFaith International News: https://greenfaith.org/news/

WILD CHURCH (Westmount Park United Church)

Read about this initiative of Westmount Park United Church in the Feb. 8 edition of Westmount Independent (p.20): https://www.westmountindependent.com/WIv16.2b.pdf

JESUS GREEN, COURAGE TO COME HOME STUDY SERIES (Westmount Park United Church) Wed. evenings April 27- May 23 (in person)

These five weekly in-person sessions will be based on a book being written by Rev. Neil Whitehouse about the Jesus that emerges as we recognise we need to make a home for all.

Contact Rev. Neil Whitehouse for more information: westmountparkuc@videotron.ca

SAVE THE DATE! EcoAction Day May 23 (details to follow)

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/



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.

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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See article **Responding to A Cry for Help** on page 1.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

The January 2022 edition of *Keeping in Touch Newsletter* is now available on regional council website. Download newsletter: 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/

NATIONAL NETWORK: UNITED CHURCH RURAL MINISTRY NETWORK (UCRMN)

UCRMN is a member of the Canadian Rural Church Network (CRCN), made up of 11 different denominations across Canada. We are a grassroots initiative for Rural Ministry in the United Church of Canada made by and for rural church members. Our goal is to connect the many Rural Ministry initiatives across Canada.

Newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/403cf9e6d554/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-11406678

Registration for Zoom check-in on February 24 at 1 pm: https://mailchi.mp/33be4dc5c49c/summer-newsletter-

from-ucrmn-11416434 Web site: https://ucrmn.ca/

STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH



ORA Loss & Living: Widow Support Circle

The Mission & Service offering for March 20 shares this moving and courageous testimonial by Lisa highlighting her struggle with loss and grief after the death of her husband, Steve, and the power of participating in the Widow Support Circle offered by ORA Loss & Living Program to help find ways to rebuild after loss.

"At one of the most difficult times of my life, your generosity through Mission & Service provided care, love, and comfort. Indeed, we are not alone. We live in God's world. Thank you for your support."

Watch video: https://united-church.ca/stories/rebuilding-after-loss-lisas-story

Learn more about ORA: https://oramontreal.org/



Monthly Ultreya - April 8th 2022 @ 7:30pm

These gatherings happen on the 2nd Friday of the month from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. We'll start off with an opening prayer and welcome. The program varies but it typically includes sharing of our faith and plans of action, fellowship and singing some of our favourite songs.

Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94337193524

ÉGLISE UNIE SAINT-PIERRE ET PINGUET



AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN A STUDENT MINISTER AND HIS SUPERVISOR (in French)

Norman Robert Boie, candidat au ministère ordonné dans l'Église Unie et présentement en stage au Ministère régional des Laurentides, et la pasteure Darla Sloan, son accompagnatrice, ont échangé à partir des textes bibliques sur les thèmes de la vocation, du témoignage de foi et de l'avenir de l'Église.

See video (in French): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px aENvl 9M

Parole sur le pouce

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

Learn more: pasteur@stpierrepinguet.org

LAKESHORE TRINITY UNITED CHURCH











For Sale

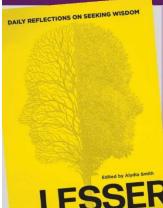
Dorval-Strathmore United is in the final stages of selling its building and has merged with St. John's United to form a new faith community called Lakeshore Trinity United Church.

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

Riverside United Church, Beaconsfield United Church and Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Present

Lesser Evils: A Lenten Devotional Reflection Series

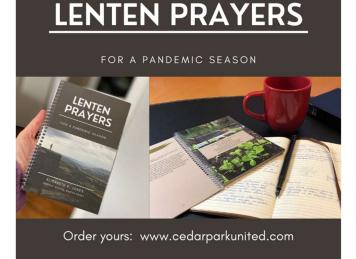


Join us on Thursday evenings in Lent (beginning March 10th) as we reflect together on making faithled moral decisions in a complex world, using the book Lesser Evils as a guide.

Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM over Zoom.

Access to a copy of Lesser Evils is needed to participate. The E-Book is available from the United Church Bookstore (https://ucrdstore.ca). And we have some hard copies available for purchase. Contact your church's administrator for more information.

To register to participate, please email riversideunitedchurch@hotmail.com







Cedar Park United









UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS



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Abonnez-vous à l'info-lettre de l'Église Unie du Canada : https://bit.ly/EgliseUnie-infolettre-Subscribe

FEATURED NEWS

Opposing Symbols of Hate in Protests

Committing to becoming an actively anti-racist church includes intentionally opposing signs and systems of racism whenever they are displayed in the church and society.

Learn more: https://united-church.ca/news/opposing-symbols-hate-protests



General Council 44 (GC44) for Visitors

General Council 44 started on Sunday, February 13; here are some ways that folks in our regional council can get involved and stay connected.

- 1. From Facebook to YouTube, we have many ways for people to participate throughout these next several months of GC44! These options are outlined here: https://generalcouncil44.ca/about/connect-gc44
- 2. If people want to register to attend online as a visitor, they can do so at https://pheedloop.com/register/UCGC44/attendee/?
- 3. Worship resources for congregations can be found on our website at https://generalcouncil44.ca/community/worship-resources-congregations
- 4. The latest General Council news will be on the home page of our website: https://generalcouncil44.ca/

REMINDERS

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/meeting/register/tJAscuatajatHtKwJna3sKG37zFTwrG5HA1r

HOPEFUL ECONOMICS



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!

 $\frac{https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-united-church-of-canada/events/hopeful-economics-unconference}{economics-unconference}$

LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

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L'assemblée générale annuelle de la Table des ministères en français

Voici un petit rappel de l'AGA de la Table des ministères en français qui aura lieu le samedi 26 février de 9h à 13h (heure de l'Est). Tous les francophones et francophiles de l'Église Unie sont les bienvenus. Si vous parlez français et vous êtes lié à l'Église Unie... venez! Partagez l'invitation aux membres de vos communautés de foi. Nous discuterons de nos projets en cours et des projets à venir et nous ferons une célébration des ministères.

Inscription: https://bit.ly/2022-02-26-Inscription-AGA-LaTable

Mois de l'histoire des personnes d'ascendance africaine

Culte de clôture : 28 février, 19h

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



Les itinérants nous parlent

Événement virtuel en hommage à l'Abbé John Walsh Le 27 février 2022, 14h30 HNE

Itinerants Speak to Us

Virtual Event in Honor of Father John Walsh February 27th 2022, 2:30 PM EST

Au Programme :

The program:

14h40 Hommage à l'Abbé John Walsh et à son engagement auprès des itinérants 2:40 PM Tribute to Father John Walsh and his commitment to homeless people

Directrice Communauté Nazareth, Sheila Woodhouse, Director Nazareth Community
President du CA Centre canadien d'œcuménisme, Paul Paradis, President of the Canadian Center for Ecumenism
15h00 Témoignages des personnes ayant vécu en itinérance et prière des itinérants

3 PM Testimonies of people who have experienced homelessness and prayer

Louis Gingras, Jocelyn Gagnon et Carol Duval

16h00 Table ronde des intervenants

4 PM Round Table

Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier, Dean and Rector Christ Church Cathedral, Anglican Church Rabbi Reuben Poupko, Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation Abbé Claude Paradis, Notre-Dame-sur-la-rue, Égilse catholique Sister Sabriah, Fondation de Sister Sabriah, musulmane Ven. Amanda Banthe. Canada-Bangladesh Bouddhist Cultural Center

Roger Twance, Sainte-Kateri au centre-ville, Ojibwé 17h00 lancement du film *Recyclage et discussion avec le réalisateur Pierre Anthian*

17h00 lancement du film Recyclage et discussion avec le réalisateur Pierre Anthian
5 PM showing of film Recyclage and discussion with producer Pierre Anthian

Événement gratuit Don Communauté Nazareth

Free Event Donation Nazareth Community

information : denitsa@oikoumene.ca 514-937-9176



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. Saundra Sterling Epstein (Sunnie) has worked in Jewish education for more than forty five years. She works extensively with multifath dialogue regionally, nationally and internationally. She also directs BeYachad: Bringing Jewish Learning & Living Together and the Welcoming Shuls/Schools Project of Eshel, ensuring the well-being of LGBTQ+ Jews in Orthodox community and life.

DECISTED.

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

To RSVP and for more info: rebsherril@outlook.com
These sessions will be held in English on Zoom.

Registrants will receive the Zoom link.

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SHARE YOUR STORIES, NEWS AND EVENTS

NEXT NEWSLETTER: MARCH 9, 2022

NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022