



## DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

### From the Theologian's Almanac (SALT)

**March 23** is the day in 1942 when the U.S. government began forcibly relocating Japanese Americans from their homes on the West Coast to internment camps. Approximately 120,000 people were detained in this way, even as some Japanese-American men were drafted into the war effort. The camps remained operational for three years. In 1981, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians concluded that the internment was a "grave injustice" resulting from "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership." President Reagan offered survivors an apology and \$20,000 each in 1988.

Learn more: <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2022/3/13/theologians-almanac-for-week-of-march-20-2022>

**WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR APRIL:** <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days>



### SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

**April 10:** Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 11:** Holy Week

**April 14:** Maundy Thursday

**April 15:** Good Friday

**April 17:** Resurrection Sunday: Easter Day; Earth Sunday

**April 22:** Earth Day

## REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

### REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



### FOLLOW-UP: Regional Council Gathering (March 11 and 12)

Thanks to all who participated in the regional council gathering last weekend; please share your feedback to help us improve future gatherings.

Survey: <https://bit.ly/2022-03-11-12-Survey-Sondage>

Final versions of documents and additional resources from Wendy Evans and Ben Ryan are now available on the regional council web site; a more in-depth review of the meeting and decisions will be offered in our next newsletter.

Download documents and resources: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-march-2022/>



### \*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*

### Spring 2022 Regional Council Meeting - June 4, 2022

### Theme: Daring Justice

For the first time in two years, we hope to gather in person (as well as on Zoom) hosted by Lakeshore Trinity United Church in Pointe-Claire. Learning sessions related to this meeting will be centred on right relations.

Details to follow in future communications.

### EXECUTIVE

**Upcoming Executive Meetings:** April 7, May 19 (Thursdays, 9 am to 12 pm via Zoom)

## NOMINATIONS

### Sharing your gifts: Call for Nominations and Expressions of Interest

The Regional Council - and the communities of faith that it serves - all thrive when individuals share their unique talents and gifts in the ways that they feel called to participate. What are you feeling called to share? Contact the nominations team to find out where your gifts may offer the most benefit.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/nominations/>

## MINISTRY PERSONNEL

### REMINDERS - Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30 pm**. Learn more: [dhayward@united-church.ca](mailto:dhayward@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](mailto:jmiller@united-church.ca).

Download forms: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/policies/>

### 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](mailto:ministry@united-church.ca).

## STEWARDSHIP

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/stewardship-gifts/>

### Coaching and support to meet your stewardship needs



Registration is now open!

Create a stewardship team of 3-5 people from your Community of Faith (including your minister or key lay leader, where possible), and spend some focussed time with a Stewardship Specialist and teams from other congregations. Be inspired by a program with a proven track record, and receive personalized coaching and on-going support that reflect your congregation's unique mission, focus, and resources.

- **Cohort 1a:** Wednesday, **April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18** from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. EST
- **Cohort 2a:** Thursday, **April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19** from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. EST
- **Cohort 3a:** Tuesday, **April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17** from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. EST
- **Cohort 4a:** Monday, **April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16** from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. EST
- **Cohort 5a:** Wednesday, **April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18** from 9:30-11:30 p.m. EST.

Learn more: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/408-called-to-be-the-church-the-journey>

## GRANTING AND ENABLING

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

### REMINDERS

#### GRANTS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

At a recent meeting of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team, the topic of handicapped access to church buildings was discussed. Several churches have received federal government grants of up to \$100,000 to improve the accessibility of their building. Eligible renovations include ramps, accessible doors, accessible washrooms, and elevators. Other potential funding sources include the Modernization and Improvement Grant (United Church of Canada Foundation) - a \$5000 matching grant for eligible congregations; and loans (not grants) can also be arranged through the Finance & Extension Board.

Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html>

Modernization and Improvement Grant: <https://united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/local-administration/capital-assistance-programs/capital-1>

Finance & Extension Board: [feendowment@gmail.com](mailto:feendowment@gmail.com)

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GRANTS

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

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

## FINANCE & EXTENSION BOARD

FE Secretary [feendowment@gmail.com](mailto:feendowment@gmail.com)

### REMINDERS

#### SABBATICAL LEAVE 2023 - CALL FOR REQUESTS

The Sabbatical Leave Committee, which is a committee of the Finance & Extension Board, is presently inviting requests for sabbatical leave from ministry personnel for 2023. If this is in your plans, please contact Diane Campbell ([dj.campbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:dj.campbell@sympatico.ca)) and/or submit a preliminary proposal to the Sabbatical Leave Committee by **June 1, 2022**. This preliminary proposal should include a plan, the reasons for requesting sabbatical leave, timelines, and a draft budget. Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/sabbatical-leave/>

#### 2022 BURSARIES - CALL FOR REQUESTS

Three Bursary funds are available through the Finance and Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for students registered in Universities and post-secondary institutions who are active members in congregations in the regional council. Preference will be given to students registered in Canadian educational institutions. Applications should be submitted by **Friday June 3, 2022**.

For further information and downloadable application forms: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/bursaries/>

## LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### REMINDERS

#### UNITED IN LEARNING

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

## EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

<https://united-church.ca/opportunities/> or <https://egliseunie.ca/engagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/>

## REGIONAL COUNCIL NETWORKS AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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

### SAVE THE DATE!



## REMINDERS

### YOUTH FORUM/CAMP FAMILY REUNION



Join us during the May long weekend at Quebec Lodge Outdoor Centre for a Yofo/Camp family reunion. The main gathering will be **Saturday, May 21, 2022** from 3pm until the evening. Supper will be served.

Event description: <https://fb.me/e/1sEbxwTtD>

Registration: <https://forms.gle/ST6RQNiBBRFLs8JYA>

Learn more: [sbernier@united-church.ca](mailto:sbernier@united-church.ca)

**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](mailto:sbernier@united-church.ca)

### 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](mailto:DRGagnon@united-church.ca) as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

### LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS CIRCLE

[rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com](mailto:rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com)

**UNSETTLING RELIGION**  
Practical steps to forward decolonization  
A presentation by  
**Tiawentí:non Canadian**  
March 23, 2022  
12:30 p.m. EST  
Hybrid Event:  
In person at 2060 Mackay (FA Annex)  
or on Zoom  
Please visit our website for  
registration details:  
[agic-concordia.ca](http://agic-concordia.ca)  
Sponsored by  
Concordia University's Department of Religions and Cultures &  
the Concordia University Alumni Association

#### Invitation to Leadership Teams

On the theme of Daring Justice, the Living Into Right Relations Leadership Circle strongly encourages all members of leadership teams and the wider regional council to participate in upcoming learning sessions on right relations and reconciliation, including the blanket exercise and decolonizing settler mentality.

**TODAY at 12:30 pm**

**UNSETTLING RELIGION:  
Practical Steps to forward decolonization**

Learn more: <https://agic-concordia.ca/>

### UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

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

#### UCW PRESENTATION FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – **March 11-12, 2022**

The UCW presentation is now available on the event page of the web site:

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

#### REMINDER

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

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





GreenFaith Montreal (Rev. Wendy Evans)

**SAVE THE DATE: Monday, April 25, 2022 (around noon)** for an in-person event in St. James Square in support of GreenFaith Sacred Seasons (<https://greenfaith.org/sacred-season/>). The timing overlaps with the start of Easter season, the final days of Ramadan, and having just finished the celebration of Passover

and Earth Day - and so climate justice/earth day themes could be reflected on in the context of these high holy seasons. If you aren't able to be there on the actual day, any input you would still want to offer to the planning will be very appreciated! A **planning session** (on Zoom) for the event is scheduled for **March 30, 2022 at 11:00 am**.

Learn more: Rev. Wendy Evans [evanswendy@gmail.com](mailto:evanswendy@gmail.com)

## LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/>

### SAINT FRANCIS CLUSTER

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The communities of faith in Saint Francis Cluster have a long list of upcoming and ongoing events.

Download the calendar of events: <https://bit.ly/2022-03-StFrancisEvents>

### 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](mailto:pasteur@stpierrepinguet.org)

### STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH



**Monthly Ultreya - April 8, 2022 at 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>





*Draw us  
an Organ!*

*Dessine-  
nous un  
Orgue!*

**St. James United Church is inviting toddlers, elementary and secondary school students to draw our magnificent organ!**

**L'église unie St. James invite les tout-petits, les élèves du primaire et du secondaire à dessiner notre magnifique orgue !**

Veuillez envoyer des dessins ou des photocopies de bonne qualité avant le 1er avril à:

Please send good quality drawings or photocopies before April 1 to:

St. James United Church, Music Department, 1435, Rue City-Councillors, Montreal, QC, H3A 2E4

Au verso, indiquez le nom et l'âge de l'artiste, le nom d'un parent, son adresse électronique et son numéro de téléphone. On the verso, indicate the name and age of the artist, the name of a parent, email address and phone number.

Tous les dessins seront exposés dans le Sanctuaire entre le 1er et le 17 avril 2022 et seront photographiés pour les archives avant d'être rendus aux jeunes artistes. Les prix et les certificats seront remis à Pâques, le dimanche 17 avril. All drawings will be on display in the Sanctuary between April 1 and April 17, 2022 and will be photographed for the archives before they are returned to the young artists. Prizes and certificates will be awarded on Easter, Sunday April 17th.

For more information / Pour plus d'information: [stjamesunitedmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesunitedmusic@gmail.com) 514-264-7777

Need inspiration / Besoin d'inspiration? Click here / Cliquez ici: [www.shorturl.at/gkEGX](http://www.shorturl.at/gkEGX)

<https://www.quartierdesspectacles.com/fr/activite/30790/exposition-concours-dessine-moi-un-orgue>

**McGill** Ingram School of Nursing

## First Aid Workshop

Interested in learning about First Aid? McGill Nursing Students are offering First Aid Workshops via Zoom through the Montreal City Mission (McM). Join a course and learn about emergency preparedness in your home!

**MAR. 22**  
**6 TO 8 PM**

CPR  
Choking  
Heart Attack  
Stroke  
Shock  
Severe Allergies

**MAR. 29**  
**6 TO 8 PM**

Seizures  
Poisoning  
Sprain/Strains  
Bleeding  
Dehydration  
COVID-19

Please register to attend workshops  
<https://forms.gle/CpS96LD9bQTUE6V8A> for more details and registration.

Participants will receive a free first aid kit

**FREE**

Montreal City Mission  
communautaire de Montréal

1435 City Councillors St.  
Montreal (QC) H3A 2E4  
Canada  
[www.montrealcitymission.org/](http://www.montrealcitymission.org/)

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

## INTERGENERATIONAL Convos

*Experience joy & connection as our stories bring us together!*

Join us on Zoom every Wednesday  
starting January 19th  
1:00-2:30pm  
Register Today:  
[info.joyfulconnections@gmail.com](mailto:info.joyfulconnections@gmail.com)

## Help newcomers make a home here

Do you have gently used household items and clothing you can donate to people who are starting a new life in Montreal?

**Needed Immediately:**

- Winter coats, boots & other winter clothing for adults and children
- Electric space heater

**Needed in the coming weeks & months:**

- kitchen items
- furniture: beds, mattresses, couches etc
- other household goods



Please contact [community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com](mailto:community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com)  
or 514-695-0600



## Demystifying Suicide Grief

Wednesday, March 23, 2022  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
on Zoom

An info session for compassionate folk whether you know a family touched by suicide — or not.

### Gain a better understanding of:

What not to say to a friend after a death by suicide.  
What's helpful to offer (and what's not).  
What to do if you are not sure the death was accidental or suicide — and does it matter?  
How to help reduce the stigma.  
Warning signs, and much more.

Ask questions in a safe, supportive, confidential space.

Presented by Jean-Claude Daoust & Nathalie Rafei  
of Suicide Action Montreal 1 866 APPELLE

on behalf of The Family Life Centre

FREE OF CHARGE

Thanks to funding by the United Church of Canada Erskine & American Mountside Trust

Register by email: [familylifecentre@gmail.com](mailto:familylifecentre@gmail.com) for the Zoom link



The Family Life Centre is a community resource supported by 8 West Island churches offering referral services, information sessions and workshops.



## SHARE YOUR STORIES, NEWS AND EVENTS

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

APRIL 6, 2022

NEXT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

Send information to [jcoffin@united-church.ca](mailto:jcoffin@united-church.ca)

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS



Subscribe to United Church of Canada e-newsletters: <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

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



### FOLLOW-UP: Hopeful Economics Unconference

An Unconference is unique because the participants choose the topics. We provided fishbowl discussions over Zoom by thought leaders in how faith, community, and profit interact with social innovation. The people watching identified issues that the discussions brought up for them, and then went into breakout rooms to discuss them.

Consider watching these fishbowl discussions and doing the reflection questions as a team:

- Community & Social Innovation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLsOzcixqbQ>
- Faith & Social Innovation: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_377PQRqVI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_377PQRqVI)
- For-Profit & Social Innovation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSG0kYZE6DI&t=3s>

Learn more and see reflection questions: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1048684>



Who do you say I am?  
Et vous...qui dites-vous  
que je suis?  
Māduwech echāmāgī

44<sup>th</sup> General Council • 44<sup>e</sup> Conseil général

### General Council 44 (GC44)

Each **Wednesday at 7 pm**, there are online learning sessions around the proposals. Visitors can register to participate directly by visiting the GC44 site: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>. You can also watch recordings via YouTube at any time during or after the meeting.

The themes for the following weeks are as follows:

- March 23: Invigorate Leadership:** Innovating for Bold Discipleship (A)
- March 30: Invigorate Leadership:** Innovating for Bold Discipleship (B)
- April 6: Embolden Justice:** Collaborating to Mend Church and World
- April 27: Deepen Integrity:** Living Climate Commitments
- May 4: to be announced**

The latest General Council news is on the home page of the website: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>

### Un extrait biblique dans une langue autre que l'anglais et le français

Vous pouvez parler une langue autre que le français et l'anglais? Si vous êtes disponible pour enregistrer une courte capsule en lisant le texte biblique dans cette langue, veuillez rejoindre Éric Hébert-Daly ([ehebert@egliseunie.ca](mailto:ehebert@egliseunie.ca)) aussitôt que possible. Les organisateurs des cultes pour le Conseil général veulent plusieurs langues au cours des prochains mois pour cinq versets.

### Le Zulu

Connaissez-vous quelqu'un qui parle le zulu? Certains membres de l'Église Unie se préparent à faire un échange parmi ceux et celles qui parlent le zulu. Ces gens peuvent entrer en contact avec Emo Yango pour en savoir plus : [eyango@united-church.ca](mailto:eyango@united-church.ca)

## OTHER 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. Saundra Sterling Epstein (Sunnie) has worked in Jewish education for more than forty-five years. She works extensively with multi-faith 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.

**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: [rebsherril@outlook.com](mailto:rebsherril@outlook.com)  
These sessions will be held in English on Zoom.  
Registrants will receive the Zoom link.

### 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: [rebsherril@outlook.com](mailto:rebsherril@outlook.com)

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