



DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



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*Sunrise service with Ayer's
Cliff- Magog-Georgeville
Pastoral Charge*



*Easter prayers and youthful
expressions of hope at Cedar
Park United Church*



*Easter Food Baskets coordinated
through Beulah United Church*

Interfaith Greetings this Holy Week

Hello dear friends and colleagues. As you know, during this month of April for the first time in thirty years, Muslims, Jews, Christians, Sikhs, Baha'is, Hindus, Buddhists, and Indigenous nations will celebrate Ramadan, Passover, Easter, Vaisakhi, Ridván, Mahavir Jayanti, Theravada New Year and the Gathering of Nations at the same time.

May these holy days help create space for joy and love in this distraught world. May peace and dignity prevail.



 **Ramadan: Muslims**

 **Passover: Jews**


 **Easter: Christians**

 **Vaisakhi: Sikhs**

 **Ridván: Baha'is**

 **Mahavir Jayanti: Hindus**

 **Theravada: Buddhists**

 **Gathering of the Nations:
Indigenous People**



In what ways is your community of faith expressing deep spirituality, bold discipleship or daring justice?

Send response to
jcoffin@united-church.ca



**Regional Council
grants available**

How can we help
your community
of faith to thrive?

<https://bit.ly/CrNRC-Grants>



APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 15, 2022

NEXT NEWSLETTER: MAY 4, 2022

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

Send information to jcoffin@united-church.ca

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



SAVE THE DATE: June 4, 2022

Spring 2022 Regional Council Meeting - 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.

SURVEY: Potential Learning Sessions

The opportunity for additional learning sessions on aspects of living our faith as a regional council is an open door. **Please share your ideas about what may be most helpful to our communities of faith by completing this survey:** <https://bit.ly/2022-RC-LearningSessions-Survey>

EXECUTIVE

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

NOMINATIONS

REMINDER - 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

REMINDER - Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, May 3 at 1:30 pm**. Learn more: dhayward@united-church.ca

REMINDER - 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: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/policies/>

REMINDER - 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.

STEWARDSHIP

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

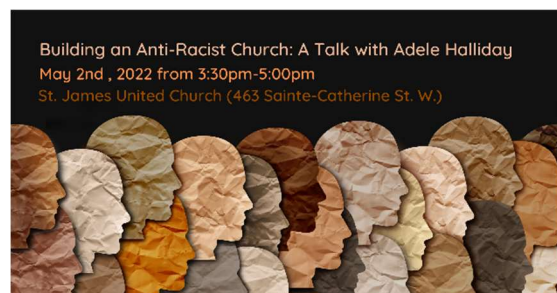
LAST CALL - Coaching and support to meet your stewardship needs



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>

REMINDERS**SABBATICAL LEAVE 2023 - CALL FOR REQUESTS - June 1, 2022**Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/sabbatical-leave/>**2022 BURSARIES - CALL FOR REQUESTS - June 3, 2022**Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/bursaries/>**LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES****Building an Anti-Racist Church: A Talk with Adele Halliday (on behalf of UTC and DIO)****Monday, May 2nd, 2022, 3:30pm-5:00pm** at St. James United Church (463 Sainte-Catherine St. W.)

As movements for racial justice swept across the globe, people and organizations began to make prolific statements to profess their alliance with Black Lives Matter and their commitments to racial equality. Some even sought salvation from racialized peoples, who often bear the brunt of racial injustice. The first part of this conversation will explore the problem with performative allyship, and why people of faith should instead be seeking solidarity. The second part of this conversation will explore ways of making tangible efforts in moving towards becoming an anti-racist church.

Adele Halliday is the Anti-Racism and Equity Lead staff at the national office of The United Church of Canada. An experienced anti-racism educator, workshop leader, and award-winning writer, Adele has been involved in anti-racism work with churches in Canada and beyond for many years. She is currently staff resource to the United Church's Anti-Racism Common Table, and is the Moderator of the World Council of Churches' Advisory Group on Overcoming Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Xenophobia.

Learn more: <https://fb.me/e/2sTRsaRU4>**REMINDER****Joint United Theological College/Montreal Dio convocation****May 2, 2022, 7pm** at Christ Church Cathedral (635 Sainte-Catherine St. W.)

Convocation address by Adele Halliday, Anti-Racism and Equity Leader for the United Church of Canada

Remote viewing available at montrealcathedral.ca/live**SÉMINAIRE UNI****REMINDER - Les grands thèmes de la foi chrétienne**

Le Séminaire Uni offre un module sur les grandes questions de la foi après Pâques. Tout le monde est bienvenu. Pour plus d'informations et pour inscription, veuillez aller sur le site web du séminaire:

<https://www.utc.ca/fr/programmes/exploration-de-la-foi/>Download poster (in French): <https://bit.ly/2022-GrandsThemesDeLaFoi-SeminaireUni>**ATLANTIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE****Annual Report to Regional Councils**

Download the Atlantic Theological College annual report to regional councils:

<https://bit.ly/2022-AST-AnnualReport>**EMMANUEL COLLEGE (Toronto)****REMINDER - Rethinking Preaching Conference**

Please join us **April 25-26** (online) for the second edition of the Rethinking Preaching Conference. You can register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/zXq8cWB7bn>

Visit the conference webpage for full details, including biographies, schedule and registration:

<https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/rethinking-preaching/>

REMINDER - Christian Left Conference 2022

The Christian Left Conference 2022, "Creation, Land, and Indigeneity: Resistance on Turtle Island and Beyond," will be held online on **August 5-6, 2022**. This year's conference will focus on Indigenous efforts in self-determination and resistance, as well as the challenge that Indigenous histories, traditions of storytelling, and ways of knowing pose to dominant Eurocentric narratives. Our featured keynote speakers include Carmen Lansdowne, Jenny Te-Paal Daniel and Dan Longboat.

Visit <https://uoft.me/ChristianLeftConference> for details.

UNITED IN LEARNING

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

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

REMINDER - Faith in Nature Animator (Westmount Park United Church)

Learn more westmountparkuc@videotron.ca

REMINDER - United Spirit Camp Counsellor

Any youth over 16 can apply at: <https://forms.gle/rSNqfXpn4CaacsMb9>

Additional employment and volunteer opportunities are available through United Church of Canada at <https://united-church.ca/opportunities/> or <https://egliseunie.ca/engagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NETWORKS AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com

REMINDER - 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.

REMINDER - Newsletter from United Church of Canada Living into Right Relations

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1048792>

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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

REMINDERS from Shanna Bernier

I am writing to tell you about a few awesome opportunities for youth coming up in the next few months.



First of all, I want to announce that we are holding a one day, in person **mini-Youth Forum**, at Cedar Park United Church in Pointe-Claire. This will be **Saturday April 30th, from around 9 am to 5 pm**. For those who would be travelling from far away, I am hoping to coordinate some car-pooling and offer some gas cards to offset the prohibitive cost of fuel! Lunch will be provided and this event is free to attend, with a 10\$ suggested donation.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/y9yQbo7i1GeJ4ncMA>



The second is to say that **United Spirit Camp** will be hosting a week of in-person sleep away camp this summer. After a two-year hiatus, we are back this summer with an amazing fun-packed week of joy and excitement. Camp will be from **June 26 to July 2, 2022**. Registration is now open, and spaces are limited, so act fast to get the Early bird discount **before April 15!** Our theme this summer is *Caring for Creation*.

Registration: <https://sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/home>

We are also looking for **counselors**; any youth over 16 can apply for that job here:

<https://forms.gle/rSNqfXpn4CaacsMb9>

Please share this with families and other interested parties in your communities and keep being awesome!

Shanna Bernier (she/her) - Program Support Minister for Youth and Young Adults

sbernier@united-church.ca 1-800-268-3781, extension 6169

**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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/environmentnakonhakaecologie>
**“Sprouting” New Interest in the Environment (Natacha Sanson)**

In a recent article posted on our regional council website, Natacha Sanson (member of our regional council Environment Network) shares some of the excitement around independent ecological initiatives that have sprung from young people in her classroom, including a short Zoom presentation that will be viewed by parents and members of the network later this week.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2022/04/11/sprouting-new-interest-in-the-environment-by-natacha-sanson/>

**Monday, April 25, 2022 (noon)****Sacred Stones / Pierres sacrées (GreenFaith Montreal)**

This is 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.

Learn more: <https://greenfaith.controlshift.app/events/sacred-stones-pierres-sacrees-pour-la-justice-climatique>

Green Churches Network newsletter (April 2022): <https://mailchi.mp/51d9b8ed8b8d/green-churches-newsletter>

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/>

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

REMINDER - General Council 44 (GC44)

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

Latest newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220412-1048976>
- Embracing the Spirit: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1048968>
- Broadview: https://mailchi.mp/e00571c04efe/good_friday



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>

Glossaire / Guide de la rédaction : <https://egliseunie.ca/ressources/ressources-linguistiques/>

Le mardi 26 avril à 19h, nous aurons le plaisir d'entendre parler de l'expérience et le vécu de deux personnes de l'Église Unie et des Disciples du Christ qui ont travaillé en partenariat étroit avec nos collègues du Maroc. Emanuella et Fritz nous parleront du défi de travailler dans un contexte de minorité religieuse, de vivre la diversité, de travailler en partenariat (au lieu d'être missionnaire colonial), et de mieux comprendre et vivre l'interculturalité. Lien : <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/83851845676>

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

ÉGLISE UNIE SAINT-PIERRE ET PINGUET

REMINDER - Parole sur le pouce Weekly online bible study (in French), **Fridays at 12:15 pm**

Learn more: pasteur@stpierrepinguet.org

STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH



REMINDER - Monthly Ultreya – May 13, 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>

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH



Community Health Fair


April 30 from 11 am to 3 pm

Download poster (bilingual):

<https://bit.ly/2022-04-30-CommunityHealthFair-EmmanuelUC>

MOUNTAINSIDE UNITED CHURCH

As **Mountainside United Church** proceeds in a downsizing exercise there might be items that would be useful to you. Please feel free to make an inquiry to: 514-486-1165 or admin@mountainsideunited.ca.



FAITH IN NATURE PROGRAMME


JESUS GREEN

The Jesus of history meets ecology.

- Five Wednesday evening workshops.
- For the curious as much as the Christian.

27 April - 25 May

Information and registration:
westmountparkuc@videotron.ca




FAITH IN NATURE PROGRAMME:

EARTH WALK CHARTRES LABYRINTH
PROMENADE POUR LA TERRE

10 - 20 minute walking meditation
between 1:30-3:30pm every Sunday
Free


4695 blvd de Maisonneuve West
www.westmountparkuc.org

OTHER EVENTS



“You shall be holy...”

You are cordially invited to attend the
43rd Christian Commemoration of the Shoah
Sunday May 1, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul
In person at: 3415 Redpath St., Montreal Qc, H3G 2G2
(Guy-Concordia or 24)
Live streamed at: <https://www.standrewstpaul.com/livestream>
Information: <https://www.standrewstpaul.com/> ☎ 514-842-3431



43rd Christian Commemoration of the Shoah

On behalf of Rev. Glenn Chestnutt and Rabbi Sherril Gilbert, please find attached the Press release and Poster announcing the 43rd Christian Holocaust Commemoration at St. Andrew and St. Paul Church in Montreal on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm.**

We would be very grateful if you would publicize this event in your networks.

Download press release and poster (English & French): <https://bit.ly/2022-05-01-YomHashoah-EF>

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