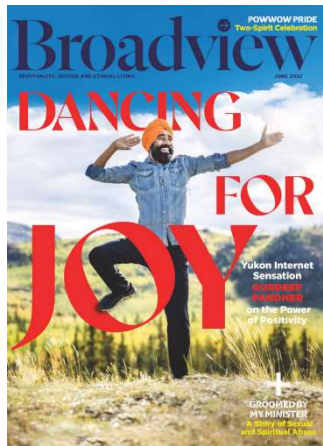




DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

Broadview Cover Story: Dancing for Joy (excerpt from Broadview newsletter by Chloe Tejada)



I don't know about you, but I am ready to invite in all the joy that I can right now.

Enter Gurdeep Pandher. If you're not familiar with our June cover star, prepare to be delighted. The bhangra dancer is a Yukon internet sensation who has become world famous thanks to his joyful (and viral) videos, which feature Pandher performing bhangra — a traditional Punjabi folk dance — outdoors in the wilderness.

Pandher spoke to *Broadview* contributor Alex Mlynek for our June cover story, in a wide-ranging interview that covers how he first got into bhangra, his move to Canada and how his faith (Pandher is Sikh) helps him.

"Bhangra helps me send positivity and joy to the world, but it also helps me with my own mental health," Pandher says. "When I'm feeling down or when things are not going well, bhangra dancing provides me with a lot of happy therapy to recover, reset my mood and find my joy."

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/461546a93dd0/gurdeep-pandher>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

LAST CALL TO REGISTER

Spring 2022 Regional Council Meeting - June 4, 2022

For the first time in two years, we will gather in person (as well as on Zoom) hosted by Lakeshore Trinity United Church in Pointe-Claire. Presentations from the Beaconsfield Initiative in the Philippines and the Beaconsfield LGBTQ2+ Refugee Initiative will reflect the theme of *Daring Justice*. The afternoon will be dedicated to a celebration of milestones for ministry personnel.



COVID safety protocols will include masking and physical distancing. Participants are invited to bring their own lunch and to download or print any documents in advance since Wi-Fi will not be available due to bandwidth limitations. Documents will be posted for download on the event page of the web site as soon as they are available.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2022/>

MINISTRY PERSONNEL



Service of Celebration for Rev. Heather McClure

The congregation of Wesley United Church in Montreal marked the departure of Rev. Heather McClure on **Sunday, April 24** after 15 years of shared history. Board Chair, Deborah Angelus, offered a moving tribute. Members of the community of faith shared photos and messages of appreciation in a lovely scrapbook created for Rev. Heather, and celebrated with a light lunch and beautiful cake (including extra rainbow sheep cupcakes!) created by Wesley's regional council representative, Johanna Morrow. Heather and her spouse, Rev. Ellie Hummel, have now moved into their new home in Sackville, NB,

where Ellie recently took on the role of Multi-Faith Chaplain and Spiritual Care Co-ordinator at Mount Allison University.

Rev. Linda Buchanan Bids Farewell to Lennoxville Pastoral Charge

After almost six years of ministering together with Lennoxville United Church, Rev. Linda Buchanan recently shared a beautiful farewell message to her congregation, as she plans to move back to the West Island to help care for a family member:



"Greetings, beautiful things made out of dust. I am so grateful for the love and kindness that I have witnessed among you, as together you serve your neighbour and stranger, infusing God's love into this world... We have been ministering together for almost 6 years, intentionally walking the same path in hope and joy. We have transformed as a community of faith in more ways than one, for we have begun new ways of doing ministry together by following the lead of the Spirit, serving in this time and this space. We have experienced struggle and challenge together, and we have been changed by so many moments of vulnerability and hope."

There will be a worship service to mark the end of Linda's covenant with Lennoxville on **May 29**, and her last service there will be on **June 5**.

Learn more: <http://www.lennoxvilleunitedchurch.com/>

A Change of Role for Rev. Angelika Piché (shared by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)

It is with both excitement and sadness that we share the news of Rev. Angelika Piché's call to serve the communities of Ayer's Cliff, Magog and Georgeville in the Eastern Townships of Québec.



Angelika has served as the Director of French Leadership Development for the last 12 years and has been a strong and effective resource for so many of us. Her work within the United Theological College and for La Table des ministères en français has been stellar and she will be sorely missed. We have heard that the communities of faith she will serve are incredibly excited to have her as their minister – and we know from experience that they will be blessed with her ministry. We will continue to build on the work Angelika has done and in the new context of the Diocesan College and UTC's recent merger, to ensure that French language leadership will continue to be served and build the church of the future.



Editor's Note: Retirement of Rev. Lee Ann Hogle

Angelika will be filling a vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of current minister of Ayer's Cliff, Magog and Georgeville, Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, who has faithfully served the pastoral charge since 2013. Congratulations and best wishes to Angelika and Lee Ann and the members of the pastoral charge as they all begin a new chapter!

Temporary Increase to Minimum Mileage Reimbursement Rate (shared by Rev. Dan Hayward)

Considering the recent spike in gasoline prices and the prediction that they may remain at these levels for some time, the Executive of the General Council meeting April 30, 2022, temporarily increased the minimum mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.46/km. This is 75% of the CRA 2022 "reasonable allowance rate ... for the first 5,000 kilometers driven". This is effective **May 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022**. The General Secretary was authorized to extend this temporary increase to December 31, 2022 if fuel prices remain high. ***This applies to ministry personnel in pastoral relationships, volunteers, elected and appointment positions with the General Council, and staff of the General Council Office.***

REMINDER - Service of Celebration for Rev. Ryan Fea

A service of celebration of Rev. Ryan Fea's time with Merging Waters Pastoral Charge has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 18, at 1 pm** at Union Church, 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. All are welcome.

REMINDER - Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, June 7 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/>

EXECUTIVE

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

NOMINATIONS

LAST 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/>

FINANCE & EXTENSION BOARD

FE Secretary feendowment@gmail.com

LAST CALL - SABBATICAL LEAVE 2023 - CALL FOR REQUESTS - June 1, 2022

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/sabbatical-leave/>

LAST CALL - 2022 BURSARIES - CALL FOR REQUESTS - June 3, 2022

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

LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Learning on Purpose (Centre for Christian Studies)

Learning on Purpose is a 2-week leadership development course and introduction to learning in community offered by the Centre for Christian Studies. It will be offered this year from **June 13 to 24, 2022** in London, ON at Metropolitan United Church. There is still time to register!

This is a practical, holistic, hands-on, theological, learning community experience. Those who take it come out feeling transformed (in a good way!). LoP can be taken as a stand-alone Continuing Studies course or as the beginning of the Diaconal Ministries program or for personal discernment.

Learn more: info@ccsonline.ca or <http://ccsonline.ca/program/leadership-development/>

REMINDER - Christian Left Conference 2022 (Emmanuel College, Toronto)

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.

REMINDER - 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>

Camp Counsellor for International Spy Academy VBS (Trinity United Church - Sheri Cameron)



Hi friends! I'm on the search for a camp counsellor to work with me for 6 weeks this summer: **July 4 - July 22** from 9 AM to 5 PM is a must + 3 weeks of more flexible scheduling.

The person needs to be between the ages of 16 - 30. I'm looking for someone full of energy who is responsible yet still loves to play and be silly with kids. It's a Christian camp (United Church of Canada) - so the person must be comfortable with Christian ideas and values, although they do not need to be Christian themselves. Small, family-style camp (max 20 kids!).

Learn more: <https://wp.trinityuc.net/camp/>

College Administrator (Montreal Diocesan Theological College)

Montreal Diocesan Theological College seeks a replacement for the position of College Administrator. This is a vital role in the community life at Dio. The selected candidate will work collaboratively with a staff team to ensure the college pursues its mission with excellence!

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/were-hiring-college-administrator/>

Opportunity



Are you interested in nature,
ecology and spirituality?

Faith in Nature Animator

This is primarily a Sunday-based part-time position with three key tasks:

- To expand on a monthly Wild Church Walk, in parks and natural spaces sharing knowledge of ecology and spirituality;
- To relaunch The House Plant Project, growing and giving away plants to the community;
- Be a bridge between Wild Church and the present Church community, with sensitivity and openness to diversity. Utilize the Church resources to teach about ecology and experience a connection with people and plants.

This is a 12 month appointment, 25\$ per hour, 12 hours weekly, beginning August 2022. Interviews in June.

For more information contact:
westmountparkuc@videotron.ca

www.westmountparkuc.org

Two Positions: Principal and Program Staff (Centre for Christian Studies)

The Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg, MB is inviting applicants for two positions – Principal and Program Staff. Join a dynamic, creative, and supportive staff team that is passionate about theological education and grounded in diaconal practice. Application deadline: **May 27** (Principal) and **June 3** (Program Staff).

For full job postings, job descriptions, as well as Skills, Resources and Community Profiles, visit
<http://ccsonline.ca/job-postings/> or email
ccs.searchcommittee@gmail.com

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

Members of Executive and leadership teams are invited to participate in a blanket exercise on **May 28 at 1 pm** (alternate date **June 11**) at Maison Saint Columba House - 2365 rue Grand Trunk, Montreal H3K 1M8 (parking available on the street).

For more information, please contact the LIRR team at rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com
Learn more about the blanket exercise: <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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

REMINDER

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. Our theme this summer is *Caring for Creation*.

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

PRIDE & FRIENDS

<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 Nakonhaka 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>

Interfaith Eco-Action Day (GreenFaith Montreal)

Monday, May 23rd will be Montreal's 10th anniversary of the Interfaith Eco-Action Day! Taking place from **9am-noon** with meeting spot in Parc Gabriel in Pointe-St-Charles. Hope everyone can make it and please spread the word in your various networks!

Learn more: Rev. Wendy Evans evanswendy@gmail.com

Montreal Responds to Requests to Save Technoparc Wetlands (shared by Rev. Neil Whitehouse)

I write as minister of Westmount Park United Church and also Board Member of Green Coalition. There has been real progress towards saving Technoparc wild space and this is a link to the press statement by the Green Coalition that is a landmark statement. Westmount Park United Church rejoices in the response of the City of Montreal and waits expectantly for similar action from the Federal Government. I think this is good news worth sharing to our Region as I know members from several communities have been concerned for Technoparc protection and this statement covers valuable information.

Learn more: <https://www.westmountmag.ca/green-coalition-thanks-the-city-of-montreal-on-re-zoning/>

Other Resources

Faithful Footprints Newsletters: <https://www.faithfulfootprints.org/newsletters>

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

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

UCW 80th Summer Event - August 13-14, 2022 in Cornwall, Ontario

Download poster: <https://eoarc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/80th-SUMMER-EVENT-2022-Poster.pdf>

Learn more: <https://eoarc.ca/event/eoarc-ucw-celebrating-60-years-of-ucw/>

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

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

CHALMERS-WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER - Musical Wednesdays (78 Rue Sainte-Ursule in Old Quebec)

A series of one-hour long free concerts (donations welcome) **every Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. from June 29 to August 31**. We have a great variety of musicians this year from a Celtic band (including bagpipes), to organists, pianists, singers (classical and Broadway tunes) flutists and guitarists.

REMINDER - Open Doors (78 Rue Sainte-Ursule in Old Quebec)

The church is open to visitors daily from **June 21 to September 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** except Sundays (after the worship service) from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Worship services at 11:10 a.m. - All are welcome

Complete details will be on our website by early June. <https://chalmerswesley.org/>

ÉGLISE UNIE SAINT-PIERRE ET PINGUET

Église Unie Pinguet becomes part of the Musée de la mémoire vivante in

St-Jean-Port-Joli (shared by Rev. Gérald Doré)



On April 15, I received an email confirming that the processing of a video interview I had given about Église Unie Pinguet in July 2021 to the Musée de la mémoire vivante of Saint-Jean-Port-Joli was completed and that it could be viewed at one of the museum's viewing stations. At the same time, I was told that they had agreed to attach the PDF version of the monograph that historian Jean-Louis Lalonde wrote in 2005, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of the church. As a former pastor at Pinguet, the news made me very happy. The history of Pinguet is the saga, over more than a century, of the resistance of a French-speaking Protestant minority swimming against the tide of a longstanding and hostile environment...

Learn more (in French): <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/fr/2022/05/16/eglise-unie-pinguet-musee-st-jean-port-joli/>

Église Saint-Pierre Celebrates 35th Anniversary!

It was May 17, 1987 when Église Saint-Pierre received its first members. Since that time, many people have pushed open the great door of the Chalmers-Wesley sanctuary in hopes of finding a church in which to live out their faith. Over the years, strengthened by the gifts and talents of its members and supporters, Église Saint-Pierre has been a beacon of unity and benevolence in the greater Quebec City region.



All God's Children:

Understanding and Welcoming the Trans Community

Two workshops presented by
BUC Student Minister
Bailey Eastwood



Trans 101 - May 12

This workshop is aimed at those who do not have very much knowledge of the trans and non-binary community and terminology. We will go over different trans identities and basic terminology, and have lots of time for questions.

Trans-Inclusive Spaces and Communities - May 26


In this workshop, we'll explore practical ways of making our congregations truly welcoming spaces for trans community members. Many communities want to be places of welcome for trans people, but don't necessarily have the tools to enact that welcome. This session is designed to provide you with those tools!

Note: this session will assume participants already have some basic understanding of trans identities and terminology - if you do not have this prior knowledge, please plan to also attend the Trans 101 workshop.

Both sessions 7 PM on Zoom. Please email community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com for link


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




CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

SO DO GOOD TAX RECEIPT PRACTICES!

Montreal City Mission invites you to an important online workshop with UCC Chief Financial Officer Erik Mathelsen.
To register, email: info@montrealcitymission.org


JUNE 2ND

6:45PM - 8:00PM



Montreal City
Mission
communautaire de Montréal

CRA Charity Guidance and Rules
What is allowable charitable activity?
What is private benevolence?
Tax receipting do's and don'ts
Cyber risk?!



Mountainside United Church is looking for new homes for Hymn Books, Bibles, Choir Robes in various sizes, Wood and Silver Communion Sets, and 3D Plastic Letter Board Numbers and Letters.

Please contact us at admin@mountainsideunited.ca or 514-486-1165.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

Video License Applications

Video license applications now open again. Applications due **June 8th** for licenses running from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Learn more: <http://buyingunited.net/video-licensing>

UCRD: Free Shipping over \$100

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/introducing-free-shipping-at-the-united-church-bookstore>

REMINDER - General Council 44 (GC44)

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

Daring Justice: Engaging in Courageous Conversations Across Divides – June 1, 2022 at 1 pm

Come listen to a panel of General Council 44 Global, Ecumenical and Interfaith Partners as they discuss urgent current and compelling issues for people of faith, such as increasing inequities, injustice and deepening polarizations. Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/uaj-1049176>

Latest newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- *E-ssentials* – May 11, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220510>
- *Embracing the Spirit* – May 11, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1049236>
- *Philanthropy News* - April 21, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1049012>



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