



## DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



### Baptisms and Confirmations

Signs of hope for new life in deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice are illustrated in the baptisms and confirmations happening around our Regional Council this time of year. Here are a few recent photos shared by roving photographer, David-Roger Gagnon (at left: Beaconsfield United Church) and found on Facebook (centre: Hungarian United Church of Montreal and at right: Trinity United Church, via Gary Tompkins/Claudette Petrasukas.)



### The Evolution of *Emmanuel Welcome Project* - *Projet Bienvenue*

A new blog post on the Nakonha:ka web site shares an article by Vicky Duke, member of Emmanuel United Church's congregation, who conceived of a project to welcome immigrant families (aka new neighbours) to Quebec's Eastern Townships.

From sharing furniture during a downsizing process, to forming community partnerships, to renovating space in the church building, to sharing clothing for the homeless, this project is a prime example of deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice.

*"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me." - Matthew 25:40*

PHOTO: KAREN INGALLS

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2022/06/13/emmanuel-welcome-project-projet-bienvenue/>

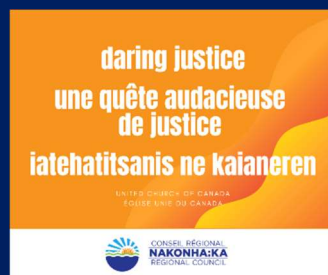


### Wisdom of the Water's Edge (Cedar Park / Roxboro United Church)

FOUND ON FACEBOOK: *The rain held off for us this afternoon so we could explore the wisdom of the water's edge and stay dry (except for those who dipped their feet in the river...!). It was an amazing afternoon in multigenerational community that did leave us drenched in new insights, though. We're grateful to our friends from Roxboro United for coming all the way over to take part!*

If you'd like to come to the park on your own time, or visit the water's edge wherever you are, you can access the phone-friendly guide here: <http://shorturl.at/zJ156>

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Tell us more about the signs of **deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice** happening in **your** community of faith!

# REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

## REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

### FOLLOWUP

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



The day dawned bright and sunny as people from around the Regional Council gathered on Zoom and in person at Lakeshore Trinity United Church on Saturday, June 4, 2022. A renewed sense of connection after a long separation could be sensed in the animated conversations in person and online.

Outgoing Regional Council President, Rev. Linda Buchanan, called the assembly to order just after 10 am. Following a welcome to the Mohawk Territory by Kanesatake Elder Satewas Gabriel (with an invitation to join the celebration scheduled for September 2023 for the completion of the Mohawk translation of the Bible), Sosan Montour of Kahnawake offered the Thanksgiving Address (the words before all words), and Rev. Steve Gillam welcomed the gathering to Lakeshore Trinity United Church.

The morning's presentations focused on:

- a deeper understanding of the nature of the treaties between indigenous nations and colonizers set in a biblical context (video with Adrian Jacobs, presented by Lisa Byer de Wever on behalf of the Living into Right Relations Leadership Circle)
- life-threatening injustice and corruption related to the actions of mining companies and governments in the Philippines (presented by Patricia Lisson, DM, and Guy-Lin Beaudoin on behalf of the Beaconsfield Initiative and ICHRP-International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines), with special mention of the longstanding contributions of Rev. Shaun Fryday, and the ongoing support of Rev. Arlen Bonnar and the community of St. James United Church.
- the new LGBTQ2+ Refugee initiative being created at Beaconsfield United Church in partnership between the BUC Refugee Integration and Support team and the West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre (presented by Bailey Eastwood, Adedeji Akintayo and David Hawkins). Gratitude for the continued inspiration and support offered by Rev. Shaun Fryday to all of these initiatives was expressed, as well as for the news of a recent grant from the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team to support this new initiative.

The upcoming slate of the Executive Council was presented by Rev. Tami Spires (on behalf of the Nominations Leadership team) for a vote. Before the assembly dispersed for a lunch break, Rev. Dr. James Christie brought greetings from Wood Lake Press, highlighting the first of two publications dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the UCC (*Keys to the Kingdom*), and distributing 10 complementary copies to those present.

Throughout lunch time (and the rest of the day) many of those attending in person enjoyed the delicious treats prepared by the hospitality team at Lakeshore Trinity (not to mention Rev. Mead Baldwin's famous cinnamon rolls!)

The afternoon's worship celebration included covenanting with the Executive, including incoming Regional Council President Marc Grenon, and members of leadership teams. Rev. Steve Gillam shared some of the ups and downs of the amalgamation journey of Dorval Strathmore United Church and St. John's United Church as they worked together to become the new Lakeshore Trinity United Church. The contributions of retiring ministry personnel, Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, Rev. Shaun Fryday and Rev. David Fines were celebrated. Rev. Joelle Leduc offered a moving sermon on the topic of daring justice, with a reminder of the importance of opening our mouths to speak and our ears to hear uncomfortable truths that move us to action. We were also blessed by the musical leadership of Rafael de Castro throughout the day.

As always, a big thanks to the organizing team: outgoing chair, Rev. Tami Spires; tech team coordinator, Rev. Kent Chown, with local assistance from Craig Buchanan and Bethan Wardrop; liturgical planning team chair, Valerie Nickson; local hospitality representative, Fiona Wardrop; and all those behind the scenes, including team members, staff members, volunteers, translators and interpreters whose teamwork contributed to the success of the event.

Post-meeting survey results are being reviewed by the Regional Council Meeting Planning Team later today in order to help plan for the next regional council meeting, which will be held online on **November 18-19**, and will focus on the theme of **Deep Spirituality**. If you would like to participate in the planning process, please contact the incoming chair of the planning team, Valerie Nickson ([vepps\\_nickson@hotmail.com](mailto:vepps_nickson@hotmail.com)).

Updated documents from the June meeting are available to be downloaded from the event page of the web site; video clips and/or PowerPoint slides of the presentations will be available shortly.

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

## MINISTRY PERSONNEL



### RETIREMENT: REV. LEE ANN HOGLE

The communities of faith in Ayer's Cliff-Magog-Georgeville Pastoral Charge recently celebrated Rev. Lee Ann Hogle's last Sunday with them before she takes her retirement.

Other milestones to celebrate? Let us know by emailing [jcoffin@united-church.ca](mailto:jcoffin@united-church.ca)

### 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 - Temporary Increase to Minimum Mileage Reimbursement Rate

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 - Online Ministry Support Group

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

### REMINDER - 2022-23 Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) Forms

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

## STAFF



### Change of Role for Karen Valley, Office of Vocation

Congratulations to Karen Valley, who has accepted the position of Program Coordinator, Pastoral Relations and Remedial Processes (Office of Vocation) and will be transitioning out of her role as Vocational Minister serving Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council and East Central Ontario Regional Council in the coming weeks. While her official start date is **June 1st**, she will continue as our staff resource as we transition to a new (or substitute) Vocational Minister.

## EXECUTIVE

**REMINDER - Upcoming Executive Meetings: June 16, September 1** (Thursday, 9 am to 12 pm via Zoom)



## LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### REMINDER - Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) Training Program

Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Bible and how it relates to life today? Are you looking to discuss issues of faith and spirituality with like-minded individuals? Have you ever had to fill in for the minister at a Sunday service and wished you were better prepared? The United Church of Canada offers an online course divided into 4 modules that prepares you to become a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) in your region and the LLWL Leadership Team of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council will accompany you throughout your educational process. Is God calling you in this unexpected way? Online classes are usually offered in the evenings. The first of four modules begins this fall and registration begins in early September. Independently of online registration you must also let the LLWL Leadership team know that you will be signing up. If you have questions we would love to hear from you. Call Rev. Lee Ann at 819-571-7233. The entire program lasts two years.

For detailed information about the course materials and to put yourself on the waiting list: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/llwl-online-training-program>

### REMINDER - Christian Left Conference 2022 (Emmanuel College, Toronto) August 5-6, 2022

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>

### Office of Vocation Minister, Quebec & East Ontario Region

The Office of Vocation in the Ministry and Employment Unit is seeking an individual to fill the role of Office of Vocation Minister, deployed to the Nakonha:ka, Eastern Ontario Outaouais and East Central Ontario Regional Councils **Closing Date: 2022-06-20**

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities/office-vocation-minister-quebec-east-ontario-region>

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

### 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 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/>

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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

### LAST CALL

**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>

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

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

### REMINDER - UCW 80<sup>th</sup> Summer Event - August 13-14, 2022 in Cornwall, Ontario

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

Learn more: <https://eoorc.ca/event/eoorc-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/>

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**



**Take-out Strawberry Social (MacDougall Hall, 17 Lambton in Ormstown)**

St Paul's United Church will be holding a takeout only Strawberry Social on **Thursday June 30th** at MacDougall Hall, 17 Lambton in Ormstown, **from 5pm** until the strawberries are gone. The prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (5-10). Quantities may be limited. Masks will be required to pick up. All welcome.

**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/>

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

**SAT. / SAM., 18 JUIN**  
11h00 - 15h00  
Adults: \$8 Kids: \$5  
(Free for kids 5 years & under)

<b>MENU</b>	<b>MENU</b>
Cake	Gâteau
Ice cream	Crème glacé
Strawberries	Fraises
Any combo possible!	
Tea, coffee, iced tea, juice	
Thé, café, thé glacé, jus	

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203, rue Principale, Cowansville, QC

**Emmanuel**  
Église Unie d'Ormstown

**Kanesatake United Church**

**COMPLETE MOHAWK BIBLE**

On September 9, 2023, at 11 AM

**DEDICATION CHURCH SERVICE**

209 des Angles, Kanesatake, Oka, QC, Canada, J0N 1E0

\* BANQUET TO BE HELD AFTERWARDS \*

Please respond if you will attend by: August 15, 2022  
to : [satewas.karenhatasegabriel@gmail.com](mailto:satewas.karenhatasegabriel@gmail.com)  
attention: MOHAWK BIBLE DEDICATION EVENT 2023  
or 450-479-8597



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Loss & Living Program

**Widows' Support Group**

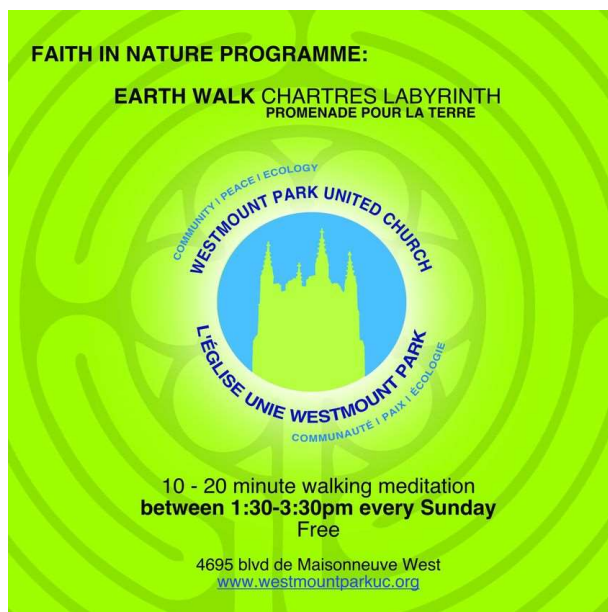
*We are not meant to grieve alone.*

We welcome you to share your grief experience with us.  
Eight-week group beginning on June 22nd. Remote meetings by  
donation, on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. **Tell your story, learn a  
few skills, and find community.**

Facilitator: Dorit Perlin

Dorit has been working in this field since 1989. She can be reached  
via email at [doritperlin@gmail.com](mailto:doritperlin@gmail.com) or via phone at (513) 571 2662





NEXT NEWSLETTER: JUNE 29

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 25

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

GENERAL COUNCIL 44 (GC44) - <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>

### REMINDER

**UCRD Book Launch - *Building God's Beloved Community* - Thursday June 23, at 7:00 p.m.**

On June 23, join the United Church Publishing House for the exciting launch of a brand-new book!



*Building God's Beloved Community* draws on the expertise of United Church theologians and ministers to outline the church's approach to some of the "big questions." It also offers insight into United Church worship and history, and will introduce you to a legacy of social justice as a lived expression of faith, drawing you closer to God as you move out into the world to love and serve.

[UCRDstore.ca](https://ucrdstore.ca) will offer all webinar attendees a discount code for the book—register now!

Learn more/register: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/449-building-god-s-beloved-community-book-launch>

## Latest newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- *United in Learning* – June 6, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1049484>
- *E-ssentials* – June 14, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220614-1049556>
- *Embracing the Spirit* – June 8, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1049492>
- *Broadview newsletter* – June 3, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/b0c934755f98/kamloops-residential-school-graves>
- *Philanthropy News* – June 3, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/835ec121d3ec/union-sunday-8662924>
- *United Church Rural Ministry Network* – May 30, 2022: <https://mailchi.mp/af15d7a2ff06/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-11795528>



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## LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

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### RAPPEL

#### Exercice des couvertures – le 9 septembre de 13h à 16h (heure de l'Est)

Cette activité prévue depuis plusieurs mois a finalement une date! Si vous ne connaissez pas l'exercice des couvertures, il s'agit d'un atelier (celui-ci en ligne), qui aide les gens à mieux comprendre l'expérience des peuples autochtones. Pour en savoir plus : <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/francais/> Si vous êtes intéressés à y participer, veuillez envoyer une note à Ruth Sandeu pour lui indiquer votre intérêt : [rsandeu@egliseunie.ca](mailto:rsandeu@egliseunie.ca). Nous fournirons un moyen de s'inscrire pour les membres de vos paroisses bientôt.

Infolettre de l'Église Unie du Canada – 3 juin 2022 : <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-3-juin-2022>

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATE - CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS RETREAT

The retreat is planned for the **Fall 2022** and it will take place in Saskatoon, SK. All church office administrators are welcome to attend! Further information and details will be coming soon.

To learn more, contact Brandy Emmerich, Church Office Administrator, St. Martin's United Church  
[office@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:office@stmartinsuc.com)

### ABENAKI POW WOW ODANAK

**29, 30 ET 31 JUILLET 2022**



**ABENAKI  
POW WOW  
ODANAK**

**VENDREDI 29 JUILLET**  
Terrain de camping  
Soirée dansante avec  
Patrick Boucher  
Alfonso Marotta  
The Vinyls  


**SAMEDI 30 JUILLET**  
Terrain de l'Église  
JOURNÉE FAMILIALE  
en collaboration avec N8wkika du Grand Conseil Wabanaki  
Chants et drums  
SOIRÉE BINGO (Terrain de camping) avec 2 tours spéciaux  
1000\$ commandité par Dépanneur Nimowon  
2000\$ commandité par Abenaki Aventure

**DIMANCHE 31 JUILLET**  
Terrain de l'Église  
JOURNÉE TRADITIONNELLE  
Messe en matinée  
Grande Entrée  
Danse, chants et drums

**TOUTE LA FIN DE SEMAINE** : Plusieurs kiosques  
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