



DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



Invitation to March with Migrants Rights Network

(shared by Rev. Dr. Samuel V. Dansokho)

In addition to another recent vigil for the Rodriguez-Flores family, who have now been sheltering at Plymouth-Trinity United Church for more than 300 days, there is a major mobilization for the regularization of all undocumented people and people with precarious migratory status in several cities in Canada, including Montreal, on Sunday **September 18**

at 2 p.m., organized by the Migrants Rights Network. The support committee for the Rodriguez-Flores family will be attending with a banner and have requested the organizing committee of the march for an opportunity to speak to inform people at a national level of the family's situation.

If you are interested in going, there are a few places available; contact manninghamwilliam@hotmail.com. Departure from Sherbrooke by car will be at 11:30 a.m., return scheduled for around 5:30-6 p.m..

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1210061059842120>

OTHER RESOURCES:

- A video presenting the experiences of people living here, but without papers or with precarious immigration status, with French-English subtitles: <https://www.facebook.com/MigrantRightsCA/videos/394180669510298>
- A petition that explains the current situation and the political situation with the federal government: <https://migrantrights.ca/actionslist/saisir-une-opportunité-historique-d'améliorer-la-vie-de-17-million-de-personnes-sans-égalité-des-droits>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS



Important news from Executive Minister, Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Last week, our Executive Minister, Rev. Rosemary Lambie, announced her retirement in a letter which was shared with all members of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. You can find her letter, along with a response from regional council president Marc Grenon, here: <https://mailchi.mp/a2867cedb5dd/message-rlambie-2022-09-01-n>

To share messages of appreciation and gratitude for Rosemary, email Judy: jcoffin@united-church.ca or post a message here: https://padlet.com/jcoffin_UCCan/uey9q8c9jlv42qbm

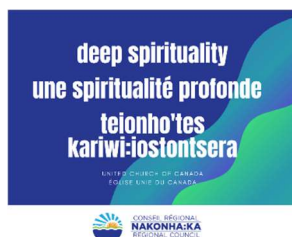


REMINDER - Invitation to an open chat with Marc Grenon

If you would like to be part of an informal conversation with our new Regional Council president, please join us on Zoom on **September 13, 2022 at 7 pm.**

Contact Judy at jcoffin@united-church.ca if you would like to submit some of your questions or suggestions in advance, or to obtain the Zoom link. Hope to see you there!

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



SAVE THE DATES – November 18-19, 2022

Fall 2022 Regional Council Meeting (ONLINE)

The next regional council meeting will be held **online** on Friday evening (**Nov. 18**) and Saturday morning (**Nov. 19**) and will focus on the theme of **Deep Spirituality**. If you have ideas or resources for exploring the concept of deep spirituality as a regional council, and would like to participate in the planning process, please contact the new chair of the planning team, Valerie Nickson (vepps_nickson@hotmail.com).

PASTORAL RELATIONS

M&P Committee Workshop: **Saturday, October 22, 2022 (9am – 12 noon)**

This workshop is open to both M&P Committee members and Ministry Personnel in Conseil regional Nakonha:ka, Eastern Ontario Outaouais and East Central Ontario Regional Councils.

Pre-registration is required to receive Zoom link:

https://united-church.zoom.us/join/mtgTsqHNxfczhD07f_0x_05rL65xIW

*****PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR M&P COMMITTEE AND MINISTRY PERSONNEL *****

DEATH NOTICE: Rev. Keith Eddy

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Rev. Wm Keith Hudson Eddy on **July 22, 2022** at the age of 94. He peacefully died of natural causes surrounded by his loving family at home. He leaves to mourn his wife, Edwina J. Eddy; and his children: Marina Donna, Laird (Diane), Mark (Lisa), and Carolyn (Murray) and an extended circle of family and friends. Pastoral charges served by Rev. Eddy between 1954 and 1989 included:

- Saguenay: St Andrew & St John (SM) Pastoral Charge
- St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Pastoral Charge
- St. Johns Pastoral Charge
- Richelieu Valley Pastoral Charge
- Bedford Pastoral Charge
- United Steeples Pastoral Charge

Learn more: <https://necrocanada.com/obituaries-2022/rev-wm-keith-hudson-eddy-19272022/>

REMINDER - Revised Workplace Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Response Policy*

The revised Workplace Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Response Policy is now available:

<https://united-church.ca/news/revised-workplace-discrimination-harassment-and-violence-response-policy>

***NOTE: This policy applies to all communities of faith, regional council and General Council offices.**



GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

NEXT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2022

REMINDER - UPDATED GRANT APPLICATION FORM

The Granting and Enabling Leadership Team, at its last meeting, decided to slightly change the Standard Grant Application. In the section providing a brief description of the project, the instructions have been modified to ask for inclusion of the faith rationale.

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

PROPERTY AND FINANCE

REMINDER – Support for Treasurers

An email was sent out to all Board Secretaries (as listed in ChurchHub) on **May 19, 2022** (and again this week) to offer support to church treasurers and communities of faith, and to request their feedback on the type of support that would be most useful. [NOTE: Please be sure that the Community of Faith roles and contact information for your community of faith are up to date in ChurchHub!]

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/69da9ffb4422/treasurers-tresoriers-2022-05-19-n-boardsec2022>

*****PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH YOUR CHURCH TREASURER AND ANY OTHER DECISION-MAKERS WHO MAY HAVE INPUT TO SHARE*****

EXECUTIVE

REMINDER - Upcoming Executive Meeting: October 20 (9 am to 12 pm - Zoom)

Grief for James Smith Cree Nation

The people of The United Church of Canada express our profound grief at the tragic events in James Smith Cree Nation and the nearby village of Weldon, Saskatchewan. Moderator Carmen Lansdowne, speaking from Germany where she is with the United Church delegation at the World Council of Churches General Assembly, expressed her pain on hearing of these attacks and committed her ongoing prayers for “the families of the victims, and survivors as they deal with the resulting trauma.”

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/deep-grief-events-saskatchewan>

**Orange Shirt Day – September 30, 2022**

On **September 30**, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions. Check out the United Church website for activities and events to mark this day, including a powerful new prayer for you to use in worship:

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>

REMINDER - Invitation to Leadership Teams

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.

Learn more: rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com

Living into Right Relations news : <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1050104>

PRIDE & FRIENDS

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fiertemontrealprideunitedchurch>

REMINDER - Processus S’Affirmer ensemble

We are pleased to announce that a team of 5 people have volunteered for the Committee that will over-see the Affirm United Process for the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. If you are interested in joining this group, please be in touch with Charles Dougherty at: charlesanddougherty@gmail.com or David-Roger Gagnon at: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

ENVIRONMENT

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/environmentnakonhakaecologie>

**Green Churches Network**

The recent Season of Creation 2022 newsletter offers a downloadable resource kit for the Season of Creation (**September 1- October 4**).

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/d57f538250ca/green-churches-newsletter-6101067>

REMINDER - GC44 Commits to Bold New Emissions Reduction Target

The United Church of Canada has committed the whole church to the aspirational goal of an 80% decrease in carbon emissions by 2030. This bold new target was set at General Council 44, during Decision sessions. Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/united-church-canada-adopts-bold-new-emissions-reduction-target>



Faithful Footprints

Ideas, tools & grants to help us live our climate commitments

The United Church of Canada's Faithful Footprints program offers grants, tools and inspiration to help its congregations reduce their carbon footprint, offering up to \$30,000 in grants towards energy conservation and renewable energy projects (conditions apply). To date, the program has engaged 300 congregations, camps and buildings across the country.

Learn more: <https://www.faithfulfootprints.org/>

REMINDER - Faith and the Common Good

Faiths 4 Climate Justice: A Global Multi-Religious Week of Action October 2-9 (in collaboration with the GreenFaith International Network) This event happens less than a month before leaders of the world's largest 20 economies gather at the G20 summit in Indonesia and representatives of every country on the planet gather in Egypt for the UNs COP27 conference. More information will be released soon. Please contact network@faithcommongood.org to be kept informed. **#Faiths4ClimateJustice**

Learn more: https://www.faithcommongood.org/ed_newsletter_july_2022

FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

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



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

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

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

REMINDER - Keeping in Touch Newsletter: June 2022

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

SOUTH SHORE AND VALLEYS CLUSTER



Sundae Sunday (shared by David-Roger Gagnon)

On Sunday August 21, Mount Bruno - Richelieu Valley United Churches hosted a gathering for part of the South Shore and Valleys Cluster. The summer afternoon service, Sundae Sunday, was attended by 50 people, and focused on the theme of "Call" to Ministry; both that of individuals and our collective call as church. The faith communities involved were Mount Bruno - Richelieu Valley United Churches, Saint Lambert United Church and Greenfield Park United Church.

After the service, all were invited to the church hall for “make-your-own” sundaes and a time of fellowship. The feedback was positive, and many expressed a wish that there be similar combined services in the near future.

For more details: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2022/09/02/sundae-sunday-2022/>

MOUNT BRUNO – RICHELIEU VALLEY UNITED CHURCHES



Youth Activity (shared by Virginia Wallace)

Last month, the youth at Mount Bruno – Richelieu Valley United Churches at 25 Lakeview Ave, in St. Bruno, wanted to do something to help the beneficial insects and bugs in the area make it through our cold, harsh winters.

On a beautiful summer day following the morning church service, Mr. Urs Kaiser presented the youth with three handmade bug houses that he had built. Pastor Virginia Wallace then took the youth on a walk around the lake to find materials that would be useful for bugs to hide in during the winter like pinecones and small bits of tree bark. Once the bug houses were filled, chicken wire was placed on the front of the houses to keep the materials in. Parents helped to hang the bug houses in the trees on the church lawn.

If you would like to participate in our next youth activity in September contact Pastor Virginia at pastormountbruno@gmail.com.

Demystifying Services for Seniors

Tuesday, September 20, 2022
1:30 - 2:30 PM on Zoom

This info session is for seniors, their adult children,
and their caring friends

Learn what services may be available and what to consider:

- If you are hospitalized
- If you need to go to rehab or a care facility
- If you'd benefit from homecare assistance
- If you are concerned about a loved one
- When assessing safety in your home
- When talking about your future and much more

Presented by Holly Strohl

Moderator of West Island Support and Resources for Caregivers Facebook Group
on behalf of

The Family Life Centre

FREE OF CHARGE

Thanks to funding by the Pointe-Claire Old Timers Hockey Club

Register at 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.
www.familylifecentre.ca

STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH



Grief Support

ORA Loss & Living Program will be sponsoring an eight-week grief support group in September (dates to be announced) for people dealing with issues around loss. The group will be facilitated by Dorit Perlin, mental health counsellor. There is no fee for participation but donations are always welcome in support of the program.

Learn more: info@ora-mtl.org

CHALMERS-WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

Learn more: <https://chalmerswesley.org/>

Fundraising Coordinator

Maison Saint Columba House (2365 Grand Trunk, Mtl, Qc H3K 1M8) is seeking a Fundraising Coordinator (30 hours per week). The Fundraising Coordinator shares in the responsibility for the financial viability of Saint Columba House and is a core member of the administrative team. They lead the organization's efforts in developing and expanding partnerships with institutional funders, events and campaigns, and to maintaining the organization's public presence.

Send CV by **September 15** to: director@saintcolumbahouse.org (Subject: Fundraising Coordinator)

Download job description: <https://bit.ly/2022-09-FundraisingCoordinator-SCH>

Assisting a senior in West Island

A family from Pincher Creek United Church in Alberta is seeking someone to assist a 90-year-old uncle at Vigi in Pierrefonds who has no one to visit him or look out for him. The family is looking for someone who could visit, take food, maybe go to appointments and help with routine tasks since he can't access a phone or internet - mostly to keep him company and be their eyes and ears on the ground to ensure he gets the care he deserves and is paying for. The family is reaching out to churches in the area and hoping someone can help, since the rest of the family is far away. There is some funding available to cover expenses.

Learn more: Lynn Calder, Beaver Mines, Alberta (phone: 403-200-6296, email: calderlm@yahoo.ca)

REMINDER - Music Director

Ste. Geneviève United Church (Dollard-des-Ormeaux) requires a permanent part-time music director (6 hours per week). To apply, please contact Rev. Joëlle Leduc or church secretary/administrator Donna Olinik at 514-626-4795 or by email: sguc@stegennys.org.

Learn more: <https://www.stegennys.org/posts/MusicDirector.pdf>

REMINDER - Youth Anti Racism Study Group

Hey! Are you an Indigenous or Racialized young person? Interested in having conversations with others about anti-racism and how the United Church of Canada can better support this work?

If so, please join others like yourself for a weekend of community building, connection and retreat at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre from **September 30th-October 2nd, 2022**.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities/youth-anti-racism-study-group>

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/>

LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**MONTREAL
DIO**
SÉMINAIRE DIOCÉSAIN DE MONTRÉAL 1873

Online Open Enrolment Courses at Montreal Dio, Fall 2022

These courses are aimed at anyone who is interested in deepening their Christian faith and knowledge, and cultivating leadership skills in the church. There is no homework or written assignments. All you need is a desire to learn and a willingness to participate.

**The Christian Gospel and Popular Culture**

Tuesday evenings October 18th to November 8th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, online

The good news of Jesus Christ—in movies, books, and music.

**Practical Preaching: From Preparation to Proclamation**

Thursday evenings October 20th to November 3rd, 7:00pm to 9:00pm, online

This workshop will look at examples of effective preaching, explore what a sermon is, and what a sermon isn't, and provide participants with practical tools to expand their ministry of preaching.

For more info, visit <https://montrealdio.ca/our-courses/>



REMINDER - Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) Training Program
Training is available through United-In-Learning for Licensed Lay Worship Leadership. The next Unit begins in late **September 2022**.

Learn more: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/llwl-online-training-program>

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS



World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly

A diverse delegation is attending the World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly this September in Karlsruhe, Germany. The Assembly, a meeting of the WCC's highest governing body, takes place from **August 31–September 8** under the theme "Christ's Love Moves the World to Reconciliation and Unity".

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/diverse-united-church-delegation-attend-wcc-assembly>

Worship Resources for Communities of Faith

The United-In-Worship Project is a partnership between St. John's United Church, Marathon, ON and The Canadian Shield Regional Council, providing weekly, ready-to-use worship service materials for use in United Churches across Canada.

Learn more: <https://www.united-in-worship.ca>

Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- Broadview newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/4534db26d1d7/broadview_september_2_newsletter
- Embracing the Spirit: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1050156>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220809-1050008>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1050064>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/aug-foundation-newsletter>
- United Church Bookstore (UCRD): <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/planning-your-book-club-or-bible-study>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/f04b8b814da3/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-12136320>
- United in Learning: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1050040>



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LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

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Nouveau Directeur de la formation en français (partagé par Éric Hébert-Daly, pasteur)

C'est avec un immense plaisir que j'annonce la nomination de M. Martin Bellerose au poste de directeur de la formation en français au sein de l'équipe des Ministères en français du Conseil général. Il travaillera en étroite collaboration avec le programme des Études de l'Église Unie au Séminaire diocésain. Martin possède une vaste expérience internationale en théologie théorique et pratique, ainsi qu'une connaissance et une formation approfondies en matière de ministère et de dialogue interculturels. Nous sommes heureux de l'accueillir dans notre équipe. Martin entrera dans ses nouvelles fonctions le **1^{er} septembre 2022**. Joignez-vous à moi pour l'accueillir!

Infolettre de l'Église Unie du Canada – 2 septembre 2022 : <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-2-septembre-2022>



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Interfaith Dialogue: Who is My Neighbour?

This invitation has been forwarded by Rabbi Sherril Gilbert, President of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal on behalf of McGill University's School of Religious Studies and the Canadian Center for Ecumenism in Montreal.

We invite you to join us for a day-long Symposium on **October 19th, 2022.**

The symposium is part of a venture sponsored by the Lilly Endowment to explore ways in which we might better deliver our theological programs for the students and congregations of the 21st century.

RSVP by September 9, 2022: rebsherril@outlook.com

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NEXT NEWSLETTER: **September 21, 2022**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **September 16, 2022**