

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



Deep Spirituality: Reflections on *Le Petit Prince* (by Richard Guay)

In his book *La philosophie du Petit Prince (ou le retour à l'essentiel)*, Paul Meunier, philosopher and theologian, takes us on a long meditation on this well-known tale, highlighting the many evangelical attitudes that Saint-Exupéry wanted to promote...

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2022/09/16/deep-spirituality-reflections-on-le-petit-prince-by-richard-quay/>

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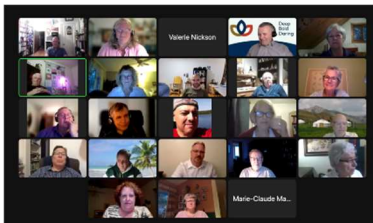
Don't Stop Until the Miracle Happens (by Rob Dalgliesh)

Looking back after 12 years of leading the EDGE Network, Rob Dalgliesh shares reflections on ministry innovation, the power of failing boldly, and living faithfully into a new reality — even if others don't yet understand...

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/dont-stop-miracle-happens>

PHOTO: ROB DALGLIESH – EDGE NETWORK

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS



UPDATE - Conversation with Marc Grenon

Thanks to all those who joined us last week on Zoom for an informal conversation with our new Regional Council president, Marc Grenon.

Recording of conversation: <https://bit.ly/2022-09-13-Conversation-MGrenon-video>
Summary notes (courtesy of Rev. Dr. Cathy Hamilton): <https://bit.ly/2022-09-13-Summary-MGrenon-CHamilton-E>

Send additional questions or comments for Marc: jcoffin@united-church.ca

NOTE: our next conversation (tentatively scheduled for October) will be with GC44 commissioners to hear highlights of discussions at General Council 44, and how decisions may impact communities of faith in this regional council.

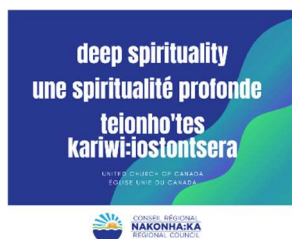


REMINDER - Important news from Executive Minister, Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Rev. Rosemary Lambie has announced her retirement as Executive Minister, effective **October 31, 2022**. 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/uey9g8c9jlv42qbm

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).

OFFICE OF VOCATION

Welcome to new staff members: Rev. Caroline Penhale and Rev. Lillian Roberts

We are pleased to welcome two new people to the Office of Vocation Staff, serving Nakonha:ka, Eastern Ontario/Outaouais, and East-Central Ontario Regional Councils: Rev. Caroline Penhale (cpenhale@united-church.ca) who will take care of candidates and Rev. Lillian Roberts (lroberts@united-church.ca) who will deal with ministry personnel. Lillian has already been in the role since **September 6** and Caroline started on **September 19**.

PASTORAL RELATIONS

UPCOMING COVENANTING SERVICES

October 1 at 11:00 am Covenanting Service between the ministry team of Robert Ronwahaweta Patton and Rev. Jan Jorgensen and Kahnawake United Church. Space is limited to 130 people so please RSVP in advance to kahnawakeunitedchurch@gmail.com. A luncheon reception will follow the service.

To participate:

- In person: Kahnawake United Church, Old Malone Highway, Kahnawake, Quebec J0L 1B0
- Please contact kahnawakeunitedchurch@gmail.com for Zoom link.

October 2 at 7:30 pm Covenanting Service between Rev. Stéphane Vermette, Église Unie Sainte-Claire, Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge, Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council and La Table des ministères en français. The ceremony will be bilingual.

To participate:

- In person: Trinity United Church: 3050 boul. Rosemont, Montréal
- Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81181273557>
- YouTube Live: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ÉgliseSainteClaire>

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

Pre-registration is required to receive Zoom link:

https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0odumtqTsqHNxfczhD07f_0x_O5rL65xIW

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

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: **February 15, 2023**

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

STEWARDSHIP

FALL PROGRAM - *Called to Be the Church: The Journey*

We know you want to grow generous disciples. We want to help. Let's do it together. Registration is now open for our Fall *Called to Be the Church: The Journey* Program. This four-week Stewardship Training could make a real difference in your community of faith!



Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/called-be-church-journey/stewardship-best-practices-module>

Registration for October sessions: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/ctbtc/445-ctbtc-mod-1-stewardship-best-practices>

Contact Roger Janes: rjanes@united-church.ca

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 recently) 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.

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

*** PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR CHURCH TREASURER AND OTHER DECISION-MAKERS ***

EXECUTIVE

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL NETWORKS AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com



REMINDER - 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>



GreenFaith Montreal Participation in Climate March

Green Faith Montreal will be participating in the Manifestation : Grève mondiale pour la justice climatique!! on **Friday, September 23rd at 1pm**. We are hoping some of you can join us! From 11:30 am onward on Friday, you can find us beside the children's play structure at Jeanne-Mance park (on the other side of Parc Avenue across from the statue on Mount Royal) Bring a lunch if you'd like so we can picnic together before the start of the march

which begins at 1pm in front of the statue. Also, if you have vestment symbols of your faith that you would want to wear for more visibility, please do! Please let us know if you are interested in joining.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/718269235932035>

Invitation to collective action for climate justice

Collective action, both locally and globally, is needed to achieve bold climate justice commitments! Several organizations and climate movements are acting and inviting faith communities to join their efforts in advocating for an environmentally sustainable environment for all. Take part in some of the many events happening this fall.

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/concerned-for-climate-1050068>

REMINDER – Faithful Footprints

Faithful Footprints is part of The United Church's plan to **reduce emissions by 80% by 2030**, starting with a focus on our own buildings. With a public goal of engaging 500 United Church congregations by 2025, the Faithful Footprints grant program has successfully reached 300 engagements. Your community of faith is doing your part to address climate change; we're here to help.

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

REMINDER – Faith and the Common Good – Resources for Season of Creation

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



REMINDER – 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>

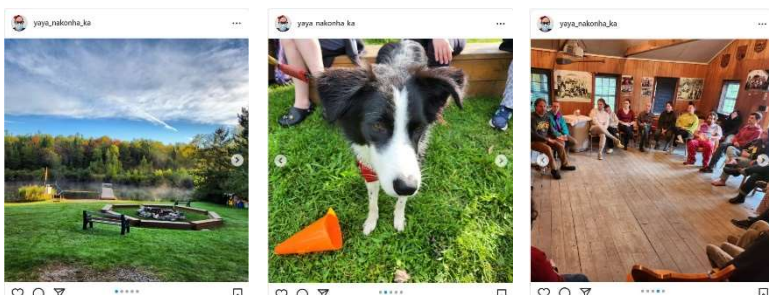
Creation Care School offers FREE courses

All the online courses in the Creation Care School are now **FREE** thanks to the generous donation from a religious congregation. Please share with your network.

Learn more: <https://creationcare.teachable.com/>

FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

Young Adult Retreat (as posted on Instagram)



yaya_nakonha_ka "Exhausted but deeply happy to have built community all weekend with beautiful humans (and one dog), in the beautiful outdoors."

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/>



SAINT FRANCIS CLUSTER

Enjoying the great outdoors

A few photos shared by Rev. Reg Jennings highlight community spirit shared at the Trenholm Picnic on **July 24** and the South Durham Tent Service on **August 14**.

Please consult the newsletter below for additional details about upcoming events in the Saint Francis Cluster.

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-09-StFrancis>

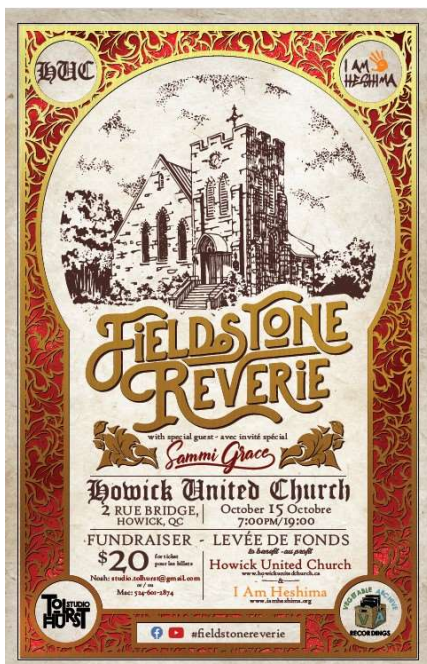
BEACONSFIELD UNITED CHURCH



Welcome to New Members of the Ministry Team! (shared by David-Roger Gagnon)

Rev. Linda Buchanan was welcomed by Beaconsfield United Church on what was her first Sunday as their new minister. She was welcomed in 6 languages, including 4 African languages, by the young people in the youth program.

Adedeji Sunday Akintayo and the Community of Faith at Beaconsfield United Church covenanted together in Adedeji's new role as Student Minister. Adedeji joins Bailey Eastwood (Student Minister starting their second year) and Rev. Linda as part of the Pastoral Team at BUC.



VALOIS UNITED CHURCH

Rummage Sale

A Rummage Sale of used clothing, books, jewelry, kitchenware and toys is held at Valois United Church, 70 Belmont Ave., Pointe Claire on Saturday, **September 24th from 9 am to 12 noon**. At the same time there is a Bake Sale of a wonderful variety of homemade sweets and goodies to choose from.

Learn more: www.valoisunited.ca

STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER - 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@gmail.com

Executive Minister – ECORC, EOORC, CrNRC (35 hours/week)

The Regional Executive Minister (REM) provides leadership, council, and support to three Regional Councils in the fulfilment of their respective mission. The REM ensures that each Regional Council is able to navigate the responsibilities of the denominational council. **Closing Date: October 12, 2022**

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities/executive-minister-nakohaka-eastern-ontario-outaouais-east-central-ontario>

REMINDER - Music Director (Ste. Geneviève United Church, Dollard-des-Ormeaux)

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

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

UNITED CHURCH STUDIES AT MONTREAL DIO

**REMINDER - Online Open Enrolment Courses, 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/>

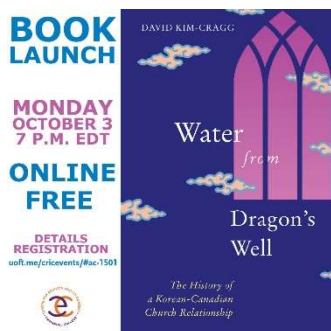
What Next for the Church? Congregational Ministry in a Pandemic-Shaped-World

October 29, 9:00am to 4:00pm at The Church of St. Mark and St. Peter in Saint Laurent



This interactive one-day conference is an opportunity to explore strategies for adaptive change in a new environment. Featuring an engaging keynote speaker as well as Christian leaders from around the region who are engaging in innovative and transformative ministries, join us to reflect, discuss, and learn as we look together with hope toward ministry in a world shaped by the pandemic.

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/whatnext/>

**EMMANUEL COLLEGE****BOOK LAUNCH: *Water from Dragon's Well* by David Kim-Cragg**

Emmanuel College's Centre for Religion and Its Contexts is proud to be hosting the launch of David Kim-Cragg's book, *Water from Dragon's Well: The History of a Korean-Canadian Church Relationship* on **Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m. EDT**. The launch is online and free, but **registration is required**. Kim-Cragg is both a sessional lecturer at Emmanuel College and minister at St. Matthew's United Church in Richmond Hill.

The book is available at a 30% discount by using code MQFA **until 31 December 2022** at <https://www.mqup.ca/water-from-dragon-s-well-products-9780228010852.php>

Learn more: <https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/#ac-1501>



EDGE

Leading Adaptively with Clara King

Discover new ways to lead adaptively with skills you already have! During this three-session Zoom course, Rev. Clara King will teach you about the core theory of Adaptive Leadership in a vibrant new way and provide usable practices to reinvigorate your day-to-day leadership journey.

Learn more: <https://catalog.churchx.ca/catalog?pagename=EDGE>

UNITED IN LEARNING

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS



United Church 'laments role of monarchy' in reaction to Queen's death

(article by Emma Prestwich, Broadview)

The United Church of Canada has released a nuanced statement, expressing sorrow at the Queen's recent death, but also noting the monarchy's role in colonization, specifically mentioning Canada and Bermuda. Read the church's statement — and Moderator Carmen Lansdowne's reaction — at the link below.

Learn more: <https://broadview.org/queen-elizabeth-ii-united-church/>

United Church of Canada statement: <https://united-church.ca/news/death-her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii>

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-1050252>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220830-1050176>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1050064>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/sept-foundation-newsletter>
- United Church Bookstore (UCRD): <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/220919-1050288>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/f04b8b814da3/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-12136320>
- United in Learning: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1050140>



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LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

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Cantiques sur YouTube

Vous trouverez, en pièce jointe, la plus récente version du tableau des vidéocantiques. Si vous voulez accéder au tableau qui sera toujours le plus récent, vous pouvez l'accéder ici : <https://bit.ly/CantiquesMiF>

Lectionnaire de l'Église Unie

Nous constatons que plusieurs entre nous semblent avoir différentes sources pour suivre le lectionnaire. Évidemment, les pasteurs et paroisses ne sont pas obligés de suivre le lectionnaire, mais voici le lien vers les lectionnaires de l'Église Unie : <https://egliseunie.ca/prieres-et-liturgies/lectionnaire/>

Cercle d'accompagnement pour une candidate

Bernadette Lévesque, une femme qui commence son processus de discernement et de candidature pour devenir pasteure, est à la recherche de membres pour son cercle d'accompagnement. Elle veut une représentation de personnes dans son propre cercle ainsi que des gens qui ne la connaissent pas si bien. Si cela pouvait vous intéresser, veuillez la rejoindre directement au murdle@telusplanet.net

Infolettre de l'Église Unie du Canada : <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-12-septembre-2022>



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

These symposiums are 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.

October 19, 2022

Interfaith Dialogue and Theological Formation

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.

RSVP: rebsherril@outlook.com

October 21, 2022

Theological Education in the Global Village of the 21st Century

This invitation has been forwarded by Rev. Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick, Chair of Old Testament Studies / Hebrew Bible Studies, McGill University's School of Religious Studies and the Canadian Center for Ecumenism in Montreal.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbour-theological-education-in-the-global-village-tickets-409633895007>

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Send news, updates and events to Judy Coffin : jcoffin@united-church.ca

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Does your leadership team or network have activities planned or news to share?

Would you like to engage people in what you are trying to achieve?

Please make the most of the communications resources we have available - newsletter, social media, web site - to reach more people and create more impact by keeping the regional council in the loop about important developments.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: **October 5, 2022**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, **September 29, 2022**