

# NEWS October 19, 2022

#### **DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE**

## Deep Spirituality: Reflecting on our perspectives about finances



As we prayerfully consider the proposed 2023 regional council budget at our upcoming meeting in November, we are invited to reflect on how our perspectives about our financial assets can have a dramatic impact on our ministries. In his 2013 book, *Holy Currencies*, Rev. Eric Law outlines how money is just one of the forms of currency required to create a cycle of blessings. He also reminds us that "economic wellness is not about how much financial security we have for ourselves and our church. It is not about accumulating money; it is about how money flows through our church and through us, creating blessings that sustain the wider community."

**Question**: Which biblical passages about money and wealth (and how we are called to use them) speak most deeply to you? and to your community of faith?

Learn more: <a href="https://www.kscopeinstitute.org/holy-currencies">https://www.kscopeinstitute.org/holy-currencies</a>

Other resources: <a href="https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2019/9/17/what-is-money-for-salts-lectionary-commentary-for-fifteenth-week-after-pentecost">https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2019/9/17/what-is-money-for-salts-lectionary-commentary-for-fifteenth-week-after-pentecost</a>

# Deep Spirituality: The Church's Vital Role (shared by Rev. Bill Jay)

The article below by Justine McCarthy (*The Irish Times*) reflects on the recent tragedy of an explosion that killed 10 people in Donegal, Ireland, and the vital role that the church may offer, even in an increasingly secular world: a steadfast love that journeys alongside the grieving, a sense of sacred ritual that brings comfort, and a humanity that connects all members of a community, whatever their faith.

Learn more: https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/2022/10/14/justine-mccarthy-how-creesloughs-priest-reminded-us-of-the-churchs-still-vital-role/

Learn more about The United Church Of Canada Call and Vision: <a href="https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision">https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision</a>

# **REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS**

FOLLOW UP - Conversation with Nakonha:ka GC44 Commissioners
An online conversation with some of our GC44 commissioners was held
on October 18 to hear highlights of discussions at General Council 44,
and how decisions may impact communities of faith in this regional
council. A link to a recording of the conversation will be available in our
next newsletter.



**NOTE**: highlights of decisions reached by GC44 at each decision session are available at: https://generalcouncil44.ca/

LAST CALL – Share a message of appreciation for Executive Minister, Rev. Rosemary Lambie Rev. Rosemary Lambie has announced her retirement as Executive Minister, effective October 31, 2022. To share messages of appreciation and gratitude for Rosemary, email Judy: <a href="mailto:jcoffin@united-church.ca">jcoffin@united-church.ca</a> or post a message here: <a href="https://padlet.com/jcoffin\_UCCan/uey9g8c9jlv42qbm">https://padlet.com/jcoffin\_UCCan/uey9g8c9jlv42qbm</a>

## **EXECUTIVE**

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

#### **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**.

The meeting will include covenanting with our LLWLs (licensed lay worship leaders). The presentation and discussion of the proposed regional council budget for 2023 will also be an important part of the business at this meeting.

# **REMINDER:** Registration is now open!

Learn more: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/

#### LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS (LLWL)

# LLWL Enrichment Day - Saturday, October 29

On Saturday October 29, licensed lay worship leaders in the regional council have been invited to attend an enrichment day via Zoom.

The morning session (*Celebrating the Rhythms of Life: Unwrapping our Roots; unleashing our Hope; unbridling our Song!*) will be led by David-Roger Gagnon. In this workshop, we will explore some of the roots of our worship practices, tying them to Jesus' own spiritual practice. We will visit the rhythms of life as lived out in the Liturgical Seasons and the Lectionary, and unwrap the powerful message of Hope in the Advent Liturgical Texts. We will also look at some practical resources for music in worship for a variety of contexts.

The afternoon session will be led by the LLWL leadership team and will include a check-in from all the LLWLs to see how everyone is doing, and a reminder of the upcoming Regional Council meeting in November for the covenanting of all LLWLs who will be relicensed with the regional council.

#### **PASTORAL RELATIONS**

# Covenanting Service: Ayer's Cliff, Magog and Georgeville Pastoral Charge

All are welcome to attend the Covenanting Service for the Ayer's Cliff, Magog and Georgeville Pastoral Charge and their new minister, Rev. Angelika Piché, on **Sunday, October 23 at 2 pm** at St. Paul's United Church in Magog.

## DEATH NOTICE: Rev. Heber Colbourne (October 19, 1931 - September 4, 2022)

Although he served mainly in the Maritimes and Ontario, members of this regional council who were involved in the Cursillo movement at one time may remember Rev. Heber Colbourne, who served as spiritual advisor on several retreat weekends. Our sympathies are extended to his family and friends.

Learn more: <a href="https://www.mmcfunerals.com/obituary/rev-heber-colbourne">https://www.mmcfunerals.com/obituary/rev-heber-colbourne</a>

#### Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (2023)

Learn more: https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2022-09/salary-schedule-ministry-personnel-2023.pdf

# **REMINDER - Online Ministry Support Group**

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

# LAST CALL - PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING WITH M&P COMMITTEE / MINISTRY PERSONNEL 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.

#### PROPERTY AND FINANCE

REMINDER - Resource Guide for Quebec Church Treasurers - PLEASE SHARE WITH TREASURER

Download PDF: https://bit.ly/2022-Info-Quebec-Treasurers-E

# LAST CALL - Survey on Heating Systems – PLEASE SHARE WITH TRUSTEES / BUILDING MAINTENANCE TEAM

The Property & Finance Leadership Team has prepared a survey to gather information that will enable proactive planning regarding safety, efficiency and sustainability of heating sources for communities of faith. This survey is mandatory for all communities of faith; please forward the link below to the person responsible for building management (e.g. board of trustees, building maintenance committee, etc.)

Deadline: October 19, 2022

Link to online survey: https://mailchi.mp/dc44001aa62a/sondage-chauffage-2022-survey-heating-n

#### **GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)**

#### REMINDER - NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2023

Learn more: <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/</a>

#### LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

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#### **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-1050440

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

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

### REMINDER - 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

- October 2 November 6: Faiths 4 Climate Justice Movement- Hosted by GreenFaith Learn more: https://greenfaith.org/faiths4climatejustice/
- October 23: Faiths 4 Climate Conversations- Hosted by EnviroMuslims and Faith & the Common Good Learn more: https://enviromuslims.ca/ and https://www.faithcommongood.org/



#### FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

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

#### **REMINDER – What is Youth Forum?**

Read the recent blog post by Shanna Bernier to learn more about Youth Forum in general, and specific details about the upcoming YoFo in November.

Learn more: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2022/10/04/what-is-vouth-forum/

The next Youth Forum is **November 4-6**, **2022** at the Memorial Hall Community Centre in Georgeville QC. The cost is 50\$ for the weekend, with the theme "Activism 101 – How to decide what to care about in a world full of challenges"

# LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/

#### REMINDER - ADD YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT DIRECTLY TO OUR WEBSITE!

Submit events: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add

#### MONTREAL CITY MISSION



## Recent news and upcoming events

- CBC Charity of the Year
- Ukrainian kids at Camp Cosmos
- Apple-picking
- · Cookbook with a difference
- The Muslim Association of Canada together with Montreal City Mission and St. James United invite you to an open day to discover the Islamic civilization during the month of Islamic Heritage on Friday, October 21.
- Book launch with Dr. Amal Elsana Alhjooj on October 26.

For full details and photos: <a href="https://bit.ly/2022-10-19-MCM-News-Events">https://bit.ly/2022-10-19-MCM-News-Events</a>

#### PLYMOUTH TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

## Letter-writing campaign

Plymouth-Trinity United (in Sherbrooke) has launched a letter-writing campaign to help the family living in its building for the last 11 months. Please help!

Learn more: <a href="https://plymouthtrinitychurch.org/pt-news.php">https://plymouthtrinitychurch.org/pt-news.php</a>

#### SOUTHWEST UNITED CHURCH

#### Bibles available

We have various editions of the Good News Bible to give away, mostly the black cover. Free to a good home!!!

Learn more: <u>southwestunited@gmail.com</u>

#### STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH

# **REMINDER - GRIEF PROGRAMS - FALL 2022**



Widower's Group with Dan Misha Goldman - ONLINE Wednesdays, 7-9 pm (Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

For more information and Zoom link, contact Dan Goldman at <a href="mailto:danmisha@gmail.com">danmisha@gmail.com</a>

## "Good Grief" with Kathryn Harvey, PhD - ONLINE

Saturdays, 10 am-noon (Oct 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 3, 10)

For more information and Zoom link, contact Kathryn Harvey at <a href="mailto:info.ora.mtl@gmail.com">info.ora.mtl@gmail.com</a>

# **Cooking for Love and Comfort with Chef Roma Trottier**

Mondays, 7-9 pm (Oct 31, Nov 7,14, 21, 28, Dec 5)

Registration: contact Roma at <u>roma.trottier@gmail.com</u>

[NOTE: Programs are offered for free but please consider a donation to help offset costs.]

#### WESTMOUNT PARK UNITED CHURCH



REMINDER - RAISE THE ROOF! Sing-Along Worship for Churches in Nakonha:ka Region (in cooperation with St. James United Church)

Sunday, November 20 at 4:30 pm

4695 Blvd de Maisonneuve Ouest, Westmount, Qc H3Z 1L9

Come to re-live the intensity of great hymns and singing, to raise your spirit, as well as the roof. (Choirs are welcome. Please let us know in advance)

## ÉGLISE UNIE ST JEAN AND CAMINO DE EMAÚS

#### REMINDER - CONCERT: En-Cantar el desencanto! - October 22



New ideas move through stages of euphoria, enthusiasm and disenchantment, before aligning with the limitations of reality and making the necessary course corrections. In this time of collective disappointment and uncertainty, we invite you to embrace renewed enthusiasm, to continue dreaming and building the future. But our present, here in Québec, is also important; with great affection and gratitude, Alex Cunna and his band will perform at a benefit concert for Camino de Emaús of the United Church of Canada, in recognition of the paramount importance of community work which offers a meeting space, activities and solidarity for our seniors.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. There will be empanadas, sandwiches, wine, beer, etc. available. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Voluntary donation \$10. We hope you can join us!

#### KAHNAWAKE UNITED CHURCH

Recording of Covenant Service (shared by Rev. Jan Jorgensen)

Learn more: https://youtu.be/w8oVCGfm1d0





#### **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.

NEW - La prédication et l'identité chrétienne dans un monde en mutation Les mardis soir du 8 au 29 novembre, 19 h 00 à 20 h 00, en ligne

Un atelier à base biblique, avec un recul théologique et interactif. Bienvenue à toutes celles et tous ceux qui veulent annoncer un Évangile qui sort des catégories religieuses.

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 - 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

An interactive and engaging one-day conference designed to gather together Christians from across Quebec to listen, learn, and discover what God is calling us to in this moment in our life. Sponsored by Montreal Dio. **Saturday, October 29, 2022** at the Church of St. Mark and St. Peter in St. Laurent. Open to all, lay or ordained, but advance registration is necessary. Lunch provided and childcare available.

Learn more: <a href="https://montrealdio.ca/whatnext/">https://montrealdio.ca/whatnext/</a>

#### **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

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

# UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Rebuilding After the Storm

Hurricane Fiona has caused devastating damage across Atlantic Canada and Eastern Quebec. Communities throughout the regions of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters, First Dawn Eastern Edge, Regional Council 15, Nakonha:ka and beyond will need support as they navigate the road to recovery. The United Church of Canada Foundation is accepting donations to help support the area's rebuild as the longer-term needs become clear.

Make a donation: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/75488



# 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Are you ready? 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism runs **until November 27**. Here's how you can participate:

- Read the daily written reflections on the 40 Days website
- Be part of a 40 Days Live Event
- Buy a book addressing anti-racism
- Subscribe to the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism newsletter

There are many other ways to engage—choose what works best for you! *Learn more:* https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es221011-1050516

## **REMINDER - GRANTS**

- United Church of Canada Foundation Grants
   Learn more: https://www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/
- Government of Canada: New Horizons for Seniors Program Grants Deadline: November 1, 2022 Learn more: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html</a>

#### Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- Broadview newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/d67c73785ca7/childhood-memories
- Embracing the Spirit: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1050520
- E-ssentials: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es221011-1050568
- Philanthropy News: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1050344
- UCC Foundation News: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/united-church/oct22-foundation-newsletter">https://mailchi.mp/united-church/oct22-foundation-newsletter</a>
- United Church Bookstore (UCRD): https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/220919-1050560
- UC Rural Ministry Network: https://mailchi.mp/a6cbf94573b6/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-12138904
- United in Learning: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1050512



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#### Voyage en Israël et Palestine

En 2020, nous avons prévu un voyage en Terre sainte pour découvrir des lieux sacrés et pour mieux comprendre les questions de conflit et de justice dans la région. Avec la COVID, nous avons dû annuler. Mais... la possibilité de faire le voyage reprend! Nous sommes en train de voir s'il y a suffisamment d'intérêt pour planifier ce voyage à nouveau pour le printemps ou l'automne 2023. Il y a des bourses disponibles pour le voyage. Si cela vous intéresse, veuillez communiquer avec Éric à <a href="mailto:ehebert@egliseunie.ca">ehebert@egliseunie.ca</a>. Si nous avons 12 participants, le voyage aura lieu. De plus, si vous connaissez des gens dans vos communautés de foi qui pourrait s'intéresser, ils peuvent aussi m'en faire signe. Indiquant son intérêt n'est pas un engagement contractuel.

## Équipe des MiFs

En raison des soucis de santé, Ruth sera en congé de maladie **jusqu'au 14 novembre**. Son repos est nécessaire, et je suis certain qu'elle apprécie que vous la teniez dans vos prières. Il y aura possiblement certains projets qui seront retardés à cause de son absence. Soyez patients avec nous lorsqu'on s'adapte à cette courte période sans elle.

Infolettre de l'Église Unie du Canada: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-7-octobre-2022">https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-7-octobre-2022</a>

# **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**

# **Resistance Through Art in Palestine**

Three webinar series of videos, speakers and conversation on **Wednesdays 10:00 -11:30 a.m. November 9, 16 and 23**. Learn more about present realities in Palestine and how Palestinians find strength and persistence and hold through engaging with the arts, dancing and embroidery.

Learn more: https://ecorcuccan.ca/event/palestine-art-as-resistance/

#### **REMINDER - 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 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: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbour-theological-education-in-the-global-village-tickets-409633895007">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbour-theological-education-in-the-global-village-tickets-409633895007</a>

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# SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Send stories and photos to Judy Coffin: <a href="mailto:icoffin@united-church.ca">icoffin@united-church.ca</a>
Submit events directly to the regional council website:
<a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add</a>

NEXT NEWSLETTER: November 2, 2022 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 28, 2022