



November 2, 2022

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



Deep Spirituality: All Saints' Day, the Golden Rule and a Grace-Filled Life (SALT) – *edited for length*

For those celebrating this Sunday as All Saints' Day, the lectionary's Gospel reading is from Luke's version of Jesus' most famous sermon, often called the "Sermon on the Plain." Jesus opens with declarations of blessing (for the poor, hungry, sad, and outcast) and woe (for the rich, well fed, happy, and admired), and then pivots toward instruction on living a graceful and grace-filled human life... This passage concludes with what is arguably Jesus' most

well-known teaching, the so-called "Golden Rule:" "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31)... Jesus goes on to put it this way: "love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return" (Luke 6:35). This last idea, "expecting nothing in return," is the key ... And what do we call this kind of love, this completely free, above-and-beyond, gratuitous giving? We call it "grace."... with the Spirit's help, grace is bubbling up all around us all the time; if we stay alert, we'll notice it everywhere. All Saints' Day, indeed! Our everyday lives, full as they are of struggles... may also be full of love, full of mercy, full of grace.

Learn more: <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2019/11/2/graceful-life-salts-commentary-for-all-saints-day>

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

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 presentations and table group discussions on spiritual practices, an opportunity to celebrate Executive Minister Rev. Rosemary Lambie's retirement and 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; an advance learning session on **November 8** will give an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the budget process (details below). Documents will be available on the website shortly.

Registration/documents: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>



Budget 2023 Conversation – November 8, 2022 at 7 pm (ONLINE)

It is an organization's budget that perhaps best reflects its priorities and abilities. You are invited to join a conversation with members of the Property and Finance Leadership Team about the draft budget on **Tuesday, November 8**. Learn how the budget is created and the activities it will support. This is an opportunity for anyone who is interested to engage with the presenters, to become more knowledgeable of the workings of the Regional Council and perhaps most importantly, an opportunity to influence the work and direction of the leadership teams.

What would you like to learn about the budget? If you already have questions about particular aspects of the budget, please send them **before November 7** to Brian Ruse: bruse@united-church.ca

For Zoom link, contact Judy: jcoffin@united-church.ca

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. This included perspectives about the ways in which the online format of GC44 worked well and how it could have worked better, and an introduction to our new moderator. The conversation also included insights from various commissioners on discussions and decisions relating to Israel and Palestine, the Green Initiative, three proposals jointly proposed by La Table and Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, and Indigenous ministries.



Who do you say I am?
Et vous...qui dites-vous
que je suis?
Mâduwech echâmâgî

44th General Council • 44^e Conseil général

More information about future conversations with GC44 commissioners will be available soon; these are opportunities to engage with and influence the direction that The United Church of Canada is heading in the future, so we hope that many of you will participate by bringing questions and suggestions to these conversations.

Link to recording: <https://bit.ly/2022-10-18-Conversation-GC44-CG44>

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

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, December 6 at 1:30 pm**. Learn more: dhayward@united-church.ca

REMINDER - Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (2023)

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

PROPERTY AND FINANCE

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

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

GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

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

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

STAFF UPDATES



Acting Executive Minister

Please note that Rev. Dan Hayward will be serving as acting Executive Minister for Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council upon Rev. Rosemary Lambie's retirement earlier this week until a new Executive Minister is hired. You can reach Dan at dhayward@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6150.



Meet our new Office of Vocation Staff

In a previous newsletter, we welcomed new Office of Vocation staff members, (from left to right) Rev. Caroline Penhale and Rev. Lillian Roberts. We now look forward to "meeting" Caroline and Lillian online at our upcoming Regional Council meeting in November. In the meantime, their photos, job descriptions and contact information are now available on the regional council website.



New Phone Number

Please note that the phone number for Martha Pedoniquotte, Community Capacity Development Coordinator, is now **519-373-4205**.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/about-us/staff/>

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-1050636>

ENVIRONMENT

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

Act for Climate Justice – COP 27 (November 6-18)

Against a backdrop of multiple climate crises and a growing sense of urgency to address the climate emergency, the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP27, will be held **November 6-18** in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. While delegates from across the globe convene for the conference, members of The United Church of Canada here at home are invited to raise your spirited voices for justice and the care of creation.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/act-climate-justice-home-and-cop27-delegation>

REMINDER – October 2 - November 6: Faiths 4 Climate Justice Movement - Hosted by GreenFaith

Learn more: <https://greenfaith.org/faiths4climatejustice/>

**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-youth-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>

STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH**REVISED DATES – GRIEF PROGRAMS – FALL 2022**

Programme Perte & Vivre
Loss & Living Program

Widower's Group with Dan Misha Goldman - ONLINE

Wednesdays, 7-9 pm (Nov 9 - Dec 14)

For more information and Zoom link, contact Dan Goldman at danmisha@gmail.com

“Good Grief” with Kathryn Harvey, PhD - ONLINE

Saturdays, 10 am-noon (Oct 29 to Dec 10)

A group for people of any age or gender identity who are looking for support for their loss

For more information and Zoom link, contact Kathryn Harvey at info.ora.mtl@gmail.com

Cooking for Love and Comfort with Chef Roma Trottier

Mondays, 7-9 pm (starting Nov 7 for six weeks)

Location: Ste. Genevieve United Church, 4697 boul. Saint-Jean, DDO

Registration: contact Roma at roma.trottier@gmail.com

[NOTE: Programs are offered for free but please consider a donation via CanadaHelps 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)

PLYMOUTH TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER – 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: <https://plymouthtrinitychurch.org/pt-news.php>

SOUTHWEST UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER – Bibles available

We have various editions of the Good News Bible to give away, free to a good home!!!

Learn more: southwestunited@gmail.com



ÉGLISE UNIE ST JEAN AND CAMINO DE EMAÚS

FOLLOW UP - CONCERT: En-Cantar el desencanto!

The concert was a big success, with 140 attendees sharing food and enjoying the music!

Watch video clips:

<https://www.facebook.com/149524138440047/videos/632408365048458/?idortv=1661759154079265>

<https://www.facebook.com/149524138440047/videos/1178087046114332/?idortv=1661759154079265>



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.



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.

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

CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES (CCS)

Coming up on CCS Fridays:

- **November 18:** Christmas Rapture—a look at the apocalyptic lectionary scripture for November 27
- **December (date TBA)** Lambeth Learnings--what are the important Lambeth Learnings that could inform inter-church and ecumenical relations?

It's free to attend, please register for Zoom link: <https://ccsonline.ca/2022/09/ccs-fridays-are-back-2022-2023/>

UNITED IN LEARNING

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

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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/>

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

ActivateSpace (shared by Rev. Dan Hayward)

At the national Congregational Support Ministers online meeting on October 20, there was a conversation about ActivateSpace <https://activatespace.io/>, an initiative which has received United Church Foundation funding in order to help support communities of faith seeking to maximise use of their buildings and reclaim their status as community hubs. *Broadview* magazine highlighted this initiative and its founder, Jordana Wright, in an interview published in April 2021, provocatively tagged: "9,000 faith properties could close soon. Jordana Wright has an idea to save them."

Learn more: <https://broadview.org/jordana-wright-interview/>

REMINDER - 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

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es221011-1050516>

Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- *Broadview* newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/d3f0af60f047/out-with-the-old>
- *Embracing the Spirit*: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1050604>
- *E-ssentials*: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es221025-1050600>
- *Philanthropy News*: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1050584>
- *UCC Foundation News*: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/oct22-foundation-newsletter>
- *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-1050588>



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REMINDER - 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 ehebert@egliseunie.ca. 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.

Other news and events from La Table des ministères en français: <https://bit.ly/2022-10-Nouvelles-LaTable>
 Infolettre : <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-25-octobre-2022>

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS**REMINDER - 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/>

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Send stories: jcoffin@united-church.ca

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

NEXT NEWSLETTER: November 16, 2022

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 9, 2022