



November 30, 2022

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE



Exploring Spiritual Practices

Building on the theme of the recent regional council gathering, *Deep Spirituality*, a series of presentations about spiritual practices was shared over the course of the meeting. Unfortunately, a planned small group discussion exploring additional thoughts and experiences of spiritual practices was cancelled due to timing constraints, but we would still like to hear your thoughts and suggestions about spiritual practices that are meaningful to you. Feel free to post suggestions in our

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nakhonhaka>; share a photo of your spiritual practice on Instagram; or send an email to Judy at jcoffin@united-church.ca. Responses may be shared in future communications.

#Nakhonhaka #DeepSpirituality #SpiritualPractices #UCCan #egliseunie

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REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome to New Regional Council Executive Minister, Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly

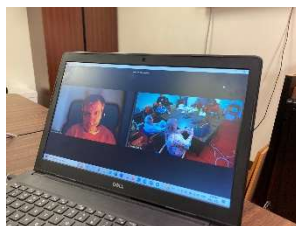


The Executive of the General Council at its meeting on November 19th, 2022 has approved the appointment of the **Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly** as the Executive Minister for Nakonha:ka, East Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario Outaouais regional councils. Éric will begin his ministry in **early January 2023**.

Éric has served as the Responsable, Ministries in French since 2018. He was ordained in 2020. Prior to his leadership of Ministries in French, Éric served for 9 years as the National Executive Director of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, and four years as the Federal Secretary (National Director) of the New Democratic Party of Canada.

He brings to the role a strong commitment to working collaboratively, creative and imaginative leadership, and a hope-filled passion for the church. We are grateful that Éric has responded to the call to serve the church in this new role at this particular time.

Staff Recognition of Retirement Celebration



Members of Regional Council staff gathered in person and on Zoom last week for a retirement celebration with Beverly Anderson-Levine, archivist, and Rev. Rosemary Lambie, former Executive Minister. Rosemary's retirement date was October 31; Bev will be with us until the end

December. Best wishes to Bev and Rosemary and thanks to both for many years of faithful service. (In case you are wondering, the cake was a delicious lemon poppyseed confection prepared by David-Roger Gagnon, staff member responsible for Networks and Clusters...and cake!)

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

FOLLOW UP – Fall 2022 Regional Council Meeting (ONLINE) November 18-19, 2022



Thanks to all those who planned and participated in the online regional council meeting on November 18 and 19! Highlights included presentations and opportunities to experience a wide variety of spiritual practices, and good news stories from Clusters, First Third Ministries and the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team. We approved the budgets for the Finance and Extension Board and the Regional Council, as well as a motion about police checks for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL). We learned more about the GC44 experience, explored the potential impact of Bill 96 and shared heartfelt expressions of appreciation (and a special delivery) for Rev. Rosemary Lambie, followed by covenanting with LLWLs and an insightful and thought-provoking closing reflection on Deep Spirituality and Disability by acting Executive Minister, Rev. Dan Hayward. The music ministry offered by Michael Woytiuk of Merging Waters added another joyful dimension to our gathering.

Your feedback about the content and format of the meeting is important in shaping future gatherings, so please complete the evaluation survey ([link below](#)). A range of documents, videos and other resources will soon be available in the post-meeting resource section on the event page of the web site ([link below](#)).

Evaluation Survey: <https://mailchi.mp/f3142822fff2/sondage-rassemblement-2022-11-18-19-survey-gathering-n>

Recording of budget conversation: <https://bit.ly/2022-11-08-Conversation-Budget2023>

Other post-meeting resources: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>

LLWL

Change to LLWL guidelines, as presented at Regional Council Meeting

A proposal was recently put forward by the LLWL Leadership Team and approved by the Executive further to a question being raised regarding the possibility of becoming an LLWL if one had a criminal record (for a crime that more than likely would not qualify for a pardon.)

After due research and consultation with legal counsel of the UCC, the Office of Vocation regarding policy for ordered ministers as well as Corrections Canada, a series of guidelines were recommended to the Executive, approved there and presented for information at the recent Regional Council meeting. These recommended changes set out a process for licensing of an individual who has turned their life around and would now be a valuable member of our LLWL's, regardless of whether or not they were able to obtain a pardon. (Note: to enter ordered ministry a person must qualify for and receive a pardon.)

If you are interested in further conversation about this proposal, please contact Rev. Dave Lambie, member of the Pastoral Relations team, who will also collect comments to share with the LLWL Leadership Team and the Executive.

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-10-20-LLWLRecommendation>

GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

Successful grant applications and confirming interest for grant workshop

The list of successful grant applicants was announced at the November Regional Council Meeting. The regional council is discussing the possibility of organizing a workshop on grant writing; if this is an initiative that might interest you and/or your community of faith, please contact Judy: jcoffin@united-church.ca

See list of grants awarded: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>

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

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

PASTORAL RELATIONS

REMINDER - Online Ministry Support Group

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

MINISTRY PERSONNEL NEWS

DEATH NOTICE: Jean Ellis Cogswell, widow of the late Rev. Malcolm Cogswell

On Friday, October 29th, 2022, Jean Ellis Cogswell passed away at the Brome Mississquoi Perkins Hospital. Jean was the beloved wife of the late Rev Malcolm Cogswell, mother of Mark Cogswell and grandmother of Alexander and Morgan. There will be a memorial service in her honour at Grace Church in Sutton at **3pm on December 9th**, Rev Tim Smart officiating. The service will be followed by a light supper in the church hall. For more information please contact Gail Booth at 450-538-0530 or boothgb@bell.net.

STEWARDSHIP

REMINDER - Stewardship Update – November 2022

Roger Janes, the staff person supporting stewardship for our regional council, has sent an important update about the following topics (please download PDF for more details):

- **Gifts with Vision**
Gifts with Vision turns gift giving into an opportunity to do something extra for our church partners.
- **Get Support to Create your Stewardship Campaign**
Two learning opportunities are coming up in **January 2023**
- **Deadline for Mission & Service Transfers Changed**
As of 2023, the deadline for pastoral charges to make their final 2022 Mission & Service transfer is **January 15, 2023**.
- **Book a time to talk about stewardship**
Don't know where to start? Book a phone or Zoom conversation with Roger today!

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-11-16-StewardshipUpdates>

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-1050892>

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

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

REMINDER - Keeping in Touch Newsletter – 60th anniversary

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

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

REMINDER - Administrator/Church Secretary

Mountainside United Church, now worshipping at the Birks Heritage Chapel, is seeking to recruit an office administrator/church secretary for our office located at The Presbyterian College, 3495 rue University.

The ideal candidate must have office experience which includes word processing, internet use, familiarity with Zoom, Word, Excel and Microsoft Office 365. While knowledge of French would be an asset, proficiency in both spoken and written English is required. A complete job description is available to those expressing interest. Training will include a 3 month probation with the possibility of renewal.

Candidates should forward their CV to Lynne Dawson, Chairperson of the Ministry and Personnel Committee:

ldawson_2002@yahoo.com

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

OPEN ENROLMENT COURSES WITH UNITED CHURCH STUDIES AT MONTREAL DIO - **WINTER 2023**

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.



Collaborative Ministry Leadership in a Constantly Changing World

Thursdays, February 2, 9, and 16, 2023, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

This course will give church leaders (clergy and lay) the theoretical and practical knowledge to lead their congregations faithfully and well – now and into God's unfolding future.

Learn more : <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/ministry-leadership/>



Paul the Apostle

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2023, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

This course addresses some key questions about Paul and his influence on the formation of early Christianity. Almost everything we thought we knew about Paul is wrong. Come discover what's new.

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/paul-the-apostle/>

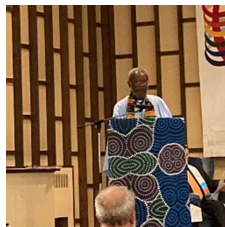
UNITED IN LEARNING

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

BEACONSFIELD UNITED CHURCH



FOLLOW UP - Covenant Service with Rev. Linda Buchanan (shared by David-Roger Gagnon)

Here are a few photos from the recent covenant service between Beaconsfield United Church and their new minister, Rev. Linda Buchanan. The Beaconsfield United Church Youth Choir, led by Joke Chinedu Olaniyan, brought a special welcome to Linda, along with words from Lekan Ajifowobaje on behalf of the search team, Rev. Dr. Samuel Dansokho and Marc Grenon, president of the Regional Council.

ST. LAMBERT UNITED CHURCH



Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 pm

(85 Desaulniers, Saint-Lambert)

The Village Ringers of St Lambert United Church and the Montreal Welsh Male Choir will perform together in a Christmas concert of hymns and carols. The beautiful sound of the handbells ringing in harmony with the choir promises to be a wonderful musical evening.

Tickets available at the door **\$20**

Download poster: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-15-ChristmasConcert-StLambertUC>

MONTREAL WEST UNITED CHURCH



Christmas Concert – Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 pm

(88 Ballantyne N. Montreal West)

The Montreal Welsh Male Choir presents a concert of Readings and Carols. The classic by Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" will be read and the choir will sing carols in English, French and Welsh. Come and enjoy this Christmas classic!

Tickets available at the door \$20

Download poster: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-17-ChristmasConcert-MontrealWestUC>

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER – Tables and Chairs

Our church is looking for tables and folding chairs as our tables are falling apart.

For more information, contact Diane Best: diane_red-pink5@live.com

MONTREAL CITY MISSION

CBC Charity of the Year 2022

As CBC Charity of the Year - there will be a series of radio and TV interviews with members of the MCM community, so set your dials on CBC over the next couple of weeks!

Learn more:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/community/meet-our-2022-cbc-charities-of-the-year-1.6605884>



Good Neighbour / Bon Voisin

Please register soon to secure your place!

maan@montrealcitymission.org

At the end of the evening at 8 p.m. we will gather briefly with the GreenFaith Circle in the St. James Square (463 St-Catherine West) for a vigil to express our solidarity with the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15) that begins the following day in Montreal.



Good Neighbour/ Bon Voisin

AVEC SEAN HENRY (CBC)

TUESDAY/MARDI

6 DÉCEMBRE

18:00-20:00

Église St-James
1435 City Councillors
Montréal, H3A 2E4

free parking

Musique
Repas
Discussion

Registration

maan@montrealcitymission.org

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BEACONSFIELD UNITED CHURCH
presents:

CHURCH. LOVE AND REFUGEES
WORKSHOP THEME:
THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH
IN REFUGEE INTEGRATION:
THE BUCRISP EXAMPLE
WORKSHOP AIM:
TO SHOWCASE
BUCRISP MODEL OF
HOSPITALITY TO REFUGEES.
WORKSHOP PURPOSE:
TO USE THIS WORKSHOP
AS A MODEL OF INTEGRATING
REFUGEES IN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

DECEMBER 1
7:00 PM-9:00PM

Zoom link will be sent to participants

GUEST SPEAKER:
REV. MARIE-CLAUDE MANGA

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT:
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community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com

Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88575411353?pwd=ck5ZTGJ0dURhMmxUNUNucExrem14UT09>

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The Kanestake United Church cordially invites you to a very important event!

Dedication of the 1st Complete Mohawk Bible Dedication and Launch

Date: Saturday September 9, 2023
Time: 11:00am
Location: Kanestake United Church
209 Des Anges
Kanestake, Qc
J0N 1E0

Meal banquet to follow at
Lalonde Reception Hall
Time: 12:30pm
862 Montée Laurin,
Saint-Eustache, Québec, J7R 0J2

RSVP by MAY 2023 FOR BANQUET TO: satewas.karenhasagabriel@gmail.com

ADD YOUR EVENT DIRECTLY TO WEBSITE!
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add>

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

EDGEy Conversation—The Rev. Stéphane Vermette and Église Sainte Claire



Considering that Église Sainte Claire had its online launch only four weeks after the COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020 began, it would be easy to assume that Église Sainte Claire was another church offering worship online while physical buildings had to stay closed. But Vermette knew going in that he was creating something totally new, something that would, “respond to all those who don’t have a United Church community, in French or in English, in their area.” Vermette admits that in the beginning it was just him, but that once he started reaching out, he found a lot of people “out there, at the fringe of the church, looking for safe space to talk about faith and spirituality.”

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjI0K6xw6Ms&t=3s>

Read overview in Embracing the Spirit newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1050888>



Advent Unwrapped: Get Ready for Advent!

Advent Unwrapped is back! This Advent, get ready to join us on a revolutionary journey as we prepare to welcome Jesus once more!

Subscribe to newsletter: <https://united-church.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=c0cc52ba0a>

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdventUnwrapped>

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rbTXZakvSA>



Video licenses now available

Are you interested in having a movie night or series as part of your church's ministry? If so, consider getting a Video License for your community of faith to show films and tv shows in and outside of worship on site at your church. Please visit <https://buyingunited.net/video-licensing> to explore what video licenses could do for you, and to apply! Deadline for this round is **December 9th, 2022**.

Learn more: edge@united-church.ca or abelaskie@united-church.ca



UCC new insurance plan

UCC Protect/United Assurance insurance offers coverage to address the unique needs of congregations and incorporated ministries such as camps, seniors' homes, and education centres. To learn more, watch the November 23 Webinar for Church Treasurers or consult the UCC Protect web page at the link below.

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avqPLnKnu9E>

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/UCC-Protect>

Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- Broadview newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/710fcf456c0e/multigenerational-living>
- Embracing the Spirit: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1050888>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es221122-1050868>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1050828>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/nov-22-foundation-newsletter>
- United Church Bookstore (UCRD): <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/220919-1050772>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/f8e2b2471f26/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-12142280>
- United in Learning: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1050864>



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LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

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Un message du pasteur Éric Hébert-Daly, Responsable des ministères en français

Je vous écris pour vous annoncer que je viens d'accepter l'appel de devenir le ministre exécutif régional pour les conseils régionaux de Nakonha:ka, Est-ontarien/Outaouais et Centre-est ontarien **à partir de janvier 2023**.

Faisant suite à un long discernement sur mon avenir et à la place dont je peux mieux servir l'Église Unie, j'ai décidé de suivre le souffle du Saint-Esprit en acceptant ce poste.

Il est clair que cette décision n'a pas été prise à la légère. J'adore travailler avec mes collègues des ministères en français et j'aime bien le contenu du travail lui-même. J'ai surtout aimé participer à la construction de cette nouvelle instance de gouvernance et de réseautage qu'on a nommé la Table des ministères en français. Je suis ravi de l'emphase que nous mettons sur l'innovation et l'évangélisme (à la façon de l'Église Unie) avec des nouveaux ministères et le projet MonCredo. J'aime beaucoup les liens et le soutien que nous avons créés au long de la route.

Je continuerai à travailler fort pour la croissance de toute l'Église, et la place dans mon cœur pour les ministères en français ne sera surtout pas déplacée malgré mon nouveau rôle.

Lors de sa réunion du **2 décembre**, l'exécutif de la Table et le secrétaire général Michael Blair prendront un peu de temps pour réfléchir ensemble sur les prochaines étapes pour assurer la continuité de ce ministère que nous avons tous et toutes à cœur. Nous vous tiendrons au courant des prochaines étapes lorsqu'elles seront plus claires.

Il est certain que ce changement aura des répercussions sur les ministères en français, mais il faut se souvenir que chaque personne qui a occupé ce poste au fil du temps a apporté sa propre façon, ses qualités et ses forces. Il faut aussi se rappeler que les ministères en français sont beaucoup plus que la personne qui occupe le poste de responsable. Il est vrai, comme nous dit l'évangile de Luc que « la moisson est abondante, mais les ouvriers peu nombreux. », mais je ne me suis jamais senti seul ni isolé dans ce beau ministère. Et je vois de près l'effort et l'enthousiasme que vous contribuez. Merci fidèles ouvriers et ouvrières. Allons vers cette moisson abondante!

Ressources de l'Avent

Vous trouverez ci-dessous un lien vers une liturgie bilingue traduite par Jessica Gauthier dans le contexte de son ministère dans le Ministère régional des Laurentides (Sainte-Adèle). Il s'agit de la liturgie pour allumer les chandelles de la couronne de l'Avent. Vous trouverez aussi plusieurs ressources pour enfants sur la page « [Parler de la foi aux enfants](#) », ainsi que sur la page de [l'Avent déballé](#). Il y a aussi des [prières pour chaque](#)

[dimanche de l'Avent](#) préparées en 2019 qui peuvent toujours être utiles. Et bien sûr, quelques cantiques en format vidéo sur ce thème :

[D'un arbre séculaire](#)

[Quand Dieu est l'enfant/Hope is a Star](#)

[Oh viens Seigneur, ne tarde pas / On Jordan's Bank](#)

Et pour Noël :

[Chante ta joie \(version française de Joy to the World\)](#)

[Nuit lumineuse](#)

[Minuit chrétien](#)

[Les anges dans nos campagnes/Angels We Have Heard on High](#)

[Sainte nuit](#)

Infolettre : <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-21-novembre-2022>

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

REMINDER - Canadian Centre for Ecumenism

The Great Ecumenical Celebration of Montreal will take place on **January 22, 2023 at 3 pm** at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, 615 Stuart Ave, Montréal, QC H2V 3H2. You and your choir are welcome to take part in the preparation of this event.

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/oikoumene/infolettre-novembre-2022-newsletter-novembre-2022>

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

LAST NEWSLETTER OF 2022: **December 14, 2022**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **December 9, 2022**

FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2023: **January 11, 2023**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **January 6, 2023**