



March 8, 2023

HAPPENING TODAY!

à Montréal
Grève des femmes le 8 mars 2023
Femme, Vie, Liberté
Résistances féministes
JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE des DROITS des FEMMES 2023
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023
Organisé par / organized by
FEMMES DE DIVERSES ORIGINES/WOMEN OF DIVERSE ORIGINS
Membre du/member of Alliance internationale des femmes/
International Women's Alliance; le Comité 8 mars;
groupe de travail/working group GRIP-McGill-QPIRG-McGill
in Montreal
Women Strike on 8th March 2023
Woman, Life, Freedom
Feminist resistances

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

Child's Play (by Judy Coffin, Communications staff)

One of the inspirational starting points offered by my favourite resource, SALT Project, is a Theologian's Almanac, offering dates of significant milestones for use on social media, for writing sermons or enriching your devotional life. The following anecdote really got me thinking:

March 8 is the day in 1855 that a train first crossed the very first railway suspension bridge, an event that took place in Niagara Falls, New York — which raises the question: How exactly do you build a suspension bridge across an 800-foot gorge, 250 feet above the rushing water below?



The answer begins with a kite. An engineer named Charles Ellet Jr. announced a prize of \$5 for any child who managed to fly a kite across the gorge from the Canadian side to the American side, such that the kite string could be tied down on both sides. After a few days and many attempts, one enterprising boy managed the feat — and Ellet's team then tied a slightly heavier line to one end of the kite string and, by means of the kite string, pulled the heavier line across the gap. They then repeated the process with still heavier lines, then ropes, then light metal cables, then heavy metal cables — until there were lines across the gap strong enough to support a railway suspension bridge, and eventually to support an entire train.

This story reminds me how the impossible sometimes becomes possible when we allow our imagination and playfulness to be part of the process of finding solutions. How can we---as communities of faith, and as a regional council---incorporate this sense of wonder and play to be integrated into our thinking about deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice as we move forward with a new strategic vision?

Learn more: <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2023/2/28/theologians-almanac-for-week-of-march-5-2023>



For another playful reflection, see the recent prayer by Martine Lacroix (in French) in Notre lien quotidien: <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie.ca/notre-lien-quotidien-le-1er-mars-2023>

The Centre for Christian Studies is also offering an in-person workshop on **Humor, Laughter, Foolishness: Performing Love, Resilience and Resistance** with Cláudio Carvalhaes on **April 14 and 15**.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2023-04-14-15-HumourWorkshop-CCS>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

LAST CALL - Regional Council Directory

Please submit your contact information by **Friday, March 10, 2023** to be included in the 2023 directory.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/regional-council-directory-2023/>

NEW Communications Survey (part 2: Web site)

Thanks to those of you who have already responded to the survey about the newsletter (and those of you who proactively moved ahead to the second and/or third parts of the communications survey!) The second part relates to the **regional council Web site**. I hope to receive your answers on the second part of the survey by **Friday, March 17, 2023**. Thanks for your help!

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/communications-survey-2023/>

REMINDER - Equity Support Resources

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2023/02/20/equity-support-resources/>

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

REMINDER - Dates for upcoming Regional Council meetings

- **March 24-25** (online) - **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** (see details below)
- **June 3** (in person)
- **November 24-25** (online)



WINTER MEETING: The upcoming regional council meeting on **March 24 and 25** (on Zoom) will be an opportunity to learn more about the new strategic plan for The United Church of Canada and to explore how we see ourselves as a regional council in that plan. We are eager for feedback and guidance from our grassroots, so **please invite any members of your communities of faith who are interested to register and participate in the discussion.**

In addition to the conversation about the strategic plan, we hope to have

presentations about environmental grants available to communities of faith for upgrading their buildings (Faithful Footprints) and about the Affirming Process for our Regional Council.

The draft agenda for the day is now available on the Web site; additional documents will be shared as they become available.

Learn more and register: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/march-2023-regional-council-gathering-online/>

NOMINATIONS

REMINDER - A Message from the Nominations Leadership Team

Have you wondered what the "Leadership Teams" are all about in our region? What are they? What do they do? Who is on them? To find out, follow this link: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/about-us/governance-leadership/>

If you are interested in joining one of our Leadership Teams click on the link below to fill out an "Expression of Interest" Form: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/nominations/>

GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

Next Regional Council Grant Application Deadline: **May 15, 2023**

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

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

Sabbatical Leave 2024 - CALL FOR REQUESTS

The Sabbatical Leave Committee, which is a committee of the Finance & Extension Board, is presently inviting requests for sabbatical leave from ministry personnel for 2024. If this is in your plans, please contact Diane Campbell (dj.campbell@sympatico.ca) and/or submit a preliminary proposal to the Sabbatical Leave Committee by **June 1, 2023**. This preliminary proposal should include a plan, the reasons for requesting sabbatical leave, timelines, and a draft budget. Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/sabbatical-leave/>

Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, April 11 at 1:30 pm**. (Other dates for 2023: May 2 and June 6.)

Learn more: dhayward@united-church.ca

Sympathies - March 2023

From Amy Barratt: I just found out that Mme. Yvette Fines passed away in February. She was the mother of Rev. David Fines and widow of Rev. Hervé Fines who served at Église Bethanie in Verdun for nearly 30 years.

Obituary: <https://yveslegare.com/avis-deces/yvette-marie-marquerite-riba-1927-2023/>

Story on the Floralties FB page: <https://residencesfloralities.qc.ca/yvette-riba-une-histoire-en-heritage/>

Bio of Hervé: https://egliseunie.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/bios_fines.pdf

On behalf of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, we extend our deepest sympathies to Rev. David Fines and his family, as well as to the families and friends of the following deceased ministry personnel who have served communities of faith here and elsewhere over the years:

- **Rev. David Fearon** (died January 8, 2023): in addition to serving pastoral charges in Ontario and elsewhere, Rev. Fearon served as student supply with Montreal Presbytery from 1961-1962, ordained minister with Longueuil-St. Hubert Pastoral Charge from 1964-1967 and was listed as a retired member of Quebec Sherbrooke Presbytery between 1998 and 2003. Rev. Fearon was also celebrated in a recent *Broadview* article for successfully challenging a homophobic translation of a Bible passage in 1946.
Obituary: <https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/obituaries/rev-david-fearon/>
Broadview article: <https://broadview.org/david-fearon-death/>
- **Rev. Giorgio Predelli** (died January 16, 2023): Rev. Predelli served as Chaplain with Montreal and Ottawa Conference from 1964-1976, as an intern at Italian Church of the Redeemer (1980-1981), as ministry personnel with Longueuil-St. Hubert Pastoral Charge (1982-1988) and as part-time minister in both Kahnawake Pastoral Charge and St. Andrew's Delson Pastoral Charge from 1988 until his retirement in 1993.
Obituary: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/fr-ca/obituaries/montreal-qc/giorgio-primo-predelli-11112270>
- **Rev. Rawlie Quammie** (died February 4, 2023): in addition to serving pastoral charges in Haiti, Jamaica and Ontario, Rev. Quammie served Dorval-Strathmore Pastoral Charge from 1983-1988.
Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/thespec/name/rawlier-quammie-obituary?id=42926915>

SAVE THE DATE! Bilingual Ministers' Retreat - September 29 & 30 and October 1, 2023

(at Manoir D'Youville on l'île Bernard in Châteauguay)

- **September 29** – Retreat Day for Ordered Ministers
- **September 30** – Co-Learning Day for Ordered Ministers, DLMs and LLWLs
- **October 1st** – Retreat Day for DLMs and LLWLs

If you would like to be part of the planning team, please contact:

Dan Hayward: dhayward@united-church.ca or David-Roger Gagnon: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

REMINDER - A Message to Current and Future Voluntary Associate Ministers (Joel Miller)

The deadline for submitting the VAM form is **July 1st, 2023**.

Completed forms should be sent to Joel Miller at jmiller@united-church.ca or by regular mail to 225 50th avenue, Lachine, Québec, H8T 2T7. (Telephone: 1-800-268-3781, extension 6152)

Download form: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/policies/>

Additional information: See Policy for Voluntary Associate Ministers (p. 28-29)

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Governance-Handbook-Version-March-12-2022.pdf>

REMINDER - Annual Declarations (shared by The Office of Vocation)

We'd like to advise ministry personnel that the 2023 Annual Declaration is now open **until May 19, 2023**.

Need help accessing ChurchHub? Please contact ministry@united-church.ca

PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING INVITATION WITH MINISTRY PERSONNEL / M&P COMMITTEE

Workshops for M&P Committees (Rev. Dan Hayward)

A series of four workshops will be offered to ministry personnel and faith communities in East Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario Outaouais and Nakonha:ka in coming months.

- **Ministry & Personnel Committee Workshop Saturday, March 18, 2023 (9:00 am – 12 noon)**
- **Creating a Living Faith Story & Profile Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (7:00 – 9:00pm)**
- **Healthy Church – Happy Church: Bridges & Roadblocks to Good Communication Wednesday, May 3, 2023 (7:00 – 9:00pm)**
- **Conducting Annual Evaluations of Staff and Programs Wednesday, May 17, 2023 (7:00 – 9:00pm)**

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2023/02/13/ministry-and-personnel-workshops-2023/>

STEWARDSHIP

"We are not alone."

These words from A New Creed have gained more meaning than ever since the COVID-19 pandemic. Worship delivery has changed; pastoral care has changed; everything has changed—and so has *Called to Be the Church* your United Church giving program.



Introducing *Called to Be the Church: The Journey*—tailored and topical modules with coaching and ongoing support to meet your stewardship needs.

Module 1: Stewardship Best Practices is taking place starting the week of **March 20, 2023**.

As part of a small group experience with 4 other communities of faith, over four 2-hour classes, plan your next steps to help your community of faith increase revenue in order to better fulfil your church's purpose.

Find out more and register at United-In-Learning: <https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/ctbtc/445-ctbtc-mod-1-stewardship-best-practices>

(I would encourage you to sign up as soon as possible as we anticipate available slots filling up fast. My sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday Evenings.)

YOU are not alone.

Any questions, please contact Roger Janes at rjanes@united-church.ca



BURSARIES

REMINDER - Hello? Hello!

The education of young people is important and our Church supports it. This year the scholarship committee will award at least fifteen Hugh Duncan scholarships for full-time university studies. **All the details and scholarship application forms are NOW AVAILABLE** at <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/bursaries/>. Don't miss your chance!

For any questions, please contact Monique Moser: monique.moser@umontreal.ca

EXECUTIVE

Next Executive meeting will be **March 16, 2023**. Once approved and translated, final minutes of Executive meetings are posted at: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/minutes-and-reports/>

This information may be traumatic for residential school survivors, families, and community. If you are feeling pain or distress, please call the free 24-hour crisis line: 1-866-925-4419. You can also call the first nations and inuit hope for wellness help line at 1-855-242-3310. It's toll-free and open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Response to the Phase One Findings at the Alberni Residential Institution

With deep remorse and grief, The United Church of Canada acknowledges the truth at the Alberni residential institution, which was run by the United Church. This is not new information for Indigenous communities; Indigenous people have been telling the world about deaths and unmarked gravesites for a very long time. We have not always listened to or heard you.

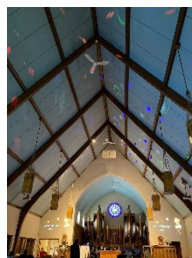
Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1051520>

FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

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

Worshiplate 2023 (David-Roger Gagnon)

Thanks to David-Roger Gagnon for sharing the lively photos below from Worshiplate 2023!



SAVE THE DATE! United Spirit Camp: June 25-July 1, 2023

Registration opens **March 1**, with Early Bird Registration deadline of **April 15**.

Learn more: <https://sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/home>

ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/516855109486568>

IN THE NEWS! Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff (Faithful Footprints)

Received a grant in support of the replacement of a hot water tank, oil tank, oil furnaces with electric furnaces, and electrical panel; the replacement of a window, industrial fridge, and rangehood in the kitchen, and four doors with panic bars; the installation of a dishwasher, and electric fans and LED lights in its sanctuary, vestry, kitchen, and office. A year following its projects, Beulah United reduced its GHG emission by **99.4%**, and energy costs by **26.0%**.

GreenFaith Montreal (Megan McWhirter and Rev. Wendy Evans)

We recently discussed planning our next event, which will coincide with the For the Love of Creation Earth Week celebrations (**April 16-23**): <https://fortheLoveofcreation.ca/earth-week/>

We are hoping to plan an online Action Hour on one of the days of that week to highlight a key environmental theme linking to issues locally, nationally, and internationally. There will be time given for people to sign petitions, write letters, etc. We thought we would highlight issues surrounding the theme of "Water". If you have ideas of issues/causes/groups you'd like to lift up during this event, please share them using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q1Z6KaU2q5QscB-wogCMHrrUqRzlcou41qMHmWOWces/edit?usp=sharing>

A proposed date for the Action Hour event is **Wednesday April 19th, at 12 o'clock noon** (TBD)



Keeping in Touch Newsletter: Issue 7, January 2023

The latest issue of the UCW newsletter is now available on the regional council Web site.

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

Banner created for 60th anniversary of UCW by members of Nakonha:ka UCW.

LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Called to serve beyond the church walls? Reflecting on the Plight of the Marginalized? Discerning a call from God?

Montreal Mission Internship, 2023 - May 29th to July 29th

A summer internship for 18- to 25-year-olds who feel a call to ministry outside the walls of the church.

- **Serve** at a social service organisation in Montreal.
- **Reflect** with other interns during weekly group meetings.
- **Discern** how you are called to participate in God's work.

Learn more and apply at: www.montrealmission.ca



Humor, Laughter, Foolishness: Performing Love, Resilience and Resistance

What do Worship and Play have to do with each other? Come find out at a 2-day continuing education event with Cláudio Carvalhaes offered by the Centre for Christian Studies.

To be able to laugh, to have humor and to be foolish are all tremendous forms of resistance, of showing love/compassion and affirming life in a time where depression, anger, sadness and disasters are mounting.

This workshop is about engaging in play through various forms of worship and preaching, using humor, laughter, and foolishness to lift our spirits and connect with our faith on a deeper level. We'll explore different resources and strategies to make play a fundamental part of our daily lives and our communities.

So, what are you waiting for? Join us on **Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 2023**, for a fun-filled, engaging, and transformative workshop with Cláudio Carvalhaes (See his bio here:

<https://ccsonline.ca/program/continuing-studies/claudio-carvalhaes/>)

This is an in-person event and the cost is **\$200**.

Register today and let's laugh, play, and deepen our faith together!

<http://ccsonline.ca/event/humor-laughter-foolishness-performing-love-resilience-and-resistance/>

REMINDERS

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

Leer la Biblia: Antiguo Testamento – Un Dios fiel, promesa y liberación

18 de marzo y 15 de abril de 2023, 9 h – 16 h

<https://montrealdio.ca/courses/leer-la-biblia-antiguo-testamento-un-dios-fiel-promesa-y-liberacion/>

Leer la Biblia: Nuevo Testamento – Jesús, una alianza renovada con Dios

13 de mayo y 10 de junio de 2023, 9 h – 16 h

<https://montrealdio.ca/courses/leer-la-biblia-nuevo-testamento-jesus-una-alianza-renovada-con-dios%E2%80%AF/>

French for Ministry Intensive - May 8-12, 2023

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/french-for-ministry> or contact info@montrealdio.ca

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Director of Music (Lakeshore Trinity United Church, Pointe Claire: 514-697-6459)

Lakeshore Trinity United Church in Pointe Claire is seeking a Director of Music, **starting September 1, 2023**. The Director of Music will work as a team with our Minister and the Worship Committee. We are a

welcoming, inclusive, and theologically-progressive congregation with traditional roots and a strong appreciation for music in our worship and community life. The position requires proficiency in piano and on a three-manual, electric church organ. The music director provides musical leadership for our Sunday morning services and other special occasions. The music director is also responsible for leading our four-part choir, which meets once a week for rehearsal. Our choir is enthusiastic and knowledgeable, enjoys singing and is not afraid of a challenge! Please email your resume to lakeshoretrinityunited@gmail.com by **March 30, 2023**.

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/>

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

IN THE NEWS! Fire Devastates COCLA Community Grocery Store

COCLA, one of our Mission Support grant recipients, had a devastating fire at their Saint Laurent community grocery store earlier this month which resulted in a total loss. Prayers and support appreciated.

Learn more: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/cocla-community-grocery-store-fire-1.6738034>

GoFundMe campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/incendie-majeur-dune-epicerie-communautaire>



Music Director: Alberto Santos



Birthday Cupcakes



Ester, Hannon & Rev. Throop



The Leads: Carmina, Leah, Graeme & David

GOOD NEWS! Mountainside Celebrates 100th Birthday of Miriam Tees (Elva Crawford)

Following the Worship Service on February 19 in the Birks Heritage Chapel, we gathered downstairs to celebrate a very happy occasion, the 100th birthday of our present Clerk of Session, **Miriam Tees**.

During the celebration with Mountainside, Miriam was serenaded by the leads of the Choir, enjoyed special cupcakes, and best wishes from everyone during conversation and fellowship. It was truly a time of joy and gratitude to share with Miriam.

Editor's note: Through the grapevine, we learned that Miriam was baptized at Dominion Square Methodist Church prior to church union, and in addition to her career as librarian of the Royal Bank of Canada, she was Clerk of Session at Dominion-Douglas and Mountainside, was well known as a member of Montreal and then Quebec Presbyteries, and served on a national liturgy committee. Rev. Doug Throop describes Miriam as a "dyed-in-the-wool United Church person". Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council adds our best wishes and congratulations. Happy birthday, Miriam!

IN THE NEWS! Cedar Park United Church featured in story about community kitchen program

The community kitchen program is one of several initiatives offered by Corbeille de Pain, a local non-profit organization that began in 2004 that serves to promote food security and education. The kitchen workshops run on Fridays from September to June and are hosted in four different locations in the West Island: St-Columba-by-the-Lake Presbyterian Church and Cedar Park United Church in Pointe-Claire, and Gerry Robertson Community Centre and Manoir Roger Bernard senior's residence in Pierrefonds.

Learn more: <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/west-island-gazette/west-island-community-kitchen-combats-rising-groceries-prices>

Célébration de la Journée internationale des droits des femmes (Camino de Emaús)

Le samedi 11 mars à 18 h, Camino de Emaús de l'Église Unie, une communauté principalement hispanophone à Montréal, vous invite à célébrer la Journée internationale des droits des femmes à l'Église Unie Saint-Jean, 110, rue Sainte-Catherine Est.

REMINDER - Covenanting Service

On **Sunday, March 19**, Merging Waters United Church will hold a covenanting service to celebrate our new relationship with Lisa Byer-de Wever, Student Minister. Worship at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow. All are welcome to join in this happy start down an exciting pathway! 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

The Circle of Life: A Celebration - Saturday April 22nd 7:30 pm and Sunday April 23rd 2 pm (Merging Waters United Church, 24 Maple, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue)

The Circle of Life is a celebration of the joys and discoveries, the trials and tribulations of what it means to live in the continuum of all life, from the wise perspective of an aging population. The music will be at once poignant, reflective, stirring and uplifting. It will also be quite funny in parts. Watch for the section on menopause! Or the grumpy old fart!

The words and stories that will be a part of this show will aim to move you to remember your own life's precious and life altering moments.

With favourite tunes re-arranged by the inimitable composer/arranger/choir director Pierre Gallant by such stellar songwriters as John Lennon, Harry Chapin, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young--- along with a few Pierre Gallant originals---this will be an event to be lived and remembered.

A musical ensemble of the dedicated, talented musicians as well as a select group of professional soloists including Baritone, Jérôme Savoie, will round out the mix.

Following the show, we welcome you to a reception to meet the performers in the adjoining hall. Tickets are only **\$20.00**. Funds raised will be shared between Merging Waters United Church and support for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

Buy tickets at church on Sunday or order them now by calling our Box Office at 514-453-7103

Email: jan@videotron.ca

Beaconsfield United Church – Black History Month (David-Roger Gagnon)

Here are some photos from Sunday, February 26 at Beaconsfield United Church as they concluded their four-week celebration of Black History.



The program for Black History Month included:

February 5th – A panel discussion on the theme of “Black History, the Good, and our Future” animated by Student Minister Adedeji Sunday Akintayo

February 12th – Pastor Nandom Gunen spoke about “Reconciling with the Past”

February 19th – Reverend Musa Dauda spoke about “Created in the Image of God”

February 26th – Student Minister Adedeji Sunday Akintayo spoke about “Blacks and Forgiving the Past”.

<https://www.beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com/buc-blog/feb-26th-sermon-blacks-and-forgiving-the-past>

Throughout the month, BUC's Young People offered profiles of different people from the black communities in Canadian history and society to help us all become more familiar with the many contributions of people from Black communities over the course of our shared history. Thanks to all who helped to make this celebration of Black History Month at BUC so meaningful!

REMINDER - Trinity United Church Seeking Tables and Chairs (Diane Best)

Trinity United Church is looking for large brown tables and metal chairs. If there are any churches that are closing that would be willing to give us the tables or we can pay a small price for them. We are looking for about 10 tables! For more information, contact Diane Best: Diane_red-pink5@live.com

Resurrect your bike



*Live with
respect in
Creation*



Evaluations and minor tune-ups for free

As part of our commitment to live in respect with creation, Ste Genevieve United Church is offering to give your bicycle a boost of life on Earth Day Sunday.

Active transportation is part of the solution to fight climate change, and a bike in good working condition is a good place to start!

This event is open to people of all faiths and no faith.

We can get your bike ready for the season and advice about any major repairs it might need.

April 16, 2023 Noon to 2 pm (weather permitting)

Ste Genevieve United Church, 4697 St-Jean, Dollard-des-Ormeaux

<http://stegennys.org> joelleeduc@stegennys.org

REMINDER – Request re *More Voices* hymn books

If any communities of faith have copies of *More Voices* that they will not be using in future, please contact Judy at jcoffin@united-church.ca to help them find a loving home!



Are you available Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30am? Saint Columba House needs you!

Are you looking to lend a helping hand? A stipend is provided to deliver meals to our isolated seniors; if this is a fit for you, please contact us:

info@saintcolumbahouse.org

REMINDER -

Saint Columba House Seeking Board Members

Please contact Mark Hammond: markham1936@gmail.com



Celtic Night

Saturday
March 18th, 2023
7:30pm

Join us for an evening of
music and fun

\$15.00/person
includes coffee/tea and dessert
(BYOB)



Roxboro United Church
116 Cartier, Roxboro
www.roxborounitedchurch.org
for tickets please call 514-685-4956

GATHERING AT TABLE

Join us as we celebrate

RAMADAN...PASSOVER...EASTER

FOR A DELICIOUS
MEAL AND
CONVERSATION
ON INTERFAITH
CONNECTIONS
WITHIN THE
SECULAR CITY

April 3rd
7:45 – 9:00pm

St. James United Church
1435 city Councillors H3A 2E4

REGISTER AT:
maan@montrealcitymission.org

Free Parking

Stained Glass artwork at St. James United Church by Ali Atogul

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The Kanesatake 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: Kanesatake United Church
209 Des Anges
Kanesatake, 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.karonhasagabriel@gmail.com

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

Moderator's PIE Day Message 2023



The Fifth Annual National Affirming/PIE Day is coming up on **March 14!** PIE is not just a delicious dessert—it's also an acronym that stands for Public, Intentional, and Explicit, and this year's theme is The Year of Intention. Moderator Carmen Lansdowne encourages you and your community to have conversations, dream big, and commit to taking another faithful step in the journey to embody the expansive love of God for Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+ people.

PIE Day resources: <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/national-affirmingpie-day>

Watch video: <https://united-church.ca/news/moderators-pie-day-message-2023>

REMINDER - Rural Ministry Town Halls 2023 - Monday, March 27

Learn more: <https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=EDGE2010>

REMINDER - reVITALize 2023 – Halifax – June 7 to 9, 2023

Learn more and register at www.revitalizeconference.ca

LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

AGA de la Table des ministères en français

Plus d'une trentaine de personnes se sont réunies pour l'AGA de la Table. C'était vraiment l'occasion de célébrer la vitalité des Ministères en français!

Appel à servir le Conseil général

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