

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

#### THEME: Pride Month / Indigenous History Month

At our recent regional council meeting, members voted to take some actions (on the following pages) that reflect the principles and objectives of Pride Month and Indigenous History Month, which are celebrated in June. Resources to support deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice in our regional council and local communities are available at the links below. Additional worship resources celebrating these themes can be found here: <a href="https://united-church.ca/worship-resources">https://united-church.ca/worship-resources</a>

#### **DEEP SPIRITUALITY: PRAYERS TO SHARE**

#### From the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Carmen Lansdowne:

- Message for National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023
   https://united-church.ca/news/moderators-message-national-indigenous-peoples-day-2023
- Statement regarding deaths on Quebec's North Shore <u>https://bit.ly/2023-Moderator-Statement-QCNorthshore</u>
- Pastoral letter regarding Quebec wildfires
   https://bit.ly/2023-PastoralLetter-QCWildfires-Moderator

#### From Executive Minister, Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly:

Prayer regarding Quebec wildfires
 https://bit.ly/2023-Prayer-QCWildfires-EHebertDaly

#### **BOLD DISCIPLESHIP / DARING JUSTICE: TAKING ACTION**

- Share the Regional Council statement against homophobia and transphobia <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2023/06/06/statement-homophobia-and-transphobia-have-no-place-in-our-society/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2023/06/06/statement-homophobia-and-transphobia-have-no-place-in-our-society/</a>
- Vote on Remit 1: Establishing an autonomous national indigenous organization
   The governing board of each pastoral charge has a right and responsibility to vote on this remit, and all votes must be submitted by March 2024. If a pastoral charge does not submit a vote, the default will be to count the missing vote as a vote against the remit.

   Learn more: <a href="https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization">https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization</a>
- Support Résilience Montréal (see urgent appeal in LIRR section of newsletter)

# **REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS**



#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS**

#### **FOLLOW UP - JUNE 2023 MEETING**

Thanks to all those who participated in person or on Zoom on Saturday, June 3, as we explored the abundance of loaves and fishes that feed us as a regional council.

If you attended the meeting, or would like to share your thoughts, **please fill out the evaluation survey** on the event page of the web site (*link below*). Photos, videos and links to documents will also be added to the event page as they become available: <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/</a>

#### Summary

Sosan Montour, niece of Robert Patton, opened the meeting with Ohenton Kariwatekwon (Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address). A warm welcome from Rev. Dr. Samuel Dansokho of the host community of Plymouth-Trinity United Church in Sherbrooke, and introductions and welcome by President Marc Grenon also got the meeting off to a good start. The Living in Right Relations Circle (Rev. Jan Jorgensen, Lisa Byerde Wever and Rev. Read Sherman) offered a land acknowledgment and videos with teaching moments about Otsokowatseri (wealth, good fortune, abundance) with Robert Patton and Alma Ransom.

During the opening worship, participants were invited to write some thoughts about abundance on the loaves and fishes provided (online and in-person) and to share them in the offering basket at the end of the day. We learned a beautiful song about loaves and fishes recently composed by David-Roger Gagnon. Large colourful sheets of paper with fish drawings symbolizing the strategic plan were also available on each table as tablecloths, and a blank drawing was provided for online participants to jot additional thoughts as the day progressed. (Some of of the fish tablecloths were sent home with participants to be used at future events with communities of faith and clusters.)

Early in the meeting, members voted to publish a **Statement against homophobia and transphobia**, and all were invited to share the statement with their communities of faith, on their social media networks and with local media.

Shanna Bernier offered some learning about **Equity**, and invited people with a passion for equity to join the Equity team.

Rev. Murray Pruden brought greetings from the General Council office, including a video from Moderator Carmen Lansdowne, and left us with a question: how would we like to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The United Church in 2025? (See Question 5 on evaluation survey)

Paul Sales shared some of the process behind *Then, Let Us Sing! Ensemble, chantons!* and the group enjoyed singing a few new tunes, including *Notre Père, Notre Mère* by Lambert, with a rich vocal leadership by Norman Robert Boie.

After hearing presentations about *Remit 1: Establishing an autonomous national indigenous organization* from GC44 commissioners (Norman Robert Boie and Morgan Pierre Point) and members of the Living into Right Relations Circle (Rev. Jan Jorgensen, Lisa Byer-de Wever and Read Sherman, with learning videos from Robert Patton and Alma Ransom, and Sara Stratton and Adele Halliday), members voted (as a regional council) to accept the Remit.

[IMPORTANT REMINDER: The governing board of each pastoral charge also has a right and responsibility to vote, and all votes must be submitted by March 2024. If a pastoral charge does not submit a vote, the default will be to count the missing vote as a vote against the remit.]

Members voted on a motion from the **Nominations** Leadership Team, presented by Rev. Linda Buchanan, proposing members of the next Executive. They also approved the motion to give a mandate for the Nominations Leadership Team to explore a new model for structuring the Executive in future.

Rev. Caroline Penhale, **Office of Vocation**, shared some insights about the candidacy pathway and introduced new ordinands Aron Molnar and Cynthia Reynolds, who each shared some thoughts about abundance. (Rev. Read Sherman also shared a message on the same theme which was written by our third ordinand, Aaron Miechkota, whose arrival was delayed.)

The **VisionAction** team shared the feedback gathered at the previous meeting and presented a few examples of how growth, the lead priority of the strategic plan, is already happening on the ground: through

invitation to community on nature walks with Riverside United Church (presented by Rev. Helen Hliaras); through intentional exploration with guest speakers on various aspects of the strategic plan at St. Lambert United Church during their minister's sabbatical (presented by Peter Bisset); and on the new ministry, Ministère francophone de Longueil (presented by Rev. Florence Bukam Kamta), that grew out of an online ministry based in Toronto during COVID, and after only six weeks of meeting in person has already grown to a group of more than 30. [A grant of \$5,000 was also presented to this new ministry to help support their continued growth.]

An update about the process and celebration of the recently completed **Mohawk translation of the Bible** (Rev. Jan Jorgensen) was followed by a reading of the loaves and fishes passage in Mohawk by Satewas (Harvey) Gabriel.

A brief covenanting ceremony with the new Executive, members of leadership teams and the regional council concluded the business of the day.



Following the close of the business meeting, a joyous **Celebration of Ministry service** included the ordination of the three candidates for ministry and highlighted milestones in the lives of other ministry personnel, including anniversaries and retirements, followed by a group photo on the front steps of Plymouth-Trinity United Church... and a beautiful (and delicious) cake!

Many thanks to the volunteers of Plymouth-Trinity for their hospitality, and to organist Leslie Young, flautist Robert Hargrave and guitarist/composer David-Roger Gagnon for adding their fabulous musical gifts to the day.

Finally, although we did experience some technical difficulties (including translation), the day was Spirit-filled and participants offered their patience, humour and support for our beloved tech team leader, Rev. Kent Chown, as he dealt with

challenging circumstances beyond his control.

**FOLLOW UP NOTE:** Unfortunately, we also discovered that a few folks who were present at the meeting and/or the celebration of ministry tested positive for COVID a few days later. A message was sent out to participants to encourage them to test and isolate if the results were positive.

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE - 2023 FALL MEETING: November 24-25 (online) \*\*\*

#### **NOMINATIONS**

https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/nominations/

New Executive / Mandate for Nominations team to explore alternate models for future Executive
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Nominations Leadership Team, presented by Rev. Linda Buchanan, proposing members of the next
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explore a new model for structuring the Executive in future.

Decisions: <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/</a>
Governance and Leadership: <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/about-us/governance-leadership/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/about-us/governance-leadership/</a>

#### **VISIONACTION**

#### Table group question from Regional Council Meeting (June 2023)

How can the regional council help your community of faith to strengthen its presence, to invite warmly and build new ministries? *You are invited to send your thoughts to Rev. Helen Hliaras: helenhliaras@hotmail.com* 

#### Welcome

The VisionAction Leadership Team is pleased to welcome Lisa Byer-de Wever as a new member of the team; two places are still open if you would like to join us! *Contact Rev. Helen Hliaras*: <a href="mailto:helenhliaras@hotmail.com">helenhliaras@hotmail.com</a>

#### **Annual Reports from Pastoral Charges/Communities of Faith**

As part of its research process, a few members of the VisionAction team are reading past annual reports of communities of faith and pastoral charges to see what strategic strengths and abundance already exist within our regional council in each of the categories of the fish diagram. [IMPORTANT NOTE: There is no expectation that every community of faith or pastoral charge will be strong in every category: this process is simply an attempt to have a better picture of who we are and where our passions lie!]

Unfortunately, some of our communities of faith and pastoral charges have not submitted their annual reports for the past few years, so **if you haven't already done so, please send any recent annual reports** (2018 onwards) to Brian Ruse at <a href="mailto:bruse@united-church.ca">bruse@united-church.ca</a>. If your community of faith does not currently produce any annual reports, please at least send along minutes of your annual congregational meeting and/or financial statements, just to give us some idea where your energies are directed! Thanks.

#### LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com

#### **Urgent appeal for Résilience Montréal** (shared by Rev. Jan Jorgensen)

Today I went to the encampment under the highway near Atwater.

Résilience Montréal, with a lawyer from Mobile Legal Clinic, have asked that the people in the camp be allowed to remain another month until the Résilience advocates can help them find safe and affordable housing. Approximately half the people living below the highway are going through the process necessary to be allowed to live in subsidized housing. Others are still waiting for their turn to apply.

If they are forced to move on June 16th, they will be scattered and it will be difficult for Résilience workers to assist them with the housing process. The director of Résilience Montréal, David Chapman, has spoken with management at two motels on St. Jacques who would be willing to host them, but of course it is costly.

I would like to ask individuals and local churches to pray about making donations to Résilience Montréal to support their initiatives to provide continuing community and advocacy for those living under the highway during this transitional time. (Please know that Résilience also feeds a very large number of people, daily.)

I believe that we could do more for our neighbours who cannot afford food and decent housing, whether it is to help those who will find themselves newly unhoused this July, or those who have lived unhoused for over a decade. The constant struggle of living on the street has been shown to shorten a person's life.

Each person, created in the image of God. I keep thinking about that. How they (and we) are all God's beloved children.

- \$100 would pay for one night in a hotel A month becomes \$3,000 or \$3100 per person.
- \$94 would provide one month's STM pass per person.
- There is also a need for storage spaces.

If we work together we can co-create blessing in the world.

[Additional comment from Rev. Pierre Goldberger: Ce projet est un projet qui répond à un besoin VITAL et qui ouvre sur un mouvement de Collaboration large et c'est un acte d'Espérance]

#### Learn more:

https://www.resiliencemontreal.com/

https://montreal.citynews.ca/2023/06/09/homeless-montreal-ville-marie-camp-eviction-appeal/

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/ville-marie-encampment-appeal-1.6873726

#### **Learning Videos from Regional Council Meeting (June 2023)**

- Land acknowledgments and Otsokowatseri part 1 (Robert Patton and Alma Ransom)
- Otsokowatseri part 2 (Robert Patton and Alma Ransom)
- Remit (Sara Stratton and Adele Halliday)

Learn more: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/

#### Table group questions from Regional Council Meeting (June 2023)

- 1. What are the challenges to our identity as the United Church, and to our self-understanding as people of faith, when we are asked to surrender control over the Indigenous part of the church, and embody the Apologies of the United Church by honouring the long-held desires of Indigenous Christians?
- 2. What are the opportunities for learning and growth for non-indigenous Christians as we respond to the invitation of Indigenous siblings to co-create a new relationship that is based, not on internalized colonial thinking, but, on respect, trust, compassion, and love?
- 3. How do you see God/Christ/Spirit at work in the desire of the Indigenous church to seek a way forward for themselves in identifying and removing "all the structural barriers to developing and sustaining an autonomous Indigenous Church within The United Church of Canada"? How do you see our role in walking alongside them?

You are invited to send your responses to: <a href="mailto:rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com">rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com</a>

#### **EXECUTIVE**

#### Welcome

The Executive is pleased to officially welcome some new members: Adedeji Sunday Akintayo, Bailey Eastwood, Quan (Erika Leung) Liang, Rev. Jan Jorgensen, Lisa Byer-de Wever and Rev. Read Sherman; as well as some familiar members in new roles: Rev. Pierre Goldberger, Rev. Marie-Claude Manga, Rev. Dr. Christine Marie Gladu and Rev. Linda Buchanan. Thanks to all those who continue to serve the regional council in various capacities. [Please note the role of President-Elect is still vacant, so please prayerfully consider whether someone you know might be willing to serve in this role!]

 ${\it Decisions:} \ \underline{\it https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/}$ 

Governance and Leadership: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/about-us/governance-leadership/

Nominations: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/nominations/

**REMINDER -** Next Executive meeting will be **June 15, 2023**. Once approved and translated, final minutes of Executive meetings are posted at: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/minutes-and-reports/



#### MINISTRY PERSONNEL

#### Congratulations to Rev. Ron Coughlin

Lennoxville United Church recently posted the news of Rev. Ron Coughlin's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry (2023) on their Facebook page; on behalf of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, we add our blessings!

#### Other milestones for ministry personnel

At the recent Celebration of Ministry service, the regional council also marked the retirement of Rev. Rosemary Lambie and celebrated a long list of significant milestone anniversaries (as of 2022) for ministry personnel. (See the full list on page 50 of the bulletin: <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/</a>)

REMINDER - 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: <a href="mailto:dhayward@united-church.ca">dhayward@united-church.ca</a> or David-Roger Gagnon: <a href="mailto:DRGagnon@united-church.ca">DRGagnon@united-church.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:DRGagnon@united-church.ca">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 <u>imiller@united-church.ca</u> or by regular mail to 225 50th avenue, Lachine, Québec, H8T 2T7. (Telephone: 1-800-268-3781, extension 6152)

Download form: <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/policies/">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/policies/</a>

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

#### FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

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

#### **United Spirit Camp – FULL!**

Registration is now complete and planning is in full swing!

Other summer day camps being offered by communities of faith in our regional council include:

- Camp Cosmos with Montreal City Mission (Montreal and West Island) https://www.campcosmos.org/
- **The Little Camp That Could** at Saint Columba House (Point-Saint-Charles) https://saintcolumbahouse.org/program/summer-day-camp/
- Vacation Creation Camp at Cedar Park United Church (Pointe-Claire) https://cedarparkunited.org/vacation-creation-camp-2023
- Discovery on Adventure Island VBS Day Camp at Trinity United Church (Montreal)
   https://wp.trinityuc.net/camp/

Does your community of faith offer a summer day program? Tell us all about it! Email: <a href="mailto:jcoffin@united-church.ca">jcoffin@united-church.ca</a>

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

Next Regional Council Grant Application Deadline: September 15, 2023

Grant application forms and information: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/aranting-and-enabling/

#### ucw

Letter from National UCW - Spring 2023

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

#### **CLIMATE JUSTICE**

**Green Churches Network - Spring 2023 newsletter** 

https://mailchi.mp/5c263c1c7fb0/green-churches-newsletter-6276431

#### **LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **UNITED CHURCH STUDIES AT MONTREAL DIO**

#### **Online Courses for Admission Ministers and Others**

United Church Studies at Dio will be offering the following courses this fall:

- United Church Worship online Wednesdays, September 6<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>, and Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:30pm-4:30pm
- United Church Polity online
   Wednesdays, October 25<sup>th</sup>-November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
- United Church History and Theology online
   Wednesdays, January 10<sup>th</sup>-February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Learn more: <a href="https://montrealdio.ca/ucs-courses/">https://montrealdio.ca/ucs-courses/</a>

REMINDER - EMMANUEL COLLEGE - July 25-27, In-person, Alumni Hall, Victoria College



#### The School of Earth & Soul - Celtic Wisdom 3

Please join us for a three-day retreat on Celtic Wisdom with John Philip Newell and Cami Twilling.

Please visit the Centre's website for bios, fees, registration and schedule: <a href="https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/#ac-1669">https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/#ac-1669</a>

#### **UNITED IN LEARNING**

Learn more: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1052256

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Growth Animator – Eastern Ontario and Quebec (Closing date: 2023-06-29)

https://united-church.ca/opportunities/growth-animator-easter-ontario-and-quebec

Director of Field Education (Closing date: 2023-07-02)

The Montreal School of Theology is seeking a Director of Field Education at 75% time for a 4-year term. https://united-church.ca/opportunities/director-field-education

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>

## LAST CALL - Covenanting Celebration with Kelley Molloy - June 18, 2023

(Morin Heights United Church at 11am)

Please come to celebrate Kelley's official welcome as our full-time student minister, serving Laurentian Area Ministry (LAM) congregations. Zoom worship will be available.

Contact Vera Young at <a href="www.vwyoung@sympatico.ca">wwyoung@sympatico.ca</a> to learn more.

#### Pentecost Festival - West Island and Riverside Cluster (shared by David-Roger Gagnon)

















Here are some photos of Cluster-wide worship with most of the communities of faith joining, followed by a luncheon catered by the African Communities, and time for fellowship and exchange.



### Cluster service on May 28, 2023 (shared by Virginia Wallace) On Sunday, May 28th, members from Mount Bruno-Richelieu Valley United Churches and St. Lambert United gathered at Greenfield Park United for a joint communion worship service. Rev. Birgit Neuschild along with Pastor Virginia Wallace led a lively Pentecost service. Everyone could feel the Spirit as it weaved its way through the music, a dramatic reading, prayers and communion. Many expressed their hope that more events like this will be held in the future. A time of fellowship followed the service, where attendees were able to purchase some delectable treats at the bake sale and found some interesting summer reading at the book

Watch for news of the next MBRVGPSL UC Cluster Service!

#### Spirit Café (shared by Virginia Wallace, Mount Bruno and Richelieu Valley United Church)













One of the fun things that a student minister gets to do is be creative. This year, our Student Ministry Education (SME) instructor challenged us to create and RUN a project to engage our community of faith.

For my project, inspired by a project in my Holy Spirit course years ago, I decided upon an event that would center around the Holy Spirit and how we visualise it being active in our lives. I called my event Spirit Café. I began with a Power Point presentation on Trinitarian Theology with a focus on the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, describing it in quantifiable ways according to Scripture. I then spoke about how we each understand the Holy Spirit based on personal experience. I concluded my presentation with various examples through the centuries on how others interpreted the Holy Spirit through the medium of art. Then it



was on to the 'fun' part, creating our own art. I provided the materials, canvas, paints, brushes, etc. and directed those attending to allow the Spirit to inspire them to create. It was wonderful to watch the multi-generational participants interact with each other and the pieces produced were varied and unique to each person. Spirit Café was a success and future events are in the planning.

# QUESTIONS FOR YOUR PASTORAL CHARGE / COMMUNITY OF FAITH

#### Labyrinths

One of our regional council lay representatives recently asked about communities of faith with indoor or outdoor labyrinths. Let me know if your community of faith is one of those! *Email jcoffin@united-church.ca* 

Two ministries seeking space for rent or for sale A ministry affiliated with les Assemblées de Pentecôte du Canada is looking for space to rent or buy on the South Shore or the island of Montreal, including office space and room for education. Please contact Hannah Dumaine:

hannahdumaine@gmail.com

A community belonging to the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Canada is looking for a church (or chapel) to rent. They would prefer to be on the island of Montreal. The need is for all Sundays over the year and approximately 50 more times for the holidays of the liturgical year.

Please contact Adriana Bara: abara@oikoumene.ca

**REMINDER - MILESTONES** As we move towards the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The United Church of Canada in 2025, a number of communities of faith within Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council are celebrating significant milestones and anniversaries of their own. Congratulations and best wishes to all!



**225 years - Knowlton United Church** (Knowlton)

## **200 years - Odelltown Church** (Lacolle)

In addition to the special events listed on the poster at left, church services will also be held at 11 AM followed by a BYO picnic lunch on the dates below.

- July 30<sup>th</sup>
- August 27<sup>th</sup>
- September 24th

**190 years - St. Andrew's United Church** (Chateauguay)

**150 years - Mansonville United Church** (Mansonville)

**100 years - Valois United Church** (Valois)

90 years — Zion-Dundee United Church (Dundee) https://www.facebook.com/Dundee-Zion-United-Church-433126343465788/

**3 years — Église Unie Sainte-Claire** (online) https://www.facebook.com/eglisesainteclaire

Let us know about your significant anniversaries so we can celebrate together! Email <a href="mailto:jcoffin@united-church.ca">jcoffin@united-church.ca</a> Slideshow of CoF milestones (anniversaries, closures, amalgamations, etc.): <a href="https://nakonhakaucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-06-03-PC-CoF-Milestones.pdf">https://nakonhakaucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-06-03-PC-CoF-Milestones.pdf</a>

# **UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS**

REMINDER - Highlights from May 2023 Meeting of General Council Executive: https://generalcouncil44.ca/news/highlights-may-2023-meeting-general-council-executive

# REMINDER - Responding to Questions about Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous Indigenous Organization

Since launching the remit about restructuring the Indigenous Church in March 2023, we have received a number of questions about the remit process, as well as about the remit itself. We hope that the video at the link below offers information to help your regional council or pastoral charge's governing body to make a decision on the remit question by March 31, 2024.

Learn more: https://generalcouncil44.ca/news/responding-questions-about-remit-1-establishing-autonomous-indigenous-organization

Download remit, study guide, and voting sheet, together with the return information and deadline: https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization

#### LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

#### Nouvelles concernant le personnel des Ministères en français

Le Bureau du Conseil général de l'Église Unie du Canada est ravi d'accueillir trois nouveaux membres du personnel au sein de l'équipe des Ministères en français.

Pour en savoir plus : https://eqliseunie.ca/nouvelles-concernant-le-personnel-des-ministeres-en-francais

#### Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada

- Broadview newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/1922b6947cd2/unquiet in the land-1815142
- Église Unie du Canada: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/eqliseunie/infolettre-29-mai-1052348">https://mailchi.mp/eqliseunie/infolettre-29-mai-1052348</a>
- Embracing the Spirit: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1052276">https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1052276</a>
- E-ssentials: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es230606-1052264
- Living into Right Relations: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1052012
- Philanthropy News: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1052120
- UCC Foundation News: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/united-church/faithful-steward-webinar-8720248">https://mailchi.mp/united-church/faithful-steward-webinar-8720248</a>
- United Church Bookstore: https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/new-french-resource-from-lglise-unie
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/84c9ee7d2d94/may-2023-ucrmn-enews">https://mailchi.mp/84c9ee7d2d94/may-2023-ucrmn-enews</a>
- United Action for Justice: https://mailchi.mp/united-church/uaj-1052244
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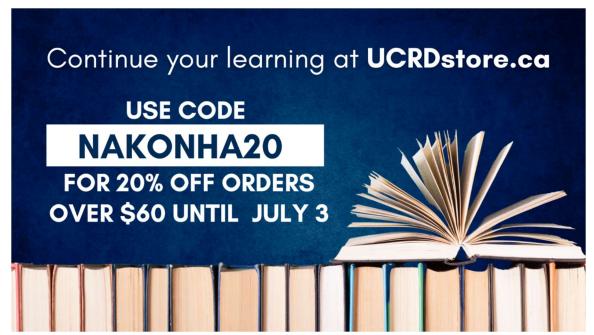
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