



EDITOR'S NOTE: As the autumn season begins, a rich and diverse range of potential activities is already filling our baskets to overflowing... much like this newsletter, packed with all kinds of calls to action, events and resources. For this issue, I have created a top ten list of things you may want to be aware of (and to share with your community of faith.) I have organized the list in chronological order and added page numbers to help you navigate more quickly. Let me know if you find this helpful, so I know whether to continue this process for future newsletters. Thanks!

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Celebration of Mohawk Bible



The United Church of Canada is currently celebrating an initiative within our regional council that clearly demonstrates **deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice** through the continued leadership of Harvey Satewas Gabriel and his family over many years: **the full translation of the Bible into the Mohawk language**. During the dedication service on Saturday, September 9 at Kanesatake United Church, a variety of speakers provided insight into the history and importance of the Mohawk Bible and blessed the people and resources which allowed this project to come to fruition. Robert Patton of Kahnawake United Church shared the historical pain of indigenous children and youth being denied the opportunity to learn in one's own language. Satewas spoke of the imagery on the cover of the Bible, created by artist Simon Brascoupé, depicting the different types of messengers exemplified by the four clan animals; he also focused on the importance of keeping the Mohawk language alive. At the banquet, before handing out advance copies of the Bible to select recipients, Susan Gabriel reminded us that the Bible contains all the words that describe life, death and every situation in between (including gardening and dealing with mold!). These words take many shapes, including poetry, history, law and spiritual guidelines. Susan expressed the hope that this compilation of 66 books would be a rich resource for the community, especially the youth, regardless of their spiritual affiliations. One of the Bible recipients was Arlene Delaronde of Kahnawake United Church, whose late mother, Josephine Horn, was one of the early members of the translation team. Other recipients included elders and youth of the community, staff of Indigenous Ministries and Victor Akwirente Bonspille, Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kanesatake.

The photos above (courtesy of Martha Pedoniquotte, Helmut Hausknost, David-Roger Gagnon, Judy Coffin and the Mohawk Council of Kanesatake) capture some of the joy of this historic event! If you have additional photos, please send them to jcoffin@united-church.ca and we will feature them in upcoming communications.

Learn more about the history of the project in this video interview with Satewas and Susan Gabriel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3P48_Nk3s4



REMINDER – Additional Events Celebrating Publication of Mohawk Bible

There will be a few other major events to celebrate the publication of the Mohawk translation of the Bible.

- **Sept. 26, 2023:** The Moderator will join the Canadian Bible Society, Mohawk elders and others to celebrate the publication of the Mohawk Bible with a dinner and a program that tells the story of the translation of the Bible into Mohawk (*Caledonia, Ontario*)
- **Oct. 1, 2023:** A Montreal City Mission – St. James Movable Feast honouring Sosé Onasakenrat (Rev. Joseph Swan, d. 1881), Harvey Gabriel's great-grandfather, and original translator of the gospels included in the new Mohawk Bible (*Montreal, QC*)

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/movable-feast-honouring-sose-onasakenrat/>



News Coverage about Publication of Mohawk Bible

Articles about the Mohawk translation of the Bible have been popping up all over the country and around the world, including online and/or print articles in *Eastern Door*, *The Montreal Gazette*, *Global News*, *The Toronto Star* and *Le Devoir*, as well as several Christian news sites in the UK. This is definitely a good news story with wide appeal; let us know if you spot it somewhere!

Media release: <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/translation-of-bible-into-mohawk-language-published-829263350.html>



REMINDER - Mohawk Bibles in every community of faith?

The complete Mohawk translation of the Bible will soon be available and offers a deep resonance as a tangible symbol of reconciliation for all of our communities of faith and missions who live and work on traditional Mohawk lands. Regional Council staff are willing to organize a bulk purchase, but please let us know ASAP if your community of faith is interested. The retail price is projected to be \$45 per Bible (proceeds will be going to language retention programs in collaboration with The United Church of Canada Foundation and the Indigenous Church). **NOTE:** Delivery has been delayed due to a strike in the Port of Vancouver, but is expected in **October 2023**.

Please indicate your interest: jcoffin@united-church.ca

DEEP SPIRITUALITY

Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4)

Last week, I attended the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation online worship service and was moved by the following prayer (*offered in French by Alexandra Elena Cadar; English version shared by Stephanie Stringer*)

Compassionate Action for the Earth (inspired by Joanna Macy)

Be clear about your intention to live your life for the healing of the world.

Simplify your life.

Lay down the burden of saving the world alone.

As the bird flies with two wings, balances outer activity and inner nourishment.

With great patience towards yourself, learn to make every action, every word and every thought beautiful.

Sit with hate until you feel the fear beneath it. Sit with fear until you feel the compassion beneath it.

Act without expectation of results. Remain confident that your action will bear fruit.

Remember that you are the heir of the force of thousands of generations of life. Know that the prayers of gratitude of future generations are silently with you. Know that the deep forces of Nature will emerge to help those who defend the Earth

When you see weapons of hatred, disarm them with love.

When you see armies of greed, meet them with a spirit of sharing. When you see strongholds of narrow-mindedness, approach them with truth. When the forces of power seek to isolate us from each other, go to them with joy.

In it all and through it all, true to your intention,

let go in the music of life.

Dance!



OTHER RESOURCES FOR SEASON OF CREATION

English: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

French: <https://seasonofcreation.org/fr/>

BOLD DISCIPLESHIP / DARING JUSTICE

September 15-17 – Global Climate Strikes

- Find your nearest march: <https://fightfossilfuels.net/>
- Tips from EcoJustice for attending a climate protest: <https://ecojustice.ca/news/how-to-prepare-for-your-first-climate-strike>

September 16 – Global Rally for Woman Life Freedom (Mahsa Amini) – shared by Richard Guay



Download document (in French): <https://bit.ly/2023-09-16-FemmeVieLiberte>

Learn more: <https://www.womanlifefreedom.today/>

September 17 – World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/world-week-peace-palestine-and-israel>

September 21 – UN International Day of Peace

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/un-international-day-peace>

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day

Learn more: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

UCCan resources: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS



Remit 1: Establishing an autonomous national indigenous organization

SAVE THE DATES! October 4, 2023 at 7 pm (in English) / October 11, 2023 at 7 pm (in French)

Regional Council Information Session About Remit 1

An online information session about the Remit will be offered for Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (CrNRC), Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) and East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC). While this session may be most helpful to those in pastoral charges whose governing boards have not yet submitted their votes, all are very welcome to attend. Learn more below.

October 4 (in English)

Learn more and RSVP: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-information-session-about-remit-1/>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372530647?pwd=bUh2aE5ldVA4WFFYckVZRTJSVXpJQT09>

October 11 (in French)

Learn more and RSVP:

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/fr/evenement/seance-dapprentissage-du-conseil-regional-a-propos-du-renvoi-1/>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210375067?pwd=THJHZUJrcUh3UHBlcHNNQ2NJZnROdz09>

REMINDER - 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 31, 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: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-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>



REMINDER - 2022 Annual Reports, 2023-2024 ChurchHub updates

Please verify **ASAP** with the governing board or office administrator of your pastoral charge / community of faith to ensure that:

- 1) your community of faith/pastoral charge has submitted a copy of their **2022 annual report** to Brian Ruse (bruse@united-church.ca)
- 2) all of the information for **CoF roles in ChurchHub** (including phone numbers and email addresses) have been updated for Regional Representatives, Board Chairs, Treasurers and other key roles.

GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)



LAST CALL - Next Regional Council Grant Application Deadline: September 15, 2023

[Please note that this is the last opportunity to apply for a Mission Support grant until September 2024]

Grant application forms and information: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

VISIONACTION



Public Consultations: September 18 to October 12, 2023

The VisionAction Team, which is facilitating the process of developing a Strategic Plan for the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, is inviting you to take part in one of the up-coming public consultations so we can hear from YOU about how to shape our strategic plan to help the church in Québec move forward.

Some of the consultations will be on-line, and some in-person, as indicated. Each consultation is focussing on particular contexts of ministry offered by the United Church in Nakonha:ka, but if you are unable to take part in the consultation related to your area of ministry focus, please feel free to take part in the consultations at one of the other times listed.

FOCUS	DATE	TIME	MODE
Community Ministries	September 18, 2023	7:00 pm	Zoom
Leadership Teams Circles & Networks	September 20, 2023	1:00 pm	Zoom
Ministères en français	September 27, 2023	2:00 pm	Zoom
Communities of Faith (Greater Montréal)	October 3, 2023	7:00 pm	In person (location TBD)
Intercultural Communities of Faith	October 5, 2023	7:00 pm	In person (location TBD)
Communities of Faith (North & South Shore)	October 12, 2023	7:00 pm	Zoom

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our consultations, and your input and reflections will be essential to us as we take all of this information to shape a roadmap forward for our Regional Council.

For more information, or to indicate your intention to take part in a particular consultation, please contact David-Roger Gagnon at: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



SAVE THE DATES – 2023 AND 2024

Mark your calendar to join us for upcoming regional council meetings in 2023 and 2024!

- **November 24-25, 2023** (online)
Event page: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/>
- **March 15-16, 2024** (online)
- **June 8, 2024** (hybrid)

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

INVITATION – Evolving Faith Conference (shared by Rev. Jennifer Mountain)

Our Moderator, The Rt Rev Dr Carmen Lansdowne is speaking at the upcoming 'Evolving Faith' Conference. I plan to attend online. I'd love to debrief with regional colleagues, and this is an invitation to do so. The Conference dates and times are **Friday Oct 13, 2023, 6pm** to **Saturday Oct 14, 2023 6pm**. I suggest **Tuesday, Oct 17 – 3-5pm** for a Zoom debrief.

Please express your interest by **Wed. Oct 4, noon**, to Rev. Jennifer Mountain – slucminister@videotron.ca

More info

"Evolving Faith exists to cultivate love and hope in the wilderness, pointing fellow wanderers and misfits to God, as we embody resurrection for the sake of the world." www.evolvingfaith.com/conference

Leaders and Speakers

Sarah Bessey, The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Amena Brown, Barbara Brown Taylor, The Rev. Alicia Crosby Mack, Dr. Joyce del Rosario, Dr. Wil Gafney, Dr. Amy Kenny, The Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Brandi Miller, The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Pagán-Banks, Danté Stewart, Krista Tippet, Paula Stone Williams, and The Rev. Dr. Randy S. Woodley. With musical guests, 'The Many.'

Condolences to the family of Rev. Gordon Craig (March 28, 1934 - August 27, 2023)

Gordon and his wife Agnes served with the United Church of Canada in several communities through the years before his retirement in the late '90s. Several of those communities included Berens River MB, Hearst ON, **St. Bruno QC (1980-87)**, and Gilbert Plains MB before they retired to Victoria, BC.

Learn more: <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/gordon-craig-obituary?id=53008935>



LAST CALL - Bilingual Ministers' Retreat - September 29 & 30 and October 1, 2023 (at Manoir D'Youville on l'île Bernard in Châteauguay)

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/231521198768262>

For more information, contact Dan Hayward: dhayward@united-church.ca or David-Roger Gagnon: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

REMINDER - 'Healing and Hope' Retreat for clergy women

October 30-November 2, 2023 (Five Oaks Centre, 1 Bethel Road, Paris, Ontario)

See previous newsletters for details or learn more at sistersandministers@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP



NEW STEWARDSHIP COURSES

Registration is now open for two exciting stewardship courses on the CHURCHx platform. (If you are new to CHURCHx and have questions, please contact Roger Janes: rjanes@united-church.ca)

Getting Started in Stewardship – September 11 or November 1 (four different times to choose from)

Come on your own, or come with a team and join United Church people from across the country to learn some stewardship first principles.

In this 90-minute live meeting we'll answer questions like:

- What is stewardship all about anyway?
- Isn't stewardship just a churchy word for fundraising?
- Why do people give, and why would they give to our church?
- What can we do to encourage greater generosity?

This **FREE** course is great for new Stewardship Committee members, folks looking to activate stewardship work in their community of faith, or those looking for a refresher.

Learn more and register: <https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=UILX1203F23>

Stewardship Best Practices – Starts September 26/27

Good stewardship is about discipleship, generosity, and spiritual growth. Gather a team from your community of faith and sign up for this 8-week program that will transform how you invite generosity, express gratitude, and communicate your vision.

Your team will need to attend **four** Learning Sessions (lecture style) and **four** Cohort Sessions (small group discussion) on alternating weeks. You can get more information and look at dates and times on CHURCHx.

(It can be a bit confusing, so if you have any questions, please get in touch with me.)

The cost for this program is **\$99.99/ team**, however since this is a pilot, the course is discounted to **\$44.99**. One team member needs to register and pay; they will receive a link to send to the rest of the team.

Learn more and register: <https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=UILX1201F23>

We will also have a course on **Legacy & Planned Giving** in **October**. If you are interested in that course, please let me know and I will add you to my list to send more info, as it becomes available.

Roger Janes: rjanes@united-church.ca

BURSARIES

MORE Thank-You Letters from Bursary Recipients Demonstrating Real Life Impact

Sometimes, as members of a regional council, we might wonder how much difference our contributions actually make in the real world, but these thank-you letters from recent bursary recipients paint a picture of learning and engagement that shed a different light. We hope the following excerpts (shared with permission) brighten your day, too!

“Having a family at home while studying for a bachelor’s degree in theology at McGill University and a MDiv at UTC@Dio has not been simple for an overseas student. Because I didn’t have a laptop for class work in my first semester at McGill University, I had trouble adjusting to the technological form of instruction. I also didn’t have enough money to purchase the required texts for the courses... I am grateful for receiving my bursary from the Nakonhaka Regional Council, and I want to express my gratitude to the selection committee for considering me deserving of this honour. My next semester’s course materials, a laptop, and transportation to and from school will all be covered by this bursary grant. I am a member of the Beaconsfield United Church and am in my second year of the BTH program. I am looking forward to finishing my program so that I may give back more to the United Church community.” – Ozioma

“Je vous remercie énormément de cette aide précieuse pour mes futurs projets...Ce matin, je reprenais le chemin du Cégep et grâce à votre aide, je me suis inscrite au voyage scientifique proposé par mon école en décembre.” – Loukia

EXECUTIVE

REMINDER - Next Executive meeting will be **September 21, 2023**. Once approved and translated, final minutes of Executive meetings are posted at: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/minutes-and-reports/>

PRIDE AND FRIENDS NETWORK



Affirm United/S’Affirmer ensemble Comes to Nakonhaka (shared by David-Roger Gagnon)

This past July 14th to 16th, Beaconsfield United Church hosted the Affirm United/S’Affirmer ensemble national Conference with the theme of “Stepping Up and Stepping OUT: Responding to hate with Radical LOVE !” This theme was suggested because of a growing concern over increased anti-LGBTQ2S+ rhetoric and actions in the public sphere, including from a leader of a provincial party right here in Québec. Within our own Regional Council, there have been threats to LGBTQ2S+ organizations and groups, and at least one of our church’s Pride Flag installations was vandalized. So the organizing committee thought it important to underline a sense of urgency felt by many in the Rainbow Family and Allies with respect to growing concerns around LGBTQ2S+ rights and safety.

The conference, the first for Affirm United/S’Affirmer ensemble (AU/Se) since COVID-19, drew people together from across the country to share experiences, hear about initiatives in different regions of the country, renew friendships, share meals, and be Queer church together. The Worship Team planned several meaningful liturgies, including a Liturgy of Lament where we named and remembered so many who suffered because of their LGBTQ2S+ identity. We also celebrated many who have stood up for the LGBTQ2S+ Rights as Rainbow-identified and as Allies, and took part in the creating of a banner as part of that very moving worship. The Sunday Worship was both for AU/Se and for the West Island & Riverside Cluster, so the church was full to the brim with people singing and celebrating the inclusion of our LGBTQ2S+ siblings in Faith.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make this successful event happen, to the panelists for the Friday Panel Discussion, all the workshop facilitators, all those who helped coordinate the food, set up the hall and break-out rooms, the Worship Team, The Music Ministry, and especially, Thanks to the Local Planning Team and the folks at Beaconsfield United Church for making this such a meaningful gathering.

[PHOTOS: DAVID-ROGER GAGNON]

FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

Translation of *Discover Abundance* Resource Now Available

The *Discover Abundance* resource that Tori Mullins and others have created has now been translated and is available for communities of faith in French! (Un grand merci à Etienne pour tout ce travail !!)

English: <https://www.jesusglueandglitter.ca/product/discover-abundance/>

French: to come

REMINDER - Youth Survey

The United Church of Canada is trying to learn from young people (ages 13-35 years) about what encourages a sense of connection to the church, and what blocks their involvement. Please share with Canadian young people that you know - they don't need to be currently connected with a church in any way!

Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/xzG3D4WZcr>

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

INVITATION – Closing Worship of National UCW – September 22, 2023 at 11 am

Please note that the ladies of this region are all invited to Zoom into the closing worship of the NUCW meeting on **Friday September 22 at 11 am**.

Details

- National UCW end-of-week Worship Service "With Faith There is Hope".
- Installation of next NUCW President - Barbara Davison, Closing Worship and Communion Service.
- Rev. Japhet Ndhlovu, Executive Minister Church in Mission, will lead the worship.
- All UCW Women are welcome to join NUCW Executive via Zoom link

Zoom link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/84624976776?pwd=aU9QMDJQNGNjdjc3SGhJeGM2SWl0Zz09>

Learn more: Valerie Nickson - valerienicksonucw1@gmail.com

CLIMATE JUSTICE

GreenFaith Montréal

GreenFaith Montréal met online for a check-in/chat/circle time on **Wednesday September 13th** to share reflections from the summer and upcoming initiatives happening in Montreal (and beyond) that our Montreal GreenFaith circle has the opportunity to connect with and support. There has also been some interest expressed in potentially hosting a book club to discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* (by Robin Wall Kimmerer).

Learn more: greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com

Newsletters/Blogs

- Faithful Footprints: <https://www.faithfulfootprints.org/newsletters>
- Faith & the Common Good: <https://www.faithcommongood.org/newsletter>
- For the Love of Creation: <https://forthe loveofcreation.ca/newsletters/>
- Green Churches Network: <https://mailchi.mp/2ef2c5351468/green-churches-newsletter-6663291>
- EcoJustice: <https://ecojustice.ca/blog/>
- Climate Emergency Unit: <https://mailchi.mp/climateemergencyunit/september2023>

LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED CHURCH STUDIES AT MONTREAL DIO



Cuba Study Tour with The Montreal School of Theology! January 4th-11th, 2024

Immerse in Cuba's history, art, faith, and spirituality on this transformative study tour, led by faculty from United Church Studies at Montreal Dio and The Presbyterian College. Register today for an unforgettable experience!

Registration deadline: **September 30th, 2023**

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/cuba-study-tour-2024/>



Parler Bible avec Pierre, Jean, Jacques

Découvrez des épîtres méconnues mais pertinentes sur les enjeux migratoires.

Les mercredis soirs, le 25 octobre au 29 novembre, 2023, 18 h 00 à 20 h 00

Cost : \$125

Learn more (in French) : <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/parler-bible/>

REMINDER - Online Courses for Admission Ministers and Others

- **United Church Polity - online**
Wednesdays, October 25th-November 29th, 2023, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
- **United Church History and Theology - online**
Wednesdays, January 10th-February 28th, March 13th-April 3rd, 2024, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

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

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Montreal School of Theology is hiring an Executive Administrator

MST is a consortium of theological colleges including Montreal Dio and The Presbyterian College.

The Executive Administrator plays a key role in coordinating and overseeing all programs and courses at The Montreal School of Theology.



Learn more: <https://mst-etm.ca/executive-administrator/>

For more information on the Director of Field Education position:

<https://mst-etm.ca/mst-seeks-director-of-field-education/>

LAST CALL – Please share in your networks! (shared by Jamie Wilder)

School is back in session and with this the deadline for the Fall 2023 recruitment cycle is inching closer each day. Please redistribute the postings below to your networks and encourage those with the gifts and skills to apply. We know that with the recruitment starting in the summer some folks may have missed the original recruitment notifications.

In particular, please have a look at the following opportunities **closing on Monday, September 25, 2023**:

- **Task Group on Apology to Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Communities**
- **Total Compensation Review Task Group**
- **Audit Committee**
- **General Council Executive**

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities> or <https://egliseunie.ca/engagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/>

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

WEST ISLAND AND RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCHES CLUSTER

Bold + Daring + Spiritual = LOVE (shared by Lisa Byer-de Wever)

Acts 17: 16-34 - Spirit, speak to us in this time, and may the words of my mouth, and the meditations of our hearts bring us ever closer to you.



Wow: 9 weeks of worship, prayer, exploration, music and building community. It's been amazing to see all the different ways our West Island and Riverside United churches have explored our summer theme, the United Church of Canada's new Strategic Plan.

Our cut-out fish is a little worn and has a few pieces missing—but this fishie has done a lot of swimming this summer! From the St. Lawrence River, to Rivière des Prairies, to Rivière des Mille Îles, back to the St. Lawrence, and now here, by the Lake of Two Mountains. Phew—what a long journey!...

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/2afe934588fe/summer-soul-food-september-3-2023>



WESTMOUNT PARK UNITED CHURCH

Faith in Nature program (shared by Jessica Stilwell)

The Faith in Nature program has just finalised a long list of FREE activities for the autumn. Meet at 4695 boul. De Maisonneuve O. – activities take place rain or shine, inside if necessary.

Learn more: 514-937-1146 or westmountparkuc@videotron.ca

Download poster: <https://bit.ly/2023-WPUC-FaithinNature>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/westmountparkunitedchurch/>

HARRINGTON HARBOUR PASTORAL CHARGE

Possible Post-Pandemic Cooperation (shared by Rev. Bill Jay)

Recently Bishop Bruce of Anglican Diocese of Quebec and I jointly visited our respective congregations participating in conversations with local lay leaders about what shape cooperation between the two churches might take post-pandemic. A report on this significant ecumenical initiative is featured in the current *Quebec Diocese Gazette* which I thought might be of interest. It is found on **page 12**.

Download article: <https://bit.ly/2023-09-HarringtonHarbourPC-News>

Montreal City Mission
communautaire de Montréal

Soyez des nôtres pour une journée enchantée!

APPLE-PICKING CUEILLETTE DES POMMES

Choose from Convenient Departure Points:

- Departure: St. James United Church, 1435 City Councilors, at 12 p.m.
- Departure: Metro Cote Vertu, at 12 p.m.
- Departure: West Island-gare de train Sunnybrooke, at 12 p.m.
- Travel Directly to the Orchard.

For Further Details:
please Contact MCM Staffer: Phone: (514) 476-6435 Email: Arwa@montrealcitymission.org
Kindly Confirm Your attendance by September 12, 2023

Vous avez plusieurs options pour participer à cet événement. Prendre l'un de nos bus qui quittera :

- l'Église Unie St. James, au 1435 City Councilors à 12h
- Metro Cote Vertu à 12h
- West Island-Train Station Sunnybrooke à 12h
- Vous y rendre par vos propres moyens

Pour plus d'informations,
prière de contacter Arwa au (514)476-6435 ou à Arwa@montrealcitymission.org
Merci de réserver votre place avant le 12 septembre.

Cost/coût: 15\$
Transportation fee for each family
le transport pour une famille

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communautaire de Montréal

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MÉDITATION**

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Église St-James United
463 Ste-Catherine Ouest
Montréal H3B 1B1

Register at
MAAN@MONTREALCITYMISSION.ORG

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Guided Meditation Septembre

RIDE FOR REFUGE


with the MCM TEAM

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23
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MOVABLE FEAST Sunday, October 1st

HONOURING SOSÉ ONASAKENRAT (REV. JOSEPH SWAN, D.1881), KANETSATAKE MOHAWK LEADER, METHODIST MINISTER AND BIBLE TRANSLATOR, ON THE OCCASION OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST COMPLETE MOHAWK BIBLE BY THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY AND KANETSATAKE UNITED CHURCH.

11:00: Worship at St. James, reception of Mohawk Bible

12:00: Guided historical walk to Mt. Royal Cemetery grave of Sose Onasakenrat

12:30: Bus leaves from St. James for cemetery

1:00: Gathering at the gravesite with Mohawk elders

Commemoration ceremony with Mohawk elders, refreshments

To register: info@montrealcitymission.org



Singing a New Song: *Then Let Us Sing!* Sampler Information Session
Tuesday, September 19 (English) or September 26 (Français) at 7:00 pm
Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1052796>

SAVE THE DATE! October 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm (Orleans United Church)
Hymn Festival: Come and Explore the *Then Let Us Sing!* Sampler

Then Let Us Sing! is the new all-digital hymnal and music resource of The United Church of Canada, coming in 2024. Come to our Hymn Festival and sing from the Sampler! Join us to learn about and sing selections from this collection of approximately 25 new hymns being considered for the final collection. You will also be encouraged to provide us with your feedback. So, put the date on your calendar and come and "Sing to God a new song".

Can't make it in person? Join via livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@Orleansunitedchurch/streams>
Questions? Visit ThenLetUsSing.ca or contact paul.sales93@gmail.com

(Re)Generate Leadership Program

You are invited to nominate someone—or to apply yourself—for the (Re)Generate Leadership Program, which is connected to the Moderator's Flourishing project. This pilot project is designed to support and strengthen a diverse group of ministry personnel leaders within The United Church of Canada. Successful candidates will be asked to commit to this two-year project, anticipating that they will be able to use continuing education time and allowance in order to participate. The United Church is committed to equity and self-determination, as well as eliminating barriers and working toward the full participation of all people.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-carmen-lansdowne-44th-moderator/flourishing-project/regenerate-moderators-leadership-program>

REMINDER - The Moderator's Flourishing Initiative

The Moderator has embarked on a three-year journey to connect with Canada on big questions about how to flourish – in church, among our leadership, and within the broader community. I hope you'll follow her journey, and join the dialogue when you can, on this question of flourishing, and how it could influence our future. **The date currently scheduled for the Moderator to visit Montreal is September 19-20, 2024.**

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-carmen-lansdowne-44th-moderator/flourishing-project/>

LAST CALL - The Mod's Book Squad

Get ready for the Mod's Book Squad! Starting **Sept. 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**, join Carmen Lansdowne and guests for one of Canada's biggest book clubs.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-carmen-lansdowne-44th-moderator/flourishing-project/mods-book-squad>

REMINDER - Seeds of Hope Grant Applications Now Available! Application deadline: **October 15, 2023**

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2023-10-15-SeedsOfHopeGrantsAvailable>

LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS



DERNIER APPEL - Lancement officielle de MonCredo - 19 septembre à 18 h

(Maison du développement durable, Salle Clark, 50, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, Montréal H2X 3V4)

La Table des ministères en français de l'Église Unie du Canada est ravie de vous inviter au lancement officiel du site Web <https://moncredo.org/>, une plateforme francophone qui permet d'explorer sa foi et la spiritualité chrétienne dans un cadre accueillant, inclusif et dynamique. Nous espérons de tout cœur que vous pourrez vous joindre à nous pour souligner cet événement spécial.

RSVP le plus tôt que possible : hwaberi@egliseunie.ca

Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada

- Broadview newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/ff5f55544489/policing_schools_black_mental_health-1815390
- Église Unie du Canada: <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-29-mai-1052752>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es230905-1052800>
- Living into Right Relations: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1052568>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1052696>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://bit.ly/2023-07-UCCFoundation-Newsletter>
- United Church Bookstore: <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/shop-re-opening-supplies-for-your-community-of-faith>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/cb77121ffa30/may-2023-ucrmn-enews-13551924>
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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Interreligious Festival - Peace Now! The Interconfessional Dialogue Inspired by Indigenous Spiritualities - **September 21 and 24, 2023**

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/oikoumene/interreligious-festival-interreligieux>



United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI)

UNJPPI would like to draw churches' attention to the World Week of Peace in Palestine Israel from **September 16-23, 2023**.

Resources for this and much more is included in the *September Network News*:

<https://mailchi.mp/unjpipi/unjpipi-network-news-september-mz6t5nhzip?e=616e81c1c8>

Save The Date: United Church Office Administrators Conference

The retreat is planned for **October 1-4, 2024**, and it will take place at Queen's House in Saskatoon, SK. All church office administrators are welcome to attend! Further information and details will be coming soon.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: **September 27, 2023**

Send stories: jcoffin@united-church.ca

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **September 22, 2023**

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