



EDITOR'S NOTE: As we watched and waited for the passage of Hurricane Lee through the Maritimes a few weeks ago, I reflected on how we humans prepare for the storms of life, and how some of us are always better protected than others... by virtue of privilege and luck, as much as anything else. We cannot always predict the direction or force of the storms we will encounter, but it seems to me that intentional gratitude and awareness of even the tiniest blessings in our daily lives can help protect us from excess anxiety when the tempests are about to turn our lives topsy-turvy... and strengthen us to rebuild once the wind finally dies down and the sun comes out again.



NEW IN THIS ISSUE: See last page for a **shareable one-page summary** of upcoming regional council events and resources to help you keep your community of faith informed.

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

Statement on Information Shared by the Stó:lō Nation

This information may be traumatic for residential institution 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.

The preliminary research findings about the initial number of deaths and the need for further ground research into both the known cemetery and unmarked graves at the Coqualeetza residential institution were outlined by the Stó:lō Nation in a qwōlqwel swáyel, a "day for telling news; talking together day."

The United Church of Canada was an active and willing participant in the operation of residential institutions. We were wrong to participate in this colonial, racist, and oppressive system. Once again, we are confronted with the consequences of our actions.

"As with previous announcements from caretaker communities, the church will not look away from the truth that continues to be uncovered," The Rt Rev Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, said. "The United Church of Canada continues our commitment to live into our Apologies, to be accountable, and to further the work of truth and reconciliation in concrete acts of justice and reparation."

With deep remorse and grief, The United Church of Canada acknowledges the truth that has been revealed at the Coqualeetza institution, which was run by the United Church from 1925 to 1940.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/statement-information-shared-stolo-nation>



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

What are some of the meaningful ways in which you and your community of faith will be engaging in the process of Truth and Reconciliation this week and in the future?

FOUND ON FACEBOOK - Isn't it great to see so many young people from Riverside United Church wearing orange shirts to show solidarity and raise awareness for Truth and Reconciliation? Send us your stories and photos to inspire others! jcoffin@united-church.ca

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>

CALL TO ACTION: Join in Solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community



As people of faith, we are called to challenge injustice and oppression, in order that all peoples may live life abundantly. In particular, The United Church of Canada draws from two key themes within scripture: to live out justice and love in the world. Therefore, we believe that God calls the church to align with people who experience oppression and also to overturn systems of injustice. The United Church believes that diversity, fully embodied and lived out, is God's intention for the world; sexuality and gender diversity are a reflection of the rainbow promise of God's love for the world.

The United Church of Canada affirms that gender and sexuality are gifts of God, and that all persons are made in the image of God. The United Church denounces the emerging amendments to policies and legislation across provinces in Canada, and indeed in many parts of the world; these changes roll back safety and legal protections for 2SLGBTQIA+ people, particularly transgender and non-binary youth. We invite tangible actions from the people of the United Church to be in solidarity with 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples, in response to these proposed policy changes.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/call-act-join-solidarity-2slgbtqia-community>



Support for victims of natural disasters in Morocco and Libya

(shared by Rev. Dr. Samuel V. Dansokho)

I'm sending you this appeal for solidarity, to be widely circulated, because it's especially now and after the hoopla of the first few weeks that solidarity must continue.

You can donate by visiting www.aide.org/dons or via the QR code.



REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS



REMINDER – Celebrating Publication of Mohawk Bible

Oct. 1, 2023: A Montreal City Mission – St. James Movable Feast honouring Sose 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://nakhakaucc.ca/event/movable-feast-honouring-ose-onasakenrat/>



UPDATE - 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.

*****NEWS FLASH***** Regional Council Executive has just approved a joint motion by the Living in Right Relations Circle and the Property and Finance Leadership Team **to offer a FREE Mohawk Bible “to any community of faith within the Nakonha:ka Region that commits to honouring the treaty values of Respect, Friendship, and Peace with all Indigenous folk living near and among them.”** The motion also plans to provide dozens of Bibles to indigenous communities and partners.

For those communities of faith who have already indicated interest in purchasing a Bible (as well as for those who have not yet responded), please confirm your community of faith’s willingness to commit to the conditions above in order to receive a FREE copy of the Mohawk Bible: jcoffin@united-church.ca



Remit 1: Establishing an autonomous national indigenous organization

LAST CALL! 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: <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)

<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>

FAQ: UCC Protect - our insurance program

There have been several questions about insurance recently from pastoral charges, so here is some information about UCC Protect, the insurance program for The United Church of Canada. Existing customers will get a quote for renewal on **October 15**. New customers should give two-month window before the expiry of a current policy. There is no exclusion for congregations based in Quebec... everyone is welcome.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/local-administration/group-insurance/ucc-protect>



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.

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 upcoming 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
Ministères en français	September 27, 2023	2:00 pm	Zoom
Communities of faith in Greater Montréal	October 3, 2023	7:00 pm	In person (Wesley United Church)
Intercultural communities of faith	October 5, 2023	7:00 pm	In person (Hungarian United Church)
Communities of faith in rural contexts	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.

Download resources: https://email.engage.io/web_files/5300/VisionAction-Information-E.pdf?t=1695652473723

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

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

Our Moderator, The Rt Rev Dr Carmen Lansdowne is speaking at the upcoming 'Evolving Faith' Conference: www.evolvingfaith.com/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

A note regarding the following learning opportunity from Rev. Jennifer Mountain: I'm sending you links to events/conferences/resources that might be of interest to our fellow colleagues. Our Study Leave options are very limited now as Seminaries, Retreat Centres downsize. It is therefore a great benefit that we are able to 'attend' many events online. Betty Pries has done Conflict Management work with General Council. The Conrad Grebel programs are exceptional.

Navigating to the Next Normal: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church in Canada

Thursday, October 12 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) - in person or virtual

Clergy, congregational leaders, academics and others are invited to creatively engage with issues facing the Church in Canada. As churches emerge from major societal disruption, how has the conversation regarding the future of the Canadian church changed? How do we attend to the key challenges of our time? What opportunities are before us?

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/f012288c0230/conflict-management-workshops-with-space-still-available-this-fall-9381110>

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

STAFF UPDATE



New Growth Animator for Eastern Ontario/Quebec

Rev. Tori Mullin (they, ielle) is an ordained minister located in Hampton, NB, where they live with their partner, Zack, and their child, Abigail. They are passionate about creating accessible community spaces and experimenting with new ways of being church. Tori believes all experiments are worthwhile and that God's creative Spirit is present even in those projects we might see as "failures". Tori has fond memories of their time in Ottawa, Montreal, and Marathon ON. Tori is passionate about a bilingual church and French worship experiences. English is their first language, but they are currently learning and perfecting their French. They are an avid crafter, musician, and storyteller, as well as the proud founder of <https://www.jesusglueandglitter.ca/>.

EXECUTIVE

Summary of Agenda (September 21, 2023): This meeting focused on motions adopted by the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team (PRLT) and Property & Finance Leadership Team (PFLT) while acting as commissions; proposed a community of faith supervision fund; proposed a regional council venue checklist; considered how the regional council might discern about the use of hymns in cases where they are composed by those accused of crimes, such as sexual abuse; recognized Voluntary Associate Ministers (VAM) within the Regional Council; received a Living Into Right Relations Leadership Circle (LIRRLC) Report; received a recommendation from both the PFLT and LIRRLC regarding Mohawk Bibles, focused on a Communication Strategy; considered a sabbatical for the Executive Minister; provided an update on planning the visit of the United Church Partner Council, considered visioning accompaniment to St-James United Church (Montreal) and considered funding support for Church office administrator conference.

REMINDER - Next Executive meeting will be **October 19, 2023**. Correspondence, requests and reports by members and staff should be submitted by **October 12**. Once approved and translated, final minutes of Executive meetings are posted at: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/minutes-and-reports/>

STEWARDSHIP



REMINDER - STEWARDSHIP COURSES

Registration is now open for 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 – November 1

Learn more and register: <https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=UJLX1203F23>

NEW STARTING DATE - Stewardship Best Practices – Starts October 10, 11

Download information: <https://bit.ly/2023-StewardshipBestPractices>

Learn more and register: <https://catalog.churchx.ca/product?catalog=UJLX1201F23>

NEW - Bequests and Estate Giving Program - October 11 and October 25

Learn more and register: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=38>

Roger Janes: rjanes@united-church.ca

GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

Next Regional Council Grant Application Deadline: May 15, 2023

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



New Project Coordinator for Respect & Kanoronhkwátshera (Love) Initiative

We are thrilled to announce the hiring of a Project Coordinator for the Respect & Kanoronhkwátshera (Love) Initiative. Maude Paradis brings a wealth of experience to this contract position within the regional council. We are grateful to Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council and The Living Spirit Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation whose generosity made it possible to create this position.

The Respect & Kanoronhkwátshera initiative will support communications between Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations, highlighting Indigenous initiatives for justice. Please join us in welcoming Maude at respect.kanorounkwatshera@gmail.com

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2023-09-18-MaudeParadis-LIRR>



Côte Saint-Luc to induct Na'kuset onto its Human Rights Walkway

The City of Côte Saint-Luc will unveil of a plaque on its Human Rights Walkway on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 10:30am** in honour of Na'kuset, Executive Director of Native Women's Shelter of Montreal. Na'kuset launched many programs including the Miyoskamin second stage housing project, Saralikitaaq (a social pediatric centre open to Indigenous children and their families across Montreal), the Iskweu Project (immediate assistance to missing Indigenous women or girls), the Cabot Square Project (counselling, referrals, and liaison with other social services), and Resilience

Montreal (food and shelter, mental health and medical support services).

Inaugurated in September 2000 and located at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park, the Côte Saint-Luc Human Rights Walkway is dedicated to those men and women who, by their steadfast commitment to humankind, have held high the torch of human rights and let it light the world.

"Human rights are critically important to our city council and our residents," Mayor Mitchell Brownstein said. "The Côte Saint-Luc Human Rights Walkway is where we honour those who advocate for human rights here and around the world. We're proud to add the name Na'kuset to the walkway and hope it will serve as an inspiration to all those who visit the park."

Learn more: <https://cotesaintluc.org/announcements/cote-saint-luc-to-induct-nakuset-onto-its-human-rights-walkway/>

ENVIRONMENT NETWORK



Seasons in the OH Garden

Natacha Sanson, a member of St. Lambert United Church, recently shared a delightful description of the spring and summer seasons of the community garden the church shares with Our Harbour, a local community organization. Link to article below!

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2023/09/25/this-season-in-the-oh-garden-by-natacha-sanson/>

Environment Resources

- 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/>
- GreenFaith Montréal: greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com
- 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



LAST CALL

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/>



REMINDER - 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

Executive Minister: Antler River Watershed/Horseshoe Falls/Western Ontario

Closing Date: **October 19, 2023**

Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils of The United Church of Canada is seeking an individual to fill the role of Executive Minister on a full-time (35 hours/week) permanent basis.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities/executive-ministerantler-river-watershedhorseshoe-fallswestern-ontario>

Other employment and volunteer opportunities: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities>

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

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

KINNEAR'S MILLS – INVERNESS - THETFORD MINES PASTORAL CHARGE

FOUND ON FACEBOOK – Celebrations for 185th Anniversary



Congratulations to members of Kinnear's Mills – Inverness - Thetford Mines Pastoral Charge who recently celebrated a 185th Anniversary Service in St. Andrew's, Inverness. [PHOTOS: LINDA ANNESLEY HOY]

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

STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH

Cooking for Love and Comfort

Reserve your spot for Cooking for Love and Comfort **beginning October 27, 2023** by email donna.stegennys@gmail.com, phone 514-626-4795. Spaces are limited.

Download poster: <https://bit.ly/2023-10-CookingForLoveAndComfort-SGUC>

WESTMOUNT PARK UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER - 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/>



Men's Gospel CHOIR CONCERT

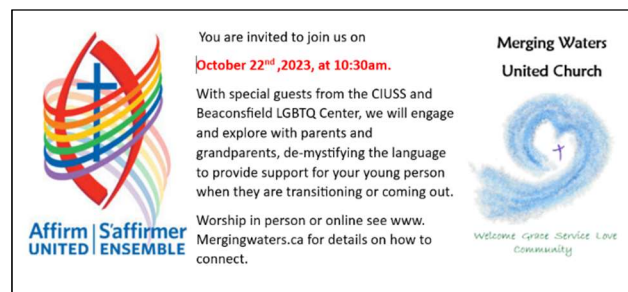
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 2023

UNION UNITED CHURCH
3007 RUE DELISLE MONTREAL, QC H4C-1M8
6:00 PM

TICKETS: \$20 IN ADVANCE
25\$ AT THE DOOR
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE CONCERT

For Tickets
Union United Church: 514.932.8731
Ricky Berryman 450.676.7089
Kimble Sherwood 514.748.7720

Artists featured: KIMBLE SHERWOOD, ZINA EDWARDS, NINO FLAMENCO, SYLVIE DESGROSEILLERS, UNION UNITED MEN'S CHOIR.



You are invited to join us on
October 22nd, 2023, at 10:30am.

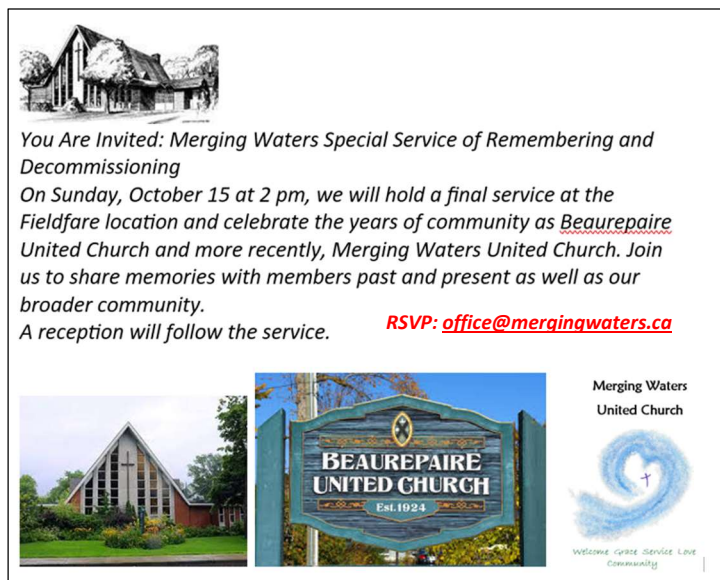
With special guests from the CIUSS and Beaconsfield LGBTQ Center, we will engage and explore with parents and grandparents, de-mystifying the language to provide support for your young person when they are transitioning or coming out.

Worship in person or online see www.Mergingwaters.ca for details on how to connect.

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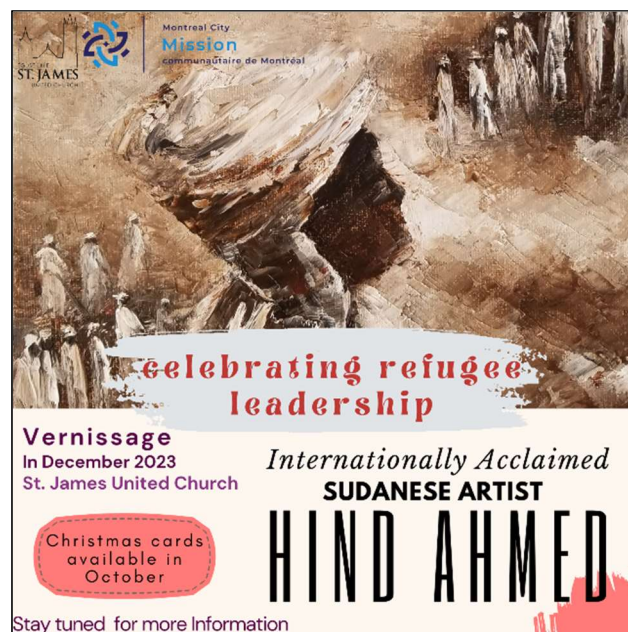


You Are Invited: Merging Waters Special Service of Remembering and Decommissioning

On Sunday, October 15 at 2 pm, we will hold a final service at the Fieldfare location and celebrate the years of community as Beaurepaire United Church and more recently, Merging Waters United Church. Join us to share memories with members past and present as well as our broader community.

A reception will follow the service. **RSVP: office@mergingwaters.ca**

Images: Beaurepaire United Church building, Beaurepaire United Church sign (Est. 1924), Merging Waters United Church logo.



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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

REMINDER - The Mod's Book Squad

Oct. 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm - *Doughnut Economics* by Kate Raworth, with guest John Havens.

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>



SAVE THE DATE

Come And Join Us For The
UC OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 1-4, 2024

Planning is underway for our next Office Administrator's Conference in Saskatoon, SK. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, learn and "fill our cup". All Office Administrators throughout the United Church of Canada are invited and encouraged to attend! With the closing of Queen's House we will be looking for a new venue. Stay tuned for all of the exciting details!

MORE DETAILS AS WELL AS A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO M&P COMMITTEES WILL BE SENT SOON!



October 13-14, 2023 (Bell's Rivers United Church)

Two Canoes – One River

An exploration of native spiritualities and the rich history and traditions of Indigenous United Churches with guest speakers, Rev. Tony Snow and Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole.

Learn more: <https://eoorc.ca/event/two-canoes-one-river-bells-corners-united-church-progressive-learning-circle/>

LAST CALL! October 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm (Orleans United Church)

Hymn Festival: Explore Then Let Us Sing! Sampler

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



LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

FOUND ON FACEBOOK – Official launch of MonCredo

Thanks to Jennifer Henry for the photos and the warm message of congratulations below!

What a delight last night to share in a celebration of the launch of MonCredo.org in Montréal. This deep, bold, and daring United Church of Canada experiment, rooted in attentive listening, invites fresh exploration, discovery and discussion of faith and spirituality within the francophone community. The diversity of those gathered to launch this outward facing website was magnificent. Bravo to the visionaries and implementers including Éric Hébert-Daly and Norman Robert Boie and Stéphane Vermette with others. Emmanuel Tehindrazanarivelo and many more also carrying the vision forward. As I said last night, this is a way of finding new languages, images, words, concepts rooted in deep listening that communicate the fidelity

of the daring and tender love of God anew and afresh. We will learn much from this for other work in the church of strengthening invitation. Merci beaucoup pour ce don magnifique à L'Église et au monde! Thank you also to Lisa Byer-de Wever for opening us in a good way.

Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada

- Broadview newsletter: https://mailchi.mp/f7cc086bddae/church_admins-1815422
- Église Unie du Canada: <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-29-mai-1052752>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es230905-1052840>
- Gifts with Vision: <https://mailchi.mp/900bd8b6d52f/gifts-with-vision-give-early-get-a-match-1050972-1052876>
- Living into Right Relations: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1052568>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/specialupdate-1052908>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/good-news-you-can-sept-23>
- United Church Resource Centre: <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/new-titles-for-your-fall-reading-list-1052832>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/179808a3be6e/may-2023-ucrmn-enews-13560784>
- United Action for Justice: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/uaj-1052244>
- United in Learning: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1052916>



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Abonnez-vous à l'infolettre de l'Église Unie du Canada : <https://bit.ly/EgliseUnie-infolettre-Subscribe>

NEXT NEWSLETTER: October 11, 2023

Send stories: jcoffin@united-church.ca

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 6, 2023

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



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REGIONAL COUNCIL DATES TO REMEMBER

ASAP!

Pastoral charge reporting

2022 Annual Reports (send to bruse@united-church.ca)

Update CoF roles (in ChurchHub)

Oct 1

Mohawk Bible celebrations

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

Oct 4

Information sessions for Remit 1

English: <https://bit.ly/2023-10-04-Remit1-Conversation>

Oct 11

French: <https://bit.ly/2023-10-11-Renvoi1-Conversation>

Sept 27

VisionAction consultations

Ministères en français: **2 pm** (on Zoom)

Oct 3

Communities of faith (Greater Montréal): **7 pm** (at Wesley United Church)

Oct 5

Intercultural ministries: **7 pm** (at Hungarian United Church)

Oct 12

Communities of faith in rural contexts: **7 pm** (on Zoom)

Contact drqagnon@united-church.ca

**Nov 24
and 25**

Regional Council Gathering (online)

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/>

ST. JAMES MISSION
A MONTREAL CITY MISSION - ST. JAMES

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

REMIT 1

What is it about?

...the removal of any structural barriers that would prevent the development and sustaining of an autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada...

Learn more!

October 4, 2023 at 7 pm

<https://bit.ly/2023-10-04-Remit1-Conversation>

Other special dates to engage with our communities in Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice:

Sept 30

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day:

<https://nctr.ca/education/coming-soon-truth-and-reconciliation-week-2023/trw2023-gen/>

Oct 1

World Communion Sunday: <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/world-communion-sunday>

Oct 8

Thanksgiving Sunday: <https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/thanksgiving-sunday>

Oct 10

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism:

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

Oct 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:

<https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/international-day-eradication-poverty>