



EDITOR'S NOTE: This week's image is inspired by The United Church of Canada's commitment to exploring what it means to "live purposefully into our Call and Vision, becoming what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others called the Beloved Community—the ever inbreaking, ever transforming, ever reconciling realm of God, realized in our time." How does **your** community of faith embody this commitment?

SHARE THE NEWS: 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

Becoming Beloved Community

The United Church of Canada is a community of hope, a vibrant and vital church with both purpose and vision. We live in a time of rapid change in religious life, great inequities between peoples, and collective harm to our earth community. As church, we have been complicit in injustice. And yet we have this hope. We believe we continue to be called to witness in love and justice to the liberating, healing Christ risen in this place and time. Together, we strive towards repentance, repair, and right relations with all peoples and the planet. Our call and vision statement speaks to how we boldly embody the Christian story in this time, filled with the certainty of resurrection and hope for new life.

"Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice."



From **October 10 to December 1, 2023**, the annual campaign for **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism** will include a wide range of FREE weekly events on CHURCHx.ca, including bilingual events on October 10 (yesterday evening) and **November 28**.

Learn more:

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



REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

Movable Feast honouring Sosé Onasakenrat

Thanks to Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly for sharing this photo taken at Mount Royal during the 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. *[More to come in future newsletters!]*

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

Regional Council Executive has 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 by October 30, 2023** in order to receive a FREE copy of the Mohawk Bible by emailing jcoffin@united-church.ca



Remit 1: Establishing an autonomous national indigenous organization



The online Remit 1 information session on October 4 was filled to capacity (and beyond). Apologies to those who were not able to get in to the session and gratitude for your patience and understanding. The session (in English) with Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly and Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole was recorded, and is now available to share with your pastoral charge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMJ-m1P9dew>



Renvoi 1: Création d'une organisation nationale autochtone autonome

DERNIER APPEL! 11 octobre 2023 à 19 h (en français)

Séances d'apprentissage du conseil régional à propos du renvoi 1

Les séances d'apprentissage en ligne sur le renvoi seront offertes au Conseil régional Nakonha:ka (CrNRC), au Conseil régional de l'Est de l'Ontario et de l'Outaouais (EOORC) et au Conseil régional du Centre-Est de l'Ontario (ECORC). Bien que cette séance puisse être plus utile aux membres des charges pastorales dont les conseils de direction n'ont pas encore soumis leur vote, tous sont les bienvenus. Au plaisir de vous y voir!



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>

REMINDER - 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

FOUND ON FACEBOOK – VisionAction Consultation hosted by Hungarian United Church of Montreal

Thanks to Rev. Aron Molnar and the community for sharing these photos and a warm welcome to support the VisionAction consultation process!



Building bridges is always a wonderful thing. So was tonight's occasion, decorated with good food, good music, worship and prayer, and one step towards a future of Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice. The Vision Action team of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council and the Hungarian United Church's members had a conversation today about the future of the church. Soli Deo Gloria! Thank you all, who attended!

Valami csodálatos dolog újra építeni a hidakat, a kapcsolatokat, a testvériséget egymással, Krisztussal. Jó falatok, jó zene és ének, jó társaság. Jó lehetőség találkozni a Kanadai Egyesült Egyház képviselőivel.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HungarianUnitedChurchofMontreal>



VisionAction Strategic Plan Process

1) **LAST CALL - Public Consultations: October 12, 2023 at 7 pm** (on Zoom)

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 an upcoming public consultation for Communities of faith in rural contexts so we can hear from YOU about how to shape our strategic plan to help the church in Québec move forward. We are looking forward to seeing you; 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.envoke.io/web_files/5300/VisionAction-Information-E.pdf?t=1695652473723

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact David-Roger Gagnon at: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

2) **SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK IN WRITING**

The VisionAction public consultation process is soon coming to a close with its on-line and in-person consultations. We would like to thank all those who have taken part in our consultations, but if you have not been able to take part, you still have an opportunity to do so in writing.

The preparatory documents that have been sent to everyone who has participated in the consultations are available to download at: https://email.envoke.io/web_files/5300/VisionAction-Information-E.pdf?t=1695652473723

Based on the proposals under each portion of the fish schema, we have summarized some of the suggestions that have come to us so far in this consultation process. If you have any thoughts or suggestions that you feel should be added to the comprehensive record of the consultation process, we invite you to please send along your thoughts by e-mail to David-Roger Gagnon at: DRGagnon@united-church.ca. Your written submissions will be included in the comprehensive document that will serve as the first draft which will then be fine-tuned by the VisionAction Team before its final draft is presented in November to the Regional Council.

Our thanks to the VisionAction team for all their efforts and support in this process!

3) **INFORMATION SESSION - Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm**

The VisionAction Team has been hard at work listening to all of you who have participated in our consultations and have submitted written feedback. From pages of feedback, the VisionAction Team will distill a final draft report which it will submit to the Regional Council for consideration and a vote at the November 24-25 meeting.

In order to have more time to explain the report and the outcomes of the public consultation process, we will be holding an information session on **Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm** on Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/89386186800>

Please join us to dig deeper into the report, into what you have told about the priorities for Nakonha:ka, and to do any final fine-tuning to the report before it comes before the Regional Council at the end of that week.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact David-Roger Gagnon at: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

EXECUTIVE

REMINDER - Next Executive meeting will be **October 19, 2023**. Executive members and staff are requested to submit any correspondence, reports or other documents one week in advance, by **October 12**. Once approved and translated, final minutes of Executive meetings are posted at: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/minutes-and-reports/>

STAFF UPDATE



REMINDER - 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/>. [NOTE: Tori will be beginning their new role in **January 2024**]



REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

SAVE THE DATES – 2023 AND 2024

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



MINISTRY PERSONNEL

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Watch our social media channels this month (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X-formerly known as Twitter) for tips on how we can all appreciate our ministry personnel.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2021/10/18/october-is-clergy-appreciation-month/>
#Nakonhaka #UCCan #egliseunie #ClergyAppreciationMonth

Ministry & Personnel Committee workshop on Zoom - **Saturday, November 25th (9am – 12 noon)**

This workshop, held with the Eastern Ontario Outaouais and East Central Ontario Regional Councils, will cover all the main roles and responsibilities of the M&P Committee. (NOTE: This will be a repeat of the workshop offered in the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023.) This will be a general orientation to the work of the M&P Committee for those new to their congregation's committee and who have not participated in this workshop before, and a refresher for current members. Members of M&P Committees and Ministry Personnel are invited to register for this workshop.

Advance registration is required. Once you register, you will receive an email containing information about joining this Zoom workshop. [NOTE: Regional Council meeting is taking place at the same time as this event, but M&P members who are not representatives to the Regional Council are welcome to attend.]

Registration: <https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoce2rrzosGdwnClqb659fddUchOFoBcXq>



OBITUARY: Rev. Douglas Blair (May 5, 1932- September 9, 2023)

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of Rev. Douglas Blair, who passed away peacefully on September 9, 2023 at the Ottawa Heart Institute at the age of 91. Graduating with a Master in Theology from McGill University in 1957, Doug was ordained as a United Church Minister and began his outreach to many around him. Beginning his ministry in remote locations in northern Quebec before moving to eastern Ontario then joining the Canadian Forces in 1967 as an Army Chaplain. He served the forces overseas as well as locations spanning from the Maritimes to the Prairies including a UN Peacekeeping tour in Egypt.

Learn more: <https://recorder.remembering.ca/obituary/douglas-blair-1088839062>

LAST CALL – Navigating to the Next Normal: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church in Canada
(shared by Rev. Jennifer Mountain)

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

See previous newsletters for details or learn more at: <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

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=UILX1203F23>

LAST CALL - Bequests and Estate Giving Program - October 11 and October 25

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

Contact 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/>

FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES



Children's Spaces in Our Churches

- What comes first; children in church or a space to welcome them in church?
- How do we create appropriate spaces in our sanctuaries, in our worship, in congregational life in general?
- What makes a space truly welcoming for children?

These are some of the questions that the First Third Ministries Leadership Team is actively exploring. The goal is to provide communities of faith with ideas and resources to create and maintain family friendly spaces.

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2023/10/11/news-from-the-first-third-ministries-leadership-team-childrens-spaces-in-our-churches/>

Join Us for United Spirit Camp AGM: October 14, 2023 at 10 am (on Zoom)

This meeting is a time of reflecting on how 2023 camp went, as well as making some plans for 2024.

If you want to get more involved with United Spirit Camp, this is the perfect opportunity.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/975275613535157/>

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9062832243>

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS CIRCLE

First Indigenous Premier Elected in Manitoba (Marion Hodge, Lisa Byer-de Wever and Rev. Read Sherman)

On Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Manitoba made history. For the first time in the history of our nation, Wab Kinew, an Indigenous man, has been elected Premier. This is a victory for Truth and Reconciliation, for First Nations, for Canadians everywhere and holds up hope for Indigenous people fighting everywhere for their own human rights and for stewardship of Mother Earth. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ndp-wins-manitoba-election-as-wab-kinew-set-to-become-first-first/>

And as we move into 40 Days of Engagement in Anti-Racism, Rev. Read Sherman added another reason to celebrate: Greg Fergus' election to Speaker of the House of Commons - a first for a Black Canadian!

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/mps-vote-new-speaker-1.6984673>

Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023 - Daily Lunch & Learns (Judy Coffin)

Last week, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation offered a series of daily Lunch & Learns (with French and ASL interpretation) to mark Truth and Reconciliation Week. Recordings of the sessions are available at <https://nctr.ca/education/coming-soon-truth-and-reconciliation-week-2023/trw2023-gen/>

UPDATE - 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 Nakhonha: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.

UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS: respect.kanoronhkwatshera@gmail.com

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

ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

GreenFaith Montreal Autumn Update (Rev. Wendy Evans / Marion Hodge)

Thanks to Rev. Wendy Evans for sharing an inspiring message to GreenFaith Montreal members, highlighting a variety of ecological initiatives and resources (see link to PDF) and to Marion Hodge for providing some additional resources about Green Exodus (links below).

Download GreenFaith Montreal update: <https://bit.ly/2023-09-30-GreenFaithMontreal-update>

Green Exodus (Web site): <https://greenexodus.ca/>

GreenExodus (PDF): <https://bit.ly/2023-10-11-GreenExodus-MHodge>

Green Exodus (presentation): <https://bit.ly/GreenExodus-2021-GoogleSlides>

2022 Impact Report highlights key insights of the Faithful Footprints program

Last month, Faith & the Common Good released its 2022 *Impact Report*, highlighting some interesting facts about the Faithful Footprints program from 2022, and featuring other climate and environmental actions of United Churches. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KfVM3vEjRVqEu1wCclWEuYWW-dTtSOJn/view>

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 and <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087436982121>
- 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

STARTING NEXT WEEK: French Discussion Group: Christian Ministry and Theology (on Zoom)



Are you a church or spiritual care professional looking for a regular opportunity to practice your French? Starting this fall, Montreal Dio is offering a French Discussion Group on Christian Ministry and Theology for non-native French speakers. Interested individuals who do not have a Certificate in Bilingual Ministry from Dio or the former United Theological College will need to set up an evaluation with the facilitator Clara Maranzano (claramaranzano@montrealdio.ca) to ensure they have at least an intermediate level of French.

When: The third Monday of the month, **October 16th, 2023 to May 20th, 2024, 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

How to register: E-mail info@montrealdio.ca

Fee: \$325/full year, \$125/fall semester, \$200/winter semester

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/french-discussion-group/>



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

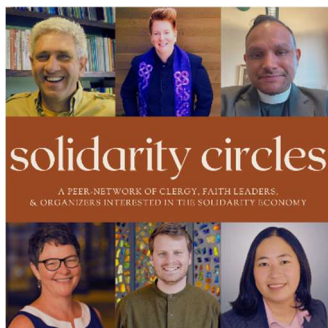
Cost : \$125

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/>



ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Solidarity Circles: A peer network of clergy, faith leaders and organizers interested in the solidarity economy.

Are you passionate about building a more equitable and sustainable future? You are invited to join the Solidarity Circles — a transformative 9-month leadership training program aimed at empowering individuals to align their institutions and communities with the principles of the Solidarity Economy. Broadly understood, the cooperative and solidarity economy are ways of addressing longstanding economic inequalities within our society, including white supremacy and gender and sex inequities.

As part of its commitment to collaborative ministry that engages local communities, the program is a unique partnership between the United Church and the Wendland-

Cooke Institute (Vanderbilt University Divinity School). Solidarity Circles are virtual peer-networks for faith leaders, organizers, clergy, and members of the community interested in the cooperative and solidarity economy and its multiple relations to faith.

The cost is \$250 USD for the first thirty participants. For more information and to sign up click the following link:

https://us4.list-manage.com/survey?u=d12b6532703c8c5427bd825fd&id=a66b221de2&e=*/UNIQID/*

Register to secure your spot in the upcoming cohort of Solidarity Circles (beginning in **November 2023**). Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, access valuable educational and practical resources, and become part of a thriving community dedicated to creating transformative economic and ecological ways of life in their communities. We look forward to working with all of you in the fight for justice, solidarity, and labor this November 2023!

Please be in touch with Andrew Richardson (Vocation Minister Atlantic Regions) if you have any questions:

ARichardson@united-church.ca

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LAST CALL - Executive Minister: Antler River Watershed/Horseshoe Falls/Western Ontario

Closing Date: October 19, 2023

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/>



CHARGE PASTORALE SAINT-PIERRE ET PINGUET

Culte d'alliance

Le culte d'alliance entre Jean-Philippe Dubé-Goupil (pour sa formation supervisée au ministère) et la paroisse Église Saint-Pierre et Pinguet aura lieu le **dimanche 29 octobre 2023 à 9h**.

Lien Zoom: <https://bit.ly/2023-10-29-CulteDAlliance-JPDubeGoupil>

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH (SHARED BY JACKY LALONDE)



A Sign of Historic Significance

The iconic neon sign of St. James United Church disappeared in 2005 when its façade was taken down and it reappeared fully restored at the corner of Ste-Catherine and St-Laurent, at the new Centre Des Mémoires Montréalaises (MEM). It is on permanent display with commentary made by Rev. Arlen J. Bonnar about the sign's historic significance. (His picture also hangs in the museum next to the sign.)

Learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoSprbUXmp0>



Every Child Matters – Chaque enfant compte

On Saturday, October 1, St. James United Church participated in the EVERY CHILD MATTERS/ CHAQUE ENFANT COMPTE Day. We handed out flyers to more than 1000 people who visited the church as part of our Open Door program.

***Note from Jacky:** In the next newsletter we will share with the Region, Montreal City Mission and St. James joint Truth and Reconciliation service and Moveable Feast event.*

MONTREAL CITY MISSION (SHARED BY REV. PAULA KLINE)



Help Change the World! Gifts Worth Giving

Camp Cosmos has been chosen as one of the charities listed in the UCC Gifts with Vision catalogue 2023-2024. For the second year in a row, the camp has welcomed more than twenty-five Ukrainian refugee children along with other refugee families for 6 weeks of fun outdoor activities while discovering the city and to just be kids. Summer 2024 is already being planned. Please consider making a donation to Camp Cosmos to ensure another wonderful summer for all of our children.

Learn more: <https://giftswithvision.ca/>



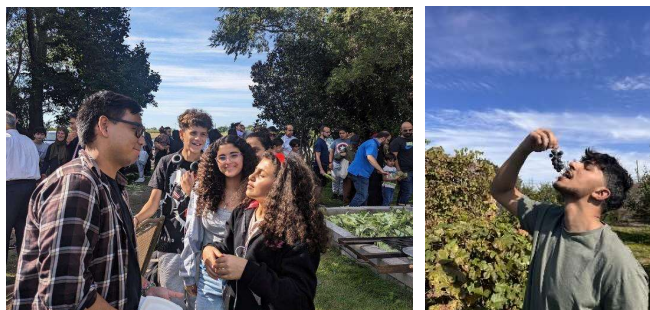
Ride for Refuge

MCM joined with partner Action Refugee Montreal in Verdun this year to ride - walk - talk, and raise money for our work with vulnerable migrants. Many thanks to all who participated!

Musical Meditation - Peace Days/Journées de la paix



Our first fall Resonance Musical Meditation was held together with our Peace Days/Journées de la paix this year. As usual, a guided meditation, moments of silence, wonderful music on the *Kaun* from our dear friend Naeem Shanwar and a delicious lunch made this noon hour gathering one to remember.



Apple Picking 2023

More than 500 members of our extended community of friends – newcomers and locals - gathered for our annual apple picking and corn boil in September. Many commented how they look forward to this unique escape from the city.



Last but not least!

Congratulations to MCM outreach worker Arwa Noval who just became a Canadian citizen!



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**



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STE. GENEVIEVE UNITED CHURCH

REMINDER - 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/>

Download poster for October 22 event (at left):

<https://bit.ly/2023-10-22-EquippingOurGrannies-MergingWatersPC>



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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Learning Opportunity for Pastoral Care Teams*

Tuesday, Oct 24 from 7-9 PM

Monday, Nov 6 from 7-9 PM

Wednesday, Nov 22 from 7-9 PM

All sessions are on Zoom

*For those who are on their congregation's Pastoral Care Team, those who might like to join their PC Team, and anyone who is interested in learning more about offering congregational care and support

What is Congregational Pastoral Care & how has it changed since Covid

Offering Pastoral Care via text and email

The challenges of mental illness, chronic or acute health issues, job loss, aging, special needs, and more

Our new demographics - understanding cultural context

Comforting the mourner - how to support the bereaved

Listening deeply and praying for & with someone

Practical ways to offer support

Speakers

Corrie Sirota MSW, PSW, Rev. Ellie Hummel in NB, Judy Addie in BC
Paul Clarke, Elizabeth Chown Lafrenière. Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones

Presented by the Family Life Centre

with funding from the United Church of Canada Erskine American & Mountside Trust

\$30 per person

SAVE! Discounted rate of \$25 for registrations by Oct 17

Free for members of FLC supporting churches

Payable by transfer to familylifecentre@gmail.com or


mail your cheque payable to Family Life Centre c/o 204 Lakeview Avenue, Pointe-Claire, QC H9S 4C5

Register at <http://www.familylifecentre.ca>

Please watch [Practising the Pause](#) before the first session



The Family Life Centre is a community resource supported by 7 West Island churches offering referral services, information sessions and workshops.



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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!

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#ClergyAppreciationMonth

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

STARTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th!



Social Enterprise for Faith Communities with Shaun Loney is a course designed to help communities of faith use social entrepreneurship and faith-based values to build sustainable ministries. Featuring three live sessions with Shaun and four hours of content you can complete at your own pace, the course will offer an opportunity to explore the profound potential for creating impactful ventures that address pressing community needs. Discover the principles, practices, and strategies essential for launching and sustaining successful social enterprises with a profound sense of purpose and mission. From conducting thorough needs assessments to crafting innovative business models, this course will equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to create ventures that foster positive change and embody

the core tenets of faith. During the live sessions on **October 14th, 21st, and 28th at noon ET**, you'll have the opportunity to bring your projects and brainstorm about the future of social enterprise in YOUR faith community!

This is a Team-Based course. One purchase (\$200) entitles you to give access to anyone on your team who wishes to access it. Watch it together or on-your-own! The course is hosted on CHURCHx, a new e-learning platform built to support mission and ministry.

Learn more: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=90>

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>

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

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

Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada

- Broadview newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/4ee1a435dccc/thanksgivingtraditions>
- Église Unie du Canada: <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-9-octobre-1053004>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es230905-1053012>
- GC44: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/news/reminder-learning-session-and-gc44>
- Gifts with Vision: <https://mailchi.mp/85a65d419534/gifts-with-vision-is-live-1050972-1052956>
- Living into Right Relations: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1052948>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/specialupdate-1052908>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/youre-invited-book-study-and-webinar-8731384>
- United Church Resource Centre: <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/coming-soon-the-holy-bible-in-mohawk>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/b8cdb705e958/may-2023-ucrmn-enews-13564048>
- United Action for Justice: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/uaj-1052244>
- United in Learning: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1053016>

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REGIONAL COUNCIL DATES TO REMEMBER

ASAP!

Pastoral charge reporting
Submit 2022 Annual Reports (send to bruse@united-church.ca)
Update CoF roles (in ChurchHub)

October

Clergy Appreciation Month
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/blog/2021/10/18/october-is-clergy-appreciation-month/>

Oct 11 - 7:00 pm

Information session for Remit 1
In French : <https://bit.ly/2023-10-11-Renvoi1-Conversation>
[NOTE: English **video now available** at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMJ-m1P9dew>]

Oct 12

Deadline for executive members to submit reports
jmiller@united-church.ca

Oct 12 - 7:00 pm

VisionAction consultation: Communities of faith in rural contexts (on Zoom)
Contact drqaqnon@united-church.ca

Oct 15 - 2:00 pm

Service of Remembrance / Decommissioning – Merging Waters (25 Fieldfare Ave.)
RSVP: office@mergingwaters.ca

Oct 19 - 9:00 am

Regional Council Executive meeting (on Zoom)

Oct 19 - 9:00 am

Culte d'alliance entre Jean-Philippe Dubé-Goupil et Saint-Pierre et Pinguet
Lien Zoom: <https://bit.ly/2023-10-29-CulteDAlliance-JPDubeGoupil>

Starting **Oct 24**

Learning Opportunity for Pastoral Care Teams (on Zoom)
<http://www.familylifecentre.ca>

Nov 20 - 7:00 pm

VisionAction information session (online)
Zoom link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/89386186800>

Nov 24 and 25

Regional Council Gathering (online)
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/>

Nov 25 - 9:00 am

Ministry & Personnel Committee workshop (on Zoom)
<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoce2rrzosGdwnClqb659fddUchOFoBcXq>

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

Until Dec 1 **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism**

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

Oct 15

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

Oct 17

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
<https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/international-day-eradication-poverty>

NEXT NEWSLETTER: October 25, 2023

Send stories: jcoffin@united-church.ca

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 20, 2023

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