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| |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Q: How do you find communities of faith near you? How do you contact people in a neighbouring charge? A: Go to the [About WOWRC](https://wowrcucc.ca/about-wowrc/) page and [click on the map](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1eHTzwrMei9fpxeyoT5S4Gq1niwgbh6zA&ll=43.652150262492384%2C-83.8936580421875&z=8)! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pastoral Letter from the President  Greetings Friends,  As we continue along this journey of life coloured by a pandemic, we are forced to do things differently. For example, at the end of the month the three Regional Councils of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) were to gather at Port Elgin for our annual meeting. That meeting has been canceled and we are trying to discern what is the wisest means to meet/gather so the Court of Accountability for our individual councils can do its work.   We will also be missing the highlights that come with this meeting: shared worship, the Celebration of Ministries (where Gail Fricker, Gavin Williams, Kellie McComb and Rebekah Duncan were to be ordained) fellowship, education and, usually, a great guest speaker. Yes, it is a loss when we cannot gather to grow in faith and relationship.   Yet, I know that many congregations are finding ways to reach out and connect with their faith community members. Online services, mailings, compassionate calls and zoom gatherings are all part of our answer to this lock down and forced separation.   I would like to offer one more point of connecting. WOW had representatives on a shared worship team, creating worship at the Tri-Regional Gathering. Our representatives have continued to do that work. Today, I would like to offer some of that work to you so that on Sunday, May 31st every community of faith in our region can feel connected to each other. Compared to what we have lost by not meeting, this is a small measure, but often, it is in the small gestures that big change and connection come about.   I particularly like the act of pouring water from three bowls into one receptacle. It is both triune and graphic so as to hold our hearts and hopes for when we can once again be together. Until that time, let us pray for each other, our communities of faith, our regions and our members as well as all those touched by this pandemic.    God Bless, Rev. Gary Clark President, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council  Many thanks to Rev. Sheryl Spencer for offering these [*worship materials*](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/768d51c9-978c-4510-bda6-16a3cafe89cf/Regional_Worship_Sunday_May_31_2020.docx). | | | | |
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They are also available on the [COVID-19 Pandemic Resources](https://wowrcucc.ca/covid-19-pandemic-resources/) page of the regional council website.  **Three key items on which to start work now:**   1. **Form a return-to-church committee**  Consider who can best serve in this role: Chair of the Governing Body, Chair of Ministry and Personnel, Chair of Worship, Chair of Property, any public health specialists in your community, etc.  Have the governing body: a)   Name the Committee; and b)   Determine if the Committee has the authority to make decisions on the return-to-church details or whether the Committee brings their recommendations to the Governing Body. 2. **Return will be gradual; what are the plans for this in-between time?**  There will need to be social distancing in worship and there can be no singing as this disperses droplets over greater distances. Passing the peace will look different as will collecting the offering. There will have to be plenty of changes to what was.  Additionally, communities want to include what they have experienced during the lock-down. They do not want to lose new innovations that have enlivened them. How will that happen?  For example, If you have ever been the on-line participant when several others were at an in-person gathering, you will know that simply watching is not the same. But there is a difference when everyone is engaging on-line in the same way.  To include some of these new things, what other duties might need to be dropped? Does each community of faith and their ministry personnel need to do everything? Will communities of faith consider partnering? For example, Church A might have online worship this week and in-person next and work together with Church B whose schedule is the reverse. There is an option that works for everyone every Sunday. The lock-down has facilitated connections with people who were not present in person before. Will the next stage offer opportunities to connect with other communities of faith to share ministry in ways that were not considered before? 3. **Start the conversation** between staff members and the Ministry and Personnel Committee now. Some staff members may be vulnerable themselves or have a vulnerable member of their family that may impact what their return to the space is like. What additional steps need to be taken to keep staff safe? What changes are needed re duties: additions and removals to accommodate those additions?   ***Start the conversation now to be ready when opening is allowed!*** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ADP 10% Deadline: May 15, TODAY!** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Last week an email was sent to the authorized ADP representative for the payroll account of your community of faith offering a second opportunity to sign up for the 10% Temporary Emergency Wage Subsidy.  What you need to know is detailed at [this link](https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/apr15_further_updates_for_authorized_adp_contacts.pdf) or you can [download a copy here](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/33488a6a-d6de-47eb-94cc-68806a0bb706/GCO_Payroll_Contact.pdf). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Check [eligibility and the application process](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html) at this website. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Congregational Finances During a Pandemic Webinars** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Congregational Finances During a Pandemic webinars at [United in Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/) held on April 29 and May 7 have been very helpful to those who attended. These webinars were recorded and are available if you would like to [view them](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/recordings).  A Congregational Finances During a Pandemic webinar is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at [United in Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/) and also on The United Church of Canada [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/user/unitedchurchofcanada) to help congregations keep current with changes that may affect them. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **More United-in-Learning Webinars** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | One of EDGE`s many programs works with those serving in **new ministries** to help them incorporate innovation. Many are keen to incorporate the innovations they have experienced in lockdown ***beyond*** lockdown. This will be part of a webinar led by Edge. Keep checking [United in Learning](http://www.united-in-learning.com/) for details.  **Racial Justice Workshop** Kim Uyede-Kai and John Dorhauer echo the themes offered in the United Church's online Racial Justice Workshop in their work. These workshops are an integral part of the church’s commitment to eliminating racism. Be sure to register and join an [upcoming webinar](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/rj-workshop):  •    June 20, 2020 for Indigenous, Racialized, or Bi-racial People •    June 27, 2020 for White People | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Church Pandemic Bridging Loan** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This is the first time in living memory that emergency loans on this scale are available to communities of faith nationally. This program is made possible by a $3 million grant from The United Church of Canada Foundation. The money comes from the generous bequests of members over the years. Their gifts are ensuring the future of the church. Visit the [The United Church of Canada Foundation](http://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/" \t "_blank) for a full picture of its work.   The details of the loan are on the application form found on the [COVID-19 Pandemic Resources page](https://wowrcucc.ca/covid-19-pandemic-resources/).   Please make sure to also download the [Regional Council Requirements Form](https://wowrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Regional-Council-requirements-for-UCC-Bridging-Loan-Form.docx) that is to be filled out along with the United Church Pandemic Bridging Loan  This additional documentation should be forwarded to the Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, [John Neff](mailto:JNeff@united-church.ca), after you submit the online loan application. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an [email](mailto:JNeff@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CanadaHelps Information** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | You have probably heard of CanadaHelps since the start of the pandemic. It is a registered charity dedicated to increasing charitable giving across Canada; serving both donors and charities. CanadaHelps does not charge charities to open or maintain a CanadaHelps account.   Download this [Information Sheet](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/a65d0ffa-60cd-4b18-a8d9-d31c4304dccb/CanadaHelps_Information_for_UC_Ministries.pdf) and find out if CanadaHelps is useful to your community of faith's givings. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Insurance and Re-Opening** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In follow-up to a helpful question from a community of faith, we checked with an insurance company concerning re-opening. Insurance coverage is in place provided provincial and public health guidelines are being met. The people entrusted with developing the re-opening plan are encouraged to track provincial and public health regulations and to document the steps being taken to meet them. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Keeping Confidence** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/f8fbd04c-b0c1-4c91-af92-0f7b7e8c4430.jpg | | During the pandemic, gatherings have moved on-line. Many people join from their kitchen table or other space in their home. A space that may be shared with family or friends. As it will be a while until we are able to return to in-person gatherings, communities of faith are encouraged to facilitate the purchase of a headset for their ministry personnel to enable them to meet in confidence (without household members overhearing conversations).  Be sure to advise your meeting members if others in your home are able to overhear the conversations you are having. Personal and confidential information that is shared with you (and is not being shared with the others in your environment) can lead to trust being eroded. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Search for the Next General Secretary** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/4fc3c7d0-82b0-4229-9ed4-fe620a7f8b7d.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Moderator Richard Bott has announced that the search for the next General Secretary of The United Church of Canada is underway. The position posting can be found at the [Amrop Knightsbridge website](https://searchlight.cluen.com/E5/JobDetails.aspx?URLKey=39qt8501&searchID=9bbc86c7-49e5-452b-babd-bc717bd8d599&mc_cid=3f98101cc5&mc_eid=1807891ded" \t "_blank). The **deadline for applications is June 19, 2020**, after which the process of review, short-listing and interviewing will begin. The Search Committee hopes to bring its recommendation to the General Council Executive before the end of the summer. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We are hoping that you will **share this invitation** to apply with individuals you believe have the gifts that would make them **a good candidate** for this role that is important to the administration and life of our denomination. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **It's YOUR FaceBook Group** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/77362c89-2946-4b63-bb22-6e2750dff35b.png |  |  | | --- | | Have you joined the [regional council Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wowrcucc1/)? News is posted here **as soon as possible** before there is time to send it by newsletter or add it to the website. Reaching groups of people through email isn't speedy either due to anti-spam regulations. An added advantage to Facebook is that people share their wisdom and experience broadening the input.  Be sure to download the [Social Media Guidelines](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/964614ec-d335-438f-9859-9a2490e57557/Social_Media_Guidelines_WOW.pdf). | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Interim Ministry Network Webinar with Helen Prior** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/9da0f85a-9b5d-47c6-afb0-a8564dee9f73.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Helen Prior is conducting a webinar on Church Amalgamations through the Interim Ministry Network on May 26 from 1 – 2:30 pm. To learn more, see the [flyer](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/ec936691-3096-43ec-b484-6c43b50f205c/Interim_Ministry_Network_Webinar_Helen_Prior.pdf) or register at the [Interim Ministry Network](https://imnedu.org/webinar-schedule/). | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Action for Justice** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | To support global partners and the vulnerable communities they serve as they face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic [visit COVID-19: Global Response](https://www.united-church.ca/covid-19-global-response).  **May is Asian Heritage Month** Find worship resources honouring the contributions of Asian Canadians to our church and society this month and beyond. Some worship resources can be used to celebrate Asian Heritage with your community of faith. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/video_thumbnails_new/7c59c466ebc738575588177c9e41aca8.png](https://youtu.be/wizwayz7U9g) | | This short video focuses on the United Church’s history with Asian cultures in Canada. It highlights the waves of Asian immigrants in relationship with the United Church. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **7 Shifts Churches Need to Make Because of the Coronavirus** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/5794daa5-f097-4837-b4e0-c7f74c98d680.jpg |  |  | | --- | | I’m noticing two types of church leaders right now. One type of church leader is just waiting for things to go back to normal so that we can get back to doing church the way we’ve always done church. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The question they’re asking me is this:  ***“When do you think we’ll be able to reopen our churches?”***  And that brings me to the second type of church leader I’m starting to encounter. They aren’t so concerned about when we might return to normal, because they realize what we’ve experienced … and will continue to experience for many months … is going to force the church to change.  ***“Normal” isn’t coming back.***  The question they’re instead asking is this:  ***“How must the church change for a new normal?”***  Let me highlight seven shifts that I foresee churches will need to make as a result of this crisis …   1. Shift from analog to digital. 2. Shift from teaching to equipping. 3. Shift from gathering to connecting. 4. Shift from global to local. 5. Shift from over-spending to generosity. 6. Shift from complexity to simplicity. 7. Shift from counting attendees (and now viewers) to engagement.   Click to read the [full article](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/6fb249df-72f5-418c-bd2d-86e4cce5d7d2/7_Shifts_Churches_Need_to_Make_Because_of_the_Coronavirus.pdf) from <https://tonymorganlive.com/>. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Troubleshooting Churchhub.ca** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We understand that some people are having problems accessing ChurchHub, specifically around Annual Declarations. We’re trying to resolve these difficulties and here is an article we put together with some [troubleshooting tips](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/95f86db2-a0b2-4523-a3e9-16edc5c26b8e/Troubleshooting_ChurchHub.pdf). If you continue to have difficulties, contact us at [Ministry@united-church.ca](mailto:Ministry@united-church.ca) or Deb Kigar at [DKigar@united-church.ca](mailto:DKigar@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Compassionate Justice Speaker Series** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Compassionate Justice Speaker Series' principal focus has been on the criminal justice system but also including other areas of social justice. We are actively seeking candidate churches who might have a strong potential interest in developing a program with this focus.  Download the [brief](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/df2da418-2b69-4b87-8c68-5196d86a9da0/Compassionate_Justice_Brief.pdf) and the [flyer](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/47c26262-968a-44ff-8e54-56954ee8470e/Compassionate_Justice_Flyer.pdf) and find out if your community of faith is interested in becoming a part of this social justice series. If you are interested, please contact [Dan Lang](mailto:dan@dlang.com) by email or at 416-488-1838. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/366fe94f-5c90-499a-ab9a-5e11f20a58fb.jpg](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/4f737fba-5f7c-40dd-ad34-6c90dc91bf73/Webinar_Poster_kdouglas.pdf) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Click on the flyer above to download a pdf. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Mission & Service** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Mission & Service has never been as top of mind as it is right now. We can’t help but be changed and impacted by the stories that we are hearing:   * Grey Bruce Health Centre: As a hospital chaplain, Joan is supporting the frontline workers through the emotional upheaval of being tested themselves and being exposed. The nursing staff have thanked the chaplains; it's made a huge difference having someone around who's able to look after the families that can't be in the hospitals with their loved ones at this time. * Camps: United Church camps, like [Kenesserie](https://www.kenesserie.com/" \t "_blank) in Ontario, are responding by creating virtual camps to provide some breaks for parents and connection for the children. [The Go Project](https://thegoproject.ca/virtual-camp/?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=c0855c011c-ETS_171011_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-c0855c011c-188942713&mc_cid=c0855c011c&mc_eid=1807891ded) is also offering a virtual experience. * Community Ministries: Many are responding by delivering food and medicine. One community ministry is ensuring that pregnant teens are able to make their medical appointments. * [Global Partners in the Philippines](https://www.united-church.ca/stories/mission-service-partners-risk-jail-easter-sunday?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=c0855c011c-ETS_171011_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-c0855c011c-188942713&mc_cid=c0855c011c&mc_eid=1807891ded): Isolation is being enforced and people are making the choice of whether to leave their homes in search of food or risk dying of starvation. Global Partners are risking themselves to support these people during this dire need. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/video_thumbnails_new/afcfa8e5260be9803b037b06dac963f3.png](https://youtu.be/L-4NH5j78_U) | | Listen to many more stories of the difference that is being made in people’s lives. | | | |
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