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Network](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#ucrmn)   •   [Faith in Our Books](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#faithbooks)   •   [Buying United](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#buying) **OPPORTUNITIES** [LLWL Online Training](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#llwl) **SOCIAL JUSTICE** [Orange Shirt Day](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#orange)   •   [Palestine & Israel](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#unjppi)   •   [Kitchen Sink Series](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#kitchen) **EVENTS** [Western Intercultural Gathering](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#newwine)   •   [Preaching from the Old Testament](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#preaching)   •   [Transitional Leadership](https://mailchi.mp/2e1b4583463c/august-news-information?e=f8764f8451#imn) | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE NEWS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | On July 17, 2020, the government proposed draft legislation to the 75% wage subsidy program that will:   1. ease eligibility requirements; and 2. extend the program to December 19, 2020.   Keep checking the [**government website**](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html) for updates. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Re-Opening: Planning for a Positive COVID Result** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Make sure that your congregation's reopening plan includes a strategy for **managing a COVID-19 positive test** result among one of your members. This strategy needs three elements:   1. **Compassion and Concern** for the infected person, offering them and their loved ones pastoral care. Be compassionate in how the news is shared;The press is filled with stories of shaming individuals and groups (i.e. migrant workers, Low German Mennonites, etc.) for positive test results. Help the community to respond in a way that supports the infected person. Nobody sets out to get infected! 2. **A Communication Plan** to reach those who may have been present at the same time as the infected person to advise them to watch for symptoms and get tested. Who will make contact? How will the privacy of the infected person be respected? What information will be helpful to share: testing sites, list of symptoms, etc. 3. **External Communication Plan -** What update will you give on social media or to the press? Is one person named to be the spokesperson? Who will liaise with the health unit? Will your church remain open or closed? What extra steps will need to be taken?   Ideally, this will be information your congregation never needs. But, you do not want to be figuring this out at the same time as you deal with the stress of a COVID-19 positive result. **Have a plan** in place just in case. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Are We Ready to Open?** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | As communities of faith consider re-opening it can be difficult to know where to begin. Various sources of information on the internet vary in accuracy and can be overwhelming.  We advise that you consult with your [**local health unit**](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/system/services/phu/locations.aspx). This is particularly important as restrictions and requirements vary between communities.  [**This checklist**](https://wowrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Checklist-for-Reopening.docx) is to help get you started by identifying some general things to consider as you create your own re-opening policy and procedures. It is not an official or exhaustive list, and it is based on the information available as of July 2020. There are several links included, but again your own local health unit and the [**Ontario government resources**](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/) are your best sources of information. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Save the Dates for the Fall Regional Meeting**                    **\*ONLINE\*** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Check [**Regional Meeting**](https://wowrcucc.ca/events/regional-meeting/) page for updated information. **Thursday, October 15**    6 - 7:30 pm **Friday, October 16**         4 - 5:30 pm **Saturday, October 17**     9:30 - 11 am & 1 - 2:30 pm **Sunday, November 18**   10 am LIVE STREAM                                       Celebration of Ministry Service | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Commission Vacancies**         **Applications Open Now** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Deadline:** Friday, October 16 at 7:00 pm  At the 2020 fall meeting, the regional council will fill the following vacancies through the election of new members:   * Covenant Commission: **minimum 1 spot, maximum 6 spots** * Human Resources Commission: **1 spot** * Mission & Discipleship Commission: **maximum 5 spots** * Executive: **3 spots**   These positions are open to anyone who is a full member in good standing in a congregation within the bounds of the regional council. If you would be willing to let your name stand as a nominee for one of these positions, please complete the [**Expression of Interest Form**](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/wow_expression_of_interest) by **Friday, October 16 at 7:00 pm.**This information (minus your personal contact details) will be available to regional council members for consideration before voting.  Find complete information on the [**Regional Council Meeting**](https://wowrcucc.ca/events/regional-council-meeting/) webpage. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Are You Our Next President?**         **Applications Open Now** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Deadline:** Friday, October 16 at 6:00 pm  Do you care about**Connecting, Supporting, Transforming**? If so, this is one way to participate in that ministry!  At the November 2020 Fall meeting the regional council will be electing its next President. This person will serve as President-Elect until the May 2021 regional council meeting. Then they will serve for two years as President followed by one last year as Past-President.  More details, including the Position Description, can be found in the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council [**Governance Handbook**](https://wowrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Governance-Handbook-WOW-Revised-April-2020.pdf). Find more information on the [**Regional Council Meeting**](https://wowrcucc.ca/events/regional-council-meeting/) webpage. [**Apply now**](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/wow_president_regional_council). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **2021 Mission Support Grants** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **DEADLINE: 11:59 pm Tuesday, September 8, 2020**  The Mission and Discipleship Commission welcomes applications for the 2021 Mission Support Grants!  Mission Support grants are intended for ministries and communities of faith that are living out regional priorities:   * social justice and outreach, * camps/youth, and * living into Right Relations.   As The United Church of Canada lives into a difficult financial reality, cuts have been made, including to the amount made available to Regional Councils for Mission Support Grants. The Commission asks that you prayerfully consider tailoring your request to reflect that the Regional Council has fewer resources than at this time last year.  Please be advised that applications received after the deadline or that are incomplete will not be considered. The Mission and Discipleship Commission thanks you in advance for [**completing the application**](https://wowrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MSGApp2021.docx) in full.  For assistance, please contact [**Diane Matheson-Jimenez**](mailto:dmatheson@united-church.ca) or [**Kathy Douglas**](mailto:kdouglas@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hello** |  |  | | --- | | **Goodbye** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Bonnie Holliday** will begin her ministry with **Arthur United Church** in September, following the supply ministry of Diane Eurig.  **David Shearman** will be supplying the **Dundalk Pastoral Charge**.  **Arkell United Church** has called **Deborah Deavu** as their minister.  **Gail Fricker**, approved candidate for ordained ministry, has accepted a call with **Knox United Church** in Ayr.  **Nicholas Forrester** accepted a call with the **Central Westside Pastoral Charge**.  **Beth Kerr** has begun her ministry with **Trinity United Church**, Listowel and **Atwood United Church**, coming to our regional council from the Prairie to Pine Regional Council. |  |  | | --- | | **Alex Jebson**, a candidate for ministry with **Eastern Ontario Outaouais**, will be completing his Supervised Ministry Experience (SME) with **Brussels United Church** and **Blyth United Church** beginning in September.  **Janet Eriksen** retired in June from **Dundalk Pastoral Charge**.  **Cathy Hird** requested a change of pastoral relations for retirement from the **Kemble-Sarawak Zion-Keppel Pastoral Charge** at the end of December. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Marriage Licences Extended** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Three Month Validation Period Extended for Unused Marriage Licences** Amendments to the Marriage Act have been made to extend the 3-month validity period for any unused marriage licences purchased between December 1, 2019 and the termination date of the province-wide declaration of emergency made on March 17, 2020.  Such licences are now valid from the date of issuance up to 24 months from the first day following the end of the province-wide emergency. This does not include licences where there has been a change to critical information on the licence since the date it was issued (i.e., either of the parties have changed their name, the marital status of either of the parties has changed).  **ALL MARRIAGE OFFICIANTS** need to be aware of this information and need to **examine the licence prior to solemnizing the marriage** to ensure the information on the licence is accurate and the licence is valid.  **NOTE:** Licences issued after the end of the province-wide emergency must be used within the 3-months following issuance of the licence. If critical information on these licences is no longer accurate or the original unused licence is unavailable (e.g., lost or destroyed), couples will be able to replace it without having to pay the provincial fee of $75. Please note that municipalities may charge their own administrative fees to issue replacement licences. If a new licence is required couples should seek a replacement only within 3 months of their rescheduled wedding.  More information at **[ServiceOntario/Getting Married](https://www.ontario.ca/page/getting-married" \t "_blank)**. Download [**this notice**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/a4e2dd3e-5f42-4aee-9868-2065d8a0e980/Marriage_Licences_3_month_validity_period_extended.pdf). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Voluntary Associate Ministers** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Did you see the notice to **ministers who are without a call or appointment** due to retirement or other reasons? [**The Manual 2019**](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/88a877d4-aa8b-43ab-8791-69dad393b520/the_manual_2019.pdf) provisions that such members of the order of ministry be in a **formal association with a congregation** as they continue to do functions of ministry. This is an encouragement to see yourself as an active member of the order to which you were ordained or commissioned.  If you were already a VAM in a former presbytery and/or conference, we ask that you and the congregation with which you are formally associated, read the [**regional council policy for VAMs**](https://arwrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/VAM-Policy-ARWRC-HR-Commission.pdf) and complete the [**regional council agreement**](https://arwrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/VAM-Appointment-Form-ARWRC-HR-Commission.docx) that you can then forward for information and ratification by the Human Resources Commission. Please scan and send it to [**Diane Blanchard**](mailto:dblanchard@united-church.ca), Minister, Pastoral Relations.  The VAM agreement asks that you continue to make an annual declaration of your police record on your ChurchHub account each spring and that you maintain the mandatory trainings that are required of ministry personnel.  A formally recognized VAM allows for the continuation of a licence to perform marriages, if you wish and continues a practice of contributing to the congregations where we worship.  Thank you and blessings on your ministries, | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Update on Cameron Trimble Webinars** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Thank you to [**Cameron Trimble**](https://convergenceus.org/) for the informative and enlightening webinars on August 10 and 13. Cameron will be making these webinars available to us (soon) and we will post them on the website under the 'Resources' menu. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MISSION & SERVICE** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Tragic Explosion in Beirut - Donate Now** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | On August 4, 2020 a massive explosion rocked the city of Beirut, Lebanon. The explosion caused immense destruction and the death toll continues to rise.  The United Church of Canada has been in direct contact with Mission & Service partners in the region. Samer Laham of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) tells the United Church:   “Thank God [our] team is safe but the situation in Beirut is beyond imagination. You cannot believe the level of destruction in many historical areas in Beirut […] Beirut needs billions of dollars to rebuild what it lost in one minute […] it will take .. years to recover from this ."  [**Make a gift today to help those affected**](https://www.united-church.ca/lebanon) by this tragedy in Beirut. The Canadian government will **match donations made from August 4 to August 24** (up to $5 million). There are many ways to [**DONATE NOW**](https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1955&AID=2274&PID=6119). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Seeds of Hope Grants Available** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Deadline:** October 15, 2020 11:55 pm EST  [**The United Church Foundation**](https://www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca/) is delighted to announce that the fall 2020 Seeds of Hope granting cycle is open and accepting applications! Applications are preferred to be completed using our [**online application form**](https://submit.link/y3h97).  We will be accepting applications for **all project types** with increased granting opportunities for events, seniors programs and projects, and housing for seniors or people at risk.  Contact our Grants Officer [**Erik Lo Forte**](mailto:grants@united-church.ca) for more information or to set up a free consultation which includes grant writing tips AND an application review! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Learn more about The United Church Foundation | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **$4,700,000 from CanadaHelps** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 585 Communities of Faith across Canada (over 200 more since the pandemic began!) have already made it easy for people to donate to them on-line using a credit card by registering with [**CanadaHelps**](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/) and setting up their custom fundraising page. Together, they have raised over $4.7 million.  **What are you waiting for?** We strongly encourage you to join them. Read this [**information sheet**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/3152c055-20f4-4a66-8fb6-ed02d71bbeb3/canadahelps_information_for_united_church_ministries.pdf) from the United Church on CanadaHelps, also available on the United Church web-site [**Stewardship, Finances and COVID-19**](https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/stewardship-finances-and-covid-19) page. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **When Sprinkles Save Lives** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In North Korea, Baby Bok-Ryan was hungry and malnourished. She was severely underweight and her growth was delayed. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Desperate to see her baby's health improve, her mother O Mi-Yang, signed up for a nutritional supplement called "Sprinkles", sachets filled with life-saving micronutrients to add to food.  The sachets are distributed by First Steps, a Vancouver-based partner supported by Mission & Service. It helped transform both of their lives.  [**Read the full story**](https://www.united-church.ca/stories/when-sprinkles-save-lives?mc_cid=ff5e10c1ef&mc_eid=1807891ded) to learn how your gifts through Mission & Service help save and transform lives and help build a better world. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE NEWS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Committee Vacancies** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Opening/Closing Dates: July 28 / September 10**   * [**Healing Programs Working Group**](https://www.united-church.ca/opportunities/healing-programs-working-group-1-3-vacancies) (1‒3 vacancies) * [**Justice and Reconciliation Fund Committee**](https://www.united-church.ca/opportunities/justice-and-reconciliation-fund-committee-2-vacancies) (2 vacancies) * [**Office of Vocation, Prairie Candidacy Board**](https://www.united-church.ca/opportunities/office-vocation-prairie-candidacy-board-4-vacancies) (4 vacancies)   [**Read more**](https://www.united-church.ca/opportunities) about these vacancies. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GC44 Dates Confirmed for 2022** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The revised dates for General Council 44 have been set for July 22–26, 2022. These dates were selected based on the original 2021 dates, availability of the venues, and the UCW 60th Anniversary celebration.  Deadlines for GC44 are as follows:   * Electing commissioners: June 14, 2021 * Submitting proposals: October 29, 2021   More information will continue to be posted on the [**GC44 website**](https://generalcouncil44.ca/) as it becomes available. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **RESOURCES** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Rural Connect** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Rural Connect**](http://ruralconnectucc.ca) has been established to support rural congregations through the use of technology. Using the model of a hub church partnering with satellite churches, a cluster of congregations are joined together for a fully interactive, live worship service with participation from all of the partner churches.  All the technology is controlled by the hub/host church, and the satellite/partner churches receive a box with all the equipment fully configured and ready to go – they don’t even need internet.  Check out the [**website**](http://ruralconnectucc.ca). Read the [**brochure**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/8590ffba-49f6-4b7a-90f5-bd53d0848b86/Rural_Connect.pdf). Apply! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Church Rural Ministry Network** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Rural Ministry is unique. The [**United Church Rural Ministry Network**](http://ucrmn.ca/) serves resilient, hopeful people who love their church. We share the successes, the opportunities and the culture of rural ministry in The United Church of Canada. ***We want to Connect rural stories with rural people across Canada***. Read our [**first newsletter**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/654906c4-035c-4443-9b3a-6774f1ddf196/ucrmsummer2020.pdf) (and think about signing up to receive more).  Check out our [**next newsletter**](https://us10.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=f46050c97bb479a9898e72f2b&id=8701289953) on September 9. We are planning a 2 hour Zoom workshop for September 23 to help rural folks share stories about how it has been to live through COVID-19. Yes, we need to talk to each other. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Faith in Our Books** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Seeking inspiration on what to read? Or are you looking for a bit more substance in your Instagram feed? Be sure to follow [**Faith in Our Books**](https://www.instagram.com/faith_in_our_books/?mc_cid=72c1800fcb&mc_eid=1807891ded), our dedicated Instagram account for the United Church Bookstore! You'll find inspiring quotes and short snippets to make you ponder and wonder, all taken from books that we carry. [**Join us!**](https://www.instagram.com/faith_in_our_books/?mc_cid=72c1800fcb&mc_eid=1807891ded) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Buying United** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Think of [**Buying United**](https://buyingunited.net/) as a toolkit for communities of faith, regional councils, staff and volunteers. So - anyone in the network!  Vendor and supplier relationships are great, but knowing best practices and the right questions to ask are just as important. Buying United has great relationships with the vendors and suppliers that we have had in the past AND now it has all of the best practices and resources to support you even more.   Check us out - you WILL be amazed at what we offer YOU. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **OPPORTUNITIES** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Licensed Lay Worship Leadership Online Training** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Help your faithful, rural community of faith live out its calling!** Five years ago, two LLWLs and their minister from the Canadian Shield Regional Council saw the need to train lay people and leaders in their churches to lead worship when their pastoral charges weren't able to call a minister. They started training people in their own communities with online resources and an adult learning model where all participants and a mentor are responsible for everyone’s learning. The [**Licensed Lay Worship Leadership Online Training Program**](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/llwl-online-training-program) at [**United in Learning**](https://www.united-in-learning.com) was born.   The course consists of 4 modules offered over 2 years:   * Liturgy * Preaching * Prayers * Music & Special Services   Participant numbers have grown to more than 60. In September 2020 the Liturgy Module will open for registrants followed by the Preaching Module in February 2021. If you are interested, follow up soon as there's often a waiting list!  Visit [**United in Learning**](https://www.united-in-learning.com) for more info. \*adapted from [**an article**](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/35541014-9078-4168-ac44-e5bf128e58b0/Licensed_Lay_Worship_Leadership.pdf) by [**A. Joy Bott**](mailto:ajoybott@gmail.com). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SOCIAL JUSTICE** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **September 30th is Orange Shirt Day** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Orange Shirt Day** began as a way to honour Indigenous children that attended residential schools in Canada. It has since become an opportunity to educate and remember the tragedy of residential schools and the cruel circumstances that Indigenous children experienced.The [**Woodland Cultural Centre**](https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/) is accepting orders for Orange T-Shirts. Although this year's events will be online, we offer curbside pick up and shipping options. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The **Save the Evidence Team** offers **Virtual Tours of the Mohawk Institute.** Tours can be booked for private viewings and a public viewing is offered once a month. [**Learn more**](https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/the-campaign/). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Read the [**August 2020**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/490706d2-2591-43f6-a546-e48e7d9bbdaa/unjppi.01.pdf) newsletter from UNJPPI that covers their August weekly gatherings (online, of course), current campaigns, a visual of annexation since before 1947, a list of recommended resources and more. Sign up to receive the newsletter directly. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Kitchen Sink Series** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WHEN:** September 22 - Affirming Show & Tell (every 2nd Tuesday) **WHERE:** [**Online at AUSE.ca**](http://affirmunited.ause.ca/new-affirm-united-presents-kitchen-sink-series/)  You’re invited to join Affirm United as we gather online every other Tuesday night for a time of learning together in community. This is your chance to connect with people from across the country who share your passion for Two Spirit and LGBTQ+ justice. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Join us every 2nd Tuesday this fall as we talk about everything and the kitchen sink – our topics might be a bit unpredictable but they will certainly be fun! Our first evening's hosts are Michiko Bown-Kai and Jeffrey Dale. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **EVENTS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **New Wine: Western Intercultural Gathering** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WHEN:** September 25, October 2, October 9 **WHERE:** Online  We can’t gather in Calgary as originally planned, but we can come together online, even bigger than before! Join us for part 2 of last year’s cross-Canada gathering of people committed to the United Church’s intercultural vision. Rev. Dr. Eric Law and Tony Snow will be our lead resource people.  The events will be held Fridays on **September 25**: Missional Ministries; **October 2**: Sustainable Ministries; **October 9**: Intercultural Ministries; and are 3-hour sessions with presentations and small group discussion beginning at 9:00 am Pacific. Sessions are free but registration is still required. [**Here’s the form**](https://form.jotform.com/201737339170252). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Thank you to the Regional Councils that support our network through their budgets, and to the people of The United Church of Canada, who support this ministry through your Mission and Service givings. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Preaching from the Old Testament** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WHEN:** October 19, 20 and 21 **WHERE:** Live-Streamed Online  Queen’s Annual Theology Conference will be live-streamed online   * **Monday, October 19**: Surprised by Historiography & Testifying, Evangelism and the Preacher * **Tuesday, October 20** - Surprised by the Latter Prophets & The Prophetic Spirit and the Power of Preaching * **Wednesday, October 21** - Surprised by the Covenant   Registration and payment at [**United-in-Learning**](https://www.united-in-learning.com/annualconference). Find out more at [**www.annualconference.ca**](http://annualconference.ca/) or [**download the pamphlet**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/3cac3023-bb6a-4171-9b94-edbc0f77a0e6/Preaching_from_the_Old_Testament.pdf).  Sponsored by The Buttars Fund, Hiliker Preaching Lectureship Fund. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Effective Transitional Leadership** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WHEN:** October 20, 21, 27 and 28 (1:30 pm - 4:30 pm each day) or/ December 2 and 3 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm each day) **WHERE:** Online, [**Click here to register**](https://imnedu.org/imn-etl/)  This course is open to lay leaders and ministry personnel wanting to gain practical skills and knowledge to help guide their community of faith through times of transition. This will be of interest to those adapting to new ways of worship, considering amalgamation or disbanding, exploring new ways of being the church, adapting to changes in ministry personnel or facing other changes.  Be prepared and confident to assist your congregation towards health, effectiveness and faithfulness to their mission.  Download the [**flyer**](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/59ff222e-ada4-4b22-9fd6-853392acee56/Effective_Transitional_Leadership.01.pdf). Go to the [**Interim Ministry Network**](https://imnedu.org/) website. | | | |
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