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CAPACITY LIMITS UPDATE

Please note the latest update to Reopening Ontario:

Ontario: A Plan to Safely Reopen

As of Monday, the Ontario government lifted capacity limits for many locations including:

Locations where a wedding, funeral or religious service, rite or ceremony takes place may also implement proof of vaccination requirements for services, rites, or ceremonies at the location.

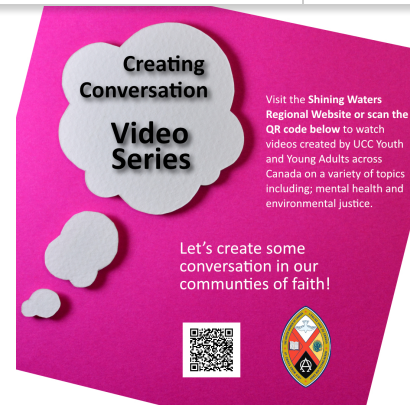
Please ensure you check with your local health unit as to what this means for worship practices, such as singing. Lifting capacity limits for a space may impact what can happen in that space. Advice varies from health unit to health unit based on area transmission rates.

If instituting proof of vaccination requirements for worship, please also consider how you will reach those who are not present in person. Many congregations have developed hybrid models to be able to connect the in-person congregation with the virtual one. Many thanks to congregational leaders who serve on reopening committees and are working hard to protect the safety of their community and to abide by the evolving changes.

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News & Events

Western Ontario Waterways Region encourages you to check in on our website for upcoming events and news, including two upcoming webinar opportunities for sharing in Children and Youth Ministry and a video series from Shining Waters Regional Council.



Western Ontario Waterways News



(Image courtesy
Martha Pedoniquotte)

All Saint's Day Vigil~ Monday November 1, 7:00 PM TOGETHER IN SONG

Light a candle and remember all those who never got to go home
Indigenous and non-Indigenous,
we join together with songs of hope and healing.

Our time together will begin with a time of candle lighting for all who have been, and continue to be, impacted by residential schools. If you would like to participate in this portion of the event, please join the Zoom call with a candle (real or battery operated or in image).

We will then share in song with Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders from across our regions.

Song is powerful and can speak to us all in different ways. To help you respond – to the songs we will experience, the feelings that may be stirring in you, and the virtual community – you are invited to bring tactile materials. This may look like knitting needles and yarn, coloured pencils and paper, building blocks, a finger labyrinth, or Play-doh. Join with us in whatever way the Spirit moves you.

We look forward to sharing in this time with you!

Register in advance for this gathering:

<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqcOqopzwqGNybMx8ua0w-xZpu74owQMfW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you do not have video, you can still join the Zoom meeting with a regular phone call.

This event is being offered by Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls, Western Ontario Waterways and Shining Waters regions of the United Church of Canada.

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