

The United Church of Canada is celebrating 100 years of ministry in 2024/2025.

How can we in Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council be part of the celebration?

The National celebration kicks off with a worship service on Sunday, June 9th, 2024 at 4:00 pm at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto.



Regional Project

Each Congregation will receive a puzzle piece to decorate – depicting their ministry. These pieces will be returned and put together into a mosaic to be displayed at the 2025 in person Regional Council meeting.

Possible Congregational Projects

- Send 100 youth from our regional council to Rendez-vous 2024- Audacious Hope (a youth event this summer to be held at Brock Univ, St. Catharines). First 100 registrants from the Tri Regions only pay \$100 registration fee.
- Help us identify all members who are 100 years or older in 2024 so we can feature them.
- Plant 100 trees across the regional council – let us know where and how many trees your congregation plants.
- 100 members to each give a special \$100 gift to a United Church program, such as Mission & Service, Gifts with Vision, The Healing Fund, etc. Perhaps we can raise an additional \$10,000 for each of these ministries.
- Each congregation to invite 100 people to attend worship over the next year. Let us know what you did to make them feel welcome.
- Let us know how many new members have joined your church between June 2024 and June 2025. Can we get 100 new members in the regional council?
- Share what your church is doing to celebrate 100 years through our Regional Council Facebook page with a tagline (to be determined).
- Compile 100 reasons why we love the United Church.
- Create 100 paper cranes with prayers on them.
- Reach out to 100 past members/adherents and invite them back for an anniversary service.
- Send 100 letters to advocate for homelessness, food insecurity, etc.

Let us know if you would be interested in a regional council wide event, where communities of faith can gather to worship en masse. Imagine a 100-voice choir? And perhaps a picnic after, with activities and games for all ages, just like the old days!

Contact Ann Harbridge at ann.harbridge@gmail.com and let her know if your community of faith might be interested in principle in a spring regional council wide event:

Yes?

No?

Unsure