

NETWORKS AND CLUSTERS

NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Interested in starting a Network or Cluster? Confused? Have ideas to share? We want to hear from you!

Contact Kathy Jackson at the Regional Council office to send updates or to get in touch with these Networks and Clusters, so that we can protect contact people's privacy:

northernspirit@united-church.ca or 780.435.3995

Have a look at the web page: <https://northernspiritr.ca/networks-and-clusters>

What are Clusters and Networks? How do the people of Northern Spirit get involved?

Clusters generally share the same geography- though in our Regional Council that area can cover a very large territory. They often focus on ministry support, and can include ministry personnel only, lay people only, or be shared by both. Some Clusters focus on a particular concern shared by others in the same geographic area, such as worship, right relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, being LGBT Affirming, and more.

Networks are more topic or concern-focused, and may cover much wider geography. Many cross provincial or Regional boundaries.

The name isn't really important; it's the ministry and community we create that's most important. The Regional Council has a budget you can access to support your work. Don't be shy- contact the office for more information. And please help us keep this list up to date!

So far, Northern Spirit Regional Council includes the following Clusters and Networks:

AB Indigenous Ministries Cluster: Charlene Burns, cburns@united-church.ca

Northern Ministry Cluster: Sharon Adams

Eastern Region Cluster: contact Earl Reaburn, ereaburn@united-church.ca

Being Good Relations Clusters: Edmonton and Area; Northeast; Northwest (including NE BC and Yellowknife.) Please contact the office, to protect volunteers' privacy. (See below for related Network information.)

Edmonton Affirming Cluster: Shylo Rosborough, affirming.ministries@rwuc.org

Networks

Being Good Relations Network (covering Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit): Cecile Fausak. [Facebook page](#); and [website page](#).

The Korean Network in the United Church of Canada This is an extensive network covering all of Canada. Some of the Korean ministers started discussing network building in 2019 and now it has borne results. All Korean ministers who are currently serving or studying in The United Church of Canada and all Koreans attending United Churches are eligible to attend as regular members. The mission of the network is "Support/Advocacy, Education, Fellowship, and Engagement" with the wider United Church. The network wants to support one another and partner with wider networks within the UCC to advance the mission of the UCC.

Korean Rainbow United is a network of United Church of Canada for Korean queer people and allies, lay and clergy and their co-creating relationship. Our mission is to unite our voice with the affirming Christian alliances in Korea and beyond, and join in the "RainbowYesu (RainbowJesus)" activism currently struggling in Korea to resist the discrimination, hate and stigma caused by homophobic/heterosexist scripture reading, interpretation and teaching.

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Western Intercultural Ministry Network Deborah Richards, chair. NS reps: Kurt Katzmar and Chelsea Masterman. [Web page](#).

Women of the United Church of Canada (Northern Spirit): Eleanore Tribe. [Web page](#).